

Halfway through absentee voting for the March 8 primaries, Midlanders are casting ballots at twice the rate of the 1986 primaries.

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When it comes to swimming, Midland and Lee highs have been perennial contenders for honors and it will be no different this Friday and Saturday.

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Shultz: Time is right for peace

JERUSALEM (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said today the "time is right" for Arab-Israeli peace talks and said he had brought to Israel a workable proposal to get negotiations started.

Shultz, who is scheduled to spend five days in Israel and neighboring Arab states, said in an arrival statement, "We can make 1988 a year of peace."

Referring to 11 weeks of rioting in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Shultz said the status quo could not be allowed to remain.

Shortly before his arrival, Israeli soldiers shot and killed a Palestinian protester in the West Bank and wounded five others.

Balancing his comments carefully, Shultz referred to both the "legitimate rights" of Palestinians and Israel's need for security.

"The time is right together to make decisions of historic impor-

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ance," he said. "Now is the time to work for peace, and I'm convinced that I'm bringing with me a workable proposal."

Shultz was met by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, leader of the liberal faction in Israel's coalition government, who alluded in welcoming remarks to his differences with conservative Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

"George, I'm not sure you will find our land a land of complete agreement," said Peres.

"It is a most demanding period in our life, facing probably the most complicated issue of today," he added.

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Reagan jabs Robertson over hostage remarks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan broke his silence about the candidates vying for his job, slapping out at Republican Pat Robertson, defending Vice President George Bush and ridiculing the Democrats, saying, "The kids will play."

The president, in fielding questions Wednesday night at his first news conference in four months, also gave strong backing to his embattled attorney general, Edwin Meese, saying, "I have every confidence in his integrity."

However, Reagan refused to comment on the investigation of Meese's role in a proposed Middle East oil pipeline. Reagan said he had no recollection of knowing about the pipeline deal until recently.

A relaxed Reagan opened with a smile, saying "on the networks at last" — a gibe at ABC, CBS and NBC for refusing to broadcast his Feb. 2 speech appealing for Contra aid.

However, he appeared uncomfortable at times, saying he was not aware of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's complaint in Senate testimony earlier Wednesday that the administration was putting too much election-year pressure on the Fed to lower interest rates.

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He also contradicted his own previous statements and those of Secretary of State George Shultz and former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger by claiming the two had not objected to the secret sale of arms to Iran on grounds it was an arms-for-hostages deal.

Shultz and Weinberger have said otherwise, and the Iran-Contra report issued by two congressional committees said the secretaries "called it a straight arms-for-hostages deal that was contrary to U.S. public policy."

Reagan has tried from the start of the political campaign to steer clear of the presidential race, but he suddenly switched course with an open slap at Robertson.

The former television evangelist had said earlier in the day that his own Christian Broadcasting Network once knew the whereabouts of American hostages in Lebanon "and they could have been freed" if the United States had acted promptly.

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Puppy love

Midland High School's bulldog mascot, takes time out from cheering at a recent soccer game to play with a friend's puppy.

George Wolf/Reporter-Telegram

Meese backed payment plan, memos claim

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Edwin Meese III supported a plan to make secret payments from the Pentagon budget to Israel to protect a \$1 billion Iraqi pipeline project being promoted by his longtime friend E. Robert Wallach, according to memos outlined in a published report today.

The Washington Post reported that it had obtained memos written by Wallach outlining the plan devised in late 1985 after other attempts to ensure the safety of the pipeline project had failed. The Wallach memos say that Meese supported the plan and that the late CIA Director William Casey endorsed it.

"The idea was it was to come out of the defense budget on an installment basis," the Post quoted one informed source as saying. "It was, effectively, to be a payment to the Israelis to be good" and not bomb or otherwise damage the Iraqi pipeline.

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Parker's lawyer files motions in federal court

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

The court-appointed attorney for Kenneth Wayne Parker has filed three motions in Midland federal court to help bolster the defense for his client who is charged with two counts of conspiracy to kidnap two women and to sell them into prostitution in 1986.

The lawyer, Tom Morgan, appealed Wednesday to U.S. District Court Chief Judge Lucius D. Bunton to fund a private investigator for Parker's cause, to submit the 41-year-old Parker to psychiatric examinations and to let Parker out of jail by revoking U.S. Magistrate Darrell Smith's order to detain Parker in the federal wing of the Midland City Jail.

In a hearing Tuesday, Smith denied Parker bail and ordered his continued incarceration on grounds that Parker posed a danger to the community, that he had threatened Midland Police Department Detective Sgt. B.G. Johnson and that he is charged with two offenses that could net him two life sentences were he convicted. However, in noting Parker's family ties in Midland, the magistrate did not find that Parker was a flight risk.

Morgan argued that Johnson "obviously is out to get" Parker and that Parker is a gentle and industrious person who was a "highly, highly decorated" Vietnam War soldier.

"I don't think there is an iota of evidence that he is a flight risk," Morgan said. Parker has "never run from anything."

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State officials advise continued vigilance against plague

By RICK BROWN
Assistant City Editor

State health officials are advising increased vigilance against bubonic plague, a disease whose recent outbreak could be worsened by warmer temperatures and the coming of spring.

Dr. Evret Newman of El Paso, the Texas Department of Health's regional veterinarian, said the next two to three weeks will be "critical" in the life of the outbreak, which was first verified in Midland County in late January.

The department has issued a 10-county warning for the potentially deadly disease which includes Midland, Ector, Martin, Howard, Upton, Crane, Glasscock, Dawson, Borden and Pecos counties.

The warning was based on sightings of large numbers of dead range rodents, animals who contract the disease by flea bite.

This week, the department added Brewster County to the list based on verification of the disease in a wood rat by the Center for Disease Control's Plague Unit in Fort Collins, Colo.

While the warmer weather initially is cause for concern, after the two-to-three-week period infected fleas will die in exposure to direct sunlight, Newman said.

The Colorado lab this week also verified the disease in a sample of fleas taken in Midland County about a month ago. Newman said the verification indicated the outbreak "did start in Midland County somewhere between Thanksgiving and Christmas."

So far, no human cases of the disease have been reported, he said. Plague killed hundreds of thou-

sands of Europeans in the late 14th Century. It is "endemic" to West Texas, meaning that the disease always is present in the area, Newman has said.

The department is advising residents to keep pets at home and sprinkle them with flea powder at least twice weekly.

Cats, who are susceptible to the disease, should be watched carefully for large swellings or abscesses in the head or neck area. Cat owners who find the infections should call a veterinarian immediately. Dogs do not normally contract

plague but may carry disease-ridden fleas, Newman has said.

Residents also should avoid handling sick or dead rodents, rabbits or other wild animals, the department has advised.

In addition, hunters should not skin or eat rabbits shot within the affected area, the department has advised.

Newman was concerned that humans who may contract plague won't seek prompt medical help because initial symptoms are similar to

flu.

After the disease reaches its second stage of symptoms — when lymph glands at the groin, armpits and neck can swell to the size of oranges or grapefruits — death may follow within a week.

Because the disease can proceed to its worst level quickly, the veterinarian advised people who have flea bites and feel flu symptoms two to six days later see a physician quickly.

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Woman calls Swaggart's desires 'kind of perverted'

NEW ORLEANS — A woman who admitted sexual trysts with Jimmy Swaggart scorned the wealthy and popular television evangelist as "perverted" in an interview Wednesday.



Murphree/Hodge

"To me, I think he's kind of perverted or, you know, talking about some of the things that we talked about in the rooms, you know, I wouldn't want him around my children," said the woman, who identified herself as Debra Murphree.



The Travel Inn Motel in New Orleans is reportedly the site of the Rev. Jimmy Swaggart's

"encounters" with a known prostitute, according to Jefferson Parish Sheriff Harry Lee.

National Pentecostal leaders deciding Swaggart's fate

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Pentecostal leaders gathered today to deliberate the fate of TV evangelist Jimmy Swaggart after an admitted prostitute said she performed pornographic acts for him for about a year.

The woman's account, in a New Orleans television interview Wednesday, added to pressures besetting the Executive Presidency of the Assembly of God, at its international headquarters here.

The nation's largest Pentecostal denomination, which gets \$12 million a year from Jimmy Swaggart World Ministries in Baton Rouge, La., reported being swamped with up to 300 calls an hour since the evangelist confessed last Sunday to unspecified sexual misconduct.

About half of the callers complained that the denomination's Louisiana council's recommendation that Swaggart be suspended from preaching for three months and receive counseling was too lenient,

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said Julieen Turnage, Assembly's secretary of information.

"A lot of people are unhappy with the initial recommendation," said the Rev. Richard Champlin, editor of the denomination's weekly, Pentecostal Evangel. "Many thought it too light. Some thought it too severe."

Mrs. Turnage said public sentiment would not be a factor for 12 presbyters who planned to convene this afternoon in a closed session to discuss Swaggart's punishment.

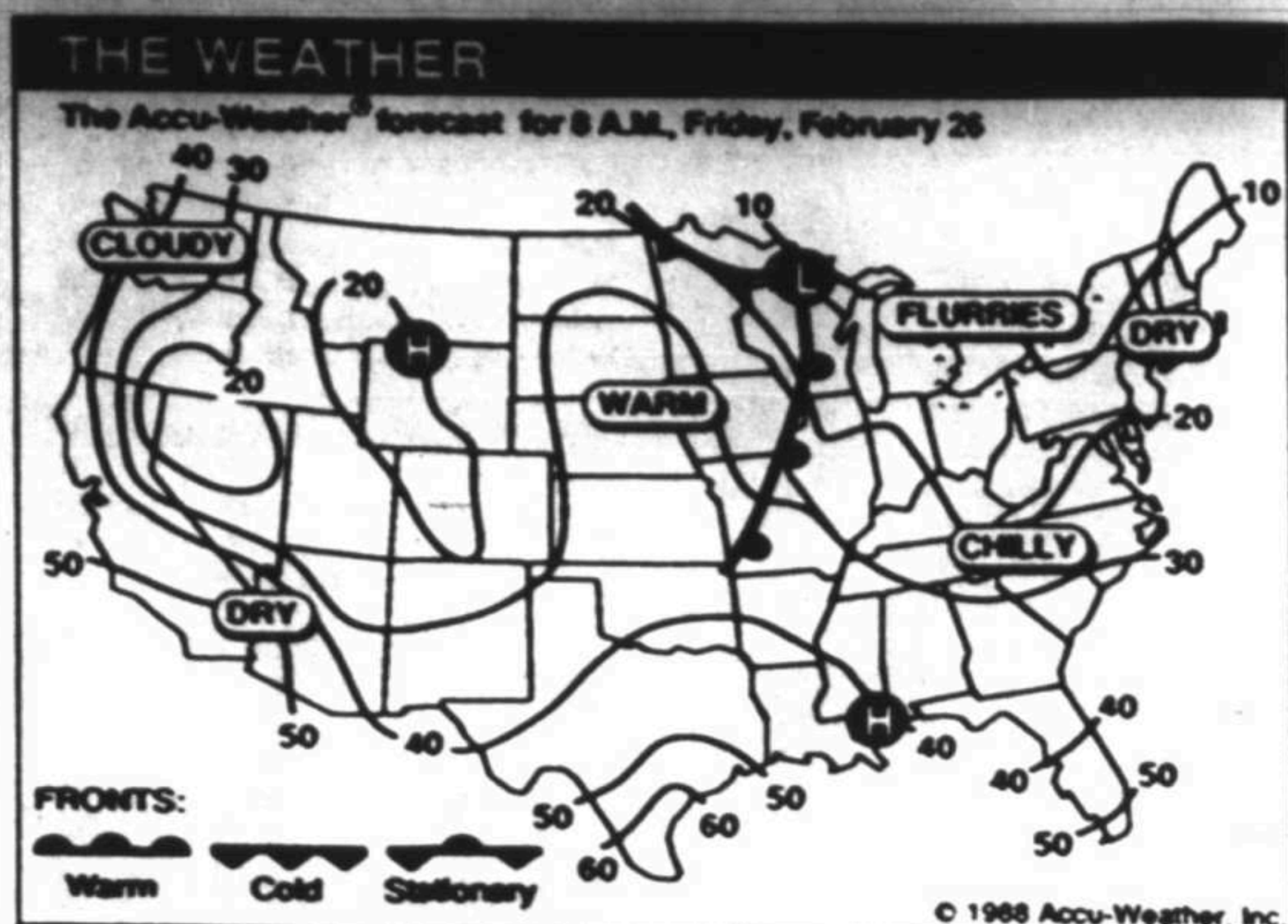
The church's final verdict will be in accord with "the seriousness of the offense," Mrs. Turnage said.

An unbroken church precedent is that those involved in sexual offenses are barred from preaching.

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Warm temperatures continue

From Staff and Wire Reports

Temperatures are warming, though skies should be cloudy tonight and Friday, forecasters at the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport said.

Tonight should be partly cloudy with a low in the lower 40s. Winds should be light and variable.

Friday will be mostly cloudy with a high near 70. Winds will be from the southwest at 10-15 mph.

The record low for today was set in 1960 when it dropped to 11. The record high for Wednesday was set in 1956 when it reached 84.

Mild, dry weather is expected to continue across Texas through at least the first part of the weekend, forecasters say.

The state's primary weathermaker was a large area of high pressure stretching from the northern Rockies to the Texas coast.

Forecasters called for mostly fair skies over the northern half of the state and considerable cloudiness over the southern half of the state through Friday.

Lows tonight will be in the 30s and 40s over West Texas and North Texas and in the 50s over most of South Texas, ranging from the 40s in northern sections to the 60s in extreme South Texas.

Snowshowers lingered today over the lower Great Lakes region and the upper Ohio Valley, but dry weather and clear skies prevailed for most of the rest of the nation.

Warnings for heavy snow remained in effect for northeastern Ohio's snowbelt, where up to 11 inches of snow fell in Ashtabula and Lake counties by late Wednesday and up to 6 inches more were expected.

Squalls also produced heavy snow in New York state, with more than 6 inches of snow reported in some areas. Dry weather prevailed across the rest of the nation, with fair skies in most areas.

Freezing temperatures prevailed early today from the northern and central High Plains to the Carolinas and the middle and northern Atlantic Coast, with readings below 20 degrees from the Dakotas to New England.

Temperatures were in the single numbers or below zero in northern and central Wisconsin, northern and central Minnesota, eastern North Dakota and northeastern South Dakota.

Temperatures were in the 50s across south central Texas and central Florida, Southern California and southern Arizona, and in the 60s in southern Florida.

The national weather forecast for today called for snowshowers across the northern and eastern Great Lakes and the upper Ohio Valley.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low in the lower 40s. Winds light and variable. Friday: Mostly cloudy with a high near 70. Southwest winds.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:

Yesterday's high: 63 degrees
Overnight low: 38 degrees
Sunrise today: 6:43 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow: 7:20 p.m.

Precipitation:
Last 24 hours: 0.00 inches
This month to date: 0.44 inches
Year to date: 0.45 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

Time	Midland	8 a.m.	9 a.m.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon	1 p.m.	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 p.m.	5 p.m.
8 a.m.	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
9 a.m.	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
10 a.m.	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
11 a.m.	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
12 noon	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
1 p.m.	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36
2 p.m.	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37
3 p.m.	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38
4 p.m.	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39
5 p.m.	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40

Weather elsewhere

City	High	Low	Precip	Wind
Albuquerque	66	38	0.00	ch
Anchorage	40	30	0.00	ch
Asheville	38	18	0.00	ch
Atlanta	48	27	0.00	ch
Baltimore	44	26	0.00	ch
Birmingham	41	22	0.00	ch
Bismarck	27	08	0.00	ch
Boise	56	30	0.00	ch
Boston	48	28	0.00	ch
Buffalo	28	16	0.00	ch
Casper	38	22	0.00	ch
Charleston, S.C.	64	38	0.00	ch
Charleston, W. Va.	32	24	0.00	ch
Cheyenne	47	24	0.00	ch
Chicago	26	14	0.00	ch
Cincinnati	33	18	0.00	ch
Cleveland	28	21	0.00	ch
Columbia, S.C.	58	21	0.00	ch
Denver	48	25	0.00	ch
Des Moines	32	13	0.00	ch
Detroit	29	18	0.00	ch
Evansville	38	21	0.00	ch
Fairbanks	36	12	0.00	ch
Flagstaff	58	21	0.00	ch
Grand Rapids	22	16	0.00	ch
Honolulu	84	71	0.00	ch
Indianapolis	32	13	0.00	ch
Jackson, Miss.	57	29	0.00	ch
Jacksonville	66	33	0.00	ch
Kansas City	37	20	0.00	ch
Las Vegas	72	43	0.00	ch
Little Rock	66	28	0.00	ch
Los Angeles	78	56	0.00	ch
Louisville	36	23	0.00	ch
Memphis	52	30	0.00	ch
Miami Beach	77	62	0.00	ch
Milwaukee	23	12	0.00	ch
Minneapolis	20	08	0.00	ch
Nashville	46	18	0.00	ch
New Orleans	80	38	0.00	ch
New York City	40	28	0.00	ch
Oklahoma City	57	36	0.00	ch
Omaha	33	11	0.00	ch
Philadelphia	40	23	0.00	ch
Phoenix	62	34	0.00	ch
Pittsburgh	30	12	0.00	ch
Portland, Ore.	59	34	0.00	ch
Raleigh	48	19	0.00	ch
Rapid City	46	20	0.00	ch
Rego	67	28	0.00	ch
St. Louis	38	20	0.00	ch
San Francisco	61	48	0.00	ch
San Juan, P.R.	84	66	0.00	ch
Sioux Falls	24	09	0.00	ch
Tampa	41	22	0.00	ch
Tucson	63	49	0.00	ch
Tulsa	52	31	0.00	ch
Washington, D.C.	42	25	0.00	ch
Wichita	48	28	0.00	ch

Counties forecasts

Midland, Ector, Crane, Upton, Reagan, Glasscock, Garza, Andrews, Borden, Martin, and Howard counties: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the lower 40s. Wind light and variable. Friday, mostly cloudy. High near 70. Wind southwest 10 to 15 mph.

Starling, Coke, Irion and Tom Green counties: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the lower 40s. Wind south 5 to 10 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. High in the lower 70s. Wind southwest 10 to 15 mph.

Borders forecasts

New Mexico: Fair with some high cloudiness at times through Friday. Continued mild afternoons. Highs Friday in the upper 40s to near 60 mountains and northwest with mostly 80s and a few 70s at lower elevations. Lows tonight teens and 20s mountains and north with mostly 30s lower elevations south.

Oklahoma: Fair through Friday. Low tonight 28 to 37. High Friday 70s.

Nebraska: Fair and cool tonight with lows near 40 north and in the mid-40s southeast. Partly cloudy and warmer Friday with highs near 70 north and lower 80s southeast.

South Dakota: Fair and cool tonight with lows near 40 north and in the mid-40s southeast. Partly cloudy and warmer Friday with highs near 70 north and lower 80s southeast.

Texas: Fair and cool tonight with lows near 40 north and in the mid-40s southeast. Partly cloudy and warmer Friday with highs near 70 north and lower 80s southeast.

Utah: Fair and cool tonight with lows near 40 north and in the mid-40s southeast. Partly cloudy and warmer Friday with highs near 70 north and lower 80s southeast.

Wyoming: Fair and cool tonight with lows near 40 north and in the mid-40s southeast. Partly cloudy and warmer Friday with highs near 70 north and lower 80s southeast.

Idaho: Fair and cool tonight with lows near 40 north and in the mid-40s southeast. Partly cloudy and warmer Friday with highs near 70 north and lower 80s southeast.

Montana: Fair and cool tonight with lows near 40 north and in the mid-40s southeast. Partly cloudy and warmer Friday with highs near 70 north and lower 80s southeast.

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Missouri: Fair and cool tonight with lows near 40 north and in the mid-40s southeast. Partly cloudy and warmer Friday with highs near 70 north and lower 80s southeast.

Illinois: Fair and cool tonight with lows near 40 north and in the mid-40s southeast. Partly cloudy and warmer Friday with highs near 70 north and lower 80s southeast.

MEESE

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Former National Security Adviser William P. Clark characterized the plan as "a protection racket" when he was consulted about it late in 1985, the Post said. On Clark's recommendation, newly installed National Security Adviser John Poindexter reportedly blocked the plan, the Post said.

Meece's involvement with the pipeline project is the subject of a criminal investigation by independent counsel James McKay.

Responding to the latest disclosures, one of Meece's lawyers rejected suggestions that the attorney general had endorsed a Pentagon payout plan.

"It's ridiculous. The whole thing is ridiculous," James Roca said. "This is a pipe dream, not only of Bob Wal-

lach, but of the press. We have a lot of people who don't like Mr. Meece."

President Reagan's personal approval would have been required for Pentagon payments to have been made, but Reagan apparently was never told of the proposal, the Post reported.

Reagan told a news conference Wednesday night that he knows little of any aspect of the pipeline project.

"I have no recall of knowing anything about this pipeline plan until fairly recently," Reagan said. "I was given information earlier...I have totally forgotten it. I have no knowledge of anything of that kind."

Wallach, a lawyer, had been hired to promote the pipeline project. In a Dec. 12, 1985 telegram to Swiss oilman Bruce Rappaport, one of the project's partners, he described the

plan to ensure the pipeline's safety as "the capital DOD (Department of Defense) package" and said it "appears to be in place," according to the Post.

Wallach said in the telegram that the plan had been submitted that day by David Wigg, a staff aide at the National Security Council, to departing National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane.

In another memo, Wallach reported to Rappaport about a meeting with Casey.

"The meeting with your golfing partner lasted 45 minutes," Wallach said in what the Post said was a reference to Casey. "Only D.W. (David Wigg) and I were with him. I had met with D.W. for breakfast and reviewed the DOD documents."

In a reference to Meece, Wallach said that "my friend" would, if nec-

essary engage a new person from the National Security Council on the project.

Meece's lawyers have said that the attorney general had only a passive role in the project which consisted of referring Wallach and then-Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres to McFarlane.

Another Wallach memo to Meece that is the focal point of McKay's probe mentions planned payments to the Israeli Labor Party out of some \$650 million to \$700 million that was to be paid to Israel over 10 years for non-interference with the Iraqi pipeline, which was never built.

McKay is trying to determine whether the planned payments to the Israeli Labor Party amounted to a bribery scheme which Meece should have stepped in to stop.

PARKER

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Assistant U.S. Attorney Wayne Speck said he was "outraged" over the "crime of terrible violence" linked to Parker, that the government has a "strong case" against Parker, that Parker was a flight risk, and that Parker posed a danger to the community and to witnesses critical to Parker's prosecution.

Parker is a former Midland fireman and former maintenance worker for the Midland County Public Library.

In his motion for a court-hired in-

vestigator, Morgan noted that Parker is "financially unable" to buy investigative services which are "necessary to the preparation...of an adequate defense."

Morgan said that the Midland Police Department has publicly announced that it has "spent more time on this particular (Parker) case than on any other case in the history of the Midland Police Department."

Police investigated the case for 15 months and placed a two-month, 24-hour surveillance on Parker, Morgan said.

"The investigation has been of an

extremely intensive, exhaustive, and massive nature," the defense attorney said in the motion. The prosecution has furnished Morgan with the police's one-inch-thick Parker case file.

Parker needs a "professional investigator," Morgan reasoned, "because of the extremely thorough and massive investigation by the Midland Police Department." Witnesses who can "directly and positively" benefit Parker in the guilt-innocence phase of the trial need to be ferreted out, he said.

In asking Bunton to grant Parker bail, Morgan held that the federal Bail Reform Act employed to detain Parker is "unconstitutional" and violates Parker's constitutional amendments against self-incrimination and limits Parker's effective assistance of counsel due to his incarceration. Further, Morgan said that Parker's "absolute presumption of innocence has been lessened, limited, and modified to his detriment."

Morgan also seeks a psychiatrist to examine Parker, as such examinations are "essential" to Parker's defense.

Second prostitute says Swaggart propositioned her

By RICHARD STEWART
Hearst News Service

NEW ORLEANS — A prostitute who said she was once propositioned by television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart said she saw him several times near her \$21-a-day motel, picking up streetwalkers.

"He was slumming," said Peggy Carrier, 39, a Houston native who lives in a tiny motel room on Airline Highway here.

Ms. Carrier said she first met the man she believes was Swaggart behind the Texas Motel, one of a string of cheap hotels along Airline Highway in Metairie, west of downtown New Orleans.

"It was in the summer, just about

the time all that Tammy Faye Bakker stuff was coming out," she said. "I went over and started talking to him about the Bakker stuff."

Ms. Carrier said she easily recognized Swaggart, who temporarily stepped down from the pulpit of his 7,500-member church in Baton Rouge, La., on Sunday amid allegations of sexual misconduct.

"He said he wasn't Jimmy Swaggart," Ms. Carrier said. "But it was him all right."

She said he was dressed in a T shirt and maroon sweatpants. He wore a sweatband around his head. "He didn't have his hair all sprayed up," she said.

"You should have seen his tennis shoes, they were full of holes."

Ms. Carrier said the man told her that he was waiting to meet a man with a little boy.

"He said he was going to try to help the man adopt a little boy. Hey, there wasn't nothing behind the Texas Motel but a Dumpster," she said.

In mid-January, Ms. Carrier was talking to another "working lady" on Tulane Avenue when she saw Swaggart's car drive by. She said she stepped over to the curb and Swaggart drove by again and motioned her into the car.

He offered to take her for a ride and while driving along, he propositioned her, she said. He never asked to have sexual intercourse, she said, but offered \$10 if she would agree to a sexual encounter.

"I said, 'sure, I'll do it for a couple of thousand.'"

She said Swaggart stopped the car and told her to get out.

She said she was devastated to see Swaggart on Airline Highway. "He was supposed to be something special," she said.

She said Swaggart always wore the same clothes. He usually came around in the late afternoon during the middle of the week.

She said she once saw him enter a motel room shared by four prostitutes.

Ms. Carrier, who has changed her name, grew up in Houston and New Orleans. She graduated from a Houston high school, she said, and most of her family now lives in Patton Village.

WOMAN

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Joe Giardina, a reporter for station WVUE-TV, said he traced Murphree to a motel in West Palm Beach, Fla., and interviewed her Wednesday about her relationship with Swaggart, who presides over a worldwide ministry which earned an estimated \$142 million in 1986.

Elders of the Louisiana District, Assemblies of God, recommended Monday that Swaggart, 52, of Baton Rouge, abandon his ministry for three months and receive counseling as part of a two-year rehabilitation program.

The church's national board was to accept or reject the recommendation at a session later today at Springfield, Mo.

Giardina quoted Murphree as saying she did not have sexual intercourse with Swaggart but that he asked her to perform pornographic acts at various New Orleans motels for about a year.

"He wanted me to get naked and maybe lay on the bed and pose for him," she said in the interview.

"He asked me one time if I'd wanna...He asked me if he could take me home and get dressed up in a dress or something, you

know, no underwear and ride around, you know, and just, maybe in the evening, and take my clothes off and maybe get out of the car and just get back in and, you know, it sort of turned him on."

The Jefferson Parish sheriff, in New Orleans' western suburbs, and police in Tampa, Fla., said Wednesday that Murphree had been arrested in both localities for prostitution-related offenses.

Additionally, Tampa police said Murphree also was known to them as Deborah Arlene Hedge, 28, a native of Princeton, Ind.

Hedge was Murphree's maiden name, Giardina said, but they did not discuss her marital status.

Her trysts with Swaggart occurred, Murphree said, in some of the seedy motels that dot a 12-mile stretch of Airline Highway extending from western New Orleans to New Orleans International Airport. She said that's where Swaggart would pick her up in his luxury sedan, equipped with a telephone.

"It was a nice car," she said. "I seen him drive down the street every week, you know."

The woman said in the videotaped interview, "and maybe

sometimes he wouldn't stop unless he knew I was there — maybe once or twice a month."

Murphree, a brunette who dressed for the interview in a high-necked black and white print dress, said she was the woman with Swaggart when he was photographed going into a suburban motel room last October.

She said she has been living in Florida since then, but was going back into hiding after her hour-long television interview.

She described the confrontation Swaggart had with someone — apparently evangelist Marvin Gorman — after the pictures were taken. Gorman has a \$60 million lawsuit pending against Swaggart, claiming Swaggart slanderously accused him of sexual misconduct.

"I seen this guy run into Room 12 real fast like he didn't want to be seen," Murphree said. "And so I told Jimmy about it."

"And so he got nervous and left. I went outside and he had a flat tire when he went out, and I seen a man pull up. I seen him changing a tire and he was talking to him."

"I don't think they were having a very good conversation," cause Mr. Swaggart went to shake his hand and he wouldn't shake his

hand."

She said she was afraid the man

Colleagues cheer faculty members who claimed responsibility for publication

CANYON (AP) — West Texas State faculty members cheered two colleagues who claimed responsibility for an underground newspaper that university president Ed Roach is suing for libel.

The professors drew loud applause and cries of "bravo" from their colleagues at a hastily organized faculty meeting Wednesday.

Faculty Senate President Gary Byrd and Spanish professor Mary Gill said they co-edited The Rest of the Prairie, a two-page anonymous newsletter that university President Ed Roach is suing for libel in 108th state District Court.

Several university professors said they supported Byrd and Gill and The Rest of the Prairie and praised the phantom publishers for revealing their identity.

"I don't think there's any doubt that those two individuals certainly have the support of the faculty," said Dr. Duane Guy, head of the history and political science department.

"In all the years I've been here,



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I've never seen a situation comparable to this," Guy said. "I hope somebody becomes aware of the fact that there is a serious problem here and something needs to be done about it."

"What is at issue on this campus is academic freedom," said English professor John Reeves after the faculty meeting. "Maybe we're going to win some back."

Roach's secretary said the president would not comment on Wednesday's faculty meeting because it concerned pending litigation.

"The belated desire on the part of

Byrd and Gill to come forward is understandable, knowing that they were getting ready to be exposed anyway," said George Whittenburg, Roach's attorney. "I think it's just an attempt to cover up others who are involved."

Byrd and Gill would not say if others were involved.

Byrd, a psychology professor who has taught at WT for 13 years, said he decided to publish The Rest of the Prairie so faculty could express their opinions without fear of reprisals from Roach.

"Dr. Roach's lawsuit is phony," Byrd said.

Man wounds three university employees

HOUSTON (AP) — Two University of Houston-Downtown campus police officers and another employee were wounded in a shooting early today apparently by a man who had been arrested at a dormitory, authorities said.

Houston police officers were searching the downtown area this morning for the man, who fled after

the shootings.

"Everything is still unclear," Houston police spokesman Dan Turner said. "We're still trying to clear things up."

The shootings occurred after a man was arrested at a dormitory about 2:30 a.m. today and taken to the university's main building.

KTRK-TV reported that the man may have gotten an officer's gun and used it in the shooting.

Two officers and another employee were wounded and taken to area hospitals. The officers were reported to be in stable condition, while the other employee's condition was not immediately known.

Angelo named to 10-member Bush committee

AUSTIN (AP) — Former U.S. Sen. John Tower has been named honorary chairman of the Texans for Bush Steering Committee, which also has gained 10 prominent state Republicans as vice-chairmen.

"I think this shows the depth and breadth of support for George Bush all across our state," Rita Clements, wife of the governor and co-chairman of the steering committee, told a Wednesday news conference.

The 10 vice-chairmen include Roger Staubach of Dallas; Ernest Angelo Jr. of Midland, Republican National Committee member; Fran Chiles of Fort Worth, Republican National Committee member; former Texas House Speaker Billy Clayton; and Austin businessman Alan "Bud" Shivers Jr.

Terrorism expert ties crimes to ads

HOUSTON (AP) — An expert in terrorism says several crimes may have been spawned by classified ads run in Soldier of Fortune magazine, which is being sued by relatives of a Texas woman whose slaying is linked to the magazine.

"I'm aware of approximately a half-dozen major cases that had links to the magazine's classified ads section," Neil Livingstone, a witness for the Boulder, Colo.-based magazine, said Wednesday under cross-examination by attorneys for the son and mother of Sandra Black.

Mrs. Black was shot to death in 1985 at her home in Bryan. Her son, Gary, 18, and mother, Marjorie Einmann, 64, are suing the self-styled "Journal for Professional Adventurers" for \$22.5 million for running a classified ad that allowed the victim's husband, Robert, to hire the services of a hitman.

Robert Black is on Texas' death row for paying John Wayne Hearn \$10,000 to kill his wife. Hearn is serving three life terms in Florida for the Black slaying and two others in that state.

Livingstone, who said he was working on his seventh book about terrorism and warfare, said he generally was aware of a

number of crimes purportedly tied to the magazine and a section of his upcoming book would address that.

"Whether they are responsible or linked to these ads, I don't think so," he said, testifying as a witness for the magazine.

But under further questioning by plaintiff's attorney Ron Franklin, he acknowledged the link to crimes, although he said the ads themselves did not leave him with the impression those who purchased the ads sought criminal conduct.

Livingstone said he has worked as a consultant on terrorism to the vice president's office and the U.S. Senate and teaches a course at the Pentagon.

He said the credibility of personal services ads, which no longer are run in the magazine, was questionable and that they appeared at times to be the work of "Walter Mitty's and people trying to impress their girlfriends."

Hearn's ad appeared in four issues of the magazine in late 1984, offering services of former Marine and Vietnam veterans and weapons specialists with jungle warfare expertise for "high-risk assignments" in the United States or overseas.

Attorneys for the magazine do

not dispute the ad brought Hearn and Black together, but insist publisher Robert K. Brown had no way of knowing the ad was for illegal activity. Brown has testified he would have halted the classified ads for personal services if he had known they were linked to crimes.

A criminologist called by the plaintiffs testified last week the reference to "high-risk" meant the person placing the ad was willing to commit a crime.

Livingstone, who described Soldier of Fortune as a legitimate journal of military affairs, said "high-risk" to him referred to work in a war zone. He said other words in magazine ads, specifically "mechanic," were "Hollywood terms."

Attorneys for the plaintiffs have alleged that references like "mechanic" meant a gun-for-hire or hitman.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner said he expected the case to go to the jury early next week.

Also testifying Wednesday was Theresa Greene, the magazine's office manager, who said she was unaware that classified ads may have been used for illegal activity.

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WORLD

Israeli soldiers kill another Arab as unrest heats up for Shultz

By SERGEI SHARGORODSKY

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli soldiers shot and killed a Palestinian in the West Bank today and wounded five others in heated protests that broke out hours before U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz arrived on a peace mission.

An army spokesman said a man was killed at the Jenin refugee camp, 60 miles north of Jerusalem, when soldiers fired live ammunition after failing to disperse a demonstration with tear gas and rubber bullets.

According to U.N. figures, it was the 64th Palestinian death in the Israeli-occupied territories since unrest began Dec. 8.

The Arab-run Palestine Press Service identified the victim as Issam Said Abu Khalifeh, 18. Hospital officials said he was shot in the head and chest. They said four others were wounded.

The army reported one man wounded in Jenin and four shot during demonstrations in other areas of the West Bank.

Shultz was welcomed at Ben Gurion International Airport by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, leader of Israel's left-leaning Labor Party.

"I look forward to several days of intensive discussions on how we can move the peace process forward," Shultz said. "The status quo in the region is not a stable option for any of the parties. At the same time, the status quo must not be changed in a way that would endanger Israel's security."

He said the United States also wanted to "help Palestinians achieve their legitimate rights."

Peres said "there is no better alternative but to make the first step in the long march to bring peace to our people and to our area."

The Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip were shut tight today, the second day of a general strike.

Palestinians in the West Bank village of Qabatiya, 60 miles north of Jerusalem, on Wednesday night lynched a fellow Arab suspected of collaborating with Israeli authorities. The man had opened fire on a crowd, killing a boy and wounding 13.

Gaza streets were empty, making the town appear as if under curfew. Further south, at Khan Yunis, youths threw stones, burned tires and blocked streets. A curfew was imposed on the Naserat and Shati refugee camps.

Police moved in force into Jerusalem's Shufat refugee camp to put down a potential demonstration. The Palestine Press service reported a 24-year-old man hit in the leg by a rubber bullet in Balata refugee camp.

Many Israeli artists sing out against state-backed violence

JERUSALEM (AP) — Violent Palestinian riots have spilled onto canvas and into lyrics as many Israeli artists and intellectuals rebel against government policy in the occupied territories.

The intellectual rebellion has galvanized the dovish camp but so far has had no noticeable effect on the middle-of-the-road voter whose support will determine what path Israel follows in the peace process in elections this November.

One hundred writers, actors, singers and other well-known figures in the arts published an advertisement in Israeli newspapers last week calling for an end to army brutality against the Palestinians.

Saturday, more than 100 artists and photographers are scheduled to take part in a protest exhibition, many of them displaying works made since the unrest broke out.

"It is not as much the occupation that worries me as what has happened to us," said Nira Yitzhaki, an art gallery owner who is organizing the exhibition. "We have lost our humanity."

Six art galleries will host the show under the banner: "We Favor Immediate Talks With the Palestinians and an End to the Occupation."

Representatives of more than 10 groups of writers, playwrights, students and university academics are co-ordinating a protest campaign. Playwrights are mounting a vigil outside Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's home, calling for negotiations with Palestinian leaders.

A growing number of Israelis in the arts, many of them leaders in their fields, have started to protest the 20-year-long occupation and the harsh army crackdown on Palestinian demonstrators.

According to U.N. figures, more than 60 Palestinians have been killed since violence began Dec. 8 in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, which Israel captured from Jordan and Egypt during the 1967 Middle East war.

Some of the more popular entertainers could be putting their careers on the line by taking sides in Israel's highly polarized and emotional debate.

Among them is Cee Heiman, an up-and-coming rock 'n' roll singer who recently cut her first record.

During an appearance last Saturday at an avant-garde theatre run by the left-wing Mapam Party, Heiman sang the first Israeli protest song of the current Palestinian uprising.

The song, "Shooting and Crying," has some tough lyrics. "The window in my home is broken and Tel Aviv rushes in," sang Heiman. "Even its smell has changed. Boys play with lead and girls with dolls of steel. Life looks different in the shadow of the fifth."

"We shoot and cry, laugh and burn. Whenever did we learn how to bury people alive. We shoot and cry, laugh and burn. When did we forget there was a time our children were also killed."

But Aharon Appelfeld, a Holocaust survivor and one of Israel's internationally known writers, said the intellectuals are contributing to the discord which is ripping Israeli society apart.

"Instead of being a moderating influence, the intellectuals are adding to the extremism," he said in an interview. "I'm very afraid of the polarization and they keep fanning the flames."

Appelfeld, author of such books as "Badenheim, 1939" and "The Age of Wonders" said he agreed Israel should not rule over the Palestinians but disliked the way the intellectuals were presenting their arguments.

"They are saying that in the present situation the Arabs are the good guys and the Jews the bad ones," he said. "The Arabs want to negotiate with us and we don't want to. But this is not true."

"Most Israelis feel that the Arabs still do not accept us in this region," Appelfeld said. "We want to hear voices from the other side telling us we are welcome, telling us they won't throw us into the sea."

Other demonstrations were reported in Jelazoun, Jabalaya, Beit Hanoun and Yatta.

Shultz' task is complicated by serious divisions in the Israeli leadership. The split between conservative Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Peres went public again today in separate radio interviews.

Guatemalan archbishop to mediate talks with rebels

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — The Roman Catholic prelate of Guatemala offered Wednesday to mediate peace talks between the government of President Vinicio Cerezo and leftist guerrillas who have waged a sporadic war since 1960.

Monsignor Prospero Penados del Barrio told reporters he accepted a request to act as mediator from the general command of the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Union, which is made up of three leftist armies. There was no immediate comment from the president's office.

The archbishop told at a news conference, "We would carry out our mediation at any place, whether it be proposed by the guerrillas or by the government, since the important thing is to end the fratricidal fight that has served to blind useful lives."

He said the first round of talks should be held before Holy Week at the end of March.

The talks would be held in accordance with a Central American peace plan signed last August by the presidents of Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Korean protests continue

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Protesters today hurled rocks and firebombs at riot police, while new President Roh Tae-woo promised during his inauguration to end decades of authoritarian rule and bring full democracy to the country.

About 2,000 radical students and dissidents shouting "Down with Roh Tae-woo the murderer" battled police in the center of Seoul for a second day to protest the inauguration. Police with riot shields charged the protesters.

Police said there were injuries on both sides, but had no figures.

The general public was barred from the inauguration ceremony in front of the National Assembly building and there were no public celebrations. The invitation-only ceremony was subdued and Roh received mild applause from the 25,000 guests, most of whom were officials. Roh vowed to end human rights abuses and dictatorial rule. He promised sweeping democratic, economic and social reforms to give all Koreans a voice in society.

Iran claims bases destroyed

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran said its Revolutionary Guards destroyed 14 Iraqi military bases near the northeastern Iraqi oil city of Kirkuk, then crushed an Iraqi counterattack. Iraq denied there had been any fighting.

Iran said the guards were assisted in the military operations Wednesday and today by guerrillas fighting the Iraqi government and by Kurdish rebels.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency said the raiders killed or wounded 500 Iraqi troops in the area 50 miles southeast of Kirkuk, a major oil center located 110 miles northeast of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad.

Iraq denied fighting occurred in the area. The official Iraqi News Agency quoted a military spokesman as saying the claim that hundreds of Iraqis were killed or wounded was "a new lie which will be added to many other lies."

Afghans resent compromise

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (NYT) — A principal leader of the Afghan resistance alliance brought into the open Wednesday night the guerrillas' smoldering resentment of what they believe to be American collusion with the Soviet Union to reach a compromise over Afghanistan.

The leader, Gulbuddin Hikmatyar of the Islamic Party's wing that bears his name, accused Washington of being in "conspiracy" with Moscow.

Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Michael H. Armacost's meetings here and Hikmatyar's declarations before an invited audience of diplomats and journalists underline the conflicting pressures.



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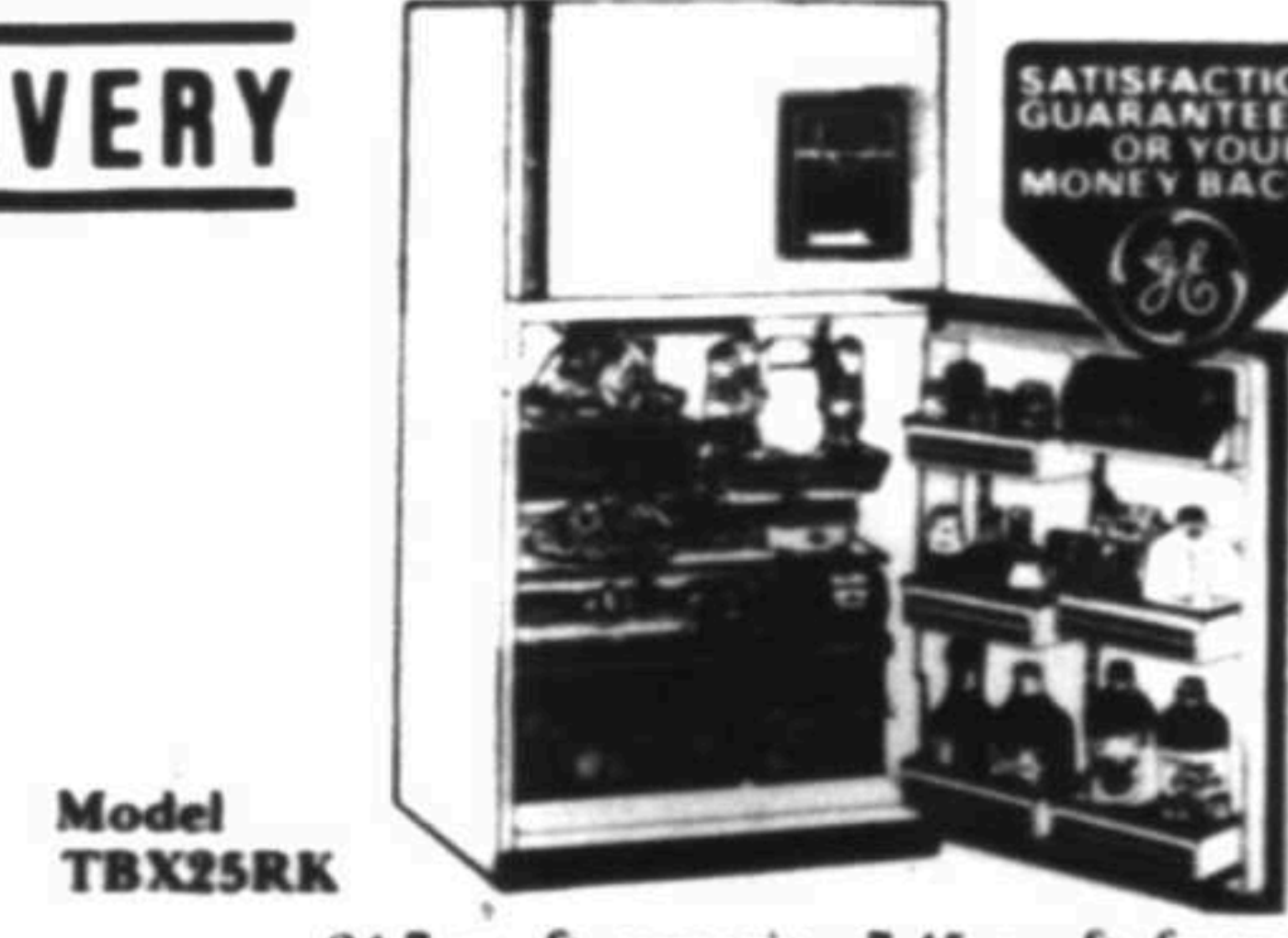
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Austin students stare into space

AUSTIN (AP) — Kealing Junior High School teacher Linda Brown doesn't mind if her students stare into space.

Space is where Ms. Brown's imagination runs wild to produce the lessons for what she believes are the only Texas Education Agency-approved junior high school astronomy courses in the state.

Nothing is too far out for Ms. Brown, whose courses are part of Kealing's science, math and computer magnet program. About a third of the East Austin school's 875 students are in the magnet program for gifted students.

Last month, Ms. Brown took 67 of her astronomy students to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center near Houston. The students toured many areas not open to the public. A similar trip is planned this spring.

Whenever she wants, Ms. Brown can set up a \$7,500-inflatable planetarium that is 16 feet high and holds 35 students.

"It gives us a nighttime sky in the middle of the day," said Ms. Brown. "It's fun — the kids go crazy."

Ms. Brown's Astronomy II students will soon start designing a 20-foot by 8-foot cylindrical space station, which will include a living area, a laboratory, and a Norwegian-designed toilet system.

The space station will be built next year by students enrolled in technology education, which used to be called industrial arts.

Ms. Brown is hustling grants to pay for the rotating space station, which will be built on a trailer so the Kealing students can share their craft with other schools.

"I just love teaching these kids," she said as one of her classes completed a lab demonstration that used dry ice, water and plastic bags to simulate the nucleus of a comet. "That's why I'm willing to rattle so many cages to fund these projects."

The \$25 worth of dry ice that the students used for their comet material was money well spent.

"The ice fizzes and flops and does all sorts of weird stuff," Ms. Brown said.

She was right. Water was poured into bags filled with dry ice. Students wearing gloves tried to mold the ice into balls as thick clouds of carbon dioxide gas escaped from the bags and hid their faces.

As the dry ice vaporized, new craters appeared in the ball.



Kealing Junior High School student Thembi Bergin, left, and Dustin Fisk create a dry ice comet in their Austin classroom. Lab exercises and field trips are part of teacher Linda Brown's astronomy course.

"It looks like a brain," shouted eighth-grader Thembi Bergin, holding a cratered, grapefruit-sized ball held together by a frozen shell of ice. "It's so cool. I want one."

That wasn't all Miss Bergin wanted.

"There are a lot of job opportunities in the space industries, and I want one of them," she said.

Miss Bergin said she would like to be a space psychologist and study human behavior on long flights.

"I'd like to know if they are happy or depressed, and if they freak out," she said. "And why."

Dustin Fisk wants to use the astronomy courses as a stepping stone to the U.S. Air Force Academy and an eventual job as an astronaut. He enjoyed Astronomy I so much that he took it twice.

There are 94 students in three classes this semester, and interest is

climbing, Ms. Brown said.

Many of the students want to be astronauts, but Ms. Brown also emphasizes other space-related careers.

Yankain Turay, who wanted to fly in space until the Challenger disaster two years ago, said she would rather work in Mission Control.

Trent Spears wants to combine his dream of being an orthodontist with an interest in space flight. Astronauts need to have their teeth fixed, he said.

Other students gave more down-to-earth reasons for taking the astronomy classes.

"I have a telescope and don't know how to use it," said La Shanda Johnson.

"It was the only one open," said Elias Harrington.

"I like the way you teach," Michael Clayborne told Ms. Brown. "You make learning fun."

CREDIBILITY IS THE ISSUE IN THE RACE FOR DISTRICT JUDGE!

- **Pat Baskin Says:** "We really don't have discretion in these things....The decision has already been made for us"
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THE FACTS:

A Judge has broad discretion in sentencing, in interpreting rules of evidence, in probation matters and in setting bond.

- **Pat Baskin Says:** "Our sentiments have lain philosophically (with the Republican Party) for a long time."
Republican Women's Club Forum 2/10/88

THE FACTS:

Even when he was not a judge, Baskin never publicly supported the conservative Republican candidate against such liberals as Ralph Yarbrough, Barefoot Sanders and John Hill. Sentiments don't win elections.

- **Pat Baskin Says:** "There is always a certain amount of tension between a law enforcement agency and the Judge."
Republican Women's Club Forum 2/10/88

THE FACTS:

There is more than "tension" involved to cause the Fraternal Order of Police to endorse Nick Taylor. Cooperation and communication are what is needed, not tension.

Motorists unhappy at Ventura Freeway's false claim to fame

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Ventura Freeway's dubious claim to fame as the world's busiest piece of road is not only dubious — it's false, say transportation officials. And some smog-choked motorists are unhappy about it.

"How did this happen? I appreciated its reputation even as I was caught in its snarl," said Steve Gedman, 26. "It was worthwhile just sitting there because I was sort of participating in a global event."

The stretch of freeway, also known as Route 101, through the San Fernando Valley may never have been the busiest, despite a listing that says so in the Guinness Book of World Records. California Department of Transportation officials admitted Monday.

That's because counting monitors on two other freeway stretches were out of commission for nearly five years and human guesses calculating traffic flow there were much too low, said Nick Jones, an associate transportation engineer.

Afficionados of Los Angeles' famed congestion should not despair, however.

With the monitors fixed, new calculations show an average of 315,000 cars traveled on one stretch of the Santa Monica Freeway every day during 1987, while 300,000 cars a day were logged on a portion of the San Diego Freeway, compared with only 277,000 on the Ventura.

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Judicial positions face voter action

Although judicial races at the state level traditionally (and unfortunately) attract little voter interest, these are important to the future of the state and there are indications voters this year are looking at them more closely.

On March 8th, they will have the opportunity to make decisions affecting both the Texas Supreme Court and the court of

Criminal Appeals.

Voters will be asked to nominate a chief justice and four justices on the Supreme Court, and a presiding judge and two justices on the Court of Criminal Appeals. The chief justice position involves contested primary elections, as do three of the justice positions on the Supreme Court and the presiding judge position on the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Chief Justice

Torn by conflict and battered by scandal in the past year, justices on the Supreme Court have stepped down, been reprimanded by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct and the state's system of justice has come under national scrutiny and not fared too well. Earlier this year, John Hill, who was serving as chief justice, announced he was stepping down ostensibly to pursue, on a private rather than public basis, reform of the way in which judges are selected. Tom Phillips of Houston was appointed chief justice and is seeking the Republican nomination to

that position unopposed. In the Democratic Primary, however, Justice Ted Z. Robertson, who has been on the court in Place 1, chose to seek the nomination for chief justice and is being opposed in that bid by John E. Humphreys, a Dallas attorney.

Privately a number of local attorneys question Robertson's qualifications to serve as chief justice. They also concede that Humphreys is not a strong candidate for the position.

We offer no recommendation in this race.

Supreme Court, Place 1

The two candidates seeking the Democratic nomination to this position are Marsha Anthony, a Houston district judge, and Lloyd Doggett, a former state senator from Austin.

Neither candidate appears strong for this nomination and, again, a number of local attorneys expressed hesitancy about supporting either.

We offer no recommendation in this race, on the Democratic

side. In the Republican Primary, though, both of the candidates — Paul Murphy of Huntsville and George Barbary of Dallas — are qualified to hold this important position. We favor Murphy.

He currently is a justice on the 14th Court of Appeals and local attorneys familiar with his work say his integrity is above question, a particularly important note at this time in the court's history.

Supreme Court, Place 2

The incumbent democrat, Bill Kilgarlin, was one of two justices reprimanded by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct in 1987 on questionable ethical practices and his integrity has been compromised as a result.

His opponent, Carol R. Haberman of San Antonio has 13 years of judicial experience and is well respected in the legal community. We encourage voters in the Democratic Primary to nominate her.

There are three candidates in the Republican Primary, but one of them gets exceedingly high marks from every attorney with whom we spoke. He is Nathan Hecht of Carrollton, who is now serving on the appeals court for the 5th District of Texas. Hecht's integrity is, we're told, beyond question and his judicial experience makes him a prime candidate for the Supreme Court.

We encourage voters in the Republican Primary to nominate Hecht.

Supreme Court, Place 3

Incumbent Raul Gonzalez has been a stabilizing force on the court in recent months and gets good reviews from local lawyers. We encourage voters to nominate Gonzalez.

His services have never been as critical as they are today in holding the court together and giving it a degree of direction

for the future.

The other position, Place 4 on the Supreme Court, is now held by Barbara Culver of Midland. But she has no Republican opponent for the primary and the sole Democrat seeking that position, Jack Hightower of Austin, has no opponent either. They will face each other in November's general election.

Presiding Judge

This position is being sought by Ron Chapman of Dallas and Mike McCormick of Lockhart. There is no incumbent.

McCormick gets good reviews from local lawyers. He is currently serving on the Court of Criminal Appeals and has for seven years. McCormick says of the presiding judge position: "Particularly, the presiding

judge should be a leader before the Legislature who can work for the improvement of the judiciary system. I will use my years of legislative experience to provide that leadership."

At this time more than ever before, the Texas judiciary needs experienced jurists of integrity. We encourage voters in the Democratic Primary to nominate McCormick.

JACK ANDERSON

Border left unguarded during riots

WASHINGTON — While Cuban inmates held prison guards and the nation's attention hostage last November, drug smugglers took advantage



Jack Anderson

of a convenient distraction, courtesy of Attorney General Edwin Meese. Some 300 officers of the U.S. Border Patrol, who usually guard the Mexican border, were pulled from their posts by Meese to bolster security at the federal prison facilities in Oakdale, La. and Atlanta, in the wake of the riots.

Relocating the troops for 10 days "virtually left the border wide open," said Rep. Glenn English, D-Okla., at a recent congressional hearing. The unpublished meeting was attended only by English, his staffer

and a few witnesses.

Asked if drug traffickers knew about the weakened border patrol, Alan Eliason, a senior U.S.-Mexican border official, replied, "I have no doubt whatsoever that the smugglers knew that we had a depleted work force."

There is no handy statistic to pinpoint the extra truckloads of cocaine and marijuana that may have slipped across the border unnoticed during the prison riots. But the lapse in security may just be the latest bungle in the Reagan administration's war on drugs — a war with a record of wins that makes it the domestic equivalent of Vietnam.

The hearing, held by the Subcommittee on Government Information, Justice and Agriculture, revealed that drug dealers were more aware of the weakened border surveillance than was the official in charge of it, Frank Keating, the assistant secretary of the Treasury for enforcement.

Keating conceded he was the "acting chairman (of a task force) of all enforcement agencies," but he admitted he was not notified of Meese's

decision to shift some of the border forces to the prisons. Keating said he was in no position to question the wisdom of the attorney general.

English bristled at that: "The point is ... war has been declared, supposedly a war on drugs, and I think that this raises questions about the seriousness of the effort."

In August 1986, Meese and Vice President George Bush announced the advent of Operation Alliance, a drug-enforcement network assembled to curb the rampant smuggling of drugs across the 2,000 miles of U.S.-Mexican border. The operation has been heralded by the administration as one of the cornerstones of its drug-enforcement effort. But the subcommittee, chaired by Rep. English, asserts that Operation Alliance has not lived up to its billing.

The name of the program has become a misnomer. Designed to increase cooperation between U.S. and Mexican authorities, it faltered after a Drug Enforcement Administration agent was killed and another tortured in Mexico.

The administration's claims of success do not stand up against a recent

General Accounting Office investigation, which showed that the number of cocaine seizures along the border was down by more than 50 percent in the first year of Operation Alliance.

But what bothered Rep. English and his investigators was the lack of priority placed on the program. The border coverage was sacrificed when manpower was needed elsewhere.

Our associate Jim Lynch has learned that the officers who left the border for the prisons were members of a little-known SWAT team called BORTAC — Border Patrol Tactical Unit. They stood on the outskirts of the prisons waiting for a command to storm the facilities. That command never came.

A spokesman for Meese said the attorney general decided that the prison riots were "a high-priority occurrence" and that Meese was aware of the impact on the border patrols.

The newly appointed coordinator of Operation Alliance, which is headquartered in El Paso, Texas, Jerry Padalino, told our reporter he never intends to leave the border as vulnerable as it was in late November. "We'll make sure it's covered in case of an emergency need for men," he said.

AIRPORT SECURITY — The disgruntled Pacific Southwest Airlines employee who brought down an airplane and killed 43 people by shooting the pilot last December took easy advantage of loose airport security. Even before the incident, General Accounting Office investigators were checking security at major airports. They recently released their findings at six major airports.

The investigators were able to walk unchallenged through gates and doors onto airfields and even into airplane cargo holds. They found that airline employees did not regularly challenge strangers on the airfield. And they learned that employee identification badges are poorly controlled. At one airport, more than 6,000 badges could not be accounted for.

In some cases, security guards waved employees into secure areas because of face recognition alone, even though they weren't wearing badges. This was the case with the PSA employee, who had been fired, and was apparently coming back to take his revenge.

Jack Anderson, Joseph Spear and Dale van Atta are columnists for United Feature Syndicate.



ART BUCHWALD

Healing budget will require hands-on care!

The man who came into my office introduced himself as Rev. Boomer. He handed me a bumper sticker. It said, "Honk Once for God and Vote Twice for Boomer."



Art Buchwald

"I'm running for born-again President of the United States," he told me. "But we already have Rev. Robertson as the born-again candidate."

"He's a conservative. God wants me to run as a liberal. That way it doesn't look as if He's favoring one ideology over the other. Born-again liberals have the right answer to every problem facing this great country today."

Rev. Boomer said. "Where do you stand on Armageddon?" I asked.

"It's coming, but unlike the conservatives we believe the government should provide low-cost housing when it's over."

"What is your political strategy?" "I'm going to take North Carolina on Super Tuesday," Boomer said. "As for Texas, Robertson doesn't have a prayer."

"According to Rev. Robertson, God is going to support him in Texas."

"You heard that from Robertson — not from God."

"If God wants you to run so badly why did He wait this long?" "He didn't think Robertson would become a viable candidate. But after Iowa God got nervous."

"What scared Him the most?" "When Robertson said the Russians have placed missiles in Cuba. God knows that kind of stuff could get us into a nuclear war."

"The word is out Robertson wants to smite secular humanists, radical militant homosexuals and the Eastern Liberal Establishment. Why?"

"He feels it will help him raise money in Alabama," Boomer answered.

"Tell me," I said, "what makes you think you have a better platform than Robertson's?"

"I'm a more popular TV evangelist. I got a 31 rating and a 40 share on my most recent program. The last time he was on the air Robertson only got a 10."

"Is it fair to throw a man's ratings at him?"

"It doesn't bother me. Another thing, Robertson is always bringing up hurricanes," Boomer said. "He says he can turn one around all by himself. Which proves his elevator doesn't go to the top floor. I think that's why God asked me to get in the race, so people wouldn't take him seriously."

"Rev. Boomer, just because you've

been born again doesn't mean you can be elected to the highest office in the land. Robertson has an organization and an invisible army and claims he is in touch with heaven at all times. He has even referred to the President's seat as 'Yahweh's Oval Office.' How do you match that?"

"I have twice as many volunteers. I have my own PAC and I'm giving biblical acid rain calendars to everyone who sends me \$10 before Super Tuesday."

"How does God communicate with you?"

"He leaves messages on my answering machine."

"What is your economic platform?"

"I don't intend to balance the budget — I plan to heal it."

"With your hands?"

"Of course with my hands. The only one who uses his feet is Jimmy Swaggart."

Art Buchwald is a columnist for Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

GEORGE F. WILL

Who will seize reins, woes of 'revolution'?

WASHINGTON — When morning flatters the mountain tops on Wednesday, March 9, voters may not know what they did the day before.



George F. Will

Democrats who vote on Super Tuesday may determine only the person who would be a Democratic administration's choice as U.S. representative at the United Nations. Republican voters may think they are deciding who shall seize the reins of the "Reagan Revolution," but the most they will determine is who will wear the straitjacket that Reagan policy has tailored for the nation.

On Super Tuesday, while Dukakis, Gephardt and Gore go "cherry picking" (targeting particular areas), Jackson will begin bringing in his sheaths of delegates. Whether or not a Democrat arrives at the Atlanta convention with a lock on the nomination, Jackson will have to be paid. What can he want from a Democratic administration? As representative at the United Nations he would, because of his political clout, enjoy virtual immunity from being fired, an

airplane in which to roam the world, and a work place where the specialty is his specialty: talk.

Al Gore is the other Democrat whose day, if he is to have one, is supposed to be Super Tuesday. But even Democrats who have a crush on him, and who are not economical of encomia, show when they give vent to their emotions, how dyspeptic Democrats are feeling.

In an editorial that is impossible to read without giggling, The New Republic, a Democratic magazine, has thrown its weight behind Gore. His "spontaneous speech is both vivid and allusive." With some of his vivid allusiveness he makes "the sciences of the next century his special concern." Timed to tip the Super Tuesday balance, the magazine's Dixie readership is offered an arresting vision: Gore understands not only the threat to the ozone layer, but also the fact "that technologies like fiber optics are the key to..."

Actually, the real case for Gore is less lyrical but more concise: He alone among Democratic candidates is not a foreign-policy naïf. That's it. No need to drag in fiber optics.

The New Republic paints warts-and-all portraits of Gephardt and Dukakis that are a dermatologist's dream. The "cold comfort" one can take from Gephardt's "reckless agenda" of "crude populism" and "ugly" and "deluding" xenophobia is this: His record of flip-flops indicates that any professed belief of the moment

is just a "marketing tool" that must take a terrible toll on "the sinews of his identity."

Turning to Dukakis, The New Republic says his "rigidity" represents neither deep conviction nor great passion, only an "overweening estimate of himself." If Dukakis believes something, "this suffices as evidence of the rightness of the belief. No arguments, please." Aren't Democrats fun when they fight?

Aren't Republicans clever when they duck — responsibility, that is. They have devised the ultimate "Southern strategy." With the Reagan administration's new budget, the Republican Party now stands for the Scarlett O'Hara approach to governance: Let's think about problems tomorrow.

Seven years ago the party stood for two disciplines — strong defense and balanced budgets. The new Reagan budget, which calls for the fourth consecutive year of real decline in defense spending, makes Reagan the trillion-and-a-half dollars President. That will be his cumulative deficit. In the history of the Republic before him, the total deficit was \$914.3 billion.

If the new budget is enacted, defense spending will have risen 87 percent under Reagan, but spending generally will have increased 61 percent. Because of the political choices posed by Reagan's deficits — "wheel chairs or tanks" — this is probable: When the fiscal decade 1981-91 is

done, the growth rates for defense and general spending will have converged.

Seventy percent of the budget consists of defense (declining), interest (soaring), Medicare and Social Security. Under Reagan, spending on Medicare and Social Security will have risen 115 and 67 percent respectively. As the population ages and expensive medical capabilities multiply, government will become even more of a machine transferring wealth from young to old.

Under Reagan, interest payments as a percentage of the federal budget have more than doubled to 14 percent. The fiscal 1989 budget envisions interest payments of \$151.8 billion, more than the combined budgets of nine departments — Agriculture, Commerce, Education, Energy, Interior, Justice, Labor, State, Transportation. The biggest change in the budget during the Reagan years is the enrichment of a rentier class — those who live in places like Grosse Pointe and Rye and rent their money to the profit-gate U.S. government.

This regressive transfer of wealth is an issue made for a conservative populist, a hawk on the deficit. But can Bob Dole expand his message beyond that "one of us" slogan? We will know by the time that morning flatters the mountain tops.

George F. Will is a columnist for Washington Post Writers Group.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 1988. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 25, 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution was declared in effect, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes.

On this date: In 1870, Pope Pius V excommunicated England's Queen Elizabeth I. In 1793, the various department heads of the U.S. government met with President George Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record. In 1880, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1870, Hiram R. Revels, R-Miss., became the first black to serve in the U.S. Senate. He was sworn in to serve out the unexpired term of Jefferson Davis.

In 1873, opera singer Enrico Caruso was born in Naples, Italy. In 1901, United States Steel Corporation was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

In 1918, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline. In 1933, the first United States aircraft carrier, the Ranger, was launched.

In 1948, Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia.



NATION

One in 40,000 chance of getting AIDS from transfusions, study says

BOSTON (AP) — People who receive transfusions face a one in 40,000 chance of receiving AIDS-tainted blood despite screening intended to keep the blood supply clean, according to a federal study published today.

The researchers emphasize that despite this "remote but real risk," people who need transfusions should not be deterred from receiving them.

"The blood supply is relatively safe, dramatically safer than it was before we had any screening," said the chief author of the report, Dr. John W. Ward of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

According to the estimate, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, up to 450 Americans may get AIDS infections each year from transfusions of tainted blood that slip through blood bank screening programs. By comparison, 7,200 people are thought to have gotten the virus from transfusions in 1984, the year before screening began.

The screening tests check blood for antibodies that the body makes in an unsuccessful effort to fight off the AIDS virus. However, in the first few weeks after an AIDS infection, antibody levels are very low or absent. As a result, blood given during this period appears to be safe, even though it contains HIV, the AIDS virus.

The CDC researchers believe that most infected blood that gets through the screening program is donated during recent infections before antibodies have developed.

"The report doesn't surprise me at

all. It's just what people predicted would happen," said Dr. Margot Kruskal, director of the blood bank at Boston's Beth Israel Hospital.

In an accompanying editorial in the journal, Dr. Thomas F. Zuck of the University of Cincinnati Medical Center wrote, "Although continued vigilance over the safety of the blood supply is essential, the risk of HIV transmission by transfusion should be kept in perspective."

He noted that the odds of dying from influenza are one in 5,000, while the risk of dying during a legal abortion after the 14th week of pregnancy is one in 5,900. The annual risk of dying in a car accident is one in 5,000.

The CDC report described the cases of seven AIDS-infected donors whose blood was not spotted by the standard AIDS screening test, which checks blood for AIDS antibodies. Thirteen people became infected after receiving blood from these men and women. One of them subsequently developed acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

The doctors said that about 80 percent of those infected from transfusions die of the diseases for which they are being treated.

"This doesn't mean the blood supply is not being adequately protected, but it means we may be able to make a good system better," said Ward.

New, more sensitive screening tests are becoming available. Ward said they should be evaluated to see if they can shorten the period during which newly infected people have undetectable AIDS antibodies.

Associated Press

Pat Robertson's presidential campaign is defending the candidate's assertions about American hostages in the face of skepticism from President Reagan and out-right criticism from his Republican rivals.



Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, facing escalating attacks from Rep. Richard Gephardt, urged his Democratic opponents to "not copy the Republicans" by squabbling with one another. But he also hinted he might hit back at Gephardt.

Most of the candidates were campaigning today in the South, with a dozen days remaining before the crucial Super Tuesday contests.

College entrance scores in 'dead stall,' Bennett said

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Education William J. Bennett said today that college entrance test scores "are in a dead stall" and the public is still not getting its money's worth from the schools.

"In saying that I am disappointed, I think I speak for the American people," said Bennett in his annual report card on the states.

Bennett was delivering that verdict at a news conference where he was also releasing two wall charts nearly six feet wide crammed with statistics ranking the states on test scores, dropout rates, how much they pay teachers and other measures.

It was the fifth straight year that an education secretary has released the controversial wall charts. Bennett's predecessor, T.H. Bell, initiated the practice.

John Weiss, executive director of FairTest, a Cambridge, Mass. group that is critical of standardized tests, said, "It makes no sense to use a faulty thermometer to measure the

Twenty states — two-thirds of them Southern or border states — hold primaries or caucuses that day.

The dust was still settling on South Dakota and Minnesota. Sen. Bob Dole, who won both, was crowing about his victories.

Two candidates who had hoped to revive flagging campaigns with a win in one of those states — Republican Rep. Jack Kemp and Democratic Sen. Paul Simon — plugged on after victory eluded them again, although Simon acknowledged that he doesn't have the money to campaign in the South.

Rivals were ready to write their political obituaries.

Democrat Albert Gore Jr., asked if any candidate could afford to pass up the Super Tuesday contests, said succinctly: "No." And Dole, campaigning in South Carolina, pronounced Kemp's candidacy "about at an end."

President Reagan, at a news con-

ference, made a point of invoking the "11th commandment" — not to speak ill of another Republican. However, what he had to say about Pat Robertson didn't exactly amount to praise either.

The president was asked about a claim by the former television evangelist that his Christian Broadcasting Network once had information about the whereabouts of American hostages and "they could have been saved."

Reagan said if Robertson had any such information, he "kept it to himself," and went on to defend the administration's efforts to free those being held in Lebanon.

Robertson, in an Atlanta news conference, had made the remarks without specifying which hostages he was referring to. Robertson spokesmen later said he was talking about the passengers and crew of a TWA flight who were briefly held captive in 1985 when the flight was hijacked

to Lebanon.

But his comments apparently left the initial impression he was talking about some of the nine Americans currently in captivity. Robertson's remarks were blasted by Kemp, who faulted him for "irresponsibility" and said he ought to apologize to the hostages' families.

Bush, in Boston, wondered why Robertson hadn't notified administration officials if he had useful information.

Robertson spokesman Scott Hatch defended Robertson's comments.

"I think what Pat said was accurate," he said. "I don't think it was irresponsible at all. The whole context was how Pat would deal with terrorism, and he used that as an example."

It was the latest in a series of controversial Robertson comments. Just before the New Hampshire primary, he said there were Soviet missiles in Cuba — a claim the White House denied.

Report blasts officials, staff at Moscow embassy

WASHINGTON (AP) — A secret presidential report on the sex-for-secrets spy scandal at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow says the American ambassador, his staff, and State Department officials in Washington must share the blame along with the Marines.

The report describes a "seedy, disgraceful" embassy marked by confused policies, lax supervision and "gross neglect" of counterintelligence efforts.

President Reagan ordered the study last spring after sensational reports that Marines sold secrets for sex and allowed Soviet agents into the building. The State Department has refused to release the report to the public.

Since last summer some of the allegations have fizzled, although one Marine has been convicted of spying. The blue-ribbon panel headed by former Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird concluded in its report to Reagan that what actually happened at the embassy "may never be known."

However, it said, "Our investigation has revealed that a situation existed at the Moscow embassy that would have permitted the incidents to have occurred as alleged, and that they and other security breaches could take place."

"Many share responsibility for the security vulnerabilities that existed and in some cases still exist," it said.

The report, which was shown to The Associated Press, also covers issues raised for years by intelligence experts concerned about lax security. The panel worked from May 7 until July 17.

NATION IN BRIEF

Firm accused of overbilling

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The government has been overcharged more than \$1 billion for development of the Stealth bomber, according to a lawsuit against Northrop Corp., the company building the secret plane.

The lawsuit was filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court here on behalf of four current and former Northrop employees who could collect part of any damages awarded to the government if the suit were successful.

The lawsuit, which was sealed under procedures followed in such cases, accuses Northrop of double-billing, false billing and misrepresented charges, said Robert Kilborne, the attorney representing the employees.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations has launched its own probe into the allegations, a stan-

dard step in such cases, said Maj. Kathleen McCollom, a spokeswoman. Kilborne refused to reveal the names of his clients, identifying them only as an internal auditor, a former controller, a former avionics engineer and a former test equipment engineer.

Bork: Lawyers discouraged

WASHINGTON (AP) — Robert Bork said today the defeat of his Supreme Court nomination has discouraged lawyers from publishing controversial legal articles and advised future nominees to consider waging a national campaign to get on the court.

"I think this has been very bad for the intellectual life of the law," said Bork, who resigned as a federal appeals court judge three weeks ago. His experience has led several law-

yers to withdraw articles from legal publications, Bork said in an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America." He described the new lawyers' credo as: "Express only noble sentiments and arrive at only noncontroversial results."

AIDS panel seeks more funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of President Reagan's AIDS commission wants to add \$1 billion to the president's requested spending to fight the disease, but White House Budget Director James Miller said today Reagan's proposal is big enough.

The AIDS panel director, retired Navy Adm. James D. Watkins, asked Wednesday for the federal increase plus \$1 billion in new state and local spending. He said 75 percent of the \$2 billion was needed just to combat intravenous drug abuse, which spreads the deadly virus.

Senate filibuster expected to end

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate leaders have called a slow-motion halt to the campaign finance filibuster, putting a lid on the sometimes bitter, nonstop talkathon without budging Republicans blocking the majority Democrats' bill.

Majority Leader Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., and acting minority leader Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., announced late Wednesday that the continuous Senate session is ending at 5 p.m. today, some 51 hours after it began.

After its first night off since Monday, the Senate was scheduled to return Friday for a 10 a.m. rollcall on Byrd's motion to curtail debate and force a vote on a Democratic bill to limit spending in Senate campaigns.

Although Democrats have enough votes to pass their bill, they have lacked the 60 necessary to halt to invoke cloture — halt debate. The latest cloture attempt was expected to fail.

Democrats say this week's siege gained them no GOP support, leaving them still short of the 60 votes needed to invoke cloture. Last year, Byrd lost a record seven cloture votes on the bill, which Republicans say would hurt their election chances.

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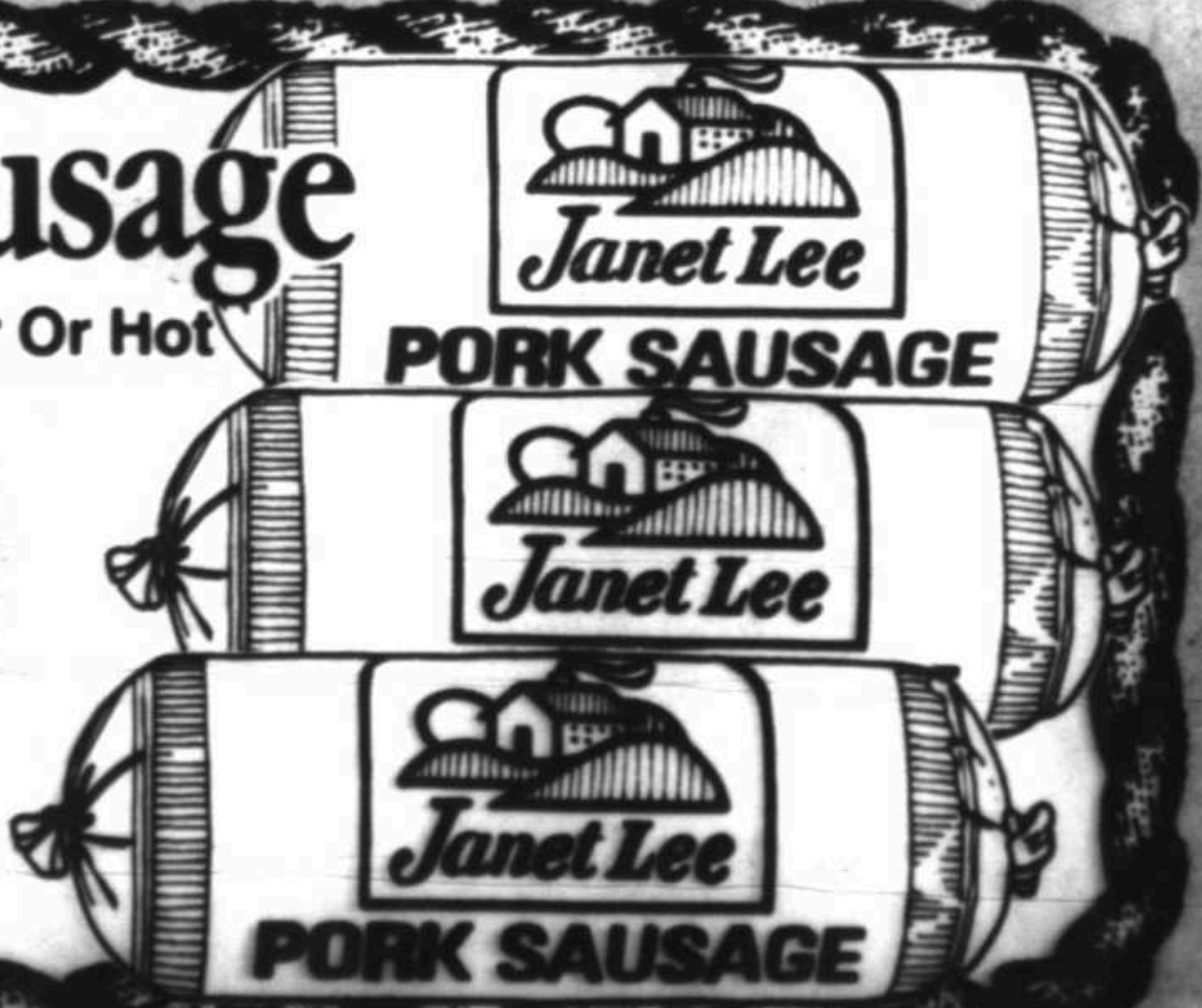
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Local absentee voting climbs

By RICK BROWN
Assistant City Editor

Halfway through absentee voting for the March 8 Super Tuesday primary elections, Midlanders are casting ballots at twice the rate of the 1986 primaries, Elections Commissioner Bettye Calvert said today.

"It's been busy. It started busy," she said.

Seven days remain in the absentee voting period, which ends March 4, the elections commissioner said.

A total of 1,087 Midlanders had voted by 5 p.m. Wednesday, including 701 Republicans and 148 Democrats, she said.

Voters who put off casting absentee ballots "can expect a line next week, especially on the third and fourth," she said, adding, "We hate hearing the moaning and groaning of the people who vote the last day. It's always the same faces."

"The ones who already know they want to vote absentee are urged to come on down and vote," she said. "And perhaps the time they spend voting will be less."

Ms. Calvert believes the large absentee turnout is partially the result of the presidential choices voters are considering in the election. "You always have a heavier turnout in a presidential primary," she said.

"And also, it's not as clear-cut as it's been in other years," she said. "This year, neither party's nominee is that clear-cut."

Contested races for Precinct 1 and 3 county commissioners and for 142nd Judicial District judge also play a role in the large turnout, she said.

Because of a change approved by the Legislature last summer, voters casting absentee ballots in person no longer have to state

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— Bettye Calvert, election administrator

their reason for early balloting, Ms. Calvert said.

"You don't have to say, 'I'll be out of town,' when you know darn well you're going to be here."

However, voters who request mail-in ballots still must state reasons for their need, she said. Persons who are over 65, suffer from a disability, expect an absence outside the county March 8, or are in jail may request the write-in ballots.

So far, about 270 Midlanders have requested the mail-in ballots, including a group of two dozen vacationing in Australia, she said.

Midlanders may vote absentee in person for either the Republican or the Democratic primary — but not both — at the county elections office, 708 W. Washington Ave.

However, "It doesn't mean in November that you have to vote for that party," Ms. Calvert said.

Voting in one party's primary means the voter will be carried on that party's rolls until the end of the year.

"The primaries are a party function," she explained. "The Democrats are choosing their nominees for the general election ballot and so are the Republicans."



Flying high

Becky Hartman, six-year-old daughter of Betty Hartman of Midland, gets ready for the traditional kite flying season which normally begins in March.

Jerry Monnagge/Reporter-Telegram



Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore stands with former Texas Senator Ralph Yarborough, giving his endorsement to Gore Wednesday at the State Capitol.

Gore, Gephardt continue to battle for moderate southern Democratic support

By STEVE LEVINE
and JEANETTE ALLEN
Reporter-Telegram Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Albert Gore and Richard Gephardt continued their battle for moderate southern Democratic support here Wednesday, each claiming to be running a "national

campaign" that will reap bountiful harvests on Super Tuesday.

"We are climbing, our momentum is growing," Gore said at a Capitol press conference, citing a recent New York Times-CBS poll.

The Tennessee senator called the results in Iowa and New Hampshire — where he fared poorly — "ancient

history now."

"We have a surge of momentum here in Texas," he said, announcing that former U.S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough would serve as the honorary chairman of his Texas campaign.

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Telephone 'pornography' raises fears

By JANE MARLER DEES
Staff Writer

A group of local parents are concerned about the revelation that Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. can't prevent Midland children from calling sexually-explicit 976-exchange phone numbers long distance.

The Emerson Elementary School PTA will hold a meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria to discuss the problem, said the group's president Carol Rogers.

Tuesday Bell initiated a free 976 system blocking service to households in Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio where the messages are available locally, said Midland's Bell Area Manager Darlene Gifford.

There are no 976 system numbers directly available in Midland or Odessa, she added.

However, Bell doesn't have the capability to install long distance call blocking, Ms. Gifford explained.

She added that companies other than Bell — American Telephone & Telegraph, ClayDesta Communica-

tions, MCI and Sprint to name a few — today handle telephone long distance service and would need to be involved in the matter.

Nonetheless, parents are concerned their children may be psychologically harmed after listening to the "pornography" via long distance, Mrs. Rogers said.

The Texas PTA is urging parents to write members of Congress and the Public Utilities Commission and urge those bodies to mandate the sexually explicit messages be offered via a subscription service, said Cathy Elder, Emerson PTA parent education chairman.

"I'm not saying it shouldn't be available. But it should be more like the Playboy (cable) channel where one can subscribe to it and even get a lock put on the TV to protect children," Mrs. Elder said.

Telephone and utility officials are concerned with the problem of violating the First Amendment rights of the sexually explicit message sponsors, Ms. Gifford said.

But unlike "pornographic" literature or television programming, parents cannot isolate their children

from obtaining access to the sexually explicit messages.

Transcripts of the messages obtained by Mrs. Elder allude to the brutalizing of women, lesbianism and a woman "moaning" in pleasure at her husband's sadistic advances, she said.

"There's not a four letter word in them. These messages use the power of suggestion," Mrs. Elder explained.

There are 18 different varieties of 976 system messages, Ms. Gifford said.

Some are very useful or at least harmless, she said, such as daily horoscopes, soap opera updates, weather information, children's stories and religious messages.

"Should we disconnect the 976 system, it would be unfair to our other message service sponsors," Ms. Gifford explained.

"But we are interested in Midland and Odessa children not being exposed to this service. This is a multifaceted problem," she said.

Ms. Gifford and a social worker from Glenwood Psychiatric Hospital will speak at the meeting tonight, Mrs. Rogers said.

Midland students descend on Austin

By JANE MARLER DEES
Staff Writer

Thirty-one Midland high-schoolers descend upon the State Capitol today for a four-day experience in running the three branches of government and reporting about it.

Sponsored by Midland's Community Services YMCA, the 10th, 11th- and 12th-graders from Midland and Lee high schools

will be participating in a state-sanctioned "YMCA Youth and Government" program that's been in existence statewide for the past 41 years, said Sheri J. Magness, YMCA teen program director.

"The program gives the students hands-on experience in how the government works. It doesn't focus on politics as much as it does on the structure of the government," Mrs. Magness said.

About 1,000 students from the state will go to Austin today.

Student groups are divided into legislative, executive and judicial sections, Mrs. Magness explained.

Furthermore, they will have full run of the entire Capitol, conducting their affairs in the Senate and House chambers and the like.

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ED TODD

Genuine country folk rare, highly prized

Once the country boy has left the rural environs and embarked on the great adventures of city life, I can't imagine why he would want to stay — except for packing his wallet.

Often, it's a lean packing. Sometimes not.

For the past 40-odd years since World War II, about everybody who wasn't already living in the city started making a dusty trail in heading for the neon lights, high-rise buildings, mass of asphalt and concrete. They entered a world of stress — like trying to live peacefully in a hellier-dellier world of sirens, lawsuits, and nerves racked with that shoot-em-down competitive spirit.

Not everybody leaves country. Not everybody stays in the city. There



are some wise old diehards who never seriously considered joining the masses and moving into a highly-intense world where neighborliness often is lost in antiquity and doors and locked and barred. The country diehards seem "just fine" to be what they are and are not impressed by the Madison Avenue advertising that promises everything from red-hot passion and love to riches and esteem. The adman's promised delivery truck is mostly filled with illusions and a sneaky little devil called lust for money.

Genuine country folks are rare sorts and are highly prized for their folk humor, gentle nature, wise ways, and candor. Imagine the old farmers, ranchers, country-store owners and country gentlemen and their spouses and children about their toil and leisure. That genre still exists out on the farm and ranch scene.

But watch out for reality, which tells me that that is changing. There is a move afoot to citify the country

folk, and persuade them to take on city ways. The old corn-cob pipe, wood stove, rocking chair, domino table, plow, drinking dipper, washboard, family Bible, old spectacles and calico dress are packed into storm cellars, and up in museums, or are used to decorate city restaurants in their customers. They display a lifestyle, often associated with hard work and hard times but often spiced with uplifting moments.

Back in the old days, I hardly think that there was much of a place out in the country for professional types, such as psychologists, psychiatrists and other counselors who try to unravel mind games and renew lives. Franchisers and school teachers and Mother and Daddy took on these tasks back when.

Granted, city life can be quite stimulating with all of its cultural events, stock brokerage houses, and businesses and firms trying to generate money, and the chamber of commerce and banks trying to get mon-

ey flowing faster and at greater volumes.

Cities are places for paperwork shoveling and conference calling. Paperwork is shoved around in bungling masses, filed and virtually forgotten. Conferences are designed to keep executive types busy and to heighten their importance, as they grace lower employment tiers to proclaim their pronouncements and revelations.

Marketplaces are teeming with shoppers who are linked to computers and to the asphalt-concrete mass. Rarely do they consider the country except when "country" is a theme to a sales pitch.

Well, the best many of us can hope for to bring the old country into our lives is to breathe the country air and savor a few country scenes before flinging ourselves back into city living, working, and, yes, dying.

Ed Todd is a Reporter-Telegram staff writer.

Jury convicts Odessan of murder

By FRANK TROMBLEY
Staff Writer

ODESSA — An Ector County 161st District Court jury of seven men and five women deliberated more than four hours Wednesday to find a 31-year-old former Odessan guilty as charged in the July 1984 killing of a 25-year-old woman.

District Judge Tryon Lewis dismissed the jury shortly before 7 p.m. after informing jurors that Jerry Grey Shelton had elected to have the court, rather than the jury, set punishment.

Lewis scheduled punishment arguments to begin at 8 a.m. today. Shelton faces a maximum prison sentence of life in prison for the murder of Dorothy Jean Purcell.

Testimony during the trial indicated Shelton killed Ms. Purcell, with whom he had been living, during a late night quarrel in July 1984. A skull determined to be that of the young woman was found in a field south of Penwell November 1985 by three hunters.

However, the find was not report-

ed to the Ector County Sheriff's Department until about two weeks later.

A friend of Shelton's, Ricky Lynn Davis, 28, testified he helped Shelton carry Ms. Purcell's body to the location south of Penwell.

He stated he went to the apartment Shelton and Ms. Purcell were sharing and Shelton admitted he had killed the young woman and asked him to help get rid of the body.

Davis told jurors Shelton sold Ms. Purcell's furniture the next morning.

Davis, arrested in Houston on a Crane County warrant Nov. 21, 1987, was later charged with murder in the death of Ms. Purcell.

The district attorney's office later dropped the murder charge against Davis and an agreement was made not to file theft charges against him in exchange for his testimony against Shelton, according to assistant District Attorney Howard Whitworth who is prosecuting the case.

Shelton has been defended by former Ector County District Attorney Mike Holmes.

DEATHS

Martha Stitt

Services for Martha Stitt of Midland will be at 3 p.m. Friday in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bob Porterfield, pastor of Kentucky Street Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stitt died in a Midland hospital Wednesday.

She was born Oct. 8, 1921 in Kansas City, Mo., living there for a brief time. Her family then moved to Corsicana and later to Houston, where she attended school.

Following graduation from high school she attended Texas State College for Women in Denton. While at college she met L.B. Stitt and they were later married in Houston on Oct. 21, 1943. They made their home in various places during the war years due to Stitt being transferred.

After the war the family moved to Marlow, Okla., and then to Healdton, Okla. They then moved to Brownfield before moving to Midland in 1963. In 1960 they moved to Lubbock and then returned to Midland in 1964. In June of 1972 their only daughter, Patricia Stitt, died. In 1974, they moved to San Antonio and returned to Midland in 1978.

She was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include her husband; one nephew and two nieces.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas, 79702.

Jack Montgomery

Services for Jack Montgomery of Midland will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Memorial Cemetery Chapel in Tulsa, Okla., under the direction of Moore Southlawn Funeral Home in Tulsa. Ellis Funeral Home handled the local arrangements.

Montgomery died at a Midland hospital on Wednesday.

He was born Nov. 3, 1929 in Kansas City, Mo., and was reared in Tulsa. He graduated from Tulsa University in 1951 with a degree in geology. While attending the university he met Elizabeth A. Bridges and they were married Sept. 29, 1951 in Tulsa. He joined the Navy and served three years in the South Pacific. Following his discharge, he returned to Oklahoma and was employed with Cities Services as a staff geologist. Over the next several years they made their home in various places. In 1961, Montgomery retired as vice president. He joined Wagner and Brown shortly after that and was manager of the Oil and Gas Division in Midland.

He was a member of the St. Dunstan Episcopal Church in Tulsa.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Kathy Davis of Chicago, Ill., and Karen Davies of Chilmark, England; one brother, Ed Montgomery of Tulsa and one grandchild.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas, 79702.

James Barrington

Services for James Edward Barrington, infant son of Troy and Martha Barrington of Seminole, will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Ellis Chapel with Rev. Kirk McClendon, pastor of Primitive Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Barrington died at an Odessa hospital Wednesday morning in the neonatal intensive care unit.

He was born Feb. 15, 1988 in Andrews.

He is survived by his parents; one sister, Sarah Cae Barrington of Seminole; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Barrington of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lawrence of Fort Worth and A.L. Hatcher of Lovett, Va.

The family requests memorials be directed to Ronald McDonald House in Odessa, 620 S. Grant, Odessa, Texas, 79701, or Andrews Primitive Baptist Church, 200 SE Mustang Dr., Andrews, Texas, 79714.

Mrs. Sayers died Tuesday evening. She was born Nov. 24, 1906 in Okmulgee, Okla., where she was reared. She attended college at The Castle in Terrytown, N.Y. She later returned to Okmulgee. She married Ralph "Bill" Sayers there Feb. 23, 1930. They moved to Cushing, Okla., where Sayers was employed with Shell Pipeline. He died in June, 1968. In June of 1976, Mrs. Sayers moved to Midland to be with her family.

She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church. She is survived by one son, Jack D. Sayers of Midland; two daughters, Sue Brown of Inglewood, Colo., and Diane Struse of Albuquerque, N.M.; one brother, Claude W. Mantooth, Jr., of Alexandria, La.; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two nieces and one nephew.

The family requests memorials be directed to Mabey Health Care Center, 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas, 79707, or to the Alzheimer Association of the Permian Basin, c/o 4911 Clover, Odessa, Texas, 79762.

Donnie Barker

Services for Mrs. Donnie Barker of Midland are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Barker died at her home Wednesday afternoon.

Liz Fierro

Liz Fierro, 29, of Ozona, died this morning in a Dallas hospital.

Services are pending with Sizemore Funeral Home of Midland.

MC offers short courses

From Staff Reports

The Midland College Department of Continuing Education will offer three short courses beginning the week of Monday.

Courses are as follows: CPA Review: Practice II will be taught on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m., beginning Monday and ending March 30. Review content will include Individual Income Taxes; Corporate Income Taxes; Partnerships; and Exempt Organizations. Course fee is \$29.

Pottery will be taught by Boyd Harris on Tuesdays from 7 to 10 p.m., March 1-April 26. For those interested in working with clay using hand-building and an introduction to wheel thrown pottery making, Raku, Pitting, and other low fire techniques will be taught. Both beginning and advanced students are welcome and will work at their own

levels of achievement. Fee includes cost of clay.

Other supplies available at MC Bookstore. Class limited to 12 students. Course fee is \$50.

Small Business Seminar for Women will be taught by Terri Pease on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m., March 1-29. Have you dreamed of starting your own business? Learn how that dream can start to take shape as a reality. Four successful local businesswomen will share their start-up techniques, including developing a plan of business, information on financing, market research and marketing. These women did it...so can you. Course is offered free of charge.

For further information on these and other Continuing Education short courses come by the Office of Continuing Education in the Administration Building or call 685-4518.

Andrews man faces felony injury to a child charge

From Staff Reports

ODESSA — A 20-year-old Andrews man remains free on \$5,000 bond from the Ector County jail on a charge of injury to a child in connection with the Nov. 16, 1987 death of his 5-month-old nephew.

Moises Talavera was arrested Tuesday by Odessa police in the 3800-block of Andrews Highway on a warrant issued by Municipal Judge J.E. Weatherly.

Detective Sgt. Kevin Begley, in a news release Wednesday, said officers were called to Medical Center Hospital Nov. 16, 1987 "in reference

to the death of an infant," Simon Sanchez.

According to Begley, "Preliminary investigation indicated that the Sanchez baby had been the victim of child abuse." However, he said, an autopsy performed the next day by Dr. Sparks Veasey, an MCH pathologist, "failed to show the obvious cause of death."

Noting that "additional testing" was conducted during the course of the investigation, Begley said, "It was determined that the available evidence in this case would support a charge of 'injury to a child.'

Mainor to present reading

From Staff Reports

Seattle-born award-winning poet Rayfer Earle Mainor will present a poetry reading at 12:10 p.m. in the Midland College Student Center game room on Friday, Feb. 26.

He will present a second reading at 7:30 p.m. that day in the Midland College Student Center faculty lounge. His appearance in Midland coincides with the celebration of Black History Month.

He has been called "The Social Work Poet" because of his commitment to human services. He is noted for his dynamic personality, immense talents and versatility.

His notoriety stems from his three books of poetry, prose and free verse: "Poems II," "Tribute to Blackness" and the "Life and Times of Sister Mercy Memelee."

He has won the distinction of being the world's youngest poet laureate in 1986. His poems range from themes of "brotherhood and love to poems of doubt and disillusionment."

Mainor has received numerous awards for his writing, from the Melvin B. Tolson Memorial Award for excellence in creative literature to the Vassie D. Wright Authors Award

from the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.

He is the recipient of Cambridge England's International Who's Who Bronze Medal in Poetry, the Silver Medallion and the Golden Plaque "For Notable Service to Poetry."

In addition, the poet has received acknowledgements and commendations from former presidents Nixon, Ford and Carter.

Besides poetry, Mainor has contributed to the literary fields of plays, short stories and essays. His television, theater and movie reviews have appeared in magazines and newspapers throughout the United States.

Among his many titles is "Junior Poet-in-Residence of Martin Luther King Jr." awarded by United Poets Laureate International "for respect activities as a Creative Artist of the Pen, Leadership (especially among the younger poets and students), and Developing a Source of Pride for His Race and Country."

Mainor has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, a Master's degree in Counseling and currently is pursuing a Doctorate in Student Personnel and Guidance at Oklahoma State University.

Self-defense course offered

From Staff Reports

A self-defense course designed specifically for women will be offered on Monday or Wednesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. for four weeks beginning March 7.

The course will be taught at the Town West YMCA on Andrews Highway by Anthony's department store.

Classes are limited to 20 women and the fee is \$35.

The course will be taught to women of all ages and will include instructions on the psychological and physical aspects of self-protection and self-defense.

The instructor is J.D. Luckie, investigator for the Midland District Attorney's office.

To register, go to the Parks and Recreation Department located at 300 Baldwin. For more information, call 683-4281.

Guest organ recital slated

From Staff Reports

Dale Peters is the guest recitalist for The West Texas Chapter American Guild of Organists' 8 p.m. recital Friday being held in the sanctuary of Midland's First United Methodist Church, Main Street at Illinois Avenue.

Peters, associate professor of organ and harpsichord at North Texas State University, is a graduate of North Texas State University and Columbia University who has done further graduate study in music at the University of Copenhagen and the University of Illinois.

Peters, a native of Fort Worth, re-

ceived a Fulbright Grant for study in Denmark which noted organist-harpichordist, Find Videro, and received first prize in the AGO Organ Playing Competition.

He holds the highest certificate awarded by the Guild, the Fellowship, and is the regional chairman of the organization. He has concertized extensively on organ and harpsichord and since 1963 has served as the organist and director of First United Methodist Church, Denton.

The recital is free and open to the public. The program includes works by Bach, Mozart, Johann Gottfried Walther, Max Reger, Leo Sowerby, Douglas Mews and Olivier Messiaen.

Men face burglary charges

From Staff Reports

Three Midland men are in the city jail today facing charges of burglary of a business, Police Cpl. Jim White said today.

Manuel Valdez, 18, of 1808 N. Webster; Bobby Robert Sanchez, 17, of 404 S. Fort Worth; and Abraham Garcia, 19, of 309 S. Dallas St., were arrested early Wednesday morning after allegedly burglarizing the Mr. S food store on East Florida, White said.

Valdez' bond was set at \$20,000 be-

cause he was out on probation for auto burglary at the time of the incident, White said.

The other two men's bond was set at \$5,000 each, White added.

After allegedly smashing through the front plate glass window of the store, the three are accused of removing six steaks, 25 pounds of ground beef, four 12-packs of beer and three cartons of cigarettes, valued at a total \$154.

Bond was set on the three men by Justice of the Peace Keith Jobe.

Two universities refuse Playboy magazine ads

Associated Press

It's the same song, another verse for Playboy magazine and Southwest Conference schools.

Baylor University and Texas Christian University have refused to run advertisements seeking participants for a Women of the Southwest Conference pictorial that Playboy magazine plans to run in its October issue.

A similar pictorial caused a major uproar in 1980, a controversy that caused Baylor to refuse to allow a female student who posed topless to participate in graduation ceremonies with the rest of her senior class.

The magazine sought to have the ads placed in student newspapers at all nine conference schools.

"We don't promote racism, we don't promote stereotypes, we don't promote pornography," said Mark Witherspoon, student publications adviser at TCU.

Lisa Bianchi, a TCU junior and ad manager for The Skiff, which turned down the \$444.26 ad Mon-

day, said the newspaper also doesn't accept advertising for alcohol or risque lingerie.

"To me it represents something that puts women in a bad light," Bianchi said of Playboy. "I feel it's very sexist."

Baylor spokesman Eugene Baker said he doesn't think students should even read Playboy.

"No way would Baylor allow ads of that nature in our school newspaper," Baker said.

In 1980, Baylor officials criticized the magazine and threatened to expel any student who posed for the magazine. Three women posed, including the one who posed topless.

"It's against the standards of the university," said A.A. Hyden, Baylor's vice president for student affairs. "We don't go for nudity here."

"Sometimes wonderful young people get mixed up in that, thinking they are going to go straight to Hollywood, and are sorry the rest of their lives," Hyden added. "We don't want any part of it."

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Asked how he must finish in the March 8 Super Tuesday primaries that cover 20 states and provide 40 percent of the Democratic National Convention delegates, Gore said, "I think I've got to be one of the two leaders."

The Times-CBS poll conducted Feb. 17-21, showed Gore in second place behind Jesse Jackson with 16 percent of the support among 575 Democrats in the 15 southern and border states involved in Super Tuesday. He received just 1 percent of the backing in the rest of the nation, last among the six Democratic hopefuls.

Gephardt, who finished fourth in the South and second in the rest of the country in the Times-CBS poll, offered less-specific but equally optimistic predictions following his tour of the construction site at Austin's new Sematech computer chip research consortium. "I think we're go-

ing to do great," the Missouri congressman said.

In a speech to Waco supporters earlier in the day, Gephardt said Gore "talks strength" but that his votes against an oil import fee, his opposition to the Save the Family Farm bill and his lack of specifics on solving the federal budget crisis show he has "ignored the central economic issues of this campaign."

"The central issue of this campaign is whether Americans will regain control of our destiny," Gephardt said. "In recent years, that control has been lost to foreign powers and private interests."

At Sematech, he accused Gore of running a regional campaign. "To be president you have to have a national vision," he said. "Al Gore has no solutions at all."

Gore told reporters at the Capitol that his campaign "is presenting a national message of economic growth, social justice and a strong intelligent role for America in the

world." He called himself "a strong advocate of the average voter, the working men and women who form the backbone of this country," and accused Gephardt of painting a false picture for the voters.

"Congressman Gephardt's whole approach of presenting slick commercials that say he's against large corporations and for the working people is in sharp contrast to a record of voting against the minimum wage...of voting for the corporate giveaways of the Reaganomics tax bill of 1981, of leading the fight against efforts to hold down hospital costs for working men and women," he said.

Gore called an oil import fee "an option available for consideration" now because petroleum imports continue to rise, and the federal Treasury needs the revenue. "It is not" a flip-flop, he said.

Yarborough, once the leading voice of liberal Texas Democrats, predicted Gore "can sweep Texas

like a prairie fire." He called on other Texans to join "Gore in a humanitarian restoration of compassion in the American government, to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, care for the ill, and educate the uneducated."

In Republican presidential politics, supporters of Vice President George Bush tried to paint Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole out of the Texas picture. "(Pat) Robertson's our opponent right now," said Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance, co-chairman of the Bush steering committee.

YMCA

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Legislators learn by doing about the development, approval, debate and conclusion of proposed bills they conceive.

Other students partaking in the judicial section transform during the four-day ordeal into judges, attorneys and witnesses as civil and criminal cases are tried and decisions passed, she said.

A youth governor, chief justice and speaker of the house are elected from the 1,000 students. Some students, as well, may become lobbyists.

Other students opt to become a part of the media during the program.

They are responsible for developing, producing and circulating a newspaper throughout the program.

The journalists will interview "government officials," write stories, edit, paste-up and print four newspapers during the program.

Students prepped for this event by attending a similar regional program earlier this year.

The 31 have raised money through a variety of enterprising endeavors and paid out of their pockets to go on the Austin trip, Mrs. Magness said.

In addition, Michael Conaway, she said, was instrumental in raising the rest of the \$10,000 it has cost to take the students on the two trips.

Midland High School students attending the Austin program include Bill Foster; Chuck Brownson; Robert Ward; Sachie Canales; Joetta Alexander; Smyth Swanson; Stasia Goddard; Will Watson; Paul Coody; Cathy Morris; Jennifer Covington; Katherine Allison; Gretchen Wilson and Dondie Week.

Students from Lee High School who will be on the trip include Diana Prieto; Melissa Simpson; Lee Kempf; Kevin Considine; Jeff Crow; Matthew Lance; Joel Van Cott; Jason Smith; Dale Cannedy; Mark Goodson;

Sponsor Wheat; Paul Clarke; Jorge Chavez; Erich Byerly; Chad Haney; Leslie Lamb and Melanie Dumont.

MISD Science Fair slated Saturday

From Staff Reports

More than 150 science projects of third- through sixth-grade students will be on display at the MISD Science Fair this Saturday at Midland Park Mall (Sears Plaza).

There will also be a display from each secondary school. The displays will include scientific investigations in life, earth and physical sciences.

Judging of the projects will take place between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., with presentation of awards from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

MISD Catoica will have presentation Saturday evening

From Staff Reports

Midland High School will have its annual Catoica Court presentation Saturday night.

The program begins at 7 p.m. in the auditorium and the public is invited to attend.

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Susan Hollums wins new GMC pickup truck.



Bob Christensen, of Berg Motor Company, is shown here presenting new truck keys to a very happy Susan Hollums.

Susan Hollums is the lucky recipient of a new GMC pickup given away by the Midland County 4-H Clubs as a fund raising project. Susan is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hollums of Midland. She is a 1986 graduate of Midland High School, a former 4-H member and 4-H scholarship winner, and is a student of Angelo State University.

The 4-H kids took donations on the pickup provided by Berg Motor Company of Midland. Monies raised by this project are used to fund various 4-H activities and to help offset expenses incurred by the 4-H kids at the local, state, and national levels. The Midland County 4-H kids wish to thank everyone who generously participated in the GMC pickup giveaway project, and they hope to have a similar fund raising project for the coming year.

Information burgeoning, too few librarians to sort it

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As computer databases, cassettes and compact discs join newspapers, magazines and books, the United States is confronting a shortage of public librarians to help sort the flood of information.

"A large number of librarians will be retiring in the next five to 10 years and there aren't the numbers coming in to replace them," said Margaret Myers, a personnel expert with the American Library Association.

She said library schools had 3,538 graduates in 1986, fewer than half the 8,001 degrees in 1979.

The shortfall comes as the public needs librarians trained to help "make sense of" the new books, databases, videocassettes, specialist magazines and countless other media that debut daily," Ms. Myers said recently.

Children's librarians, school media specialists, catalogers and minority service personnel are in particularly short supply, experts say. Some openings go unfilled. Others are staffed by less qualified workers.

"In some geographic areas it's a crisis — New York, Boston, the East Coast," said ALA President Margaret Chisholm. "There's such a shortage that it is really affecting services."

"We've averaged 85 vacancies since July 1," said Betsy Pinover of the New York Public Library, which has 850 librarian positions. Along with lower library school enrollments, she cited as causes of the shortage new corporate opportunities, an overall increase in the number of public library jobs and low pay for librarians.

Average starting salaries for New York City librarians with masters degrees in library science are \$22,500, said library spokeswoman Lauren Moye. A national survey of 1986 library school masters graduates indicated starting salaries averaged \$20,874.

School librarians averaged \$28,390 last year, reference workers in public and academic libraries were paid an average \$23,562 in 1986, and staff in special libraries, including corporations, averaged \$28,943 in 1986, according to studies.

"Librarians in the West and Southwest tend to make higher salaries," said Ms. Myers. "Lowest salaries are in the Southeast."

With fewer children's specialists, Ms. Pinover said some libraries have had to cut story hours and curtail school class visits. Branches in low-income areas are operating on "skeleton schedules" and using more paraprofessionals, she said.

Once one of the few professions open to women, public and school library careers are now just one of many options.

"Libraries and nursing cannot compete with law and banking," said Ed Szyrnka, library director in suburban Pasadena. "You could start with a five-figure salary in law that could be as high as you would ever get in a library career."

Those who stick with library training are finding better pay working in corporate libraries and data bases, rather than public libraries. The corporate openings listed at ALA meetings outstrip the number of interviewees, said Myers.

Facing an oversupply of librarians in the 1970s, about 15 universities closed their library schools over the last decade, said Abraham Bookstein of The University of Chicago library school. The remaining programs have increased recruitment to try to fill the librarian gap.

"A decade ago, a third of our graduates went into industrial environments; now it's up to 50 percent," said UCLA library school dean Robert Hayes. "The more who go into industrial work, the fewer who go into schools, public libraries and academic libraries."

"Five or six years ago when we put out a notice for an entry-



Librarian Judith Walsh reads a storybook to children after school at the Brooklyn Public Library in New York. Libraries across the country are struggling with an influx of thousands of "library

latchkey children," youngsters with no place else to go after school because their parents are working and day care is either non-existent or too expensive.

level position we would have 40 to 50 applicants. Today that same notice will generate 10," said Pasadena's Szyrnka. His main and branch libraries now train para-

professionals to help fill jobs. A California Library Association report predicts 1988 will bring 364 public, academic and specialized librarian openings.

256 of them in public libraries. Next year, 446 openings are expected statewide. While the survey projected 60 percent of the openings will be

in public libraries, only 28 percent of the 162 library school students responding to the survey want public library work. Thirty-five percent prefer academic libraries and 26 percent special libraries.

"Salaries are better in the private sector than in the public sector," said Mary Sue Farrell, executive director of the state library association. "Salaries are better at GTE or IBM than working for the City of San Francisco."

Along with the need for children's librarians, the survey also pinpointed "an under-representation of minorities in the profession as compared with the population of California, especially among Hispanics and blacks."

A 1986 study by the state Department of Education found more than two-thirds of the state's school libraries had no certified librarian. From 1981-82 to 1985-86, the number of librarians working in California school systems declined 23 percent, the report found.

"For the nation...79 percent of the school libraries had a certified librarian on staff," the study found. "California was by far in the worst position of all 50 states in terms of having the largest percent of school libraries operating without certified library staff."

With shortages of both children's and school librarians, experts are worried young people may not gain the skills needed to sort information gained from reading books or magazines, typing queries on a computer terminal, using a microfiche reader, or viewing from a compact disc.

"If you have a school of 3,000 kids and you don't have a librarian there, that's a problem," said Bonnie O'Brien, the Los Angeles school library supervisor. "Almost every job people are going into has to do with information. The only place they can learn that is in the school library media center."

Students slam-dunk their way to better calculating

Hearst News Service

BOSTON — Some American math students are slam-dunking their way to better calculating.

J. Arthur Jones' math students, mostly 11 to 14, whined that they hated math. However, by the time they had finished dribbling around the basketball court last summer, they knew how to calculate its perimeter, the ball's volume, the angles involved in a high-arc shot and the statistical probability of making two consecutive free-throws.

Not your average teenagers — or Boston Celtics, for that matter.

Using basketball to teach math is one of the imaginative ways instructors are trying to overcome U.S. students' mathematical illiteracy that is a threat to the nation's future economic competitiveness, said speakers at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Researchers have found that U.S. youngsters' math scores tend to lag behind those of other nations, partic-

ularly the Soviet Union and Japan. In response, grass-roots efforts have emerged to help U.S. youngsters realize that math isn't all bad.

At stake is "economic competitiveness, national survival, national security — the quality of the work force that's going to take us into the 21st century," said Shirley M. Malcolm, head of the AAAS Office of Opportunities in Science.

Jones, 50, who has a doctorate in math from Pennsylvania State University, decided to attract children fearful of math to a special summer class that would allow them to overcome this phobia. He arranged to conduct evening math-basketball sessions at a gym in Reston, Va., not far from Silver Spring, Md., where he directs educational systems for Century Technologies Inc.

Nearly two-thirds of the almost 100 students were minorities, and some were girls. They had to regularly keep track of their scores and measure some features of basketball, such as the ball's diameter and the height of the basket.

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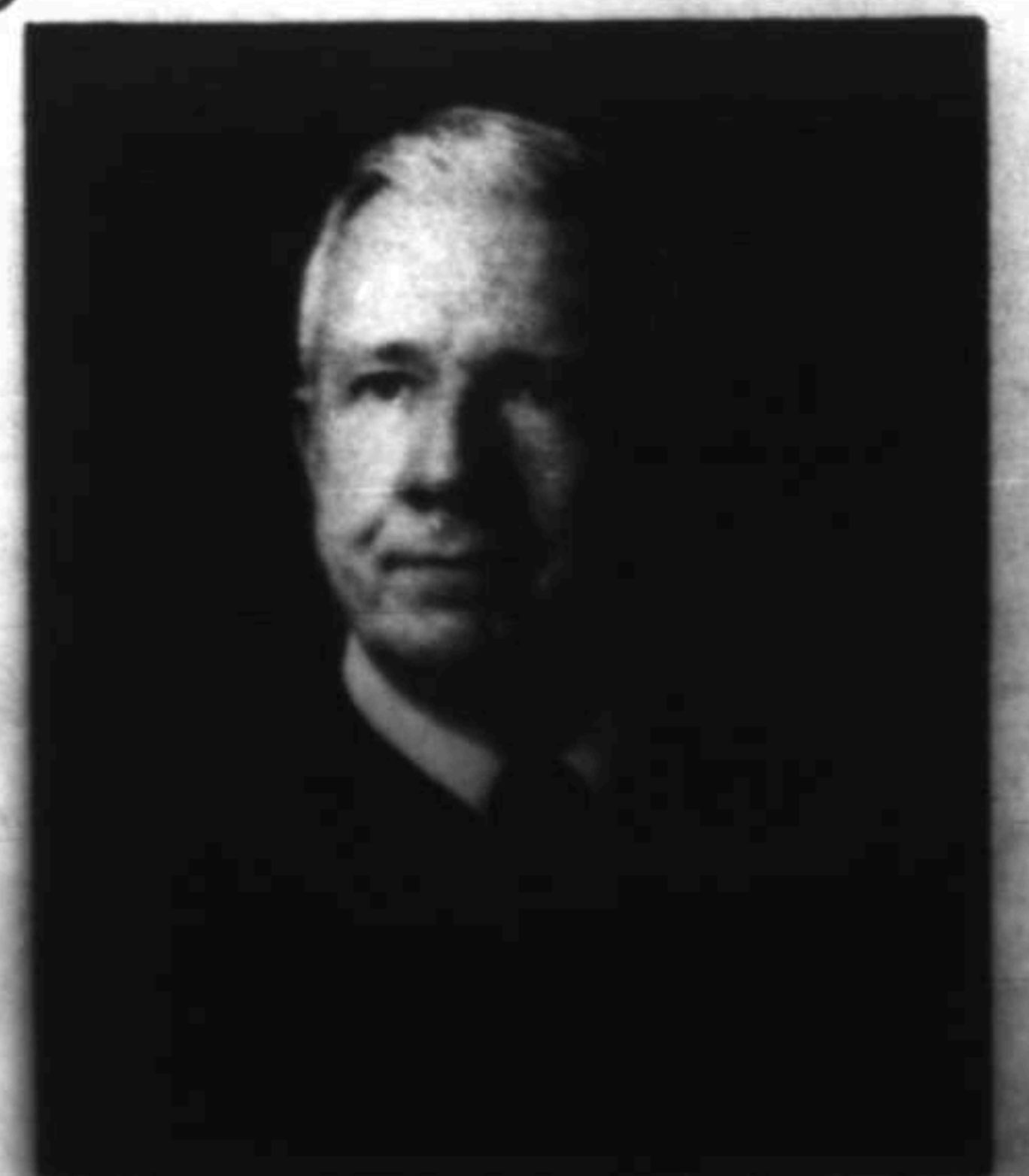


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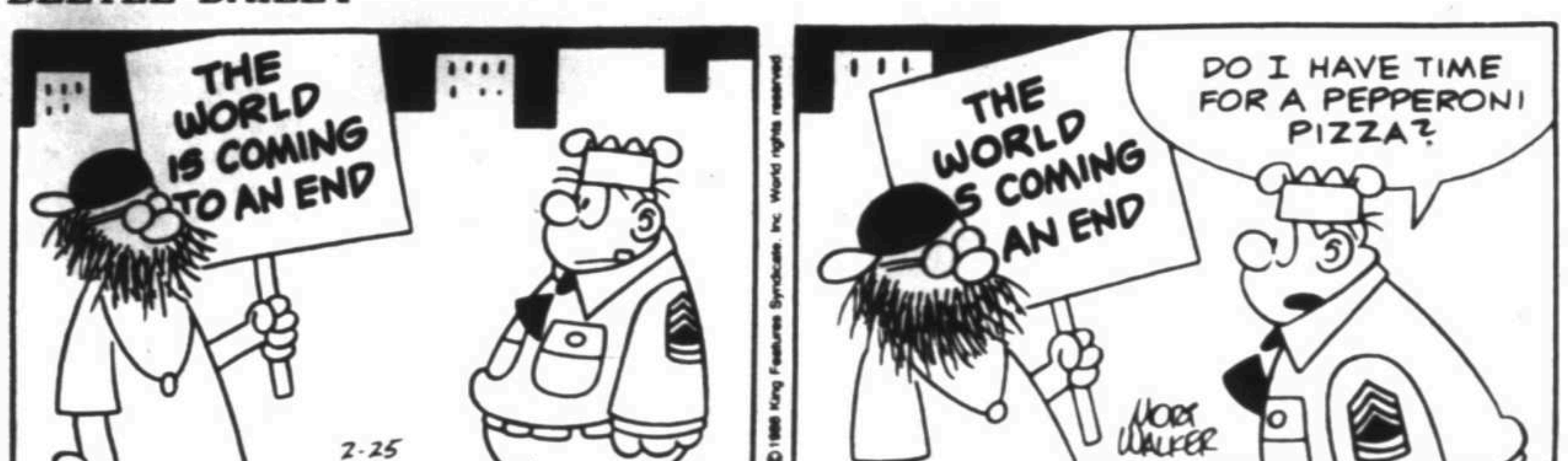
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1988

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Trust your feelings and shoot for the moon! There will be some travel in the near future. You gain a foothold in the job market, thanks to others, but the success you will enjoy depends on your willingness to work and grow. A new maturity has a positive effect on a close relationship. Romance deepens. Neighbors can be a headache, but arguing with them will only make things worse. Keep your distance. A change of residence is possible in summer.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: actor Robert Alda, comedian Jackie Gleason, singer Johnny Cash, actor Godfrey Cambridge, musician Fats Domino.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Affairs at a distance enjoy favorable influences. Someone important gives your career a boost. Check with mate or partner before signing an agreement. Keep your business and personal lives separate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Communications could go haywire today, causing embarrassment. Do the best you can. The way you recover a fumble will impress an influential person. A raise or promotion is possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A friend provides the information you need to complete a project. Take care of routine matters before starting new ventures. A good day to sign contracts. Use tact in a sticky personal situation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Today offers you an opportunity to indirectly further one of your private aims. Real estate transactions are favored. Add to your savings. Romance takes an interesting twist. Try something new.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Diplomacy will help you sort out a muddle this morning. Get on with your work. Higher ups are evaluating your performance. A real estate deal could lead to new financial security. Be discreet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Routine tasks are favored over new projects today. Stick with what has been working for you. Influential friends may be able to offer helpful insights. Pay close attention. Heed the voice of experience.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get an early start. Business and pleasure should be combined whenever possible. Loved ones are affectionate and sympathetic. An outing leads to a stroll down memory lane. Focus on the good times.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Maintain your independent stance. You have more to lose than to gain from a secret alliance. Concentrate on creative endeavors and ignore petty arguments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make the lives of those around you happier. Romantic partner may express a desire to get away for a while. Respect loved one's feelings. A social evening is delightful without being expensive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your personal finances improve. A community project holds new appeal. Someone at a distance is feeling rather down. Get in touch by telephone or letter. Your words of encouragement make a difference.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A great day for property transactions and talks with experts. Avoid showing impatience or you could bruise a tender ego. Good conversation cheers romantic partner. Avoid making promises you cannot keep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Recent pressures ease, permitting you to enjoy a carefree weekend. Take advantage of an opportunity to spend time with someone special. Plan a surprise for your parents or children.

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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

SECOND HAND LOW!

Neither vulnerable. West deals.

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WEST
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♦ A J 9 6 5 4

SOUTH
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A K Q J 7 6
J 5
♦ K 8

The bidding:
West 2 ♦ Pass East 3 ♦ Pass
North 4 ♦ Pass South 3 ♦ Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♦
No matter how obvious your line seems, don't play to the first trick from dummy until you have worked out your campaign. Fast fingers have cost more contracts than loose lips sank ships in World War II.

West's opening preempt did not stop the enemy from reaching their heart game. With a one-suited hand, South could do no more than bid three hearts. Since a bid at the three-level had to denote a good suit, North felt comfortable about raising to game with his three quick tricks and doubleton trump. He might have tried three no trump but, with the club suit unstopped, we endorse his raise.

West led the queen of spades, and the hand was soon over. Declarer covered with dummy's king and East ruffed. East cashed the ace of clubs, then shifted to a diamond, and declarer still had to lose a diamond and a spade for down one.

A little more care at the first trick would have ensured the contract. Since East almost surely was going to ruff, see what a difference it

would have made had declarer played low from dummy to the first trick.

If West switches suit, declarer can draw trumps and lose only one trick in each side suit. Therefore, West must persevere with spades, but he has a choice of losing options in that suit. If he continues with a low spade, declarer inserts dummy's

nine and, although East ruffs, declarer will be able to eventually gain the lead, draw trumps and then take a diamond discard on a high spade. If West continues with a spade honor, declarer covers and East ruffs, but the table's A-9 in spades now constitutes a finesse position over West's 10-6, and declarer will still be able to get a diamond discard on the spades with the help of a finesse.

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6:00	News Fortune	News WFAA-TV	Jeopardy! Win. Lose	Star Trek	Remington Steele	A. Griffith Sanford	Rosa Sal- vaje	Cheers MacNeil	Basketball: Syracuse	Mr. Rogers Fishing	Ski Film
7:00	TV Winter Olympics	Tour of Duty	Cosby Diff. World	Black Sheep	Hill Town	Movie: "High"	Quince- anera	Movie: "The Octa- gon"	College Basketball: Syracuse	Lehrer MoneyM.	Bill Worrell Boxing: Ri-
8:00	Simon & Si- mon	Cheers N.Y. Court	Movie: "Apology"	700 Club	Plains Drif- ter	La Indoma- ble	gon	College Basketball: Syracuse	Mystery/ Morse	chards vs. Williams	
9:00	Knots Landing	L.A. Law	Talk Outdoors	Movie: "The Law"	Noticiero America	News IMN News	Ya. at Ga. Tech	Upstairs, Downstairs	Sp. Quest		
10:00	News WKRP	News Tonight	A. Griffith Hawaii	Remington Steele	and Jake Wade	Movie: "La Pistolera"	Soap Magnum	SportsCtr. College	Imagina- tion	Women's Basketball:	
11:00	Entertain- ment Nightline	Night Heat	Show David Let.	Five-0 Mission Im-	B. & Allen Jack Benny	Movie: "Young"	P.I. Movie:	Basketball: Oregon at	Govt. Texas	SWC Tour- nament	
12:00	Love Con- News	Movie: "Lo- cal Hero"	terman News	possible	Groucho Laurel	Warriors	Rina	"Time Machine"	Stanford FishinHole		
	SHOWTIME Mov./Spec. Cable 5	TMC Movies Cable 17	DISNEY Cable 18	MAX Movies/Var. Cable 21	HBO Movies/Var. Cable 22	TNN Country Cable 23	USA Variety Cable 24	NICK Children Cable 25	A&E Cultural Cable 26	SPN Cable 27	TBN Religious Cable 31
4:00	Wife Carla	Short Film Movie:	Ann of the Wolf Clan	From Star	About Alex Movie:	New City	Dance Party USA	Monkees Rocks	Fashion Miller	June Cain Miller	Praise the Lord
5:00	Tail Tales & Legends	"Manno- quin"	Care Bears Movie II	Wers to Jodi	"Quick- kick- ver"	Crook Videostry	Cartoons	Finders Dennis	Golden Age Rotten	Movie: "Night of the Living Dead"	Praise the Lord
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PEOPLE

Grant given in Hampton's honor

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — Jazz legend Lionel Hampton announced that a \$20,000 grant the National Endowment for the Arts is giving to a foundation under his control will be channeled to a music school named in his honor.

Hampton spoke Wednesday to the Moscow Chamber of Commerce while visiting the Panhandle college town to headline the University of Idaho's jazz festival and receive an honorary degree.

"I always enjoy coming out here because this is a place where high school students, college students, professional people and educators and jazz musicians can come together in a common cause to listen and improve the great art we foster," Hampton said.

Dozens of the world's top jazz performers have come out of Hampton's bands. But he said he has gotten the most pleasure from having the university's Lionel Hampton School of Music named after him, which he said is "like going to heaven."

Hampton started his career in the 1920s. When he joined Benny Goodman's quartet in 1938, he broke a color barrier that had kept black musicians out of American entertainment's front ranks.

NEW YORK (AP) — "Wheel of Fortune" host Pat Sajak says that just because CBS is giving him a talk show opposite NBC's "Tonight Show" doesn't mean he's taking on Johnny Carson.

"If you're going to do a late-night show, that's a fact of life, that Mr. Carson is going to be there. We can't worry about that. We have to worry about doing the best show we can," Sajak said at a news conference Wednesday.

CBS Entertainment President Kim LeMasters confirmed plans for the show, which he said would be 90 minutes compared with Carson's hour and would debut next January.

"There is no attempt on our part here to compete with Johnny Carson," LeMasters said. "Mr. Carson is a tradition, he is much-beloved and a brilliant performer in what he does, and that's not our aim. Our aim is that the environment in late night can stand more than just one talk-show format."

Sajak will continue indefinitely as host of the nighttime version of "Wheel of Fortune," the nation's No. 1 syndicated show. His contract for the NBC daytime version of the show expires in December.

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Rock singer Alice Cooper returned to his hometown for a weekend concert and mentioned that he also will be running for governor — on the Wild Party ticket.

More than 80 people already have entered the special May 17 election prompted by a recall petition campaign against impeached Gov. Evan Mecham. Cooper, who says he bought his first automobile from Mecham's Pontiac dealership in nearby Glendale, said he will join the throng seeking to unseat the conservative Republican.

"I'm definitely a write-in candidate," Cooper said Wednesday. "Hey, I'm a native. I'm a registered voter. I represent the Wild Party and I even have a campaign slogan: 'Alice Cooper — A troubled man for troubled times.'"

Cooper, 39, was born Vincent Furnier, a minister's son. He gained fame with outrageous makeup and such hits as "School's Out." His Phoenix concert Saturday night is scheduled to end the American leg of a year-long comeback tour.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hugh Hefner's former live-in girlfriend upped the ante in her "palimony" suit against the Playboy magazine publisher, saying she now wants \$35 million to prevent him from ruining other young lives.

Celebrity divorce lawyer Marvin Mitchelson filed an amended complaint Wednesday for Carrie Leigh adding fraud and deceit to her previous accusations that Hefner abandoned promises to support and father her child.



AP Wirephoto

Hugh Hefner's former live-in girlfriend Carrie Leigh upped the ante in her "palimony" suit against the Playboy magazine publisher, saying she now wants \$35 million to prevent him from ruining other lives.

Hefner attorney Anthony Michael Glassman said the fraud and deceit claims were unfounded. He called the lawsuit revision a publicity stunt.

Miss Leigh's suit now seeks \$20 million in punitive damages "to dissuade him from maintaining his long-enjoyed practice of seducing teen-age girls, supporting them for a few years and then discarding them."

The initial complaint filed Feb. 11 in Superior Court sought an estimated \$5 million-plus, but the amendment adds the punitive amount and says lost career earnings and benefits amount to \$15 million. Miss Leigh, 24, claims she gave up a modeling career in 1983 to serve as a companion at the Playboy Mansion to Hefner, 61.

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — A pickup truck driver who crashed through the front gate of Sean Penn's and Madonna's home was placed on three years' probation and ordered to pay the couple \$3,000 for damages.

Steven Stillbower, 33, of Anaheim, pleaded no contest Wednesday to misdemeanor counts of vandalism and peeking into the window of the celebrity couple's home.

In addition to placing him on probation and ordering restitution to actor Penn and his pop singer wife, Municipal Court Judge Lawrence Mira fined Stillbower \$2,000.

After Stillbower crashed his pickup truck Jan. 7, Penn placed him under citizen's arrest. State law permits a person to make a citizen's arrest for a misdemeanor committed in his presence.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Rock 'n' roll singer Frank Zappa has pledged to register fans at his concert here tonight to vote, and the League of Women Voters couldn't be happier.

The alliance prompted one elderly league member to joke that he would turn down the volume on his hearing aid during the concert, said Pittsburgh League President Marsha Binger.

"I consider that an upbeat comment," said Ms. Binger. "The gentleman who said that is about 70 years old. He does have trouble with his hearing."

DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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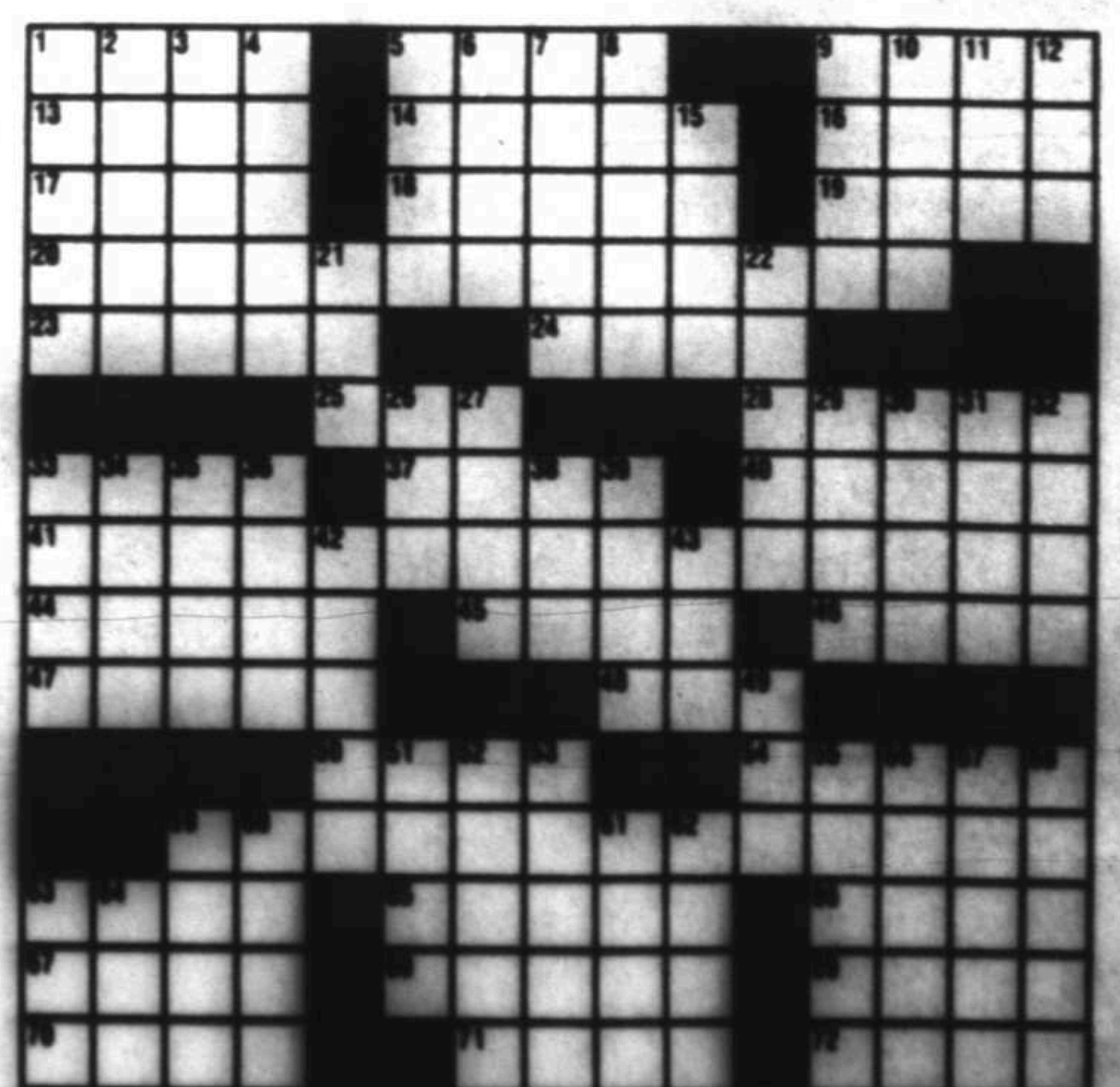
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FDA eyes new surgical procedure

By LISA M. KRIEGER
Hearst News Service

The surgeon peers through a microscope, taking careful aim at the open eye of the awake patient. Using a hot metal probe, which darts up and down like a sewing machine needle, he burns small spokes around the edge of the cornea. The intense heat causes the cornea to contract, permanently changing its shape.

In 15 minutes, surgery is over. The eye feels scratchy and is rinsed with a salt solution, treated with drugs and protected with a patch. The patient goes home an hour later.

The result? "The vast majority of farsighted people will be able to see well, without contact lenses or glasses," says ophthalmologist Dr. William Ellis of El Cerrito, Calif. "We are undergoing a technological revolution. By the 21st century, no one will be wearing glasses."

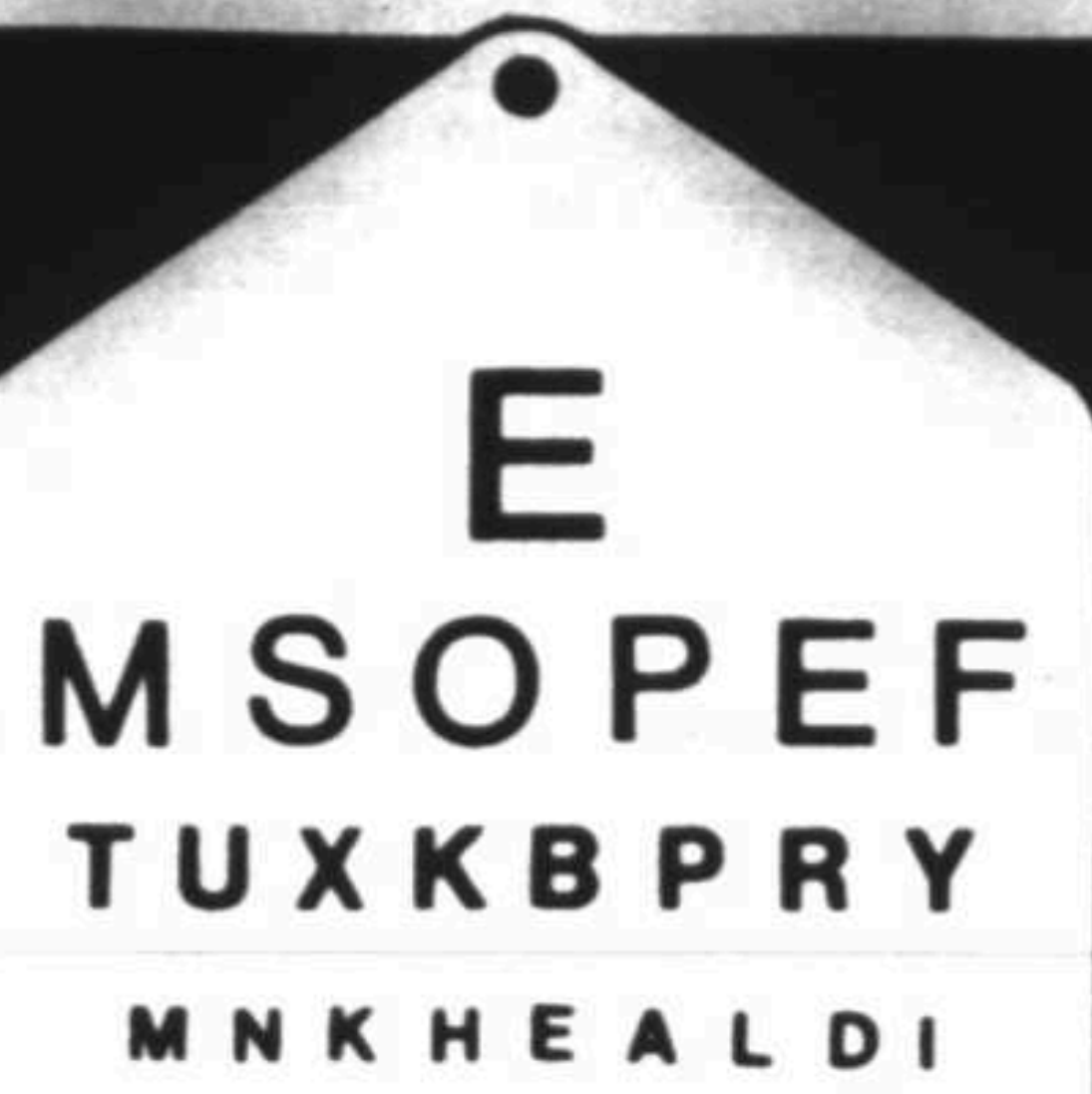
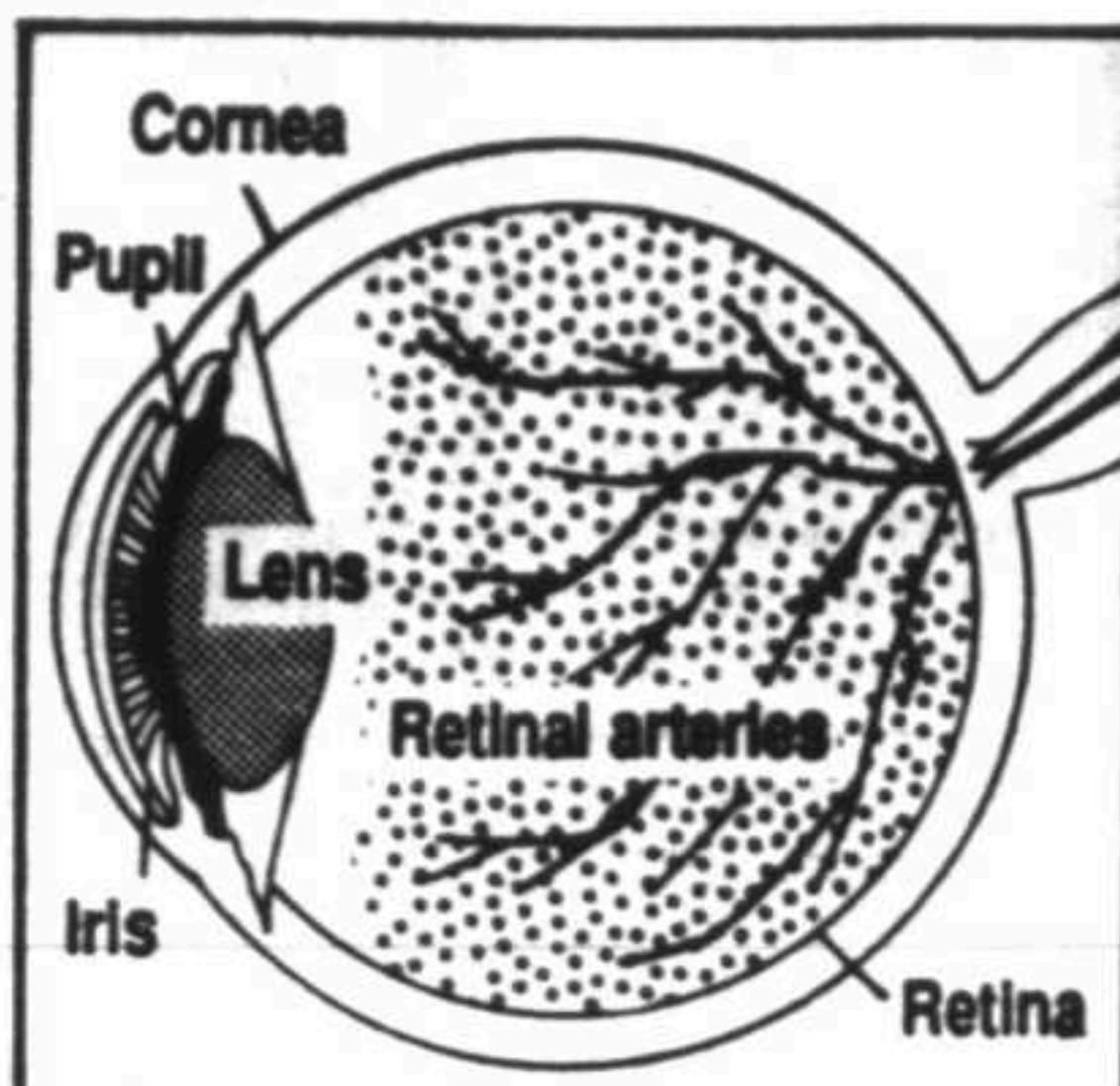
But the procedure, in the view of the Food and Drug Administration, which has not approved the device used in the operation, is dangerous. Other eye doctors object to the procedure, which is quite like another tried years ago with poor results. And government officials are investigating a Florida doctor who performed the operation several weeks ago.

Anyone using the device is in violation of FDA regulations, said Janet McDonald, FDA consumer affairs officer. "It could cause serious injury when used," she said.

Ellis this week will become the third physician in the United States to try the experimental procedure, called infrared keratoplasty. Phil Story, a 39-year-old construction supervisor who has worn glasses for 30 years, will be the fourth American to undergo the procedure.

More than 4 million Americans with farsightedness or astigmatism could benefit from the \$2,000 procedure, Ellis believes.

It is the reverse of another controversial procedure, called radial kera-



Eye care for infants & adults

Eye examination guidelines for adults

- All adults with decreased visual acuity should have an eye exam.
- All adults should have regular eye check-ups as part of normal health care.
- Adults with risk factors, such as family history of glaucoma, cataract, retinal detachment or degenerative eye disease should have frequent eye exams.
- Adults with diabetes mellitus should have an eye exam at the time of diagnosis.
- All those age 65 or more should have an eye exam every two years.

SOURCE: American Academy of Ophthalmology

Eye examination guidelines for infants

- All infants should have an eye exam soon after birth. Premature infants should have an eye exam before discharge.
- Infants with risk factors such as family history of eye tumors, or congenital eye disease should have an eye exam within their first month of life.
- All infants should have an eye exam at six months of age to evaluate eye alignment and disease.
- All children should have an eye exam by age three to four.

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tomy. Whereas radial keratotomy, which flattens the cornea, is promoted as a correction for nearsightedness, keratoplasty corrects farsightedness by steepening the cornea.

New surgical techniques do not have to be cleared by the federal government. But the device Ellis will use, like a new drug, must be approved — and could be banned from use until thoroughly tested. Although the FDA cannot stop Ellis, they can seize his hot needle.

"Regulations require that we adequately protect the public from devices under investigation," said Dr. Richard E. Lippman, director of the FDA's division of ophthalmic devices.

"There is no evidence of its safety or effectiveness," said Dr. Walter Stark of Johns Hopkins Medical Center, a cornea specialist who serves on FDA's Medical Device Control panel.

"It's hair-raising and mind-boggling," said Dr. Eugene Robin, profes-

sor of medicine at Stanford University and author of the 1984 book "Matters of Life and Death, Risks vs. Benefits of Medical Care."

The technique has been tested in the Soviet Union, where pioneer eye surgeon Dr. Svyatoslav Fyodorov has operated on 2,000 people over the past five years. Ellis went to Moscow to be trained by Fyodorov.

Convinced that the technique will restore the vision of millions of Soviet citizens, the Gorbachev government is spending \$200 million apiece on 13 new assembly-line surgical clinics and hotels. Patients lie on a circular conveyor belt and are whisked through a procedure the government says will eradicate all vision problems by the 21st century.

"We're now ready to bring the operation to the United States," Ellis said. "I have no doubt that Fyodorov's work will be substantiated."

The procedure already has been tried in the United States under another name, thermocoagulation, but was abandoned because it was too dangerous, according to other doctors. First designed to treat certain diseases of the cornea, the technique made its debut with great fanfare at the Dean McGee Eye Institute in Oklahoma City in 1971. But four years later, some patients showed permanent scarring.

In the early 1980s, using redesigned tools, the technique was attempted by doctors in Los Alamos, N.M. Again it caused scarring.

"I'm all for new procedures to correct vision," said Dr. Perry Binder, president of the National Vision Research Institute. "But I don't think anyone should undergo it until it is carefully studied in the lab."

The procedure could scar the thin fragile layers of endothelial cells in the cornea, needed to keep the lens clear, says Dr. Richard Abbott, a member of a panel of the American Academy of Ophthalmologists now investigating the techniques.

Stanford's Robin agrees. "The endothelial is critical — and if it is injured and dies, you never replace it. You're stuck with that injury."

Electronic ear implants helpful

An electronic device surgically implanted in the inner ear to bring a degree of hearing to the profoundly deaf has been approved for general use in adults, and is under clinical investigation for children, according to a specialist at New York University Medical Center.

The device, called a multi-channel cochlear implant, represents

an advance over an earlier model, the single-channel implant. Both work by electrical stimulation of nerve endings in the cochlea, a coiled structure also known as the inner ear, explained Dr. Noel L. Cohen, professor and chairman of otolaryngology at the center, one of 18 facilities in the United States where clinical trials are underway.

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HEALTH BEAT



by Kanti Patel, M.D.

CANCER OF THE PROSTATE

After cancer of the lung, prostate cancer is the second most common cancer to afflict the American male. Prostate cancer is not uncommon in men 40 to 50 years of age. The incidence increases steadily with age, and is high in men over the age of 70. Prostatic cancer that grows in the outside region of the prostate gland does not always immediately involve the bladder outlet or the urethra. That means that there may be no early warning signs such as infection and kidney problems. Prostatic cancer in early stages can be suspected as the result of a routine rectal examination which is recommended annually for every man over age 50. Early detection can lead to a high cure rate.

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HINT:

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SPELLING BEE 1988

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The Reporter-Telegram will sponsor the 1988 Regional Spelling Bee March 26 at Midland College.

School spelling champions from Midland, Martin, Glasscock and Upton counties will compete for the top prize of an all-expenses-paid trip to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

This daily column on words, their spellings, meanings and origins will be published through March 25. These words are typical of those used in bees but may not necessarily be used in competition.

Column provided courtesy of Lawrence Institute of Technology and The Detroit News

cloistered — (adjective) A "cloistered" person is one who leads a quiet, thoughtful life away from the general population, often as a member of a religious group. The noun "cloister" may refer to the place where a cloistered person lives. For example, a convent is a cloister for nuns, and a monastery is a cloister for monks. The word "cloister" comes from the Latin "claudus," meaning close or shut. The "clu" in the word "seclusion" also comes from "claudus," as does the "claus" in claustrophobia, which is the fear of being closed in. Can you see why a cloistered nun in seclusion had better not suffer from claustrophobia?

Animals examined as possible source of human donor hearts

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The surgeon who transplanted a baboon's heart into an infant girl in 1984 says he's optimistic about the continuing research toward eventual use of animal heart transplants in humans.

"We're still really working vigorously in that area from all points of view, goats and sheep and primates," Dr. Leonard L. Bailey said at a three-day international conference on thoracic organ transplantation that concluded Saturday.

Researchers have turned to exploring the use of non-human organs for transplantation on either a temporary or possibly permanent basis, in part because of the lack of sufficient organ donors.

In a controversial procedure in October 1984, Bailey and his staff at Loma Linda University Medical Center transplanted the heart of a baboon into a 12-day-old girl known as Baby Fae.

The child, born with a fatal heart defect, survived for 20 days before her body's immune system rejected the foreign-tissue transplant, or xenograft.

Another problem area has been the ethical question of using a primate heart in humans, said Dr. Bartley P. Griffith, of the University of Pittsburgh.

Griffith, thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon at one of the nation's busiest transplant centers, said chimpanzees "are almost too close" to humans in terms of behavior and would raise a moral dilemma.

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Footnotes

by Allen Farnell, R.P.P.H.

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Lee, MHS swimmers have 4-5A title aspirations

By TED BATTLES
Sports Editor

When it comes to swimming, Midland and Midland Lee have been perennial contenders for honors and it will be no different this Friday and Saturday when District 4-5A gathers for its annual meet.

Midland High Coach Jesse Marsh sees the girls competition as "a three-team battle between Midland, San Angelo and Midland Lee. The boys will be be-

tween San Angelo and Midland Lee."

Midland Lee's John Bettina is less emphatic about the boys, conceding, without Marsh's finality, "Our boys have a chance to get in the top three teams. If we swim as well as we have all season," Bettina's delivery would make a football coach proud.

As for the girls, Bettina's appraisal is that it will be between Midland and Odessa Permian. "Midland High should be a relatively easy winner. They have

the depth and the quality to go with it."

"Lee? We have a good chance for third, fourth or fifth, the teams are that evenly balanced below the top two."

District begins with diving 5:30 p.m. Friday and then prelims Saturday morning and finals beginning at 5 p.m. at the new Abilene YMCA pool.

That quality Bettina refers to on the Midland squad is led by Michela Hasek, conservatively one of the state's best in the

back and intermediate.

For depth, Meredith Secker, Lisa Archer, Frances Allen and Laura Morris are all contenders in the free style. Holly Smith gives the Bulldog girls a threat in diving and the butterfly while Christin Henry should score points in the butterfly.

On the boys side, bidding for spots in the regional at Lubbock two weeks hence, Matt Seay is strong in the breast, Mark Houston, the butterfly; Tim Greer, diving, and Elton Watson, but-

terfly, are good bets for points. "With our girls," says March, "it all depends on how it goes in the relays. That's where the big points are."

Midland's girls won the 4-5A dual title with a 6-0 record and San Angelo established itself as a power in the boys ranks with a 6-0 dual mark.

One reason Bettina is cautious about his girls chances is that "we've been a little back of either Midland or Odessa Permian in every meet we've been in."

Stephanie Reed in the 200 IM and 100-breast and Jane Marker in the 200 and 500 free are the best hopes.

"We have one real standout in the boys, Matt Stelling," says Bettina. "He should be the favorite in the 200 IM and 500 free."

Bettina adds, "We have quite a bit of depth in the boys and I'm hoping we will move up and score well, but you've got to finish in the top six for points."

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Dogs' Whalen
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MHS, Lee 9's
Ready to Play Ball

SMU keeps slim SWC cage lead

Associated Press

The Southern Methodist Mustangs were able to edge Texas Tech for a rare road victory in Lubbock and keep a slim lead in the Southwest Conference basketball race because of their free throw shooting.

The Mustangs defeated Texas Tech, 82-80, Wednesday night to move to 11-3 in conference games and 22-5 overall. It was their first victory at Lubbock since 1984. SMU now has a 1 1/2 game lead over the idle Arkansas Razorbacks.

In other SWC games Wednesday night, Houston edged Texas A&M, 73-70. Texas defeated Texas Christian, 69-55 and Baylor whipped Rice, 72-57.

SMU converted 11 of 15 free throw attempts for 73 percent.

SMU Coach Dave Bliss said his team's conversion of 11 of 15 free throw attempts was the key.

"IN THOSE last five minutes we really weren't looking for the field goal than much as to force the foul and get the free throw," he said.

"In the last five minutes of our games this year, we've been an 80-percent free-throw shooting team and a 50-percent field-goal shooting team so we've got a lot of confidence in our ability at the line."

Junior guard Kato Armstrong had 20 points, including seven free throws down the stretch to lead the Mustangs.

After Tech's Jerry Mason made it 75-78 with 50 seconds remaining, Raider Sean Gay sent Armstrong to the line for the third straight time, where he made it 80-75.

Mason answered with a 3-pointer with 23 seconds remaining to make the score 78-80.

After being fouled by Scott Whillock with 19 seconds left, Armstrong put the game out of reach, hitting both ends of a one-and-one, 82-78.

Wes Lowe's basket with 5 seconds remaining wasn't enough to force overtime.

Mason was leading scorer for the Red Raiders with 22 points.

RICHARD HOLLIS scored 26



SMU's Kato Armstrong dribbles around Tech's Sean Gay.

points and the Houston Cougars withstood a late rally to defeat Texas A&M, 73-70.

Hollis made nine of 16 field goal attempts, including four 3-point shots, as Houston upped its league record to 8-5 and its overall record to 14-10. Craig Upchurch had 14 points for the Cougars, while Rolando Ferreira added 11 and Randy Brown 10.

A&M fell to 6-7 in SWC play and 14-13 overall.

TRAVIS MAYS scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half to lift Texas past Texas Christian 69-55.

The Longhorns scored the last 19 points from the free-throw line and raised their record to 14-11 and 8-5 in the SWC.

TCU fell to 9-16 and 3-11 in the conference and was led by Rod Jacques, who scored a career-high 28 points.

"I was proud of our free throwing down the stretch," said Longhorn coach Bob Weltlich. "The games we have won on the road this year, we have done with clutch free-throw shooting."

Steinbrenner to U.S. rescue?

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Not many people could have upstaged figure skaters Debi Thomas and Katarina Witt, but there he was in the spotlight, George Steinbrenner, promising to rescue a battered U.S. Olympic team.

Thomas no sooner had scratched three precise circles and curlicues into the ice to take a slight edge over Witt in the compulsory figures Wednesday than the New York Yankees owner fired away at "the bottom line" — the measly U.S. medal count.

He even stole the show from the Flying Finn, Matti Nykanen, who soared to his third gold with jumps more than three times the 120 feet Orville Wright first flew in a biplane at Kitty Hawk, N.C., in 1903.

Nykanen's flights of 378 feet and 376 feet on a windless, summery day led Finland to the team gold and gave him another spot in Olympic history with a ski jumping sweep. He already was the first to win the 90- and 70-meter jumps in the same Games and the first to win the 90-meters in consecutive Olympics.

Yet, while the ladies skated and Nykanen flew and a Swiss named Vreni Schneider "skied like the devil" to win the women's giant slalom, Steinbrenner held court far from the slopes and ice.

THE SWANKY Yankee with the big bucks, whose motto has long been to win at any cost, even if the cost is in the millions, was named chairman of a new U.S. Olympic Committee panel.

Steinbrenner's mandate is broad: Turn around America's fortunes in the summer and winter Games.

"We can do better. We should do better. The American public deserves the very best we can give 'em," Steinbrenner said in tones befitting an election campaign.

"I want to make sure we do right by our athletes, because that will produce medals and that is the bottom line."

MEDALS are important, perhaps more so than ever as the Olympics move inexorably into the age of professionalism. But for many athletes and fans the bottom line is still, simply, international competition on the playing fields instead of the battle fields.

However, the Steinbrenner panel,



AP Laserphoto

Switzerland's Vreni Schneider leaves a cloud of snow behind as she goes open-mouthed for gold in ladies giant slalom in Winter Olympics on Calgary's Mount Allan Wednesday.

which will review all aspects of American preparation for the Games, is taking winning more seriously.

"I think I know athletes and I think I know what we need to create winning teams," Steinbrenner said. "You can believe I will look at it tough."

His No. 1 target may be the people who hired him — the USOC — and heads could roll if he conducts his Olympic business the way he runs the Yankees, hiring and firing managers on whim.

"I can find no fault with the competitive spirit of the athletes," he said. "But are we doing all we can do

to develop and prepare our athletes? "We want to make sure our athletes have everything they need to pursue the goal of gold."

THOMAS, 20, of San Jose, Calif., didn't always have everything she needed to pursue gold, but she made do with help from her mother and other supporters and now is in striking distance of an Olympic victory.

Perhaps the best example of an amateur athlete-scholar in the Games, Thomas developed her skating while keeping up a grueling academic schedule. For years, her mother shuttled her to practice between

classes and homework. This year, Thomas is on leave as a pre-med student at Stanford University.

Thomas finished the day in excellent position, second in points behind Soviet Kira Ivanova, who is not considered a strong performer in the short program tonight and the free skating long program Saturday night.

"I was hoping to be first but I won two figures, so I'm happy," Thomas said. "I felt less nerves here than at the worlds last year."

Please see GAMES, Page 2C.

Track season begins this weekend

By TERRY WILLIAMSON
Assistant Sports Editor

Although Midland High got a slight jump on the traditional opening track weekend last Friday in the Lubbock Christian indoor meet, all four local teams will join the majority of West Texas tracksters this weekend for the season kickoff.

The Midland Lee girls and boys will be headed to Fort Stockton for the Comanche Relays Friday and Saturday while the Bulldog girls and boys are bound for the Tiger Relays in Wolfthorpe Saturday.

The Comanche Relays features di-

visions for all classifications while the Tiger Relays is a 5A and 4A meet.

Lee coach Eddie Wolaki says, "We have a chance to be good, but it's going to take time. We are very young in spots, but we hope to be very competitive by the time the district meet rolls around."

Lee will build around senior Jimmy Fennell, who is considered one of the premier hurdlers and relay men in the state.

Also returning are Marcus Strambler in the hurdles, sprinter David Whiteside, distance runner David Parkerson, pole vaulter Joel Van Cott and Eugene Farmer in the

400 meters.

Lee newcomers include sprinters Bill Swearingen, Ferris Strambler, Bobby McGruder, Alandis Chambers and Tony White in what could be a talented sophomore class.

MHS coach Johnny Williams says, "We don't have a lot coming back from last year, so we need these early meets. We missed a practice meet and a lot of our kids only have junior varsity experience."

The only experience MHS has in the field events, Stirling Warren, Robert Wilson and Patrick Jones return in the shot put while Tim Monaco and Thomas Brown are back in

the shot. Warren is a potential 50-foot competitor in the shot. Rusty Holt is also back in the high jump.

Youth will have to be served in the running events with Olan Burnett and Michael Savas in the 400, Anthony Burton in the hurdles and Braxton Morris in the sprints. Sophomore Doug Anderson looks promising in the distance races and Chris Johnson in the sprints.

The Lee girls have a good chance at being competitive with a lot of returners and some good looking newcomers.

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TED BATTLES

San Jac, they're there, waiting

Looming in the background like a dentist with his foot ready to pump the drill, San Jacinto casts an ugly pall over the Region V basketball tournament coming up next week at Chap Center.

The Region V winner, this year, must play unbeaten and No. 1 ranked San Jacinto to reach Hutchinson, Kan.

Says Alvin Coach Gary Coffman, "San Jacinto beat us by two here, but you can imagine what they did to us at Pasadena."

Says writer Williams Grimes, who covers Alvin CC, "You can run with San Jac, but if their guards aren't hitting from outside, they are in trouble and can be had. They aren't as good as they were last year."

Let's see, the last time an oppo-



Battles

nent "had" the Ravens was in last year's NJCAA tournament....Midland, wasn't it?...

Former Midland Cub Manager Doc Edwards contends his Cleveland outfield trio of Mel Hall, Joe Carter, and Cory Snyder, "has the ability to be as good as or better than the highly-touted outfield in Toronto," referring to Jesse Barfield, Lloyd Moseby and George Bell. What's more, asserts Doc, the days of Hall sitting in the dugouts against lefties are history.

Carter and Hall, like Edwards, are former Midland Cubs.

Jerry Remy, the former second baseman for Red Sox, is now on the club's cable tv broadcast crew. Remy once played for the El Paso Diablos and is listed in the Official Baseball Guide as the Texas League batting champion. It was only discovered after publication that teammate Dave Collins, called up to the majors from El Paso at mid-season, had logged enough plate appearances to qualify for the title.

Dennis Lamp, who played at Midland for Doc Edwards in 1975, has signed with the Red Sox as a free agent, and, just in case, is taking radio broadcasting at Emerson College in Boston.

Lamp, a look-me-I'm-Groucho comedian, was preparing for radio as long ago as his days with the Chicago Cubs when he took off-season courses in radio at Northwestern University.

For a guy with Lamp's stage presence, it's surprising that he got stage fright the night before pitching. In fact, at Midland, Edwards used Dennis as both a reliever and starter. On days on which he planned to start him, Doc wouldn't give Dennis a hint until a few minutes before game time. Edwards wanted to be sure he got a good night's sleep.

Penn State's big challenge will come from Columbia, as in a 41-game losing streak in football. Only maybe it should be the other way around. If Penn State wants any recognition, it will have to beat Columbia and end the Lions streak.

The streak is 31 and the sport, oh, yes, fencing where the lads from Morningside Heights are the Miami University of the sport...

For former Midland Lee baseballer Barry Blackwell, it has to be all downhill the rest of the way. In the season's opener for Concordia College against St. Edwards recently, Barry went 4-for-4 with two homers, one a grand slam. How are you going to improve on that?...

Count your blessings: East Montpelier, Vt., will inaugurate a football program in the fall after the school board voted unanimously to let a group of parents raise the money to start the program.

Why is Billy Martin back managing the Yankees? From 1975-78, his New York teams played .594 ball. In 1979, he was .575, .595 in 1980 and .608 in 1981. His successors were a combined .558, which makes one wonder why George ever fired Billy?...

(Ted Battles is sports editor of the MTR)

SportsScan

TV Sports....

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Sports Today...

BASKETBALL: Midland College at Frank Phillips College, 8 p.m., KCRD-93.5 AM.

Did You Know?

DEVELOPER — Coach Doug Moe of the Denver Nuggets has been with the same team longer than any other coach in the NBA.

His formula for coaching: "You've got to do what's right. Don't think you're the sharpest but because you're the sharpest, you're not a sharpie. You can't create a sharpie. People you are surrounded by are uncomfortable in the sharpie. I think I have learned that much."

Quotebook....

CHIEF Speech, former SWC commissioner, "About the only real difficult call in football is on pass defense. You can have the same type of judgment call 50 to 60 times in a basketball game."

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Trivia Teaser...

Thursday's Question: The American League played the same first round of the World Series in a row for how many years?

MC ends WJCAC season at Borger

From Staff Reports

BORGER—Midland College plays cellar-dwelling Frank Phillips College here at 8 p.m. today in the final regular season WJCAC game.

MC is 23-6 and 11-4 while FPC is 11-16 and 2-13. The Chaps also are in third place in the WJCAC and need a win to remain at least tied with South Plains College for that spot.

"This is the kind of trip and opponent who scare me," said MC coach Reggie Franklin. "It's such a long trip, we won't have any fans there, and Frank Phillips will be going all-out to knock off one of the top teams in the conference."

But the Chaps have been playing well the last three weeks. Since a 64-59 loss at Odessa, the Chaps have won five straight, including victories over second place New Mexico Junior College and third place South Plains night.

The latter win put them temporarily in third place behind Odessa and NMJC. Odessa is 14-1 while NMJC is 13-2 going into tonight's showdown at Hobbs.

South Plains is 10-4 with a pair of games left, hosting NMJC at Levelland tonight and traveling Saturday for Western Texas.

With that type of muddled situation, printing of the program for the Region V National Junior College Athletic Association tournament at Chap Center next week may be taking place just hours before the tourney.

It's possible OC and NMJC would end up tied for first and Midland and South Plains could be tied for third. The WJCAC sends its top four teams to the Regional tournament to play the four best from the Northern Conference.

The Northern Conference is equally up in the air. Weatherford and McLennan are tied at 9-3, TSTI is 8-4, while Ranger is fourth with

a 7-5 mark.

The NC season ends Saturday.

Tournament pairings will send North One against Western Four, North Three against Western Two, Western One versus North Four, and Western Three against Northern Two.

MC ripped FPC, 102-73, in the first meeting at Midland. Carlos Harris scored 35 points for the Plainsmen in that game, putting up 30 of the team's 62 field goal attempts. Lowell Myrie was the only other player in double figures for Frank Phillips, while the Chaps countered with five players in double figures.

"We've been playing better the last few weeks," Franklin said. "The dissention is over and everyone understands the work we've got to do. We'd like to enter the tournament on a winning note. We battled to get into the tournament and now we just have to go out and play one game at a time."



Cincinnati shortstop Barry Larkin has trouble finding handle on ball during fielding drill at Plant City, Fla.

Bulldogs look to mound staff

By TED BATTLES
Sports Editor

Everybody knows Abilene Cooper is the team to beat in the District 4-5A baseball race. On paper, at least, the battle would seem to be for second place, and Midland High may just have the pitching to win the district's other post-season playoff berth.

"We have a lot of kids who can come in and pitch," asserts Midland High Coach Tim Whalen.

The Bulldogs also have nine lettermen returning and five of them are starters.

The Purple Pack opens its season with a doubleheader against Monahans High at 5 and 7 p.m. in Angels Stadium Friday.

GOOD BETS to get the starting nods are Eric Boyt and Joe Rendon, a couple of seniors who did the bulk of the pitching last season.

For back ups, Whalen has Doug Hayes and Sam Sowders, both seniors, and juniors Kevin Rycheil and Dorey Thompson.

The supporting cast includes senior Jamie Surratt, shortstop; junior Tony Perez, center field; Kyle Lusby, a senior first baseman; Scott Mowles, a senior who doubles as a catcher and DH; and David Danley, a senior first baseman and outfielder.

When Boyt isn't pitching, he'll be

available for infield duty.

PEREZ IS ONE of the gems, a returning all-district outfielder who is counted on to be a team leader.

"We should be better than average on defense," appraises Whalen. "We have speed in the outfield and good arms."

"Our infield is experienced with Rendon at third, Surratt at short, Lusby and Danley alternating at first while sophomore Jason Stone has all the tools to be a good second baseman."

A couple of sophomores, Patrick Mowles and Will Sowders will back up Scott Mowles at catcher. Patrick and Scott, of course, are brothers.

"OUR BIG weakness is that we have no team speed," says Whalen. "We are inexperienced at catcher and inexperienced in two of the three outfield positions. That, plus our depth is suspect."

And in spacious Angels Stadium, the long ball is virtually nonexistent.

After Friday's games, the Bulldogs travel to Lubbock for action early next week and then return to Angel Stadium for the six-team Tall City Tournament of Champions. When it's over, Whalen should know more about what the 1988 season holds in store for MHS.

Scrimmage loss encourages Ernie

By TED BATTLES
Sports Editor

Midland Lee baseball Coach Ernie Johnson took hope in a 3-2 scrimmage loss to Midland High Tuesday at Angels Stadium.

It was a loss, but it also was one of the most encouraging signs during preseason preparations for a season that opens with a doubleheader at noon Saturday in Big Spring.

"I'VE GOT four starters back from last year," explains Johnson. "But only one pitcher. I'm trying to make pitchers out of some of the others, but my juniors haven't been coming on like they have in the past."

"Todd Overend is my only true pitcher," and what Ernie liked about that loss to cross-town rival Midland was that "This was by far his best performance. He had been bothered a lot by a sore arm, but this time he was loose and, best of all, he was getting his breaking pitch over."

Johnson, beginning his 27th season as Midland Lee baseball coach, the only one the Rebels have ever had, nutshells his team's prospects. "Not too much power, but a lot of speed and good arms and the combination should make us a good defensive club."

PITCHING and good defense go hand and glove and with a one pitcher staff, it's little wonder that Johnson has his fingers crossed going into the season.

The Rebels don't have any sure-fire 400 hitters, but "we do have contact hitters" which means the Rebels

will make the opposition handle the ball in the field.

Johnson is counting on Durian Jenkins to take up some of the pitching slack. "He has a good arm, but must get the breaking pitch over the plate to be effective," Johnson says.

ELSEWHERE, Dudley Jordan will be at second, Paul Bacon at third, Jenkins at short, when he isn't pitching, and Robin Pyle will be in left. That's the experience, although Jenkins, a two-letterman, will be playing a new position as shortstop.

Last year he was a second baseman.

Blane McAnally is off to a slow start, but has what Johnson describes as "good speed and hits lefty. He has been a good hitter up through the ranks, but hasn't found his groove yet this spring."

Michael Pearson is taking a shot at the mound, but, like McAnally, is off to a slow start with the bat.

"He is a strong kid and has always been a good hitter in the past."

"We need someone who can drive the ball in the lineup," says Johnson, and McAnally, Pearson and Overend, an outfielder when he isn't pitching, are being counted upon to do the job.

After Saturday's opener at Big Spring, Lee comes home for a doubleheader against Lubbock Monterey, the perennial state contender against whom Lee has had many memorable battles in the past, Tuesday at Lee High field.

After that, the six-team Tall City Tournament of Champions will be staged at Angel Stadium at the end of the week.



Matti Nykanen is carried on shoulders of teammates after Finland won the 90-meter team jumping competition Wednesday.

Ex-Chaps click in OU backcourt

By OWEN CANFIELD

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — On the surface, it would appear Oklahoma guards Ricky Grace and Mookie Blaylock, who played for Midland College, would go together like fire and ice.

Grace, a 6-foot-1 senior point guard, is lithe and smooth, always under control. His game is offense, running the show for the fourth-ranked Sooners. And when he's off the court, Grace is glad to oblige when the cameras and notepads show up.

Blaylock, 6-feet and a junior, is compact and daring at the off guard. He stands out most when the other team has the ball, his defense the trigger of Oklahoma's full-court press. And when the game is done, Mookie usually is too. The media has learned by now to look elsewhere for quotes.

"No one can really understand the chemistry," Grace said. "But it works."

THAT MUCH is certain. Grace and Blaylock have played a large part in the success of the Sooners, who improved to 25-2 with a 95-87 victory over Kansas Wednesday night. Picked in the preseason to finish third in the Big Eight, Oklahoma is alone in first and will need a collapse to not win the title.

"For what we do, I think they're the best pair of guards in the country," Oklahoma Coach Billy Tubbs said. "I don't see anybody I'd trade 'em for."

Grace averages 15 points and more than seven assists per game. In five games this season, he has played more than 36 minutes and committed only one turnover. Twice he has played the full 40 minutes with no turnovers.

Blaylock averages 17 points and nearly five assists, and leads the Big Eight with 112 steals. He set an NCAA record with 13 steals in one game, and is one shy of the conference record for steals in a season.

GRACE AND Blaylock are junior college transfers, two of seven on the Oklahoma roster. They played together at Midland Junior College two years ago, leading their team to a 33-1 record before Grace graduated and came to Oklahoma. Blaylock followed a year later.

"I think that helped a lot," Grace said of their year together. "When he came here, he picked up where we left off ... 33-1 and 24-2, that's not too bad."

Junior college players are expected to have a difficult adjustment to the major-college level, although nei-

ther one struggled much. Grace was Oklahoma's point guard from the start a year ago, averaging 11 points and five assists per game.

Blaylock impressed from the start and even played the first game at the point in place of his teammate, who was nursing a bad ankle.

"Mookie and Ricky made about as quick a transition as you could possibly expect them to make," Tubbs said. "Ricky is a so much better player than at this point in time a year ago. The second weekend of practice, I thought he was spectacular."

"MOOKIE has made a tremendous adjustment ... his biggest asset is the basic instinct to smell out where the ball's going to be or where it's coming from. It's amazing some of the things he gets away with defensively because of his quickness."

With Grace running the offense and Blaylock helping spark the defense, Oklahoma has averaged 105 points per game and beaten its opponents by an average of about 25 points.

Both players have shown they can shoot from outside, giving the Sooners a potent inside-outside balance.

"We've played Arizona and we've played BYU," said New Mexico Coach Gary Colson after his Lobos lost to the Sooners last weekend. "I thought BYU was better than Arizona because of their inside game, and I thought Arizona had a better outside game than BYU. But I'll tell you what, these people have got 'em both."

DESPITE his better-than-adequate shooting skills, Blaylock said he figured long ago that defense would be his ticket to playing time. He averaged five steals per game as a senior in high school and had 115 steals in 36 games at Midland last season.

"You've got to want to be a great defensive player," he said. "I've always been a good defensive player. You get a lot of easy points off it, with breakaways and layups. That's why I considered playing defense so hard."

Grace, while admitting he and Blaylock are a bit of an odd couple, said their ability to play so well together involves more than chemistry.

"People say Mookie and I play great together, but if you just put Mookie out there by himself, he's a great player and I think I'm pretty good too," Grace said. "When you get two good individuals who are willing to play together, that's a tough combination."

GAMES

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WITT, the 22-year-old world and defending Olympic champion from East Germany, was close behind in third but even more pleased about her performance in the part of figure skating she likes least.

In the 1987 World Championships in Cincinnati, Witt was fifth after compulsory figures. She won the short and long programs, which are worth 20 percent and 50 percent, respectively, for her third world title. Canada's Liz Manley was fourth and Jill Trenary, the 1987 American titlist, was fifth after coming back from a poor showing on her first figure.

For the first time in 11 days, the Soviets failed to win a medal, although their hockey team opened medal play with a 5-0 victory over Canada that eliminated the host

country from any chance of winning a gold or silver.

Third-seeded Czechoslovakia, the 1984 silver winner, was knocked out of the medals race with a 6-2 loss to top-seeded Sweden. Finland beat West Germany 8-0.

"In our country, hockey is the No. 1 sport," Czech assistant coach Frantisek Pospisil said. "It was more or less expected that we would bring home a medal."

The Soviets still lead the medal count with 22, including eight golds and eight silvers. East Germany also failed to win a medal Wednesday, but remains second with 17 medals, followed by Switzerland with 10 and Austria with eight.

Finland is fifth with six medals, West Germany, the Netherlands and Norway with five each and Sweden, the United States and Canada with four each.

SWIM

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Bettina goes on, "San Angelo's boys are simply superior. We have done well against them during in the past because of our depth, but the Bobcats has good quality and will do well in the relays."

Lee has a strong in the medley relay, but Bettina feels San Angelo has the two best relays, "which is

where the big points are."

Lee's boys have a chance to finish second or third.

In diving, Amy Palmer and Ann Sullivan are so good that Bettina concedes, "One could win it and the other could finish second."

Andy Nance and Justin Hester will dive for the Lee boys and each has a chance to make it to the top three.

Wrigley okayed for lights

CHICAGO (AP) — A City Council committee has given approval to a proposed ordinance that would end Wrigley Field's distinction as the only major-league stadium without lights for any night baseball games.

The proposal, which was drawn up by Mayor Eugene Sawyer's staff, would allow the Chicago Cubs to play some night baseball games at Wrigley Field this season.

The City Council's committee on energy, environmental protection and public utilities passed the proposal Tuesday by a vote of 7-2. Four

alderman on the committee did not vote.

Opponents of night games at the North Side field attacked the proposed ordinance as a betrayal of community interests.

The measure was scheduled to go before the full City Council today, but Quigley said he did not know if a vote was likely before Thursday.

The proposal would allow eight night games during the regular 1988 National League baseball season and 18 during the 1989 season.

MC golfers travel

From Staff Reports

ROSSELL, N.M.—Midland College golfers launch their spring season in the NMJC Brisco Invitational in Roswell, N.M., Friday.

"I'm really anxious to see how our team does, since we've had good weather most of the last two months and a couple of players are back on the team who didn't play last fall," said MC golf coach Delnor Posa.

Sophomores Rob Anderson and Gordon McGarvey played during the fall, as did freshman Marty Scoles and helped the Chaps in WJCAC play.

But the key to a conference championship may be the return of sophomores Arnie Burtchell and Steve Alexander. Burtchell was a scholastic casualty last fall, while Alexander was not enrolled.

"Arnie and Steve are quality players who always seemed to perform well under pressure. We are delighted they are with us this spring," Posa said.

Scoles was conference medalist after three tournaments and helped the Chaps to a second in the WJCAC. There will be two more conference

tournaments this spring, the last at Midland Greentree Country Club. That will be the MC-hosted conference event, plus the Region V tournament, set for April 24-26. New Mexico Junior College, fall conference leader, has the other conference event April 15.

Prior to that, the Chaps will compete in several invitational tournaments, including the Texas Junior College Championships April 29-30 at Plano.

Alamo Y gymnasts qualify for state meet

From Staff Reports

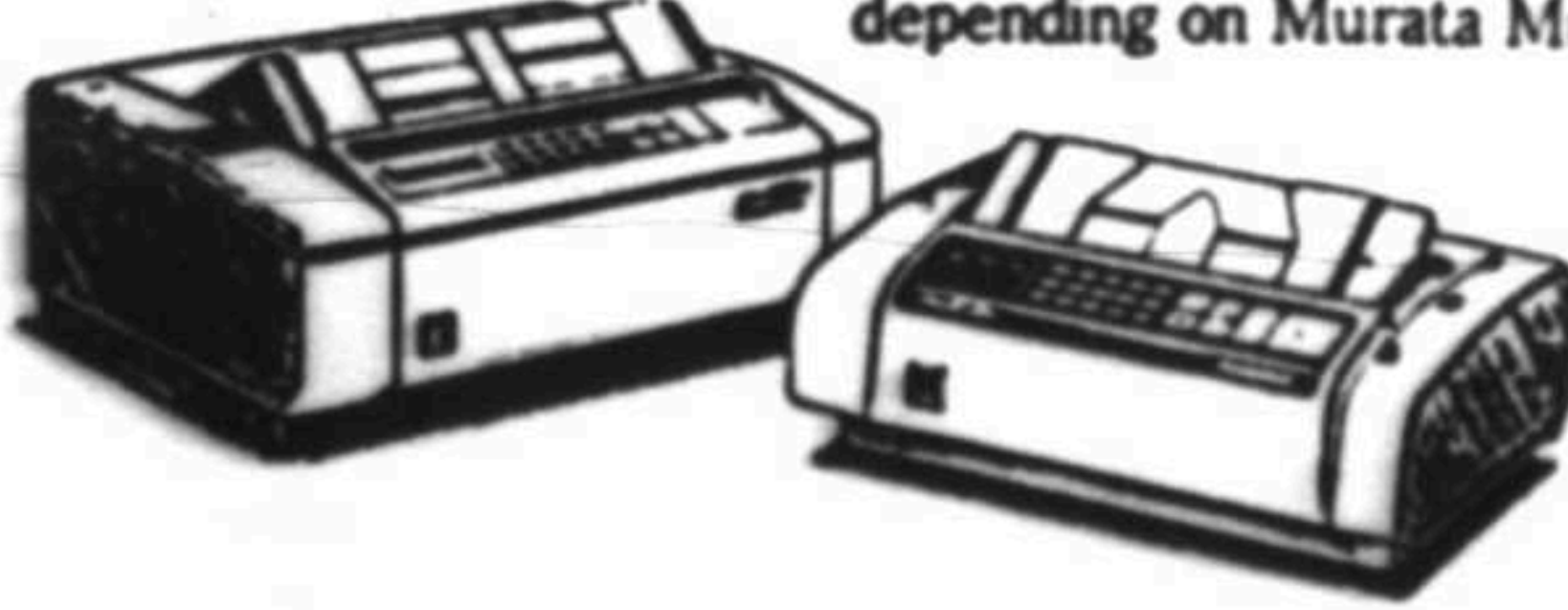
The Alamo YMCA will send its Class III Optional Team to Richardson March 5 for the state semifinals. Qualifying for the meet were Tina Keathley, 11; Caryn Kelly, 15; M'Lee Dittmore, 12; Sonya Matschull, 13; Tammy Merritt, 12.

Results of Big Spring YMCA meet, hosted by the Big Spring Sidewinders:

Big Spring YMCA Gymnastics Results, places and point totals of Midlanders:
Class B (9-11) — 2. Althea Cuthers 28.30, 6. Michelle Benson 25.70, 7. Courtney Robertson 22.15, 10. Bryn Ramsey 14.50.
(10-12) Kaitlin Clark 4. 27.40, 3. Holly Ellis 27.60, 1. Stacy Robertson 28.10, 6. Leah Coates 23.90.
Class B Optional and Advanced — (9-11) Shanon Ship 25.50, Optional (10-11) 1. Tammy Merritt 29.55, 2. Doris Bowersock 28.30, Advanced Optional — 1. M'Lee Dittmore 32.55, 3. Sonya Matschull 32.55.

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TYSON vs. SPINKS—The heavyweight title fight between champion Mike Tyson and Michael Spinks will be in Atlantic City, N.J., June 27, Donald Trump said. Trump said he would pay \$11 million, which would be a record, surpassing the \$7 million Caesars World paid for the middleweight title fight between Marvin Hagler and Sugar Ray Leonard last April in Las Vegas, Nev.

WATERS JOINS BRONCOS—Former Dallas Cowboys defensive back Charlie Waters is a special assistant to Denver Broncos Coach Danny Reeves after receiving no offers from the Cowboys and being turned down by SMU. Waters, an All-NFL safety with the Cow-

boys in 1977 and 1978, was in the real estate business with Roger Staubach after retiring from the NFL in 1981, but recently decided he wanted to return to professional football.

KRAMER TRIAL—The drunken driving case of Minnesota Vikings QB Tommy Kramer went to a jury Wednesday after a prosecutor said Kramer made a "wrong call" by declining a cab ride home offered him by restaurant employees. Kramer, 32, was arrested around 11:30 p.m. July 24 after leaving a Red Lobster restaurant in Bloomington, a Minneapolis suburb. Three police officers testified at his trial that he was weaving in his driving lane and, after he was stopped, had trouble

reciting the alphabet and with a balance test. He refused to take a blood-alcohol test.

TICKET HASSLE—Arizona State officials, hoping to ensure their college football program won't suffer next fall, have told season-ticket holders they must buy tickets for the 1988 season to have first-refusal rights to obtain season-tickets for the NFL's Cardinals.

When St. Louis owner Bill Bidwill decided to move and play home games at 70,000-seat Sun Devil Stadium, last season's Sun Devil season-ticket holders were thought to have first-refusal rights behind season-ticket holders for the defunct USFL's Arizona Outlaws.

Sports Scoreboard

College Basketball

Wednesday's Scores

EAST

Bates 80, Colby 64

Bucknell 85, Drexel 80

Buffalo 77, Marquette 80

C.W. Post 77, NY Tech 86

Charleston W.Va. 118, Salem W.Va. 103

Clarkson 80, Gannon 56

Columbia 70, NYU 56

Concord 77, Davis & Elkins 57

Dartmouth 71, Lafayette 87

Drexel 80, Queens Coll. 47

Edinboro 84, California Pa. 88

Elmira 81, Hartwick 57

Fairleigh Dickinson 79, Wagner 66

Hamilton 84, Utica Tech 74

Hofstra 77, Rider 78, OT

Holy Cross 83, Fairfield 87

Indiana Pa. 80, Slippery Rock 72

Lehigh 77, Towson St. 83

Lock Haven 81, Shippensburg 86

Mt. St. Elizabeth 77, Old Westbury 80

Manhattanville 75, Long Island 70

Marist 77, St. John's 72

Monmouth 77, St. Joseph's 72

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SUNLAND PARK, N.M. — Wednesday's results

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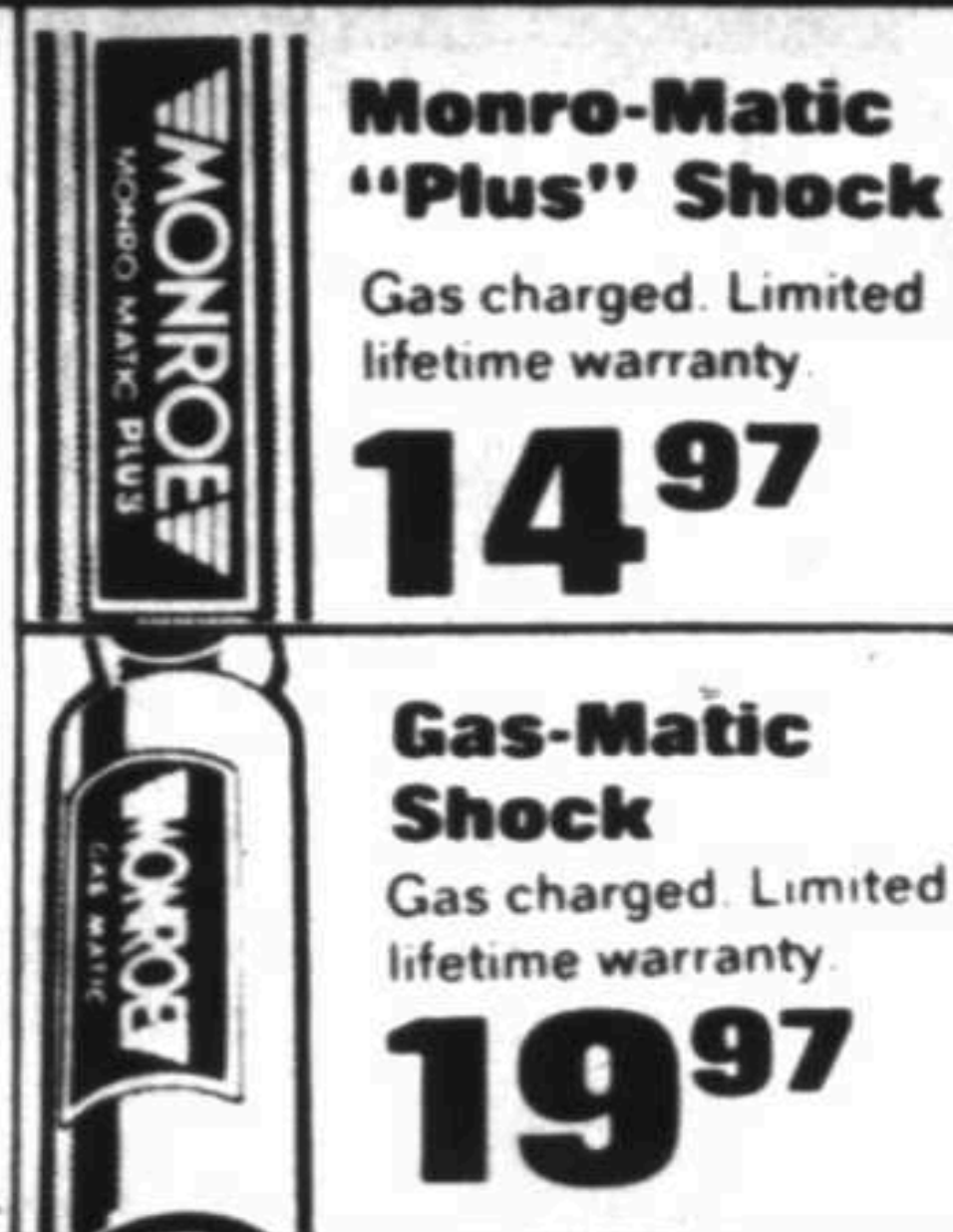
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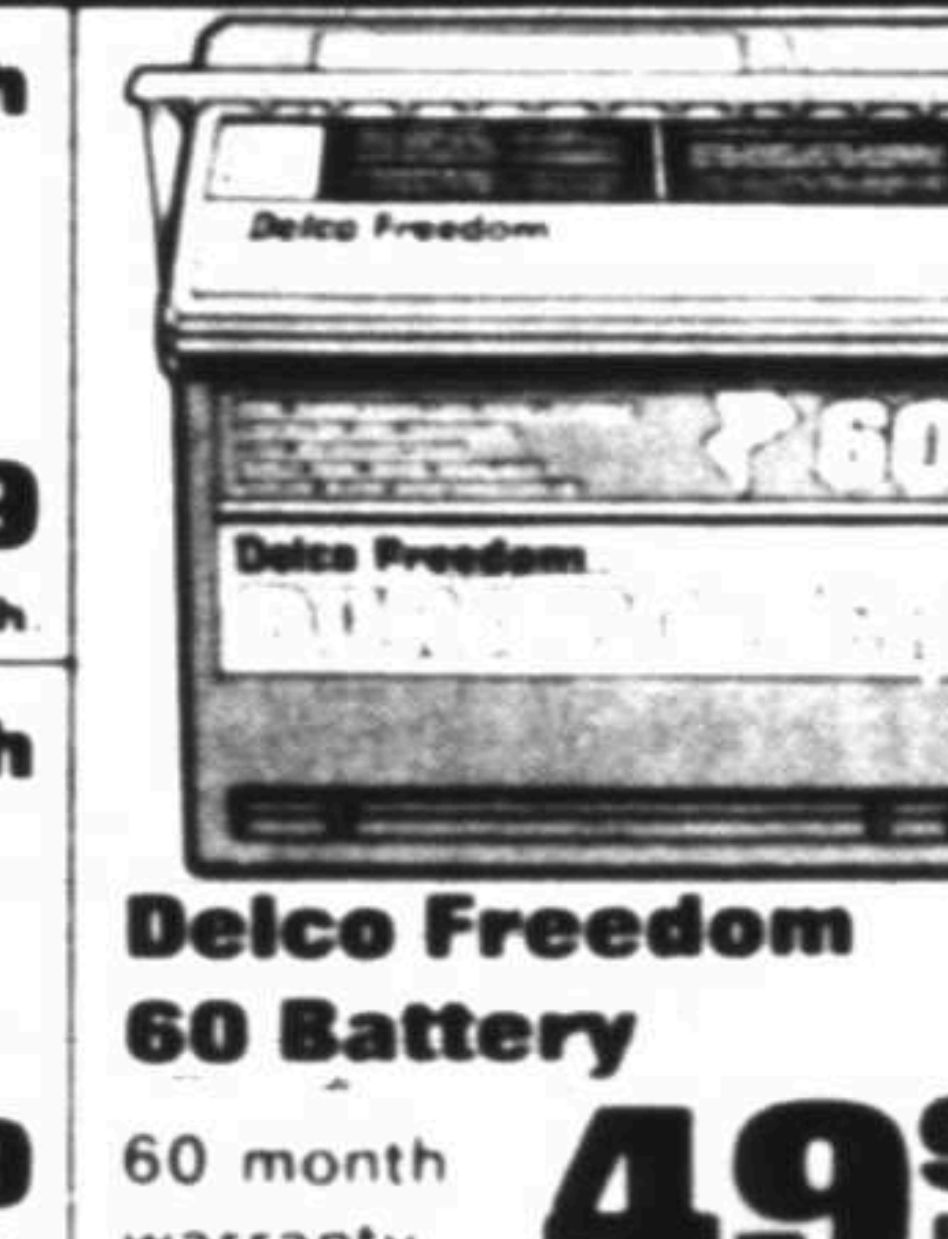
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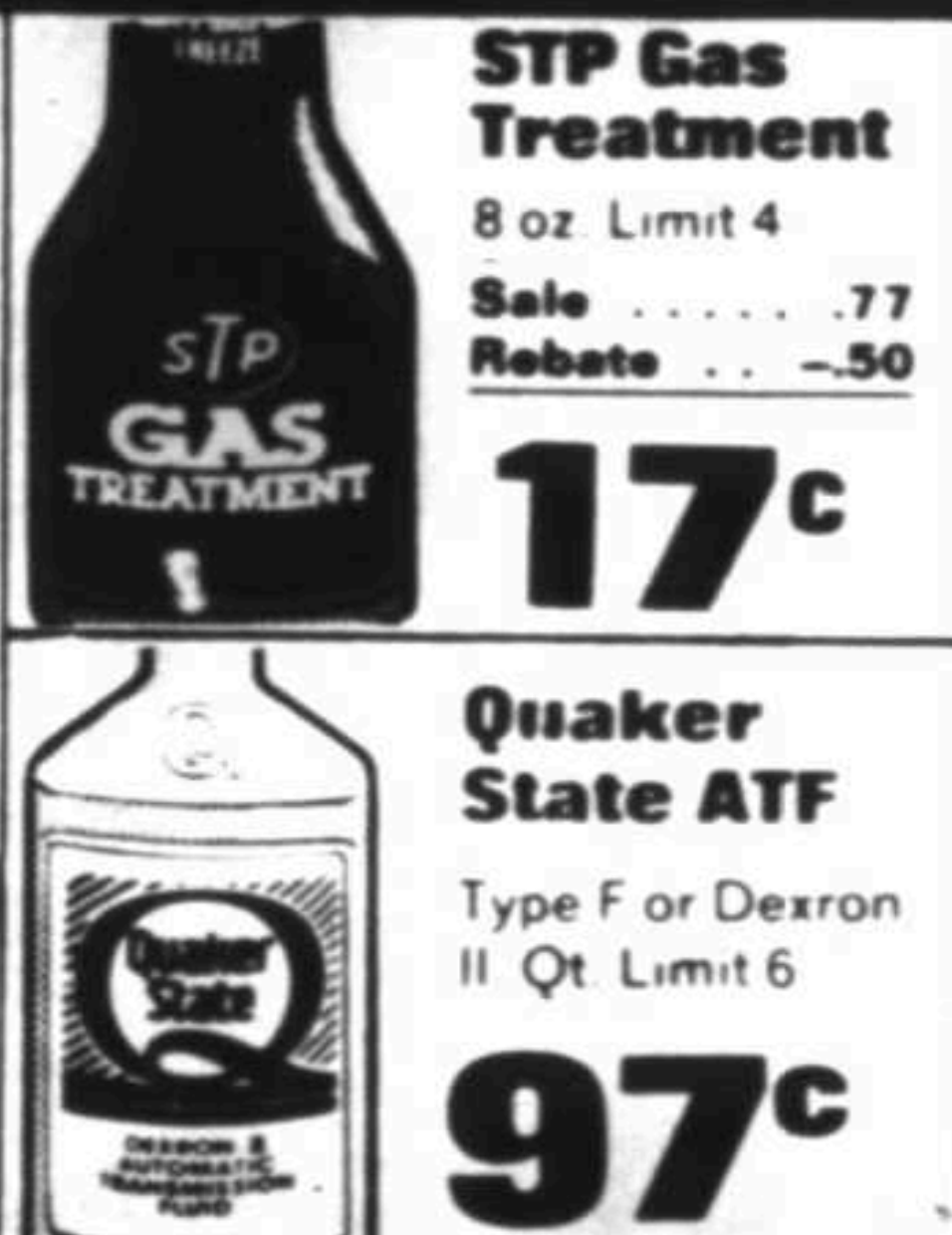
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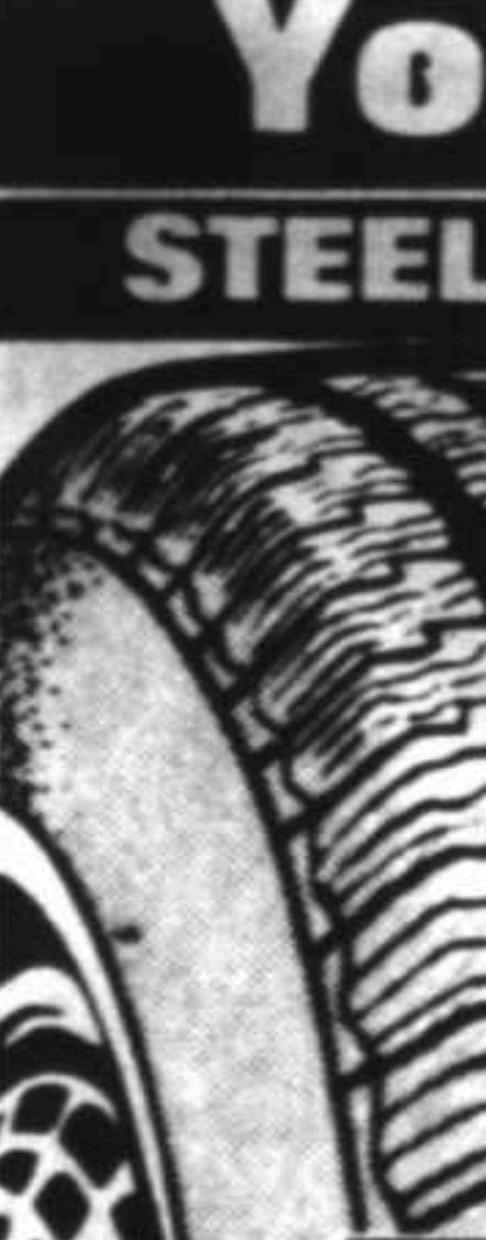
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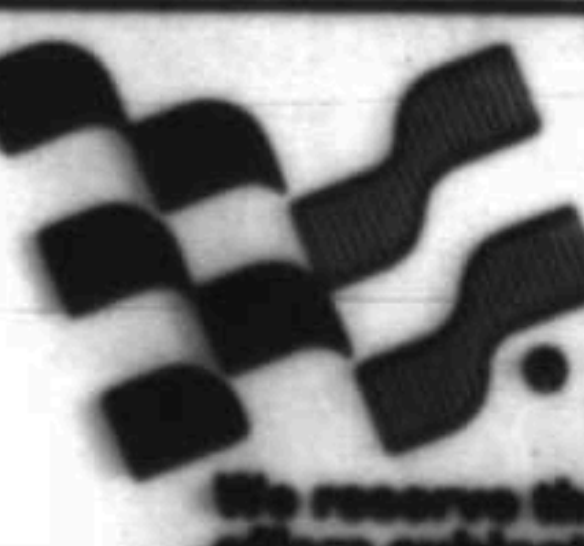
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South African movie industry booming in secret

By LAURINDA KEYS
Associated Press Writer

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Movie makers are enjoying the biggest boom ever in South Africa and they don't want anyone to know about it.

They are filming as quietly as possible, partly because of intense feelings in the entertainment industry regarding racism in South Africa. About 120 American filmmakers have formed Filmmakers United Against Apartheid to withhold all American-made movies from South Africa.

"Normally, producers like publicity about their films but we avoid publicity like the plague," said Chris Davies of Cue Films in an interview. "We're trying to let the industry here grow, and what you're doing would stunt it overnight."

Five American companies are filming in South Africa and three more are on the way, all of them independent producers planning to make 20 movies by June.

"I wouldn't be here if there was work at home," said one director who asked not to be identified.

He is one of hundreds of British and American filmmakers who have flocked to South Africa in the past three years because of the country's spectacular scenery and seemingly inexhaustible amounts of investment money from wealthy whites who are restricted in how much money they can send out of the country.

When American actors land in South Africa for movie work or to promote a supermarket chain, they are treated like idols from Hollywood's golden era.

Darren Dalton, a 22-year-old who played teen-agers in Francis Ford Coppola's "The Outsiders" and John Milius' "Red Dawn," was described as "a big American star," by a Radio South Africa anchorwoman who was telling listeners about the location filming of Davies' "Dancing in the Forest." In the United States, he's largely unknown.

The story, set in the steamy, lush



Director Richard Attenborough struck a pose while filming the movie, "Cry Freedom." Attenborough reported that government

greenery of northeastern Transvaal province, mixes sex, violence and action.

"It's sensuous, not pornographic. It's a mystery thriller," said Davies, who added he didn't mind talking

authorities suggested he film the movie in South Africa. He didn't take the offer seriously, and filmed instead in Zimbabwe.

about the movie because he intends to change its name before it is sold overseas.

Because of the stigma attached to working in South Africa and the threat of boycotts by international

groups demanding total isolation of the white-dominated government, actors, directors, producers and even cameramen are afraid to name the movie on which they are working.

Gary Busey, who starred in "The Buddy Holly Story," and fellow American actor Ray Sharkey are working on "Act of Piracy," a production by Toron Films.

"Our view is we have no problems making movies here if they're worth making," said executive producer Edgar Bold. "This movie involves Greece and Africa so we're shooting the African scenes here in Africa."

Another film set in the sweeping dunes and beating sun of South-West Africa is "Red Scorpion." It stars Dolph Lundgren ("Rocky IV") as a renegade Soviet soldier, befriended by a Bushman chief. The bushman, 65-year-old Ragostaan Kruijer, is using his profits from the movie to buy a game farm so his clan of 30, who have walk-on parts, can live their traditional way of life.

Other American actors set to work in South Africa include Robert Vaughan, David McCallum and Ernest Borgnine in "Skeleton Coast," which will be shot in South Africa and South-West Africa in April and May, and Peter Fonda in "Freedom Fighters."

Fonda said he spoke to his activist sister, Jane, before coming to make the movie about mercenaries in the Philippines. "She knows why I'm here. I'm working on a movie and the movie set just happens to be in South Africa," said Fonda, whose first major film, "Easy Rider," was banned in South Africa.

Robert Wagner and Jan-Michael Vincent were feted at parties, paraded onto TV talk shows and had their every move described in intimate detail by the South African press when they came this year to promote a new hotel-casino and a supermarket.

Cameron Mitchell became a South African national hero when the TV Western, "The High Chaparral," showed up on local screens a decade after it debuted in the West.

Chess king Kasparov meets, defeats kids in Bronx

NEW YORK (AP) — Gary Kasparov leaned on the table, starting at the chess board. He scratched his head, studied some more and accepted a draw.

Eleven-year-old Josh Waitzkin smiled and shook the world champion's hand. This memory would last.

"Well done," wrote Kasparov as he autographed the boy's score sheet, which Josh will frame.

It was a heady day for all concerned Monday as Kasparov, the 24-year-old Soviet hero, spent his first full day in the United States. And 59 even younger chess buffs got a chance to face the champ in a simul-

taneous exhibition in a Bronx elementary school gymnasium.

"I was surprised at how long I stayed in — 42 moves is a lot against the world champion," said Benjamin Shuldiner, a freckled 10-year-old who was checkmated two hours.

Kasparov, dapper in a gray-and-tan sweater, tan slacks and green scarf, arrived at the inner-city school smiling and joking, taking time to embrace curious students and pose for pictures.

Asked how he expected to do against the children — a routine exhibition for any grandmaster — he laughed.

"It is not a serious competition, it

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is a joke," he said in accented English. "It's a special exhibition for children."

"I will be happy if I am upset. If I am upset, they will be every happy, this is the main goal of the 'simul' to make people happy."

His opponents managed two draws.

When Kasparov left, he resembled an American sports hero, working

his way through a knot of admirers, signing autographs, posing for more pictures, shaking hands and ducking into a limousine.

"It's a great day for chess," said the champion. "This is the beginning of the promotion of chess in the U.S.A."

Kasparov said such exhibitions to spark children's interest in the game are "a very important tradition" in

chess.

"I think it is the duty of the world champion," he said. "If we get a lot of boys and girls into chess, we can hope that in the nearest future we will find a new wave of talent."

He'll spend five days in New York, playing two more exhibitions and meeting Mayor Edward Koch today.

"I have just seen the city from the window," he said. "I'll try to find some time to see something amazing."

He spent Sunday evening at the Manhattan Chess Club, where he played 24 games of speed chess, winning all but one, which he drew.

Game show apologizes to Kansas City, Kan.

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — The producer of "Jeopardy!" has apologized to Mayor Joseph E. Steineger Jr. because a question on the television game show referred to the city as a suburb of Kansas City, Mo.

But producer George Vossburgh stopped short of conceding an error. "We are taking Kansas City, Kansas, out of our definition of a suburb," said Vossburgh, who sent a written apology to the mayor last week.

"We are not necessarily incorrect. We just will not refer to it that way in the future."

The show intends to clear up the matter and other recent misunderstandings with an "Oops" category in a future show.

After hearing about the reference to his city on a December show, Steineger wrote an indignant letter to the producer, saying Kansas City, Kan., was a city in its own right.

Steineger said he was satisfied, though still somewhat miffed. "I guess when the mayor said they

were wrong, they were wrong," he said. "We certainly like to be recognized as our own city."

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GNP grows robust 4.5%

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy grew at a robust 4.5 percent annual rate in the final three months of 1987, the fastest pace in almost two years, the government said today.

The Commerce Department's estimate of growth in the gross national product, the total output of goods and services, represented an upward revision from a month ago, when the GNP was put at a slightly slower 4.2 percent growth rate.

President Reagan, boasting about the country's longest peacetime recovery on record, had given a small preview of today's good news during his Wednesday night news conference. Reagan, who is briefed on the economic figures in advance, said they would contain "a little good news."

Economic expansion at such a rapid clip would normally bring cheers, but the lopsided nature of this increase is instead raising concern among private economists that the recovery will weaken considerably in the first half of 1988.

Analysts base this forecast on the fact that three-fourths of the \$42 billion in growth in the October-December quarter came from a \$32.1 billion rise in business inventories, which came as consumer spending was falling at its fastest rate in more than seven years.

This ominous combination means that production will have to be cut back sharply in coming months to work down the excess inventories.

A buildup of inventories and weak consumer spending can trigger a recession, but most economists believe that the country will be able to escape a downturn this year although they are forecasting very weak growth

during the first six months.

The rapid rate of growth in the fourth quarter was accompanied by little pickup in inflation. A price index tied to the GNP was rising at an annual rate of 3.7 percent in the fourth quarter, compared to a 3.4 percent increase in the third quarter.

The 4.5 percent increase in economic growth followed a gain of 4.3 percent in the third quarter and was the fastest advance since a 5.4 percent rise in the first quarter of 1986.

The fourth-quarter gain boosted growth for the year to 3.9 percent, when measured from the end of 1986, up slightly from the 3.8 percent estimate made a month ago.

The Reagan administration is forecasting that growth this year will slow to a rate of 2.4 percent. Many private economists believe even this scaled-down figure is too optimistic.

Those analysts think that growth in the current January-March quarter will slow to a barely discernible 1 percent rate — or even less. They expect a gradual strengthening for the rest of the year as growth in export sales offsets a slowdown in consumer spending.

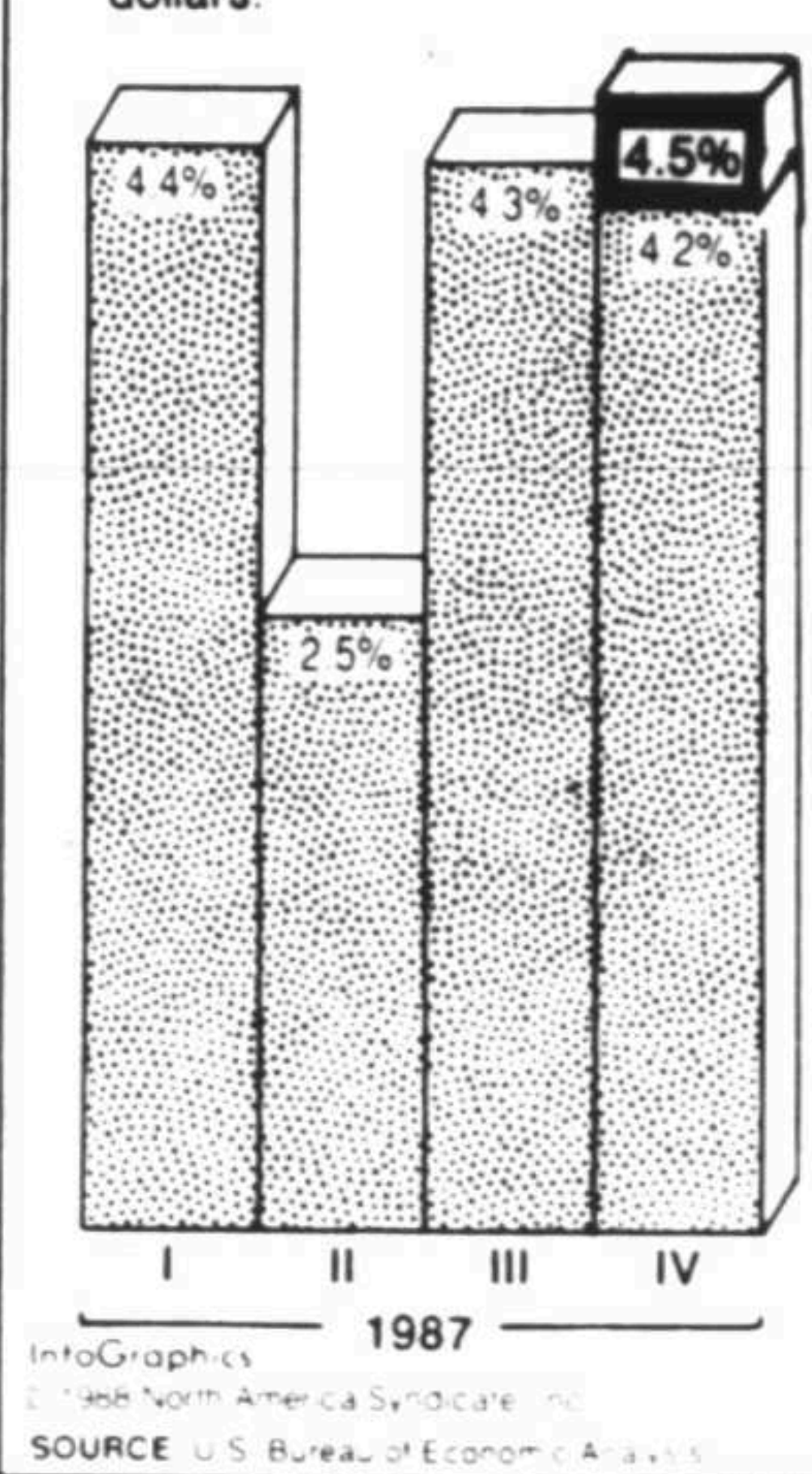
The administration is expecting the country will get half of its growth this year from an improving trade deficit as American manufacturers continue to benefit from the decline in the value of the dollar.

The upward revision in GNP growth in the October-December quarter came despite the fact that the shrinking in the trade deficit was not as large as originally thought.

The various changes added \$42 billion to the total GNP, leaving it at \$3,877 trillion after adjusting for inflation.

U.S. Gross National Product

Seasonally adjusted annual growth rate per quarter in 1987 dollars.



BUSINESS GLANCE

MARKETS

Oil prices fall after rally fizzles

From Staff and Wire Reports

Oil prices continued to head lower, with contracts for April delivery of West Texas Intermediate falling 37 cents to \$16.00 at mid-morning today.

April contracts had settled at \$16.46 per barrel Wednesday, down 14 cents from Tuesday's close, as an early attempt to rally fizzled.

Among March contracts for refined products, wholesale heating oil settled at 46.40 cents a gallon, down 0.06 cent from Tuesday, while wholesale unleaded gasoline closed 0.6 cent lower at 46.30 cents a gallon.

Linda Simard, an analyst at the Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. securities firm, said some traders were expecting prices to rise at the start of the session in the wake of late Tuesday's weekly report on weekly oil production and supplies.

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■ Previous Close \$16.75
■ One Year Ago \$16.40

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■ Previous Close \$15.50-15.55
■ One Year Ago \$15.83

SOURCE: NYMEX

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■ One Year Ago \$17.50

Dollar edges higher in thin trading

LONDON (AP) — The U.S. dollar edged higher in thin European trading today as the market waited for the release of revised U.S. economic growth figures for the fourth quarter of 1987.

Gold prices were slightly lower following heavy falls on Wednesday. In Tokyo, the dollar rose 0.05 yen to a closing 128.80 yen. Later, in London, it climbed to 129.02 yen.

Other dollar rates at mid-morning, compared with late Wednesday's rates:

—1.6668 West German marks, up from 1.6625
—1.3965 Swiss francs, up from 1.3908
—5.74145 French francs, up from 5.7240
—1.90375 Dutch guilders, up from 1.8960
—1.249 50 Italian lire, up from 1.246 25
—1.2658 Canadian dollars, up from 1.2651

In London, the dollar rose against the British pound. It cost \$1.76135 to buy one pound, cheaper than \$1.7640 late Wednesday.

Gold opened in London at a bid price of \$433.20 a troy ounce and at mid-morning, the city's five major bullion dealers fixed a recommended price of \$433.95. Both were down from Wednesday's late bid of \$434.70. In Zurich, the bid price was \$433.40, down from \$434.70 late Wednesday. Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold fell \$7.85 to close at a bid \$436.35. Silver was quoted in London today at a bid price of \$6.20 a troy ounce, down from Wednesday's \$6.26.

Dow nearing post-collapse high

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market made little progress in a churning session Wednesday, struggling to resume its recent rally after a pause on Tuesday.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks, off 1.17 on Tuesday, edged up 83 to 2,039.95.

Advancing issues outnumbered declines by about 8 to 7 on the New York Stock Exchange. 825 up, 715 down and 449 unchanged.

Big Board volume totaled 212.73 million shares, against 192.26 million in the previous session. The NYSE's composite index lost 19 to 148.54.

As measured by Wilshire Associates' index of more than 5,000 actively traded stocks, the market lost \$0.08 billion, or 0.003 percent, in value.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Audit finds problems with S&L department

AUSTIN (AP) — Using more federal regulators might allow the Texas Savings and Loan Department to concentrate on high-risk thrifts and improve its regulation of the troubled industry, a state auditor's report says.

The report released Wednesday said the department, short-staffed and using some examiners without college degrees or with degrees in religion and music, has failed to identify millions of dollars in current and projected losses. It added the department should consider relying on federal examiners to cover low-risk savings and loan associations.

Earl Hall, acting savings and loan commissioner, said the department planned to focus more on problem areas, and was making arrangements with the Federal Home Loan Bank to develop a system for jointly training examiners.

Other department shortcomings identified in the 41-page state auditor's report included insufficient billing of savings and loan associations, a security system so lax that confidential documents were found stored along back walls and in hallways, and the failure to post certain jobs.

EDS to manage data for aviation authority

DALLAS (AP) — Electronic Data Systems Corp. will manage the administrative computer systems and headquarters data center of the United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority, according to an agreement reached Wednesday.

Terms of the agreement were not disclosed. Dallas-based EDS is also participating in the aviation authority's efforts to improve business controls and increase communications between its departments.

The operation of 80 aviation authority offices will be linked through mini-computer operations and integrated with the headquarters administrative system, EDS said.

The Civil Aviation Authority in the United Kingdom, a public service organization funded by government and commercial fees, controls air space, regulates air safety and licenses crews and aircraft.

Greenspan: Pressure to lower rates could fail

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has warned the Reagan administration that further attempts to pressure the central bank to lower interest rates could boomerang.

Greenspan's warning came Wednesday as the administration sought to dampen its dispute with the Fed. Beryl Sprinkel, the president's chief economic adviser, said the administration is "delighted with monetary policy."

At issue is a critical letter sent by Assistant Treasury Secretary Michael Darby to top Fed policy-makers 10 days before they were to meet to set 1988 monetary growth targets.

Sales of domestic cars jump 14.5 percent

DETROIT (AP) — Sales of domestically made cars and light trucks jumped 14.5 percent in mid-February from a year earlier despite cold weather that could have kept some buyers out of showrooms, automakers said.

Total domestic car sales rose 11.9 percent in the nine selling days from Feb. 11-20, while domestic truck sales jumped 18.6 percent, the automakers reported Wednesday.

General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. reported healthy increases in sales, which were not shared by most foreign-based automakers.

Saudis look to integration

Seek stake in Texaco marketing

By YOUSSEF M. IBRAHIM
New York Times News Service

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Fifty years after it first discovered oil, Saudi Arabia is setting out to establish its own marketing and refining network abroad, primarily in the United States and Western Europe.

Saudi officials said Wednesday that negotiations to buy a 50 percent stake in the refining and marketing network of Texaco Inc. were one part of an overall Saudi plan. The Saudis also hope to establish joint ventures with other multinational oil companies, thus gaining access to their marketing outlets in the West.

Hisham M. Nazer, the Saudi oil minister, said these plans were part of a major reorganization of the Saudi oil industry that would transform Aramco into Saudi Arabia's national oil company. "The idea is to turn the Saudi oil industry into an efficient and responsive industry," said an oil industry expert here who asked not to be identified. "This means giving the industry the flexibility, and the ability to meet market conditions as they arise."

Nazer said the decision to find downstream facilities abroad went hand-in-hand with a major reorganization at home that would make the Arabian American Oil Co. "our national oil company, a fully integrated operation," carrying out functions like marketing crude oil and running the planned joint ventures.

Until now Aramco — a former partnership between Saudi Arabia and four U.S. oil companies, Exxon, Mobil, Chevron and Texaco — had limited its role to the exploration and production of Saudi oil.

The reorganization, Nazer said, will significantly enhance the company's role as the executive instrument of Saudi oil policy. In addition, he said, it will consolidate Saudi Arabia's relationship with the major American oil companies that were partners in it, while opening the door for others to join Saudi Arabia in joint ventures abroad.

The other national Saudi oil company, Petromin, will run refining and petrochemical operations in Saudi Arabia and will cease marketing Saudi crude oil, according to Nazer.

The moves, which would assure steady sales of Saudi-produced oil, represent a break with an era when Saudi Arabia tended to keep its refining and marketing operations at home.

Such ventures are attractive to foreign partners because they offer a secure supply of oil guaranteed by Saudi Arabia's huge reserves and a fresh infusion of cash.

"We are talking to Texaco and to other groups, including non-American companies," Nazer said. Saudi and American oil industry experts cautioned that rumors of an imminent deal for a Texaco refining and marketing network with a capacity of 600,000 barrels a day were premature.

Talks are incomplete, according to these sources, and any deal will require approval by the Cabinet in Riyadh. Oil industry sources in London suggested that Texaco, which is under siege by outside suitors, was deliberately exaggerating the rumors. And one Western diplomat here noted that the Saudis might be upset by some opposition in the U.S. Senate, particularly by Jesse Helms, R-N.C., to Saudi acquisitions in the United States.



Robert Wolin, Aaron Rubinstein and Paul Curran (from left) are defending the Hunt brothers in New York federal court.

Silver manipulation suit opens for Hunts

NEW YORK (AP) — A South American mineral concern says the Hunt brothers of Dallas manipulated the world silver market eight years ago, costing it millions, but the Hunts claim silver prices rose and fell because of world political and economic conditions.

Minpeco S.A., a mineral marketing company owned by the Peruvian government, is suing the three Hunt brothers in Manhattan federal court, claiming they conspired to corner the world silver market in 1979 and 1980.

Named as defendants in the case that opened before U.S. District Judge Morris E. Lasker were Nelson Bunker Hunt, William Herbert Hunt and Lamar Hunt.

Wagner & Brown group renews bid for USG

From Staff and Wire Reports

A partnership led by two Midlanders is trying to buy USG Corp., a Chicago-based building products maker, for about \$1.96 billion, in cash and securities.

Desert Partners L.P., controlled by Cyril Wagner Jr. and Jack F. Brown, said Wednesday it would pay \$42 a share in cash for at least 21.5 million USG common shares, or less than half the total outstanding.

The rest of the shares would be exchanged for subordinated debt securities and warrants valued by the partnership at \$42 a share.

In a letter to Robert J. Day, USG chairman and chief executive officer, Desert Partners said it is genuinely interested in acquiring USG and will refuse to accept "greenmail," or the purchase of its stock at a premium over the market price.

Wagner & Brown spokesman Grant Billingsley confirmed the content of the letter but declined further comment on the partners' bid this morning.

Desert Partners currently holds a 9.8 percent stake in USG.

The Chicago Tribune reported that a USG spokesman, whom the newspaper did not identify, refused to comment on the latest proposal. But in November, USG senior management said it had no interest in participating in a buyout of the company with Desert Partners.

The latest proposal comes two days after a federal judge in Chicago blocked USG's request to permanently bar Desert Partners from buying additional USG shares.

Minutes after Desert Partners' announcement Wednesday, trading in USG stock was halted because of an order imbalance. When trading resumed about an hour later, USG was up \$1.75 a share to \$36.75.

Last week, Mesa Limited Partners, headed by corporate raider T. Boone Pickens, disclosed its 1.5 percent stake in USG.

In its letter, Desert Partners said it has invested about \$225 million, or about \$44.30 a share, to accumulate its 9.8 percent stake in USG. The partnership owns 5.08 million USG common shares.

RIISING STAR

Local banker named among Texas leaders

From Staff Reports

Midland Banker Wayne Merritt has been selected by *Texas Business* as one of ten outstanding young business leaders in the state.

Merritt, says editor in chief Bruce Austin, was chosen for the honor after being nominated by his peers and colleagues on the basis of achievement and leadership.

The magazine cited Merritt's leadership role in building a successful and solvent United Bank from the ruins of two failed banks during a time of extreme downturn.

According to *Texas Business*, Merritt, a former executive of failed First National Bank, acquired failed Metro Bank in 1983, renamed it United Bank and was successful in selling \$16 million in stock. In 1986, United Bank managed to acquire failed Western Bank, while moving United solidly into the black. Last year United posted earnings of 48 percent and ended the year with assets of \$175 million. It is ranked the eighth largest A-rated bank in the state by Shearson & Co.

Merritt will be honored, March 4



Wayne Merritt

with the other Rising Stars of Texas at a banquet in Austin, in which State Treasurer Ann Richards will be guest speaker.

Economic development activity flourishing

By ALLEN E. HOWLAND
Assistant Business/Oil Editor

Economic development efforts supported by the Midland Chamber of Commerce have started 1988 with a bang, the group's board of directors learned during its monthly meeting on Wednesday.

The Economic Development Center at Midland College is in the midst of a series of small business clinics it is sponsoring in conjunction with several community groups and the U.S. Small Business Administration. Dr. Jerry Jones, chairman of business studies at MC briefed the chamber on the clinics and other activities at the center — including several on-going business surveys.

One of those studies, an economic development needs assessment, will be published within the next two to three weeks, Jones said. Other ongoing projects at the center include an undersupplied industry study, a

Real estate still improving

From Staff Reports

A summary of sales activity by the Midland Board of Realtors during January are "all positive indicators," according to board president Darrell McDonald.

Compared to January 1987, the number of homes sold, total sales volume and average sale price are all up, McDonald told the Midland Chamber of Commerce board of directors Wednesday.

Last month, Midland Realtors' 106 home sales totaled just more than \$8 million, an average of \$76,413. A year earlier, they sold 91 homes at an average price of \$82,636, for a total of about \$5.7 million.

The inventory of homes still on the market is encouraging too, McDonald said. The total of active residential listings last month was 1,173, down from 1,406 last January. The average price of listed homes, \$82,484, is down almost \$8,000.

However, McDonald said that the lower average does not reflect falling prices, but the fact that many higher priced homes have sold and are out of the market. The total value of Midland's residential inventory in January was \$66.7 million, compared to \$127.3 million last year.

small business incubator study, a assistance. The eight members of the Midland New Car Dealers Association donat-

ed \$2,535 from their December sales in support of the Midland/Odessa Health & Retirement Endeavor. A check was presented by Jack Sherman, president of the dealers' association and a chamber board member, to Lois "Cookie" Wetendorf, who is stepping down as MOHRE's paid staff member at the end of the month.

Wetendorf, who will continue to work with the group on a part-time, volunteer basis, reported that the group is continuing to get 10 to 12 responses daily from its ad in *Fifty Plus* magazine and that retirement information inquiries have now come in from 46 states — including Hawaii. She also introduced Donette Williams, who will succeed her as paid staffer for the endeavor.

Debra Underwood, director of the Permian Basin Bid Center — supported by the Midland and Odessa

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CONSUMING INTERESTS

New cake mix offers convenience, taste

By LINDA ANDERSON



Anderson

As consumers become more and more sophisticated, manufacturers rush to keep up. "Whiter than white" laundry won't cut it anymore, we want "all-natural fibers" and non-polluting detergents — but it still better be convenient. It is the same way with cake mixes. Plain layer cake mixes are OK for family and super close friends. But there are times when you want something fancy and nothing else will do — but you still don't want to go to any trouble. So now manufacturers have invented all kinds of elegant desserts-in-a-box. Some of them taste almost as good as they look, too. The newest fancy dessert line is Duncan Hines' Tiara Desserts (just drizzle with elegance, doesn't it?). These cake mixes come in

such flavors as Chocolate Mousse, Chocolate Amaretto Mousse, Black Forest Mousse and Cherries & Cream. You can prepare them in a regular sheet cake pan, but to get the full benefit of this up-town dessert, you need to get a special Tiara Desserts pan — that's right, you even need a special pan. How fancy can you get?

Well, of course we had to try one of these desserts, checking it out for taste, price and advertising accuracy. It didn't hurt, either, that the day I bought the mix there was a guy standing by the display giving away the afore-mentioned dessert pans.

Always a sucker for a freebie, I grabbed a pan and a box of Cherries & Cream Tiara Dessert and headed home for Sweets Heaven.

One mix (one!) cost \$3.49 (the pan was free, but that may have been figured in somehow, too). (Price listed is from a local supermarket. Price at other locations may vary.) The mix made a large 12-serving cake. Actually, we got more like 16 or more servings out of it. The cake is larger than it looks.

Company advertising claims the "unique shape and variety of tastes and textures make this an elegant dessert, but easy enough to make for everyday occasions." Advertising also claims the mixes "require a minimum of preparation but look and taste as if you've spent hours in the kitchen. ... 87 percent of consumers who tasted Tiara rated its flavor as 'excellent' or 'very good.'"

My own particular choice of flavor was advertised as "golden yellow cake with rich French velvet cream and plump Michigan cherries in a tart glaze." Does Michigan have better cherries than, say, Washington state or Vermont? Oh, well, another mystery to ponder.

The cake proved not too difficult to make, just like it says on the box. You have to add eggs, oil and water to the cake mix itself, and milk to the "French velvet cream" mix, but the cherries are just spooned out of a can.

Half of the cake stayed home for the small taste-testers (who became very indignant when I told them I was taking the cake

to the office), and half was checked out by several discriminating journalistic types.

The opinions were generally the same — the dessert was good. Not spectacular, you understand, just good. The cake part tasted a little too much like a regular boxed cake mix for it to be truly spectacular. It also was generally regarded as pretty. Most of the adult testers thought it was a cheesecake the first time they saw it.

The little testers loved the cherries, liked the cream and mostly tolerated the cake. They did, however, eat all six or eight pieces in their half of the cake. In fact, they actually asked for it.

I liked the cake, and the pan is nice — it has fluted edges and everything. But \$3.49 is still steep for a boxed cake mix, no matter how dressed up it is. Maybe I'll try another flavor or two, but I'll have to wait until next payday.

Linda Anderson is a Reporter-Telegram Lifestyle writer.

DEAR ABBY

Doctor, Dear Abby help couple become parents

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN



Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in reference to "No Baby of My Own," whose husband's urologist said his vasectomy could not be reversed. I would have told her to get a second opinion.

It was also my first marriage and my husband's second. He had had a vasectomy for 15 years when he had a reversal. His urologist said he had a 30 percent chance of fathering a child because of the length of time he had the vasectomy.

For 11 months nothing happened, then he recalled that he had read in your column that if a man wanted to become a father, he should quit wearing those snug-fitting undershorts. Abby, two months after he had switched to boxer shorts, I was pregnant! So thanks to the advice, we have a beautiful baby girl. — BLESSED IN COLORADO

My non-smoking guests expressed gratitude for a smoke-free atmosphere, and the smokers thanked me for allowing them to smoke where they didn't have to feel guilty. — ED BAMBERGER, FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS

DEAR ED: Hooray for you. Smokers are people, too, and I'm sure your providing smokers with a place to light up without feeling guilty was appreciated by them even more than by the non-smokers.

DEAR ABBY: My mother recently passed away, and I'm looking for a poem or article that appeared in one of your columns about six years ago. I can't remember it exactly, but it likened death to a ship passing out of a harbor and across the horizon. I would love to have a copy and to see it in print again. — MRS. DOT JUDGE, SOMERSET, MASS.

DEAR MRS. JUDGE: The title of the piece is "A Parable of Immortality" by Henry Van Dyke.

"I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength, and I stand and watch until at last she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says, 'There she goes!'"

"Gone where? Gone from my sight ... that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says, 'There she goes!' there are other eyes watching her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, 'Here she comes!'"

Abigail Van Buren is a columnist for Universal Press Syndicate.

BETTER BUSINESS

BBB warns: Caution on car repairs needed

By JOHN K. SCHMIDT



Schmidt

Most service centers that repair cars are honest, but consumers need to be on the look out for these relatively common schemes:

■ **The ball joint joke.** The front wheels of your car are moved left and right by an assembly that utilizes a ball-socket joint. This joint has to be flexible in order to work.

However, it can be manipulated, so that it appears ready to fall out of the socket. If you keep the car's front end aligned and lubricated, you will get at least four years or 50,000 miles of use before the joint needs attention.

■ **The shock absorber scam.** The mechanic checks your car's oil. He notices oil on a front shock absorber (which he squirted on while you were

en't looking). The shock, he says, is dangerous and could cause an accident. He can, of course, put a new shock on the car right away.

Shock absorbers can leak oil when they go bad. But there are other warning signs easier to spot such as the car body sways, the front-end dips when you brake or the ride is bouncy.

Shocks should last 20,000 miles or two years. Always replace them in pairs.

■ **The fan belt boggle.** The attendant points out your "dangerously" loose fan belt, adding that a new one is quick to install and not costly.

Remember that fan belts should deflect about 1/4 to 1/2 inch between the pulleys. If the belt is worn or damaged, it can be tightened in a matter of minutes by loosening or tightening a bolt or two.

John K. Schmidt is president of Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin Inc.

Study says odometer fraud common

By BOBBY IGNEZLI
Copley News Service

Just because the odometer says only 15,000 miles doesn't necessarily mean that is all the miles the car has seen. If you have purchased a used car or truck lately, there is about a one in five chance that you are the victim of odometer fraud, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

A study concluded that odometers get rolled back an average of 30,000 miles on 3 million vehicles a year, enabling sellers to cheat buyers out of an average of \$1,000 per car.

Roll-back artists have even created their own support group — professional title washers. Here is how they operate: when a car is sold in most states, the owner must enter the mileage on the title and sign it. Enter the title washing service. It "washes" the car out of state (the car itself never actually moves), thus generating another title on which

the reduced mileage can be entered in the appropriate blanks. Then the car is sold again, and the buyer suspects nothing because the odometer and the title agree.

John Valencia, communications director for the California Bureau of Automotive Repair, suggests before buying a used car, to have it inspected by a qualified mechanic, preferably one who specializes in the type of vehicle you are buying. The general condition of the car will often reveal if the mileage has been set back.

He also advised checking all documents for the car — especially the repair records. Every time a vehicle is repaired or maintained, the odometer reading is recorded on the receipt, he explained.

Although not very practical, one NHTSA investigator advised only buying from the original owner. If that is not possible, at least avoid buying out-of-state cars from a dealer.

EXTENSION EXTRA

Clean tools can help to prevent food-borne illness

By MARIAN FARR



Farr

While you can spend hundreds of dollars on gourmet cookware, knives, food processors, pasta makers and other devices, the best investment in kitchen equipment is a device that should cost under \$25.

That's the price tag put on several simple kitchen tools that can help prevent food-borne illness.

Most food-borne illness occurs when bacteria grow in inadequately cooled or heated food, or due to cross contamination from raw animal products.

The following are recommended kitchen tools that help prevent problems with food-borne illness:

■ **Acrylic cutting board,** about \$5 to \$7, depending on size. Knives can leave gashes in a wooden cutting board and juices from raw meat or poultry can get into those gashes. If you don't deep-clean the board, bacteria remaining in the gashes

can spread to other foods.

■ **Meat thermometer,** about \$4. With a meat thermometer, you can make sure that meat and poultry cook all the way through. Beef and pork are generally considered done when the internal temperature reaches 170 degrees. Poultry is done at 180 degrees.

■ **Refrigerator thermometer,** about \$2.50. Use the appliance thermometer to make sure the temperature of your refrigerator is 40 degrees or below and that the freezer is 0 degrees or below.

■ **Timer,** about \$9. If you don't have a timer on your range, consider buying one. Set the timer for two hours, beginning when perishable food is taken from the stove or refrigerator and ending when the leftovers are stored in the refrigerator or freezer. If perishable food is left on the table or counter after a meal, bacteria will multiply rapidly.

An investment of a few dollars and some extra care in handling foods can help avoid the uncomfortable flu-like symptoms from food-borne illnesses.

Marian Farr is Midland County Extension Agent, Home Economics.

DEAR BLESSED: Congratulations! It should be noted that those considering a vasectomy should inform their urologists that a reversal (or "vaso-vasotomy") may be considered later. The surgical procedure would be slightly different in order to make the reversal easier.

DEAR ABBY: I took a bold step when sending out invitations for a holiday party held in my home. On the invitation I had: "To accommodate both smokers and non-smokers, smoking on the patio only, please."

Since about 20 of the 80 guests were smokers, I feared that the smokers might be angry and decline to come. I was wrong. All the smokers accepted.

I placed a large ashtray on the patio, and when the party was over, I noticed it was full of cigarette butts.

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88 Items Telling Fall Consignments
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723 DEVONHAM Saturday 8:30AM-
4:00PM, Guns, woodworking, tools
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clothes (many items cleaned, some
consignment kitchen items)

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near Loop 230, Sunday 10:00AM-
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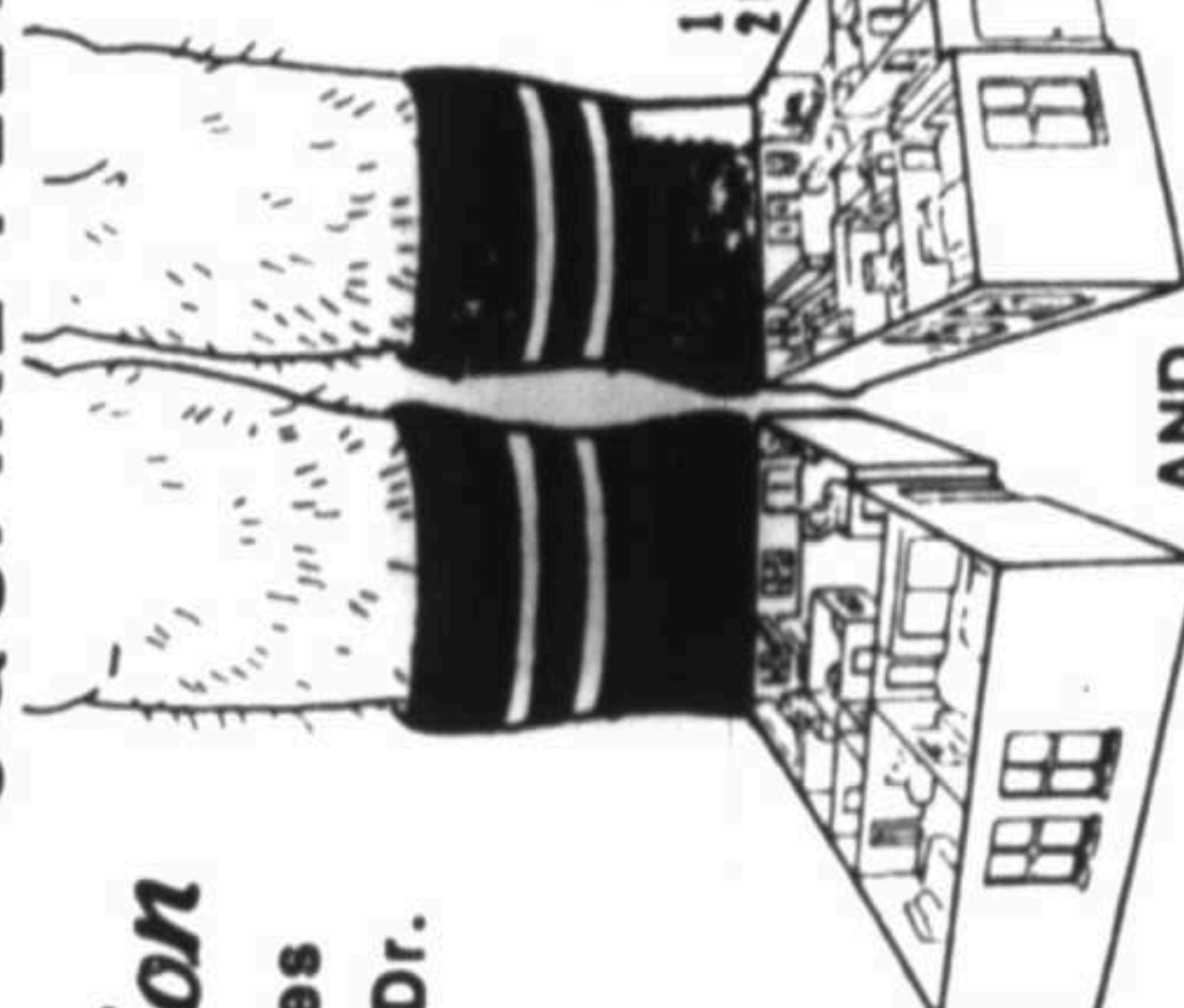
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