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Fall project

After spending a summer turning a backyard into a garden retreat, Sylvia Brown turns to fall projects, including making wreaths from dried flowers. 1D



SPORTS

Cowboys' offense

The Cowboys won't rest easy on their week off. They know something is wrong with their offense, which has taken a two-game vacation after an opening 37-7 win. 1C

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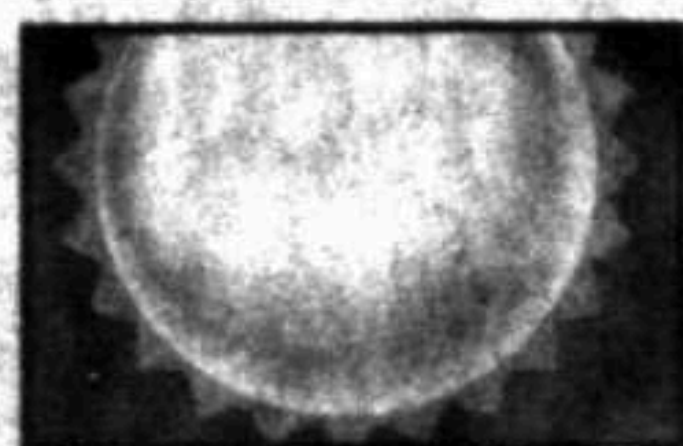
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Lawmaker raise

WASHINGTON — With remarkable swiftness, the House of Representatives reached out Wednesday for a \$3,000 increase in the congressional salary of \$133,600. On a vote of 231-192, and after a desultory debate in which the subject of a pay raise was never mentioned, lawmakers approved a routine Treasury Department spending bill shorn of a provision used routinely in recent years to block cost-of-living increases for lawmakers.

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No winners

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn in the the drawing Wednesday night for the \$8 million Lotto Texas grand prize, state lottery officials said. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 1-3-20-22-39-45. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$13 million.

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Call for changes sends tobacco deal into limbo

■ Clinton calls for increasing cigarette prices by as much as \$1.50 a pack, asks Congress to pass sweeping laws to stop companies from hooking teens.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Applauded by public health leaders, President Clinton called on cigarette makers Wednesday to dig deeper to salvage the landmark tobacco deal — including raising cigarette prices by as much as \$1.50 a pack. The industry and congressional Republicans found much to fault.

Clinton ignored the deal's focus on settling the lawsuits that plague tobacco companies, instead asking that Congress pass sweeping laws with one goal: stopping tobacco companies from hooking teen-agers.

His decision leaves the summertime tobacco deal an orphan, with no action this year and questions about how Congress could address the issue in 1998. By January, cigarette makers probably

will be deep into lawsuits in Texas and Minnesota that could remove their desire to compromise. "To me, this is not primarily about money," Clinton said. "This is about changing ... both the behavior of the tobacco companies, the behavior of the American people, the future behavior of our children."

Clinton was repositioning the debate so that "if you care about reducing the number of kids who smoke, you have to be in favor of the president's proposal," said former Food and Drug Commissioner David Kessler. He said that stance had united feuding public health groups.

But Republican leaders attacked Clinton's recommendations as too vague, and Senate Majority Whip Don Nickles warned that he hadn't decided whether lawmakers should offer legislation necessary for the deal even next year.

"I don't feel compelled that we have to pass this in two months. I don't feel compelled that we have to pass this in 12 months," Nickles said.

Clinton's failure to provide specific recom-

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Bosnia crash

A group of German NATO-led peacekeeping soldiers are on a rescue mission on Mt. Prokosko some 55 miles northwest of Sarajevo, Wednesday. A U.N. helicopter crashed into the fog-shrouded Mt. Prokosko in central Bosnia, killing a senior German diplomat and 11 others, including 5 Americans. Story on page 4A

House fire



Firefighters battled a blaze at 3002 Jackson Drive Wednesday. The fire started in an upholstery shop at the back of the residence, officials said.

Family of 6 escapes fire, toxic smoke

Story by
Rick Lopez

Photo by
Brian Adamcik

A fire that engulfed a small upholstery shop in back of a west Midland residence Wednesday could have been fatal, fire officials said.

The incident occurred at 3002 Jackson Drive during afternoon hours. Officials investigating the incident said that the fire could have been started by a child playing with matches.

Authorities quoted witnesses as saying that the young boy was on his way outside carrying a trash can with burning contents, but he dropped the can inside.

Six family members were able to escape the blaze without injuries.

The fire began in the workshop located in the back of the residence, officials said.

The working area and fabrics used to repair furniture were totally destroyed. Approximately 20-30 percent of the struc-

ture was damaged beyond repair. Other parts of the house sustained little or no damage, while other rooms sustained minor smoke and water damage, officials said.

"A lot of the furniture, clothes and other items are still good, except for a little water or smoke damage," Fire Investigator J. Meiner said. "Most of the house can be repaired and is in good condition."

Meanwhile, the materials in the upholstery shop — foam rubber, thick fabrics and padding — created thick, toxic smoke during the blaze. The foam rubber gives off fumes that can be fatal if someone were to inhale the fumes, Capt. E. Stowell said.

"All the materials in here are very flammable," Stowell said. "When the foam rubber burns, it produces cyanide gas. If you breathe that smoke, it will kill you instant-

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Teen involved in fatal accident to be tried as adult

■ Judge certifies 17-year-old Jose DeLaO to take stand as adult on charges of intoxication manslaughter and intoxication assault.

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

After less than two hours of testimony, County Court at Law No. 1 Judge Al Walvoord on Wednesday found sufficient evidence for a 17-year-old man involved in a fatal automobile accident to be prosecuted as an adult.

Jose Angel DeLaO, a Midland High School student, was arrested at his high school campus last month on two felony charges of intoxication manslaughter and two felony charges of intoxication assault, which stem from a July 27 fatal accident. DeLaO was 16 at the time.

DeLaO's certification to take the stand as an adult means that the juvenile court waived its jurisdiction in the case, which will now be transferred to a district court, prosecutor Danna Gallegos explained.

Ms. Gallegos said that the charges in a district court carry stiffer penalties than those in a juvenile court.

According to the Texas Penal Code, the defendant now faces up to 20 years in jail and a \$10,000 fine for intoxication manslaughter, and up to 10 years in jail and a \$10,000 fine for intoxication assault.

Ms. Gallegos said the defendant might have been sentenced to probation had he been tried in a juvenile court.

After the judge made his decision, DeLaO was arrested and taken to the Midland County Detention Center. He was released a few hours later after posting a \$1,000 bond for each criminal charge, jail officials said.

DeLaO's charges stem from an accident that occurred during predawn hours outside Greenwood. Texas Department of Public Safety officials probing the case identified DeLaO, who was 16 at the time, as the driver of the vehicle.

Blood/Alcohol Content reports indicate that DeLaO was above the

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Rylander calls for lower taxes, government reduction

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

The oil industry is poised for growth, but could be derailed by too much government interference, according to Texas Railroad Commissioner Carole Rylander.

Speaking to the Society of Petroleum Engineers' Horizontal Conference Wednesday at Midland Petroleum Club, Ms. Rylander said the Texas oil industry pumps \$60 billion, or one out of every \$9, into the Texas economy, and provides 500,000 direct jobs. It also pays \$825 million in severance taxes and \$1 billion in indirect sales taxes into the economy.

Ms. Rylander, the first woman elected to the Texas Railroad Commission, said that all governmental disincentives to producing oil and gas should be removed. "We need to develop a new era of prosperity — not a new era of bureaucracy."

She said the state's population would continue to grow, and would require prosperity. "To achieve prosperity we must lower taxes and reduce government — both federal and state. Economic development begins with fewer taxes, less government spending and less government regulation."

Competition is a better regulator of the market than government, she said.

A sponsor of legislation that resulted in partial deregulation of the Texas oil industry and a \$40 million savings annually, the outspoken conservative said that the nation's wealth was created by the private sector not the government, and that the states created the federal government. "The federal government did not create the states."

"If the Texas environment is to be protected it should

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—Texas Railroad Commissioner Carole Rylander



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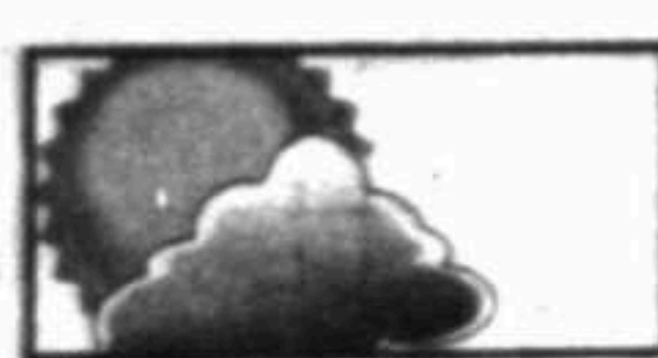
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Midland forecast

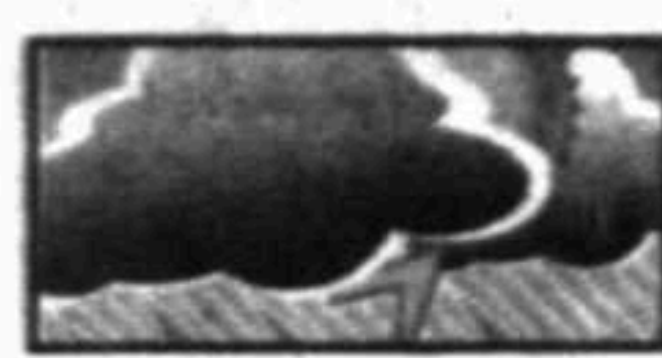
3-day forecast



Today
Mostly sunny
High 98
Low 71



Friday
Partly cloudy
High 95
Low 68



Saturday
Scattered storms
High 73
Low 62

A record was set Wednesday when the day's high hit 101. After this triple-digit high, temperatures are expected to take a dip, according to the National Weather Service. By Sunday, the high may only reach the low 70s or mid-60s, forecasters said.

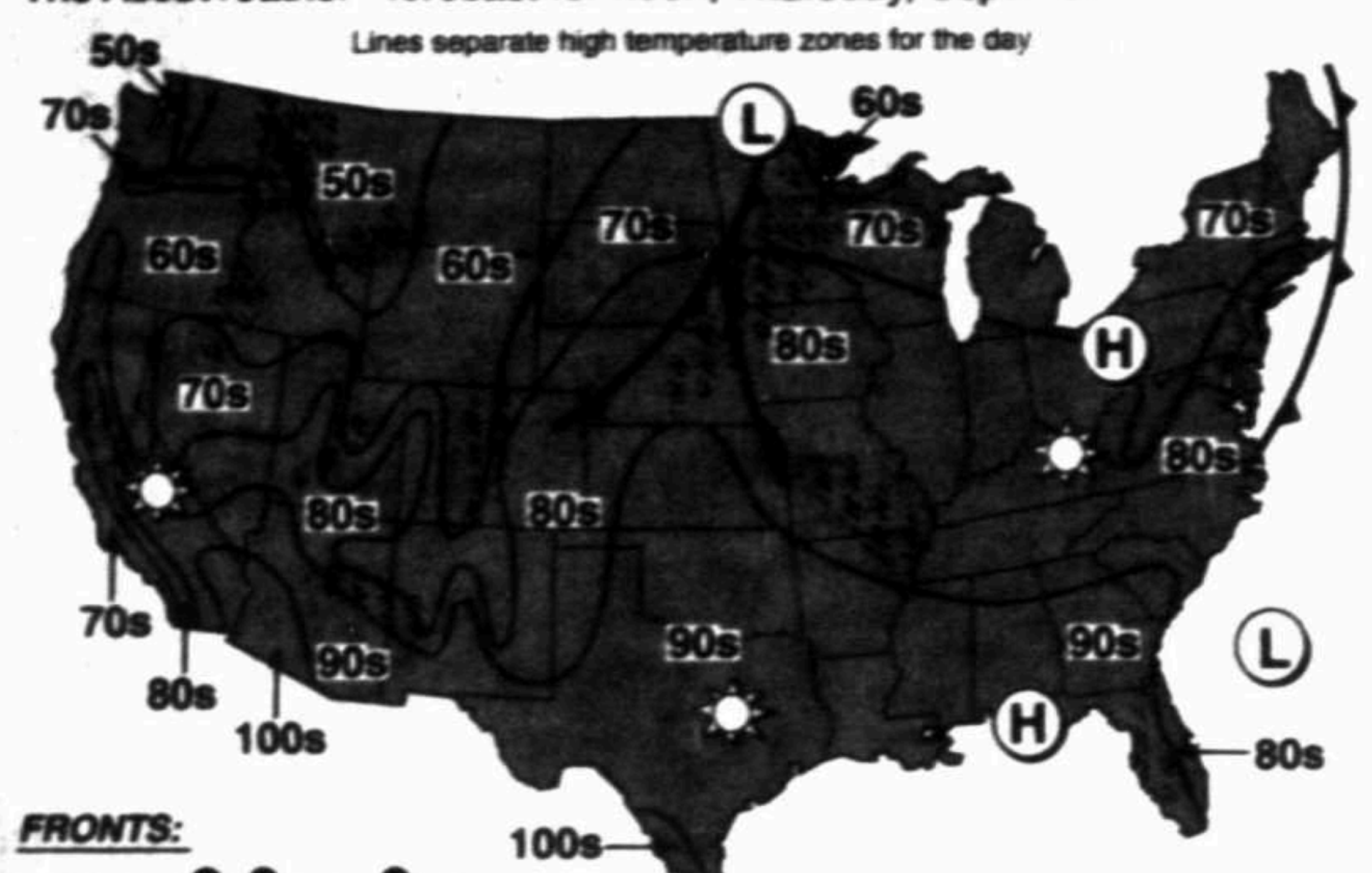
Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the upper 90s. Winds will be from the south at 10-20 mph. Tonight calls for fair skies with a low near 70.

Friday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the mid-90s. The overnight low was 72; the record low for this date was 46, set in 1951. The previous record high for the date was 98 set in 1977.

Yesterday's precipitation	Yesterday's temperatures
Rainfall Tuesday .00 in.	High 101
Rainfall Wednesday .00 in.	Low 72
Total for month .55 in.	Normal high 85
Total for year 13.42 in.	Normal low 61

National forecast

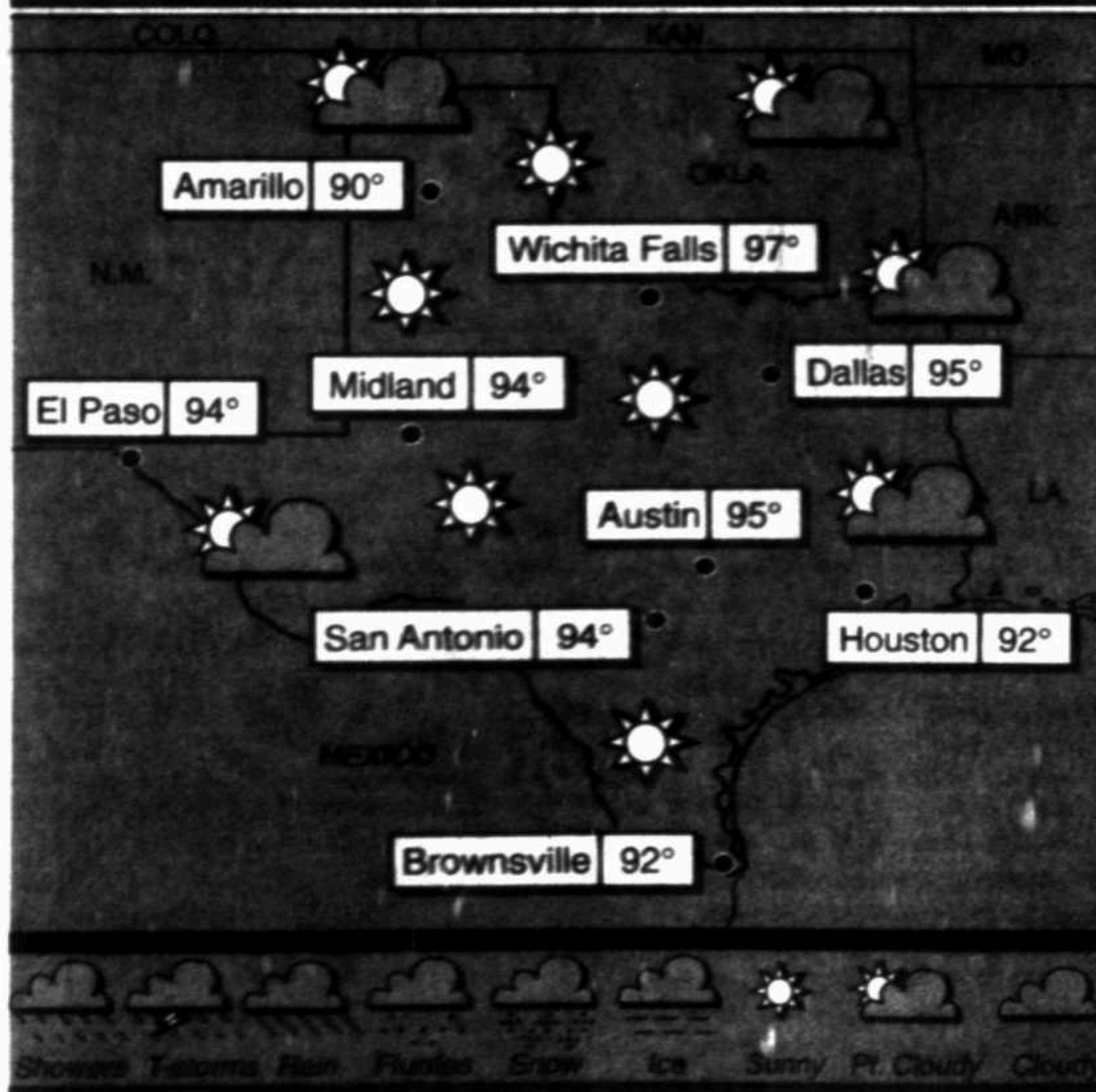
The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Sept. 18.



United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:34 p.m. EDT				Little Rock			
City	High	Low	Precip.	City	High	Low	Precip.
Albuquerque	86	59	city	Memphis	88	72	city
Atlanta	90	64	city	Miami Beach	86	75	1.03
Baltimore	81	58	city	Minneapolis	79	66	city
Boston	86	60	city	Nashville	88	68	city
Buffalo	87	54	city	New Orleans	90	72	city
Chicago	76	61	36	New York City	77	64	city
Cincinnati	82	69	city	Oklahoma City	96	73	city
Cleveland	78	66	city	Philadelphia	83	61	city
Denver	82	68	city	Pittsburgh	77	57	city
Detroit	78	66	city	Riverside	89	69	city
Grand Rapids	76	68	2.11	Sacramento	88	66	city
Honolulu	90	78	city	St. Louis	81	70	city
Indianapolis	81	70	city	St. Paul	85	68	city
Jacksonville	84	67	city	San Diego	84	72	city
Kansas City	86	70	city	San Francisco	73	60	city
Las Vegas	84	61	city	Seattle	85	53	city
				Shreveport	94	70	city
				Washington, D.C.	88	64	city

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT				Junction			
City	High	Low	Precip.	City	High	Low	Precip.
Abilene	100	77		Kingville	99	74	
Amarillo	92	60		Lubbock	99	74	
Arlington	100	77		Lufkin	99	74	
Austin	96	73		Marfa	91	67	
Beaumont	91	73		McAllen	99	76	
Brownsville	91	73		Midland	101	72	
College Station	96	73		Mineral Wells	103	74	
Corpus Christi	96	73		Paris	97	73	
Dallas	101	72		New Braunfels	98	71	
Denton	100	77		Pasadena	93	81	
El Paso	97	73		Rockport	91	78	
Fort Worth	101	72		San Antonio	98	77	
Galveston	91	78		Terrill	97	74	
Hartsville	95	74	0.13	Victoria	97	71	
Houston Interd.	94	70		Waco	100	77	
Huntsville	95	74		Wichita Falls	103	76	
				Wink	103	72	

BLAZE: Officials say fire could have been fatal

(From 1A)

Firefighters used air masks to prevent them from inhaling the toxic smoke. Stowell added that the firefighters also used a method of fire suppression that was necessary for that situation.

"They attacked the fire from the opposite side," he said while pointing to a trail of hoses that ran for several yards from the house's living room to the back area. "The extinguishers knew that this is what they had to do to push the smoke."

Had the fire started during late

night hours when people are asleep, the family could have died choking on the fumes.

"It was good that this happened during the afternoon," Stowell said. "They were lucky to be aware of the fire and evacuate on time."

Even after all the flames were doused with water, firefighters lingered at the scene for hours making sure that all embers were out. They opened drawers and probed crevices and corners for unextinguished objects. Stowell said that the small kindlings can result in a second blaze.

LIMBO: Clinton calls for changes to tobacco deal

(From 1A)

mentations "makes it far more difficult for us to do at all, regardless of the terms," said Rep. Thomas Bliley, R-Va. He plans informational hearings this winter.

And Democrats said Clinton didn't go far enough. In fact, Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said he would introduce legislation to force the \$1.50 price increase immediately, not in 10 years as Clinton would.

Clinton withheld endorsement of the deal, which was negotiated in June between tobacco companies and state attorneys general as a way to settle dozens of anti-tobacco lawsuits.

The original terms called for companies to pay \$368 billion over 25 years, curb their advertising and pay fines of up to \$2 billion if teen smoking didn't drop 30 percent in five years. In return, they would gain legal protections and limits on government control of nicotine.

To make those annual payments, a Treasury Department audit concluded cigarette prices would rise by 62 cents a pack.

Clinton, instead, wants to force companies to raise cigarette prices by up to \$1.50 a pack over



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—President Clinton

10 years — if teen smoking remains high.

The increase would come from a combination of yearly industry payments and fines, but Clinton left it to Congress to set a starting price rise and decide how fast fines should escalate. If teen smoking truly dropped, the price would never jump that high. If the \$1.50 increase did kick in, the tab for any tobacco deal ultimately could reach \$700 billion.

Adding further to industry's cost, Clinton said tobacco companies could not deduct from their taxes any youth-smoking fines.

To further cut youth smoking,

Clinton demanded curbs on advertising that might persuade teens that smoking is glamorous or hip, much as the original deal did. But he also called for full FDA control of nicotine and promised vague new protections for tobacco farmers.

For the first time, Clinton side-stepped whether he would give tobacco companies all the legal protections they originally negotiated. "They have asked for immunity for liability from past deeds. The question there would be, what are they willing to agree to?" Clinton said.

The industry reacted angrily.

"Given the major concessions already made, we cannot support significant changes to that agreement," said Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp.

Cigarette makers got more bad news Wednesday: The House voted to block them from deducting the new 15-cent federal tobacco tax from any national settlement. A provision slipped into the recently passed tax-cut legislation would have given the industry that \$50 billion rebate; the Senate last week also repealed it.

Clinton's stance sealed Congress' unwillingness to tackle the complex deal this fall, and left uncertain who, if anyone, would write a bill in 1998.

By then, two states' lawsuits against tobacco will have begun.

The industry has high hopes of winning in Texas in a lawsuit starting later this fall. But the industry fears the Minnesota lawsuit that begins in late January.

Clinton's move sets up Congress to be deliberating a tobacco deal in the midst of "day after day of witnesses and document disclosure" from that case, noted Sen. Kent Conrad of North Dakota, the Democrats' tobacco point man.

Film, television clown Red Skelton dies at 84

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Red Skelton, the sentimental clown who delighted TV audiences for 20 years playing Clem Kadiddlehopper, Freddie the Freeloader and the Mean Widdle Kid, died Wednesday. He was 84.

The comic known for his crushed porkpie hat, unruly hair, crossed eyes and goofy, twisted grin died at a hospital in Rancho Mirage. He had been ill for a long time, but the nature of the illness was not disclosed.

"I don't want to be called 'the greatest' or 'one of the greatest'; let other guys claim to be the best," Skelton once said. "I just want to be known as a clown because to me that's the height of my profession. It means you can do everything — sing, dance, and above all, make people laugh."

His characters included Clem Kadiddlehopper, a slow-witted hayseed; Freddy the Freeloader, a silent tramp; the Mean Widdle Kid, whose favorite expression was "I dood it!"; punch drunk boxer Cauliflower McPugg; the inebriated Willie Lump-Lump; heckled husband George Appleby; and the cross-eyed seagulls Gertrude and Heathcliffe.

Each show concluded with his trademark line: "Good night, and God bless."

Skelton was already a leading film comic, starring in a series of comedies, when he began his TV career on NBC in 1951. He moved to Tuesday nights on CBS in 1953, placing among the Top 10 shows eight times, then returned to NBC in 1970.

Clowns were his fortune even after his show was dropped by CBS in 1970 and then canceled for good by NBC in 1971. His paintings of clown faces fetched \$80,000 and more, and he once estimated that he earned \$2.5 million a year from lithographs.

Skelton joined the vaudeville circuit at 15. Working at the Gaiety Theater in Kansas City in 1930, he met an usher, Edna Marie Stilwell, and married her a year later. She became his vaudeville partner, writer and manager.

He debuted on radio and on Broadway in 1937, and on film in "Having Wonderful Time" in 1938. Skelton went on to appear in many MGM comedies in the 1940s and early '50s, including "Merton of the Movies," "Panama Hattie," "A Southern Yankee," "Watch the Birdie," "Whistling in the Dark," "Whistling in Dixie" and "Whistling in Brooklyn," in which he had

to pitch against the Brooklyn Dodgers.

In all, he appeared in 43 films.

Edna remained his chief writer even after the couple divorced in 1943. "She brought me up from \$50 a week to \$7,500," he said.

Arthur Marx, author of a 1979 biography of Skelton, said he expected to tell a "nice little tale about a comedian who said 'God bless' at the end of his show." Instead, he heard stories of a sad and lonely man who trusted no one and felt he had been cheated by some of his associates.

"When anyone hurts us, my wife and I sit in our Japanese sand garden and drink iced tea," Skelton told The New York Times in 1977. "There are five stones in the garden — for sky, wind, fire, water and earth. We sit and think of five of the nicest things we can about the person who hurt us. If he hurts us a second time, we do the same thing. The third time, we light a candle, and he is, for us, dead."

Skelton continued to perform live well past retirement age, doing 75 or more shows a year. The pain of cancellation was in Skelton's thoughts when he accepted the Governors Award of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences at the Emmy Awards show in 1986.

"I want to thank you for sitting down," Skelton told an audience that had given him a standing ovation. "I thought you were pulling a CBS and walking out on me."

Skelton was a major supporter of children's charities, including the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital and the Red Skelton Foundation in his birthplace, Vincennes, Ind., which cares for needy children.

Richard Bernard Skelton was born July 18, 1913, two months after the death of his father, a grocer who had once been a circus clown.

His mother, left with four boys, worked as a cleaning woman and elevator operator. She taught him an appreciation for art and also gave him tickets to vaudeville shows on her meager salary.

"Ed Wynn was responsible for my start," Skelton told the Los Angeles Times in 1986. "In 1923, he came to Vincennes to do a show. I was selling newspapers in the street when this man came up and asked me if I wanted to see the show. It turned out to be Wynn himself, and he bought all the youngster's papers and gave him a ticket, Skelton recalled.



Comedian Red Skelton is shown in this Dec. 1978 file photo from NBC-TV. Skelton, the sentimental clown who delighted television audiences for 20 years playing Clem Kadiddlehopper, Freddie the Freeloader and the Mean Widdle Kid, died Wednesday. He was 84.

"He took me back, introduced me to everyone, showed me the footlights," Skelton said. "I looked out through the peephole at the audience coming in and fell in love with show business."

Skelton, then 10 years old, left home to join a medicine show traveling through the South and Midwest. "Mom used to say I didn't run away from home; my destiny just caught up with me at an early age," he said.

In 1945 he married Georgia Davis. The marriage ended in divorce in 1973, and Skelton married his third wife, Lothian, in 1976.

CRASH: DeLaO to be tried as adult

(From 1A)

legal drinking limit. The legal limit is 0.10. Results indicate that DeLaO had a BAC of 0.14.

Esteban "Steve" Lara and Craig Noland, both 18 and former Midland High athletes, died from injuries sustained in the accident. The two youths injured in the accident are Jeremy Cruz, 18, and Ky Lee Edwards, 19.

The state called Don Williams, a DPS trooper; Billy Futrell, a juvenile probation officer; and

Teresa Clingman, assistant district attorney, as witnesses. Williams testified about his involvement in the investigation, while Futrell testified about the defendant's social history and psychological evaluation.

Ms. Clingman said that she will be investigating allegations that adults provided alcohol to DeLaO at a party.

"There is no case filed yet," Ms. Clingman said. "The investigators are still taking statements."

Ms. Clingman added that she

also will investigate if the alcohol allegedly provided by the adults played a role in the accident. The case will be presented to the same grand jury that will review DeLaO's case. The panel is scheduled to meet on Oct. 15. Ms. Clingman said.

In a detention hearing last month, the day after DeLaO's arrest, Walvoord allowed the defendant to be released from the Culver Youth Home.

OIL: Rylander speaks at conference in Midland

(From 1A)

be done in Texas, not Washington, D.C."

She called the global warming scare "science fiction" and said that international treaties on global warming would make the Clinton Btu tax look like a "Sunday school picnic."

Said Ms. Rylander: "This environmental regulation would impose a heavy penalty on the Texas oil industry. We cannot let science fiction dictate U.S. energy policy."

She said paychecks and jobs for people deserved as much protection as animals.

Citing several studies, the commissioner said that Texas now provided 25 percent of the nation's oil and gas, and that the Permian Basin accounted for almost 75 percent of that amount. For growth to occur in the Permian Basin, Ms. Rylander said three things were needed: growing resources, technological improvement and fewer taxes and regulation.

"I believe like the great Texan, Sam Houston — that government



Lynette Schillo of Sierra Engineering of Midland listens while Doug Rogers of Nova Mud Inc. explains his company's products. The exhibit was one of several at the SPE Horizontal Conference Wednesday at Midland Center.

should govern wisely and as little as possible."

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 1-3-20-22-39-45. Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$8 million.

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-7-4.

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Police seek owner of possible second car in Diana's crash

PARIS (AP) — Investigators are seeking the owner of a small Fiat that may have been bumped by Princess Diana's Mercedes before the luxury car slammed into a concrete pillar in a Paris tunnel, a police source said Wednesday.

The revelation came after tests on pieces of a tail light and car paint traces found at the scene showed they didn't come from the Mercedes, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Now being tested in a police laboratory, the evidence is leading investigators to consider the possibility that a second car was involved in the Aug. 31 accident that killed Diana, her companion Dodi Fayed and driver Henri Paul.

Investigators have been focusing on Paul, who was legally

drunk and on anti-depressants at the time of the crash. He also was believed to have been driving nearly 120 mph.

Still, investigators have yet to find a clear cause for the crash that occurred as the car was tailed by paparazzi.

Investigators hope by tomorrow to question the lone survivor of the crash, bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, who is now fully conscious. His parents said Wednesday that he walked for the first time since the accident.

"He can now sit out of bed for a few hours a day and has taken his first steps," they said in a statement issued by the British Embassy in Paris. "He can communicate with us and we have begun to share with him the many letters and cards that have been flooding in from all over the

world."

The statement made no mention of whether he had spoken yet about the crash. His parents have denied all interview requests, and Rees-Jones' room is guarded closely by police.

It's not immediately clear how much Rees-Jones, a bodyguard for the Fayed family, will remember. The shock of the accident and large doses of anesthesia used during extensive facial surgery may have hindered his memory.

All along, judicial and police sources have said another car in front of the Mercedes may have blocked its path. But they appeared to give that theory less weight as the investigation progressed.

The latest revelations were the first to mention physical evidence — the pieces of brake lights and

the traces of paint — supporting the theory of a second car. Also, a witness interviewed by police reported hearing the loud, screeching noise of a car slamming on its brakes just before the sound of the crash.

Scientists have determined the pieces of the tail light belonged to a Fiat, but have not determined the year or model, the police

source said.

A judicial source confirmed pieces of the Mercedes' right headlight were found in the same place as the pieces of the Fiat tail light, several dozen yards behind the spot where the Mercedes hit the pillar. The traces of paint were found on shards of a side-view mirror casing on the Mercedes, the police source said.

Investigating Judge Herve Stephan has asked police to re-examine paint found on the wall inside the tunnel to see if it matches the Mercedes or another car, the judicial source added.

It was not immediately clear whether the shards and the paint on the wall came from the accident, or were already present before the crash.

Painting to return to South Africa

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — The "Black Christ" — a painting banned in 1962 by South Africa's apartheid government — is returning home to a new South Africa.

Artist Ronnie Harrison planned to fly Thursday to London to retrieve the artwork, which was found in the basement of Julius Baker, 90, a South African activist who went into exile in the 1960s.

The once-banned painting will be officially unveiled at the South African High Commission in London, then returned to Cape Town on Sept. 28. The Anglican Church plans to show it in October.

The painting depicts Jesus with the face of Chief Albert Luthuli, the outlawed African National Congress president who won the 1960 Nobel Peace Prize. He is flanked by two Roman soldiers, one pushing a spear in his side, who bear the faces of apartheid's architect, former Prime Minister Hendrik F. Verwoerd, and his justice minister, John Vorster.

In 1961, Harrison was arrested and the painting was removed from

St. Luke's Church in Salt River near Cape Town. It was later banned as sacrilegious and displaying it became illegal.

"The symbolism was of the crucifixion of the people of South Africa by the apartheid regime, and how Christ identifies with all of the oppressed," said the Rev. David Bailey of St. Luke's.

Harrison arranged for the painting to be smuggled out of the country. It was then displayed at St. Paul's Cathedral in London by John Collins, a canon and anti-apartheid activist at the church.

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Five Americans, German envoy dead in Bosnian helicopter crash

PROKOSKO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A U.N. helicopter slammed into a fog-shrouded mountain in central Bosnia and burst into flames Wednesday, killing a top international envoy, five Americans and six others in the worst accident to hit the peace-keeping effort in Bosnia.

Those killed included German envoy Gerd Wagner, a deputy to top peace mediator Carlos Westendorp, and British diplomat Charles Morpeth. The others who died were not named pending notification of next of kin.

Four Ukrainian crew members of the U.N. helicopter — an Mi-8 leased from Ukraine — survived the crash, two of them with light injuries, German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said.

The crew managed to escape through the shattered glass nose of the craft but was hindered from helping passengers because of fire and thick smoke.

Wagner and his delegation, which included members from Westendorp's office as well as U.N. employees believed to be police monitors, left Sarajevo for Bugojno (pronounced BOO-goy-no) this morning, said Alexander Ivanko, a U.N. spokesman in Sarajevo.

According to one Ukrainian crew member, the weather was fine when they left Sarajevo, but they



A group of German NATO-led peace-keeping soldiers stand at the peak of Mt. Prokosko, during a rescue mission some 95 kilometers (55 miles) northwest of Sarajevo Wednesday. German envoy Gerd Wagner, died along with 11 other people when their helicopter crashed on Mt. Prokosko reportedly due to dense fog.

encountered "dense fog" west of Fojnica, 20 miles east of Bugojno, said U.N. spokesman Liam McDowall. When the pilot attempted to gain altitude, the helicopter crashed into the mountain and burst into flames, McDowall said.

Foul play is not suspected in the crash but an investigation was underway.

The crash appeared similar to one in April 1996, when a plane carrying U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown plowed into a mountain in a heavy storm while traveling to Dubrovnik, Croatia. Brown and 34 others aboard were killed.

Witness Halid Huskic said residents of Prokosko, a mountain village perched above a lake, saw Wednesday's chopper crash. Hearing shouts, they clambered down and saw four uniformed men pulling a fifth man from the wreck, he said. Then several

explosions — caused either by fuel or ammunition — prevented any one from approaching the helicopter, he added.

Villagers managed to summon help about 90 minutes after the crash. Dr. Damir Jaganjac of the nearby town of Fojnica said he found 11 burned bodies — one of them so charred that only a skull and ribs remained.

One survivor's clothes were burning as doctors carried him away on a stretcher, Jaganjac said. Having no water, they ripped open plastic bags of emergency glucose drips to douse the flames.

"This is the worst day I have experienced in my life," said Kai Eide, special representative to the U.N. secretary-general. "The

work these officials were carrying out was essential to ensure that the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina can live in peace."

Westendorp spoke sadly of the "the death of such dedicated and selfless servants of the peace process."

Wagner, 55, was responsible for easing the return of refugees to their prewar homes — one of the make-or-break elements of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace accord, signed in December 1995.

In place only since June, Wagner helped smooth the contentious relations between the Muslims and Croats who are supposed to cooperate in governing their half of Bosnia. Bosnian Serbs control the other half.

Mir regains more power

MOSCOW (AP) — After a crippling computer breakdown and a near-miss with a satellite, the embattled Mir space station returned to near-normal Wednesday as lights, oxygen and more power came back on line.

The Russian-American crew, which had to burn oxygen "candles" for three days to save power, turned the main oxygen supply system back on Wednesday. Also, the space station's orientation system returned on line, keeping the station pointed toward the sun and recharging solar batteries drained during the computer mishap, Mission Control spokesman Valery Lyndin said.

Six of 10 gyroscopes that orient the station were working by evening, and the rest were to be put into operation overnight, Lyndin said.

The space station lost its bearing and had to cut power back sharply as a result of Sunday's computer malfunction.

The makeshift computer, assembled from parts of broken-down equipment, appeared fully operational and lights were switched back on Wednesday in most of the station. The crew had been using only limited light in order to save energy while assembling a replacement computer.

After several days of repair work, the two Russian cosmonauts also were able to resume scientific experiments, the Interfax news agency reported.

American astronaut Michael Foale worked on his "greenhouse" experiment and packed equipment he'll take home on the U.S. space shuttle Atlantis, set to blast off Sept. 25 carrying supplies, a backup computer and Foale's replacement, David Wolf.

Sunday's computer crash — the fourth in two months — posed no danger for the crew, which was able to keep essential functions operating. But it added to the doubts about the 11-year-old station's safety.

The crew also was expected to reconnect the electricity supply to the Priroda module, one of six Mir modules cut off from power since a space collision in June, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported, citing Mission Control officials.

The collision with a cargo ship three months ago also badly damaged the Spektr module, which has been sealed off, and caused energy problems for the Priroda.

On Monday, an approaching U.S. satellite provided some harrowing moments for the crew, who had to climb into the Soyuz escape module for fear of a collision. The satellite passed safely within a few hundred yards.

Russian officials intend to keep Mir operating at least until an international space station is put in orbit, a mission set to start next year. That station, which involves contributions by the Americans, European nations, the Japanese and the Russians, has been delayed because Russia has fallen behind schedule due to money problems.

An official with the Russian Space Agency said the project may be delayed again if the Russian government does not pay the \$120 million it owes to the space agency, Aleksei Krasnov, the deputy chief of the agency's international cooperation department, told ITAR-Tass.

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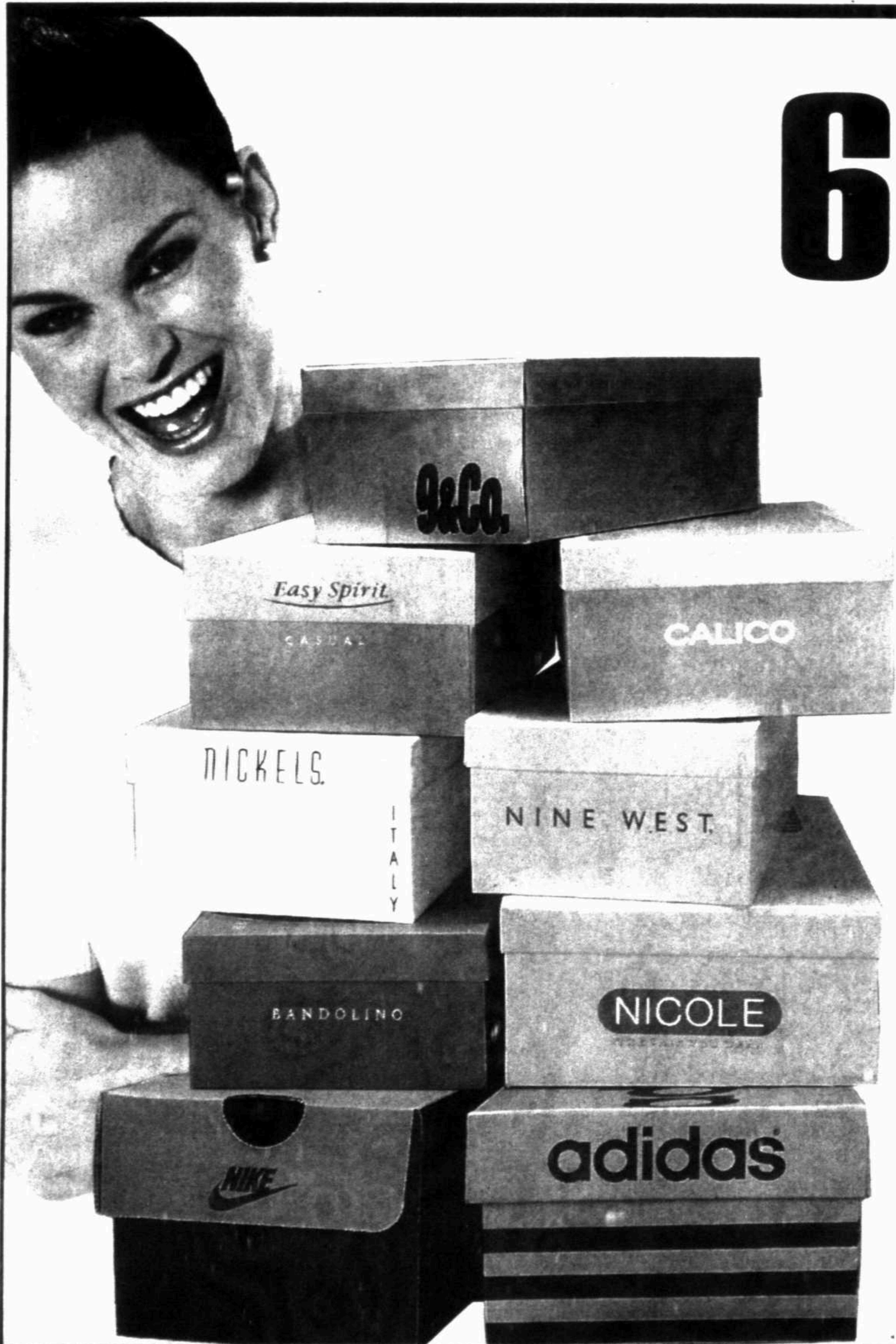
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Differences fade among Brazzaville's refugees

LOKALI REFUGEE CAMP, Congo (AP) — Nearly every evening just before sunset, she sits in the shade of her plastic hut and listens for the faint sounds of her hometown being destroyed.

Twelve miles away, mortars are pounding at Brazzaville, where Bertha Mwenge lived until she was forced to flee to this refugee camp two months ago. After three months of fighting, the city is all but empty and the Republic of Congo's civil war largely forgotten outside this corner of Africa.

And here in the sandy hills southeast of Kinshasa, 24,000 refugees are trying to make do on an old poultry farm.

Now and then, Mwenge says, she can hear the percussion of battle raging.

"It hurts," said Mwenge, a 33-year-old former telephone operator. "There are people left in there. They have to suffer through the fighting."

In reality, there are few people left in Brazzaville, the Republic of Congo capital that has been stripped by looting soldiers.

Brazzaville, which sits on the Congo River just across from Kinshasa, became a war zone practically overnight when fighting broke out in June between rival militias. By now, aid work-

ers say, about 90 percent of its 800,000 residents have fled.

Some left for the countryside, or hired a dugout canoe to take them to Kinshasa, the capital of the former Zaire, now renamed Congo. For many, home has become this former chicken farm a few miles from the Kinshasa airport. In the Lokali refugee camp, the United Nations and the Red Cross hand out rations, offer medical help and build bamboo-frame huts where the refugees live.

Here, bankers and teachers, social workers and garbage collectors live side by side, sharing plastic shelters and meager pots of rice.

The class differences are evident. Some refugees sport jewelry, faux crocodile-skin purses and lipstick. Mwenge tries to keep up her appearance: she is neatly attired in a print skirt and white shirt, and red nail polish - while chipped - adorns her toenails.

But homelessness is a great equalizer here.

"There are no rich, there are no poor," one young man called out. "Now everyone is the same."

It's a lesson most Brazzaville residents did not think they would ever have to learn.

Their city was a comparative oasis across the river from crime-



Refugee children from Brazzaville, Congo carry drinking water across the Lokali camp outside of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo Wednesday. As many as 24,000 refugees are squatting in the camp, an old poultry farm, across the river from Brazzaville where warring factions have been battling since June.

and corruption-ridden Kinshasa. When rebel forces were advancing on Kinshasa earlier this year to oust the late Zairian president Mobutu Sese Seko, Brazzaville was where American and European soldiers pitched camp in case Westerners had to be evacuated.

That tranquility came to an

abrupt end in early June when fighting broke out between rival militias — one loyal to President Pascal Lissouba and the other to the former military ruler, Gen. Denis Sassou-Nguesso. Several rounds of peace talks and ceasefire calls - the latest Monday in Libreville, Gabon - have failed.

The fighting began when Lis-

souba tried to disarm Sassou-Nguesso's forces ahead of presidential elections. Lissouba said it was to ensure a peaceful campaign, but Sassou-Nguesso, a candidate, said Lissouba provoked the fighting so he would have an excuse to cancel the vote, which has yet to take place.

Dozens of civilians caught in the fighting have been sent to Kinshasa's General Hospital, where they lie on metal cots in a dingy ward, crying in agony as their wounds are dressed.

"I was eating at home when the bomb fell," said 8-year-old Chancelvine Lekouako, her wounded arm bound tightly against her chest. "It fell in the living room and my older brother lost both eyes."

Many of the refugees see little difference between Lissouba and Sassou-Nguesso. They just remember the violence and pillaging that drove them away.

Four months ago, Jacques Bambou had a three-bedroom house in Brazzaville and worked as a high school French teacher. He read books, prepared for classes and cared for his extended family.

That changed after looting soldiers emptied his home of everything — from his TV to his socks — and shelling reduced it to rubble.

Now, sitting at his hut at the edge of the refugee camp, his laundry hanging on strands of barbed wire, he hopes for a little extra food for his two small children. Or a mattress, perhaps. Or maybe something to make sharing a five-foot high plastic shelter with his children and three people he barely knows a little more tolerable.

"I'd like another sheet of plastic," he said, looking at the gray hut he now calls home. "Then maybe I can stand up inside."

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Israeli-Palestinian patrol joins unlikely partners

Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — They spend hours in one another's company, patrolling the dusty highways and traffic-choked main streets of this West Bank town. Taking a break, they lounge side by side in the sun, drinking tea and eating grapes together.

But make no mistake: The eight soldiers of this joint Israeli-Palestinian patrol, whose job it is to help keep peace in an unpeaceful land, are partners only up to a point.

On a narrow gravel road flanked by olive groves, with the last rays of a setting sun lighting the Bethlehem hillside above, questions about their joint mission draw frank expressions of mutual mistrust.

"Listen, they're Arabs first," said the young Israeli captain, with his Palestinian colleagues within easy earshot. "If there were trouble, they'd turn around and shoot me. I watch my back."

The Palestinian captain, a 50-year-old in rumpled fatigue, shook his head. "That's his view. But everyone's nerves are on edge, and that kind of talk doesn't help," he said. "I won't speak of it, but you can see how it is. This is what they are like with us."

Meant to showcase Israeli-Palestinian cooperation under the 4-year-old Oslo peace accords, the joint patrols instead have become yet another sign of growing tension here.

And reflecting that, talk of possible war — including graphic scenarios of guerrilla-style battles — is taking a greater role in public debate.

"There is no longer anything fanciful about the possibility of a new war," said a commentary in Wednesday's edition of the independent Israeli daily newspaper Ha'aretz. Israel television's popular current-affairs talk show "Popolitika" devoted much of this week's airtime to the prospects for all-out fighting.

Senior Israeli military officers, in briefings this week, offered ominous commentary on matters like urban defense strategies and how to deal with guerrilla-style tactics including sniping and roadside bombs.

Earlier this summer, Israeli television reported that the army had staged an exercise simulating the retaking of crowded Palestinian-controlled cities, and concluded that casualties would be unacceptably high. Israel has turned over control of seven West Bank cities and most of the Gaza Strip to the Palestinians under the Oslo accords.

"I do not think the Israelis are stupid enough to raid the Palestinian-controlled areas," said Rashid Abu Shback, a senior Palestinian security official. "But we have to consider that this may happen. We should be prepared."

Both sides clearly have gotten a glimpse of the abyss of war. And so far, both have stepped back.

"There is no military solution for our conflict with the Palestinians," said Carmi Gilon, the former head of Israel's Shin Bet security service. "The tragedy of the conflict is that the extremists on both sides are dictating events to the majority."

But as always, one crisis seems to follow on another. This week, Palestinian anger flared over Jewish settlers' occupation of two buildings in the Ras al-Amud neighborhood of east Jerusalem, the sector claimed by Palestinians as their future capital. An explosion of violence was feared if the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu does not move to dislodge them.

Both sides also have been harkening back to a spasm of violence one year ago, the worst clashes since the 1967 Middle East War. In that fighting, which left 80 people dead, Israelis fired on Palestinian demonstrators — and Palestinian police, who initially tried to control the protesters, turned their guns on Israelis.

"We have fears that this may happen again," said Abu Shback, the Palestinian security officer. "You cannot prevent a Palestinian seeing Israeli soldiers shooting at demonstrators from shooting back."

In the olive grove outside Bethlehem, where the joint patrol was ending another day's work, this was a scenario both sides could all too easily envision.

If Israeli troops were firing on fellow Palestinians, "all I can say is that we would follow orders — for as long as orders came for us," said the Palestinian captain. With the start of last September's fighting, operations of the joint patrols were swiftly suspended.

As a hot breeze set the patrol's orange flags fluttering, two kids kicked a battered soccer ball. A heavily burdened donkey picked its way through a field of stones. And the Israeli captain avoided the Palestinian captain's eyes.

"You need to trust your fellow soldiers 100 percent," the Israeli said. "In a situation like that, that

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Pentagon halts all military training flights

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jarred by a rash of military air crashes, Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered the first-ever military-wide halt to training flights Wednesday.

Although officials have detected no common thread in the five accidents since last weekend, Cohen ordered all the services to ground their training flights for 24 hours. The stand-downs will be staggered over the week starting Friday.

"Perfection is impossible, but that is our goal for aviation safety," Cohen said in taking the action.

Five U.S. aircraft have crashed in recent days, including an Air Force F-117A stealth fighter that partially broke up in flight at an air show in Maryland on Sunday. An Air Force C-141 transport went down off the coast of Namibia, a Marine Corps F-4A-18 crashed off North Carolina, and a Navy F-4A-18 crashed in Oman. In the latest mishap, two Air National Guard F-16s collided Monday off the coast of New Jersey; one crashed into the Atlantic, the other landed safely.

Cohen's grounding affects training but not operational flights. That means such missions as enforcing the "no-fly" zones over Iraq and supporting the peacekeeping mission in Bosnia will continue without interruption, officials said.

Officials could not provide an estimate of the number of training flights that will be missed.

Usually a temporary grounding affects the planes of only one service at a time. This is the first time all the services have been ordered to halt training flights, said Pentagon spokeswoman Army Lt. Col. Nancy Burt.

In remarks to reporters at the Pentagon, Cohen said both the fliers and maintainers of military aircraft will use the day off to focus on safety. He said individual aircraft also will be examined for any possible safety problems.

Cohen left it to the service leaders to decide when they would begin the one-day stand-down. He said they could do it any day in the week starting Friday morning.

While acknowledging that there is not yet any indication of a common thread in the latest spate of accidents, Cohen said he decided a training break was needed — "just to re-emphasize the safety issue."

"The American people are probably concerned about the

rash of them coming in such a short period of time," he said. A stand-down is a routine procedure in the wake of a series of crashes, but usually it is done by one service at a time.

Cohen stressed that military aviation safety has improved steadily in recent years. Last year was the safest on record, by the Pentagon's own accounting. But, he said, given the recent spate of incidents, "We can do better."

At the White House, President Clinton said he had urged Cohen on Monday to analyze the crashes "to see if there is some pattern that would require some sort of

review by the Air Force." But the president left open the possibility that crashes were coincidental.

"I wouldn't ... jump to conclusions about this," he told reporters in the Oval Office.

"If there is a pattern here that has to be looked into on air safety, you can be sure that the Air Force will look into it," Clinton said.

The U.S. military actually has lost fewer aircraft in accidents this year — 54, with less than two weeks remaining in the government's fiscal year — than in any recent year. It lost 67 last year, 69 in 1995 and 86 in 1994, according to Pentagon statistics.

The military's main gauge of aviation safety is the number of major accidents for each 100,000 flight hours. That ratio was 1.50 last year, the lowest on record and down from 1.62 in 1994 and 2.10 in 1991 when the Gulf War was fought.

Burt, the Pentagon spokeswoman, said aviation safety officials estimate that this year's accidents-flight hours ratio, which stood at 1.40 before the latest series of crashes, is now 1.50 — identical to last year's record low.

"We train the way we fight," she said. "It can be a dangerous business."



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FDA calls for approval of narcotic lollipop

Associated Press

GAITHERSBURG, Md. — A raspberry-flavored lollipop loaded with narcotic pain-killer for treatment of cancer patients was recommended for federal approval Wednesday, despite concerns about accidental poisoning of children.

A Food and Drug Administration advisory panel voted unanimously that the benefit to cancer patients from the pain-killing candy far outweighed the risk of young children being harmed.

"Some kid, somewhere, somehow is going to do this (eat the lollipop)," said Suzanne Brown, a Portland, Ore., nurse and a member of the panel. "But do we deny this benefit to cancer patients for that reason?"

FDA approval is required before the lollipop can be sold, but the agency generally follows the recommendations of advisory committees.

The lollipop, called Actiq, is to be manufactured by Anesta Corp. of Salt Lake City and marketed in partnership with Abbott Laboratories.

The drug is actually a sugar-based lozenge on a stick. It is loaded with fentanyl citrate, a narcotic commonly used in other forms to treat cancer pain. The lollipop is an off-white color and the stick bears a large "Rx" mark.

Anesta officials said the product is designed to be unattractive to children and is packaged in a foil pouch that studies showed could not be opened by children up to the age of four.

Along with the packaging, the company said it was lowering the danger of abuse of the drug by limiting and strictly controlling distribution.

Actiq is designed for cancer patients who already are receiving opiates to control chronic pain. The lollipop will be used for quick relief from what is called "break-through pain," sudden spasms of pain so severe that they break through the round-the-clock dosage used to control chronic pain.

'My nightmare is that college kids will be out there having a lollipop party, and some of them will not wake up in the morning.'

— Dr. Laura F. McNicholas, who warned the committee of the dangers of marketing the lollipop

Steven A. Shoemaker of Anesta said the company recognized the attraction the lollipop might have for children and has designed an extensive program of education, careful distribution and patient instructions to lower the risk of poisoning.

Asked what would happen if a child did consume the lollipop, Shoemaker admitted: "The consequences would be life-threatening. There is a definite risk."

But members of the committee generally said the benefits to some 1 million cancer sufferers who are in constant pain outweighed the risk.

The lollipop will provide almost immediate relief, the company said, for patients suddenly racked by terrible pain from their cancer. The drug is absorbed in the mouth and starts work within minutes. Its effects last for only about 15 minutes, but that is usually long enough to relieve breakthrough pain.

Pain in cancer is a major problem, particularly since most cancer patients are treated at home and often must manage their own discomfort, said Mary A. Simmonds of the American Cancer Society.

"There currently is no comparable product without a needle," said Simmonds of the lollipop.

Dr. Laura F. McNicholas of the Philadelphia Veterans Administration Medical Center warned the committee of a serious risk of drug abuse from marketing the lollipop.

"My nightmare is that college kids will be out there having a lollipop party, and some of them will not wake up in the morning," she said.

Shoemaker said the drug would be carefully monitored and if abuse is reported the company will "send in a SWAT team" to investigate the problem and take measures to prevent the illegal distribution.

Anesta and Abbott already are marketing a narcotic lollipop that is used only in hospitals. It is for both children and adults and is used just prior to painful medical procedures. This drug, called Oralet, was approved in 1993.

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PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 36 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow a person to hold the position of municipal judge in more than one municipality.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow a person who holds the office of municipal court judge to hold at the same time more than one civil office for which the person receives compensation."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 43 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to limit the maximum annual increase in homestead appraisals for each year since the most recent tax appraisal. The amendment would also permit the legislature to allow the governing body of a school district to elect to apply the law providing for the transfer of the age-65-and-older school property tax freeze to the person's new homestead, if the move to the new residence homestead occurred before the law took effect.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to limit increases in the appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem taxation and to permit a school district to calculate the school property tax freeze applicable to the residence homestead of an elderly person or the surviving spouse of an elderly person in accordance with the law authorizing the transfer of the school property tax freeze to a different homestead regardless of whether that law was in effect at the time the person established the person's homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 45 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to authorize counties, cities, towns, and other local taxing entities to grant exemptions or other forms of ad valorem tax relief on property on which approved water conservation initiatives have been implemented.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to permit a taxing unit to grant an exemption or other relief from ad valorem taxes on property on which a water conservation initiative has been implemented."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 104 proposes an

amendment to update the Texas Constitution by deleting duplicate numbering in its provisions and removing certain of its obsolete portions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment eliminating duplicate numbering in and certain obsolete provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 19 proposes an amendment to allow the Supreme Court of Texas to hold sessions at any location in this state. Currently, the court is limited to holding sessions only at Austin, the seat of state government.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the supreme court to sit to transact business at any location in this state."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 39 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the current provision which provides that the board of the Texas Growth Fund may not invest money in a business unless the business has disclosed to the board whether it has any direct financial investment in or with South Africa or Namibia.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing the Texas growth fund to continue to invest in businesses without requiring those businesses to disclose investments in South Africa or Namibia."

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 17 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the Texas Water Development Fund II as a fund separate and distinct from the Texas Water Development Fund. The amendment would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to administer the fund and issue general obligation bonds for purposes of the fund under guidelines set forth in the amendment.

The amendment would also allow the Board to use loan repayments coming into the fund after the end of the fiscal year to make bond debt service payments, and would provide certain conditions for the flow of funds for repayment of Texas agricultural water conservation bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment relating to the authorization to the Texas Water Development Board to transfer existing bond authorizations for water

supply, water quality, flood control, or state participation from one category of use to another category to maximize the use of existing funds and relating to more efficient operation of the bond programs."

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 31 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize home equity lending, in which a loan could be secured by a lien against the borrower's homestead. The amendment would also establish several provisions providing for consumer protection in the home equity lending process.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The amendment to the Texas Constitution expanding the types of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, may place against a homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 96 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to authorize a property tax of five cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts which are located in Harris County. The constitution currently authorizes a property tax of three cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts regardless of what county they are in.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize an ad valorem tax rate in rural fire prevention districts located in Harris County of five cents on each \$100 of taxable value of property."

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 33 proposes a constitutional amendment to permanently dedicate monies from the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund (and its auxiliary fund) so that they are used only for assisting victims of crime and not for any other purpose. If an episode of mass violence occurred, however, money from the funds could be used to assist victims of the mass violence if all other sources of authorized emergency assistance were depleted first.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment designating the purposes for which money in the compensation to victims of crime fund and the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund may be used."

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 59 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the Legislature from authorizing additional state debt payable from the general revenue fund if the resulting annual debt service (the amount needed each year to make payments) would exceed five percent of the annual general revenue available over the last three fiscal years, excluding revenues constitutionally dedicated for purposes other than payment of state debt.

The term "additional state debt" does not include bonds that, although backed by the full faith and credit of the state, are reasonably expected to be paid from revenue sources other than the general revenue fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment limiting the amount of state debt payable from the general revenue fund."

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 55 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that if the Texas Supreme Court does not act on a motion for a rehearing within 180 days of the motion's filing, the motion is denied.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to establish a deadline for supreme court action on a motion for rehearing."

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 8 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the Texas Tomorrow Trust fund dedicated exclusively to the prepayment of tuition and fees for higher education. The amendment would guarantee that if there is not enough money during any fiscal year to pay the appropriate tuition and required fees, the needed money will be appropriated out of the first available money coming into the state treasury each fiscal year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to encourage persons to plan and save for young Texans' college education, to extend the full faith and credit of the state to protect the Texas Tomorrow fund of the prepaid higher education tuition program, and to establish the Texas Tomorrow fund as a constitutionally protected trust fund."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 83 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to set the official qualifications for constables.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of constables."

Estos son los informes explicativos sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 4 de noviembre de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamada al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711.

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Sales tax rebate signals strength

Midland's sales tax rebate check from the State of Texas for September once again underscored the tremendously healthy local economy — a strong sign that the fabulous growth of recent months here is going to continue.

For more than two years sales tax receipts in Midland have been climbing and the September rebate, reflecting July sales, jumped nearly 15 percent above those recorded a year ago. The actual increase was 14.82 percent or a rebate check amounting to \$1,071,899.

Economic experts watching the Midland economy say this underscores the city's growing role as a retail trade center as national chains and outlets have located along Loop 250. What's more, they say, the climbing receipts underscore consumer confidence in the local economy and the willingness of shoppers to spend money, particularly on big-ticket items.

We've watched these astounding sales tax figures for months and agree that they bode well for the community of Midland — and this entire region — for the foreseeable future. Midland's economy is strong. In fact, some observers can't figure out why it is so strong. We've heard all the negativity, too. Some say it can't last; that it is essentially a house of cards and will fall under its own weight before too long. Possibly, but we don't see that happening. Midland's economy is strong and resilient — and it keeps performing that way even though some people can't believe it.

ANOTHER VIEW

Mir has outlived its usefulness to man

Let's be honest. The aging space station Mir, once the shining example of Russian space know-how and a perfect platform for studying the heavens and the earth, has outlived its usefulness. With its myriad problems, the space jewel has become a space jolopy.

Sure, the risks and challenges that have confronted Mir crews over the past few months have dramatically increased the learning curve for improvising in space. The Russian Space Agency and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration argue that it's better to experience these mishaps now, and overcome them, than when the construction of the international space station is under way next year.

But there is no need to tempt fate any further. It is better to take the lessons from the near misses in space and incorporate them into the planning for the international space station. With every new problem on Mir, the prospect for a catastrophe goes up.

"There are no immediate plans to abandon the Mir," Russian Mission Control spokesman Valery Lyndin said recently. "Russia intends to operate the Mir through the year 1999," he added. That policy is driven more by Russia's desire to show the world that it still is dominant in something. There is little further scientific or technological utility to be gained from Mir.

Continuing to keep Mir afloat is fine as long as Russia is using its money and putting only its cosmonauts at risk. It is not justifiable when U.S. astronauts and taxpayers' money are on the line. Other astronauts are scheduled to follow Michael Foale, who has borne the brunt of most Mir mishaps. NASA is paying the Russian Space Agency over \$320 million in service contracts associated with Mir.

After 11 years of service, Mir has more than surpassed its five-year life span and its expectations for living, learning and working in space. Trying to squeeze another two years out of Mir is not worth the risk. It certainly is not worth the risk of losing an American astronaut, Russian pride notwithstanding.

— The Dallas Morning News

CAL THOMAS

Albright's Israel visit: just more of the same

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's first official visit to Israel began on the right note. She met for three hours with Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat during which she reportedly lectured him on the necessity of cracking down on terrorism, something over which he has always claimed to have no control.

But it wasn't long before Albright slipped back into the predictable State Department moral equivalency mode and began criticizing Israel as equally responsible for the deterioration of the so-called "peace process." She asked that Israel stop building new homes because such housing is regarded as "provocative" by Palestinians. In fact, the PLO was "provoked" long before the beginning of the modern settlements. That's because, for the PLO, Israel's existence is a provocation. Besides, the Har Homa housing project that currently provokes the PLO is in Jerusalem, a city not covered by the 1993 Oslo agreement.

Albright blamed both Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Arafat for failing to live up to "their full obligations as partners in peace" under Oslo. But Israel has not violated one clause of Oslo. Even if a violation could be found, it would be like equalizing murder and a parking ticket.



Thomas

Unlike some other visits by former secretaries of State, the Albright trip did not take place because there was a deadlock in negotiations. It came in the wake of sustained and deliberate violations by the PLO of major commitments, culminating in a series of terrorist acts in Jerusalem which targeted noncombatants. How much are these terrorists and suicide bombers encouraged when Israel, through world pressure, is forced to release known terrorists from prison as a "confidence-building" gesture? Whose confidence is being built?

Albright's real agenda emerged when she revealed the substance of a supposedly private conversation with Israel's President Ezer Weizman in which he criticized Netanyahu. Apparently she had been the source of the quote published by Israel's media, but her attitude reflects State Department policy going back to the Bush administration and beyond. That policy holds that Israel is the obstacle, and that if Israel will simply give the PLO and Arab states what they want, peace will blossom. The trouble is, they want it all and have no intention of coexisting with people they consider infidels. Why do so many people find that difficult to believe when the Arabs say so publicly and in written documents?

Rather than base American policy on performance — the PLO's performance since Oslo is a litany of broken promises and a trail of bloody terrorism — Albright calls for more promises of good behavior. This isn't, or shouldn't be, about measures that make diplomats feel good (and look good). This is about life and death and a future for

the Jewish people and their homeland. You can't negotiate with people who want you dead. Albright has failed to establish proven compliance as the prerequisite for a genuine and sustained dialogue with the PLO. Instead, she indicates (ital) promises (unital) of compliance are enough. As a result, Arafat does not feel he has to change his objectives, only his tactics.

There are no disembodied "enemies of peace," as the State Department likes to say. An agreement has been signed. Though it is flawed and not in Israel's best interests, one party is not being held accountable to the document. Diverting blame from Arafat and refusing to hold him responsible for his many violations, including his collaboration with the terrorist Hamas organization, is like treating a serial killer as dysfunctional and sending him to a psychiatrist instead of holding him morally culpable for his acts and sending him to the gallows.

If Secretary Albright wants to fuel progress toward a final peace settlement, she should encourage Israel to refrain from dealing with Arafat until he fully complies with all his commitments and extradites all wanted terrorists. She correctly alluded to America's assertive attitude and leadership against Saddam Hussein and Moammar Kadafi. A similar attitude and leadership style toward Arafat might produce a more favorable end game than the endless game now being played out by terrorists and suicide bombers hoping to force Israel to assist in its own destruction.

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ART BUCHWALD

Scenes from the vice president's office

Everyone has his or her own version about what went on during the Al Gore telephone calls at the White House.

Here's the one I'd like to believe:

"Mr. Vice President, you have a telephone call."

"If it's a political donor, tell him I'm not here."

"He says he's calling from a Buddhist temple and is willing to discuss Buddha's thoughts on hard money as opposed to soft money."

"I can't accept a call like that while I'm in the White House. Here's a number of a pay phone at Union Station. Tell him I can talk about it from there."

"Mr. Vice President, will you accept a \$50,000 contribution from the Sons of Tennessee Mountain Fiddlers?"

"Of course, I won't. If I told you once I told you a hundred times, as vice president of the United States, I cannot take phone calls about money while I am conducting affairs of state."

"I understand, sir. What do you want me to tell the people who call?"

"Tell them to make a pledge in my voice mail, and I'll get back to them."

"Got it. Does this also apply to the soup-bone industry?"

"Does the soup industry want to make a financial donation to our party?"

"It sounds like it. But they would like a guarantee that you'll serve soup at all future fund-raisers."



Buchwald

"Why can't they just give us the money and say they're doing it for their country?"

"That would make a lot of sense. But what we have to be concerned about now, Mr. Vice President, is that these calls are not listed as solicitations by you from the White House."

"We have nothing to fear from that. I'm too busy with global warming to make political calls from here. Any word from Johnny Chung concerning his interest in our programs?"

"Nothing except he is complaining that they cook his soft-boiled eggs too hard whenever he has breakfast with you and the president."

"Make sure that the chef hears about this."

"Mr. Vice President, Janet Reno is demanding to see all our telephone records."

"What for?"

"She wants to ensure that the calls are strictly business, and you are not making any personal ones on the president's time."

"Go ahead, give her the records. If talking to Buddhists isn't legitimate business, I don't know what is."

So, whatever eventually transpires, the main question is, when did the vice president know that he was making a fund-raising call and how did he know it?

A White House damage-control officer said, "As soon as we install the pay phones in the Oval Office, we won't have these problems any more."

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Sept. 18, the 261st day of 1997. There are 104 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Sept. 18, 1947, the National Security Act, which unified the Army, Navy and newly formed Air Force into a National Military Establishment, went into effect.

On this date: In 1759, the French formally surrendered Quebec to the British.

In 1793, President Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

In 1810, Chile declared its independence from Spain.

In 1850, Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act, which allowed slaveowners to reclaim slaves who had escaped to other states.

In 1851, the first edition of The New York Times was published.

In 1927, the Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System (later CBS) made its debut with a basic network of 16 radio stations.

In 1961, United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld was killed in a plane crash in northern Rhodesia (now Zambia).

In 1970, rock star Jimi Hendrix died in London at age 27.

In 1989, Hurricane Hugo reached Puerto Rico, causing extensive damage as it continued to barrel toward the U.S. mainland.

In 1990, the city of Atlanta was named the site of the 1996 Summer Olympics.

Ten years ago: President Reagan announced that he and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev would meet later in the year to sign a treaty banning medium- and shorter-range nuclear missiles.

Five years ago: Ross Perot's name was submitted for the 50th state ballot — Arizona — on the

same day that Perot hinted on NBC's "Today" show that he might throw his hat into the presidential ring, after all.

One year ago: Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole fell off a stage during a campaign rally in Chico, Calif., after a railing gave way; he was not seriously hurt. The O.J. Simpson civil trial opened in Santa Monica, Calif. The Food and Drug Administration declared the French abortion pill RU-486 safe and effective, but withheld final approval until later.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Warden is 77. Actor Robert Blake is 64. Singer Jimmie Rodgers is 64. Senator Robert Bennett, R-Utah, is 64. Actor Fred Willard is 58. Singer Frankie Avalon is 57. Rock musician Kerry Livgren (Kansas) is 48. Rock musician Dee Dee Ramone is 45. Baseball player Ryne Sandberg is 38.

GEORGE WILL

Unabomber survivor finds strength while overcoming injuries

WASHINGTON—David Gelernter, professor of computer science, fresh from vacation, sorting through mail in his

Yale office, thought the package was someone's dissertation.

When he pulled the wrapping cord, smoke billowed with a hiss and a strange smell.

Then the package sent by the Unabomber emitted "a terrific flash," and Gelernter was blown into a long—

it will never end—journey of pain, involving many surgeries, a cornea transplant,

therapy, diminished capacities, lost time.

Yet such is this extraordinary man's undamaged mind and strengthened spirit, he also was catapulted into soaring self-discovery and social insight, one result of which is his short, exhilarating book, "Drawing Life: Surviving the Unabomber." Alternately droll and furious, ebullient and acidic, it stands against one of the

sins of the age, self-pity.

"When I looked down at my right hand I saw the bones sticking out in all directions and the skin crumpled like paper." His blood pressure measured zero. That was 1993, when for many months his undamaged eye could see "the lines of surgical staples holding my chest closed, the regions on my legs where layers of skin had been sliced off to provide raw materials for chest grafts."

In 1997 his reassembled body contains a spirit impatient with a society in which the word "judgmental" has only pejorative connotations—as though a nonjudgmental society could have justice. A student of America on the eve of the Second World War, he cites a 1937 Life magazine story on a foiled bank robbery: "The picture at right shows the two dead bandits lying in the street where the police dropped them." Life called it the "Neatest trap of the year." This was, Gelernter says, good news: "For violent criminals this long-ago society bristled with contempt. ... It was judgmental."

America then was, he says, the world's least passive country. Today we even sentence criminals with words tinged with "a certain wistful sadness," the tone of voice of a society uneasy, about being judgmental. And a newsmagazine's cover on the capture of the suspected Unabomber carried the headline "Mad Genius." There was no evidence to support either the adjective or the noun, but the idea of madness is, as Gelernter says, exculpatory. The phrase, say, "evil fool" would have been judgmental.

A society that is, as Gelernter says, "too squeamish to call evil by its right name" is a society in which People magazine anoints the Unabomber one of the most fascinating people of 1996. Which suggests not just how much we have changed, but also why we have changed, since 1936, when the "Londoner's Guide to New York" said "one may walk the streets for years without seeing anything more criminal than the solicitation of alms or the manifestations of inebrication."

Being a target of the Unabomber brought Gelernter into contact with the media, which filled him with "disgust and dark amusement." He was stunned by "the assumption in the news industry that a person wants to be addressed and treated as a 'victim.'" The fact that American society's admonition has changed from "count your blessings" to "nurture your grievances" helps explain the passing of the America depicted in Life magazine at the beginning of 1957.

"Americans greeted 1957 with high-decibel revelry and effervescent optimism. The old year that was ticking away had been a very good one. ... The year to come looked just as good or even better."

But in a society looked upon as a victimization machine, individuals are not actors, they are acted upon, and self-pity sits on their chests like a pile of bricks. Of course people do get acted upon in life — few as shattering as Gelernter has been — but that is no excuse for thinking of people as passive clay.

George Will's column is distributed by Washington Post Writers Group.



Will

Clinton rejects land mine ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stirring worldwide criticism, President Clinton rejected a ban on land mines that was endorsed Wednesday by 89 countries. He said the accord would jeopardize "the safety and security of our men in uniform."

Bristling at suggestions that the United States was blocking a global ban, the president said he was willing to bless a limited prohibition, but added, "there is a line that I simply cannot cross."

"No one should expect our people to expose our armed forces to unacceptable risks," he said.

Clinton announced his decision shortly after representatives of the 89 nations rejected U.S. demands for changes and accepted the text of a land mine treaty. Representatives of an additional 20 countries were in Oslo, Norway, for the talks as observers, but without voting rights.

The text calls for a total ban on production, export and use of anti-personnel mines. The countries are expected to formally accept the draft text Thursday, and supporters hope the actual treaty will be signed in Ottawa in December.

Land mines kill or maim more than 25,000 people every year.

Without U.S. support it will be difficult to incorporate other key countries — such as Russia, China and India — that are not a part of the treaty process.

Still, said Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy, who spearheaded the campaign for a ban, said, "We were not prepared to pay any price" for Washington's approval.

Jan Egeland, deputy Norwegian foreign minister, predicted that Clinton will support the treaty. "I believe internal forces in the United States will be tremendous," he said.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., one of the Senate's leading proponents of a land mine ban, criticized Clinton's decision. "U.S. policy on land mines has largely arisen from Congress, not the White House, and we will move forward with our legislation to ban anti-personnel land mines," Leahy said.

Both the Senate and House have passed resolutions urging Clinton to provide more leadership on the land mine issue.

Clinton telephoned allies this week in a failed bid to include a nine-year delay in implementing the treaty, exemptions for anti-tank mines and the right for any



Land mine victim Fredy Valladares, a former guerrilla, works on a prosthetic leg at the PODES clinic in San Salvador, El Salvador Wednesday. The PODES clinic, where the majority of workers are prosthesis users, was started in 1992 to help casualties from the 12-year civil war. According to a PODES employee about 90 percent of the people injured in the war were injured from land mines. Refusing to bend to global pressure, President Bill Clinton rejected Wednesday a draft treaty that would create an immediate and total ban on anti-personnel mines, saying the accord would endanger U.S. troops.

nation under attack to withdraw from the pact.

Flanked by his foreign policy team, Clinton told reporters that a total ban would leave 37,000 U.S. troops in South Korea vulnerable to an attack from the north.

Anti-tank mines — and explosive devices that prevent tampering — protect against an armored assault; conventional land mines would slow down a massive advance of troops, the president said.

"It's very easy if you're not one of those Americans in uniform up there (to say), 'Oh, well, this will

never happen. They'll never do it.' But you can move a million people into Seoul pretty quickly," the president warned.

U.S. troops on the borders of Iraq and Kuwait also rely on the mines, he said.

Japan, Poland and Australia have supported all or parts of the U.S. view during negotiations, according to the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines.

The push for a total ban on land mines was strengthened by the death of Britain's Princess Diana, who had campaigned for a prohibition.

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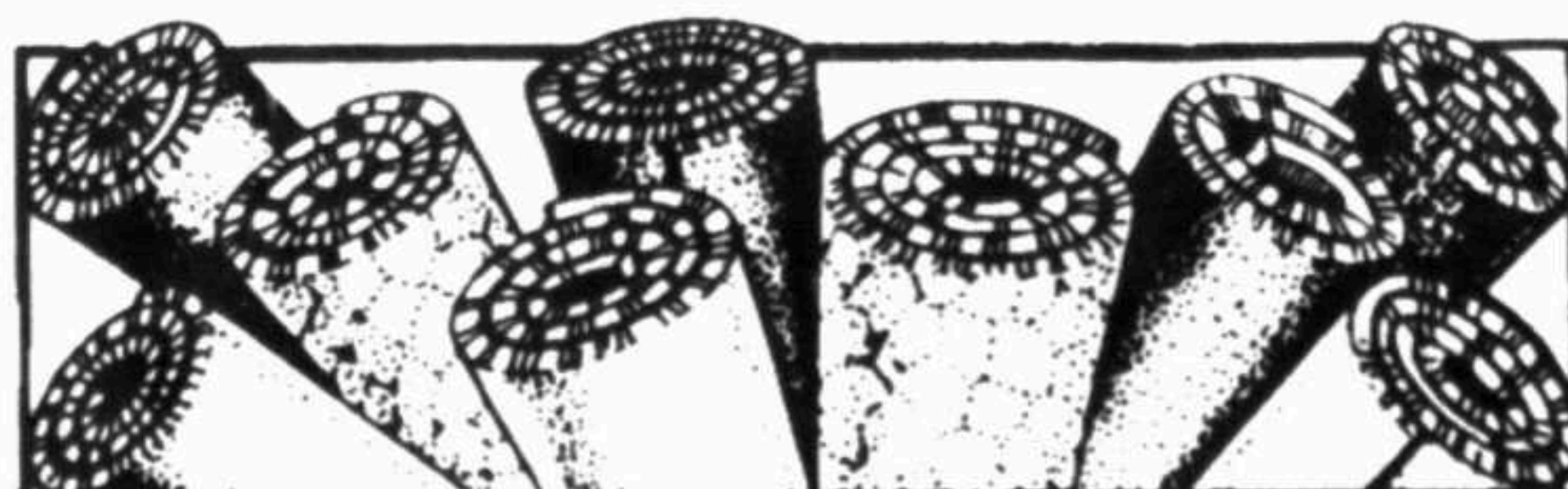
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House members pave way for congressional pay raise

WASHINGTON (AP) — With remarkable swiftness, the House of Representatives reached out Wednesday for a \$3,000 increase in the congressional salary of \$133,600.

On a vote of 231-192, and after a desultory debate in which the subject of a pay raise was never mentioned, lawmakers approved a routine Treasury Department spending bill shorn of a provision used routinely in recent years to block cost-of-living increases for lawmakers.

"They're pushing it through so they don't have to talk about" the 2.3 percent raise, Rep. Linda Smith, R-Wash., said of the GOP leadership as the multi-billion-dollar spending bill was whisking through the House in scarcely an hour.

"No one was trying to pull a fast one on anybody," countered Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., who steered the bill to passage. Even so, the tension on the House floor was evident, as GOP Whip Tom DeLay of Texas, a behind-the-scenes supporter of a pay raise, patrolled the floor continuously while the measure was pending.

While the legislation moved through the House

quickly — and with little advance notice to lawmakers — final passage capped weeks of quiet discussions among senior lawmakers. Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., the Democratic leader, were involved in conversations over whether and how to proceed in securing the first cost-of-living increase in congressional pay since 1992.

In separate closed-door caucuses earlier in the day, according to congressional officials, rank-and-file members of both parties discussed the issue. These officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said lawmakers were cautioned by their leaders that they would be subject to attack by their rivals in the next campaign if the pay raise took effect.

Ultimately, it was decided to bring the legislation to the floor under a procedure designed to bar a direct vote on the pay raise itself. In the end, pay-raise opponents seemed caught off guard, and none of them even sought recognition to try to amend the measure.

Even so, some Republicans worried aloud about the potential for political fallout on an issue that has proved volatile in the past.

Rep. John Linder, R-Ga. chairman of the House

Republican campaign apparatus, said, "It's one more issue we don't need to have." He said that incumbents in "politically vulnerable districts" would be attacked by their campaign opponents over the pay raise. Republicans hold a slender 227-206 majority in the House.

In fact, the legislation contains no mention of an increase in pay for members of Congress. By custom, though, it has been used in recent years to block such increases.

Under a law passed in 1989, lawmakers are entitled to an annual cost-of-living salary increase linked to what the president recommends for federal workers. Officials said that for the year beginning Jan. 1, 1998, that would amount to a raise of 2.3 percent for lawmakers, or \$3,072 annually.

The same 2.3 percent increase would go to federal judges. Congressional sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Chief Justice William Rehnquist had recently contacted Gingrich on the subject.

Rehnquist, who also serves as chief of the Judicial Conference, the policy-making organization of the federal judiciary, advocated the increase for judges' pay, these sources said. They added he also sought a provision that would permanently unlink judicial pay increases from the politically combustible issue of lawmakers' salaries.

Toni House, spokeswoman at the Supreme Court, said she could not comment on whether Rehnquist had been in touch with lawmakers.

The last cost-of-living increase for Congress was in 1992. Each year since, lawmakers have blocked their own increases by tacking an amendment onto the spending bill for the Treasury Department.

The Senate version of the Treasury spending bill includes a provision that explicitly denies a pay raise for members of the House and Senate. Negotiators for the two houses will be charged with reaching a compromise on the issue.

Republican sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Gingrich had decided to bring the legislation to the floor after checking the office of Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi, to see whether it would be possible to overcome a filibuster in the Senate if the final compromise measure paved the way for the cost-of-living increase.

First family prepares for only child's big send-off

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — They will hug her and kiss her. Then their only child will be gone, starting a new life in a land of strange faces and unfamiliar places 3,000 miles from home.

Thursday President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton begin the journey to bid goodbye to their daughter, Chelsea. They will fly with her to Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., and help her unpack pieces of the life they have shared.

In a ritual familiar to thousands of parents, the Clintons are expected to meet Chelsea's roommate Friday, examine her living quarters, and help her find her new mailbox as the clock ticks toward the most difficult parting of their parental lives.

Many parents have gone dry-eyed through drop-off day. Some have even been relieved to set free their restless teenagers. But the Clintons have indicated that they view the experience as a wrenching passage, their last embrace before their only child enters adulthood.

Mrs. Clinton, who wept when she dropped off Chelsea for her first day of kindergarten, has said: "When I think about her going off to college, it's much harder than I ever thought it would be. ... I will miss her so much."

And Clinton, whose father died before he was born, privately has expressed concern about how emotional he may become when he lets Chelsea go.

He hinted at his loss when he said last spring at Chelsea's high-school graduation: "A part of us longs to hold you once more as we did when you could barely walk, to read to you just one more time 'Goodnight Moon' or 'Curious George' or 'The Little Engine That Could.'"

What Clinton did not mention was that Chelsea, too, cherished those moments so much that she balked at learning to read because she feared her parents no longer would read her to sleep.

In the Oval Office Wednesday, Clinton told reporters: "The first thing I did this morning was go look at the boxes and make sure we had all the right things in the right boxes. But there's nothing I can do about it now. That's what you raise them for. I'm happy and sad at the same time."

Although Chelsea has lived virtually all her years in the Arkansas governor's mansion and the White House, the Clintons, by all accounts, have succeeded at making her life as normal as possible. They have eaten together, played together, celebrated together, sometimes mourned together.

But when the Clintons return to the White House Monday, they will find an empty bedroom where Chelsea used to sleep. Chelsea no longer will take her turn saying grace at mealtimes. Nor will Chelsea be there to watch "Jeopardy" with her mother, as she often did, or play basketball with her father.

During some rocky stages of the Clintons' marriage, it was their love for Chelsea that helped them persevere, her mother has said.

"My strong feelings about divorce and its effects on children have caused me to bite my tongue more than a few times during my own marriage and to think instead about how I could be a better wife and partner," Mrs. Clinton wrote in her book, "It Takes A Village And Other Lessons Children Teach Us."

She added: "My husband has done the same. ... That we are blessed with Chelsea enhances our commitment."

In a sense, the Clintons cheated themselves of an extra year with Chelsea by allowing her to skip a grade in the Little Rock, Ark., public schools. And because they have no more children, the emptiness they feel with her departure is likely to be particularly acute.

"When it is your only child, there is some closure and grieving one needs to deal with because you've invested so much of yourself in the parenting process," said Dr. Jim Hamburger, director of mental health services for the health centers division of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care in Boston.

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BASIN BRIEFING

Book signing

Author Jean Starnes is to sign copies of her autobiography, "Hell on Wheels," 4-6 p.m. Sept. 27 at Hastings. "Hell on Wheels" chronicles the life of a woman with cerebral palsy — one who has two master's degrees, taught handicapped children and adopted a boy who is handicapped. For more information call 520-0100 or 694-1151.

Antique sale

FORT DAVIS — An antique and collectibles sale is planned in conjunction with the 14th annual Restoration, Preservation and Descendants Festival, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Fort Davis National Historic Site. Booth space may be reserved for a \$25 fee. For more information call the Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce, 915-426-3015.

Art seminar

The Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library and J. Evetts Haley History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave., is offering the second Haley Library Art Appreciation Seminar at 6:30 p.m. today.

The presenters for the seminar are art historians Peter Hassrick, Robert Rankin White, and Michael Grauer, curator of art at The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon.

They will address the questions of collectors, both beginning and experienced, concerning assessing values of fine art in today's market and expectations as compared to past markets, and also offer insight to future buyers.

After the presentations, a panel will convene to address questions and comments from the audience. The panel will consist of Midland artist Tom Ryan and Midland art collectors Joan Holt and Evetts Haley Jr.

Cost of the seminar and reception is \$15 per person. Reservations are suggested due to the limited seating. For reservations call 682-5785. Payment may be made at the door. The event is sponsored in part by a grant given by the Arts Assembly of Midland from funds generated by Celebration of the Arts.

Constitution Week

Gov. George W. Bush has proclaimed Sept. 17-23 U.S. Constitution Week in Texas.

The proclamation reads as follows:

"The Constitution of the United States was drafted as a result of decisions made by our founding fathers at a convention in Philadelphia in 1787. This year marks the 210th anniversary of the drafting of this venerable document.

"The Constitution went into force in 1789 and has been amended only 27 times. This document is the longest-lasting written constitution in history. Historians debate why this is so, but they generally agree that our Constitution is a living document that has changed during the years yet remained true to its basic principles. Chief among these is that our government is formed by the people and for the people with the aims of promoting justice, domestic tranquility, common defense and the blessings of liberty.

"The Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will use Sept. 17-23, to help schoolchildren across the Lone Star State realize the importance of our Constitution.

"I encourage Texans to pause during this week and remember the wisdom, hope and determination of men like James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and others during the drafting of our American Constitution. Their aspirations are alive today, and I encourage Texans to recognize with appreciation the importance of this document.

"Therefore, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim Sept. 17-23, 1997, U.S. Constitution Week in Texas."

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Troopers seek help in finding man

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

FORT STOCKTON — State troopers investigating the case of a man who was last seen in the Pecos County area on April 5 are seeking the help of Permian Basin residents to locate him or to uncover information on his disappearance.

Julio Cesar Cantu, 24, disappeared on his way to San Juan. He was leaving Mountain Home, Idaho — where he worked at an auto body shop as a painter

— and moving to South Texas to look for work, said Texas Ranger Gerry Villalobos, who is investigating the man's disappearance.

Authorities found the man's vehicle — a 1991 white pickup with "Cantu"



Cantu

written in green letters on the truck bumper — on May 31 near an abandoned oil field in Northern Ridge, a small town 22 miles north of Pecos.

The keys were missing from the vehicle, and Cantu's pet sharpei had died after suffocating in the car.

"I know that area, and it seems like someone must have really known their way around those roads," Villalobos said. "Someone went out of their way to hide (Cantu's) vehicle."

Villalobos told the Reporter-Telegram that the man was following a vehicle dri-

ven by acquaintances from Idaho — Fidel Rodriguez and his family — to their destination. The caravan had passed through the Midland/Odessa area during their journey.

A report from the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse quotes Rodriguez as saying that Cantu might have crossed the border.

Rodriguez was quoted as saying that he did not know Cantu was missing until he arrived in Rio Grande City, which is a few

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MC now offers latest in oil technology training

■ Courses at Midland College's new Advanced Petroleum Geotechnology Center teach oil industry employees to use exploration and production software.

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Midland College and the Permian Basin's oil companies are enthusiastic about their latest cooperative venture in oil technology training.

The school on Wednesday formally unveiled the Midland College Advanced Petroleum Geotechnology Center. The center, located in the college's Abell-Hanger Science Faculty Building, contains millions of dollars worth of the latest computer equipment and software.

Dick Lodewick, the college's director of geotechnical training, said the center will be used to train oil industry employees on how to use oil and gas exploration and production software.

The college began offering courses at the center about three weeks ago and will have 48 oil company employees enrolled by the end of the fall semester. The classes are four weeks

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MPD officer suspended for alleged police misconduct

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

Exactly three years after joining the police force, a Midland Police Department officer was suspended with pay Tuesday in connection with allegations of police misconduct, officials confirmed Wednesday.

Officer John Kerrigan, 40, who has served with the patrol division since Sept. 16, 1994, was placed on administrative leave starting at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. He will remain on suspension while Internal Affairs Division investigators probe the allegations, police officials said.

Authorities with internal affairs said details on the case could not be released because Kerrigan has not officially been named as a suspect on a criminal complaint. Officials also declined to comment on Kerrigan's suspension because of ongoing investigations conducted by the internal affairs department and criminal investigation unit.

However, officials said they are investigating allegations that Kerrigan was involved in "illegal conduct while he was on duty."

Kerrigan is the second police officer to be suspended from the police force in the last three weeks. Richard Lee McKee, 27, a patrol officer for four years, was arrested Sept. 8 in connection with an Aug. 31 assault involving his ex-wife.

Officials said internal affairs officials extended McKee's suspension until they complete their investigation. McKee was suspended Sept. 2. He was arrested a week later on charges of family violence assault, a Class B misdemeanor. He was released from detention on a \$500 bond.

According to criminal complaints, the officer allegedly assaulted the woman at her residence at the Hawthorne House apartments. The woman reported the assault at 10:34 p.m. She was not hospitalized in connection with the incident, reports indicate. She reportedly received minor injuries to her face.



Blues musicians Greg Piccolo and Heavy Juice are to perform 9 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday at Centennial Plaza. The concert follows a blues workshop, set for 5 p.m., and a jam session, 6-8 p.m. The workshop and jam session are free; admission will be charged to the concert.

Piccolo and Heavy Juice to play in plaza

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

Greg Piccolo and Heavy Juice are to blow into Midland Saturday to close an afternoon and evening of blues at Centennial Plaza.

"I like coming to Midland and have enjoyed working there," said Piccolo, longtime leader of the band Roomful of Blues. "The people who do know my new band really like it. I know I have some fans there. I hope to get a stronger base built up so I can come more often."

Currently on tour, Piccolo spoke from a pay telephone outside Chicago en route to the Omaha Blues Festival. The band plays Fort Worth Friday and Austin Sunday, with Midland tucked in between. "We're making a special trip to come to Midland."

"Every fan is a big deal to me. I don't take any of them for granted. If we make 20 new fans on this trip, that's 20 people (whom) next time we come we can count on."

Saturday's event features a free "Basic Blues" Work-

The Heavy Juice album 'Acid Blue' was selected by CD Review as one of the magazine's top 10 blues recordings of 1995.

shop at 5 p.m. For those unfamiliar with blues music, Bobby Joe Smith will teach, among other things, Delta and Texas Blues musical structure and instrumental techniques on the National Steel guitar.

Also, a free "Blues Jam" begins at 6 p.m. and continues until 8 p.m. All musicians, regardless of their skill level, are invited to participate and jam with drummer J.B. Thornton.

Piccolo and Heavy Juice take the stage at 9 p.m. and will play two 75-minute sets. The second set begins at

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Ed TODD

There was a time when we knew where the water came from

Water. It's something, I reckon, that most people take for granted until, of course, the well runs dry, the lake gets ration-level low, the pool becomes a mud hole, the drought steals the grandeur of rain clouds from the blue sky, and the blessings of rain seem distant.

Urban dwelling has just about put thankless convenience into water systems. You pay the bill, and there she flows. We certainly are glad it's there. And we must figure that it is due us because, we reason, running water comes with city living. You turn on the faucet and, voila, there appears flowing water as if by magic.

Hardly.

Fact is, we can waste the piped-in lake and well water



Todd

out here in the West Texas desert, dutifully pay the bill, and nobody says anything much if there's no imminent rationing of water. The higher the water bill, the more government revenue to keep the water system maintained.

In the city, water is always at hand, it seems. Look. You can see the water towers where the precious stuff is stored and where it takes on forces of gravity to travel by main and pipes to your house, church, and business or to the city park, the cafe, the service station, the swimming pool, and then on the ground or down the drain. Therein is another story fit to be told in the recycling process.

And then, if you want something special in the way of pricey water, you drive on down to the grocery store to pick up bottles or jugs of drinking water or its distilled variety. And you wonder why water costs so much, particularly since it's free from the rain clouds.

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dise from canned soft drinks to canned beans and from ice cream to frozen broccoli and garden-picked and farm-fresh fruits and vegetables.

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Back in those days, we didn't flush the water. We took care of our business about a hundred paces out back in

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miles west of San Juan.

Villalobos also quoted Rodriguez as saying that he lost knowledge of Cantu's whereabouts after Rodriguez stopped to replace a flat tire outside of Pecos.

During their investigation, law enforcement officials combed a five-mile radius around the location where Cantu's vehicle was found. The search was made by officers on horseback and aboard a helicopter.

Villalobos discovered that Cantu was interrogated by Pecos police after a convenience store clerk confused the man with a vagrant. Police said Cantu seemed to be nervous and disoriented, and told officers that he thought someone was after him.

The police, after running a criminal check on the man, released him, Villalobos said. They asked Cantu who was allegedly following him, but the man was elusive, Villalobos said.

A couple of days after Cantu's disappearance was reported, authorities said a man who was reported missing from Dallas was found 20 miles from the area where Cantu's vehicle was found.

As of Wednesday, it was unknown whether the two cases are related.

Villalobos said he is scheduled to meet with Arlington authorities in Austin to compare evidence in both cases.

Cantu, a Hispanic male who is 5-feet, 9-inches tall and weighs 175 pounds, was last seen wearing a white T-shirt and baggy blue jeans. He has a tattoo of a heart on his left forearm and a tattoo of a spider web on his left hand. He has dark brown eyes and hair.

Authorities suspect that Cantu is dead, Villalobos said.

"We're hoping that hunters will keep an eye out for someone fitting this description when they're out there," Villalobos said.

Anyone who may have information that may lead to solving this case should contact the missing person's bureau at 1-800-346-3243, the Fort Stockton DPS office at (915) 336-3414, or the San Juan Police Department at (210) 787-9904.

DEATH NOTICES

Elizabeth Brooks

SAN ANGELO — Elizabeth "Hootsie" Freeman Brooks, 82, of Midland died Wednesday, Sept. 17, in Midland.

Services are to be 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel in San Angelo with the Rev. Dave Gentry officiating. Burial is to follow at Sherwood Cemetery under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

She was born April 21, 1915, in Breckenridge. She was a former resident of Sherwood where she was a housewife, Stanley Products dealer and worked for the Merton Independent School District.

Survivors include two sons, William L. Brooks of Givrin and Freddie L. Brooks of San Angelo; two daughters, Billie Sue Warren and Bobbie Ann Brooks, both of Midland; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Floretta Raglen

Floretta Raglen of Midland died Tuesday, Sept. 16, at a local hospital.

Graveside services have been set for 1 p.m. today, Sept. 18, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 27, 1926, in Healdton, Okla.

She graduated from Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, Okla. She lived in Kermit before moving to Midland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John H. Raglen Jr., on Aug. 31, 1976.

Survivors include a son, John H. Raglen III of Rankin; two daughters, Donna S. Raglen of Midland and Cheryl J. Wescott of Merton; a brother, Cole M. Downing Jr., of Chesterfield, Mo.; and two grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be directed to American

Heart Assn., 3525 Andrews Highway, Suite 111, Midland 79703; or American Diabetes Association, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 220E, Midland 79705.

David Fulton

PAMPA — David Ray Fulton, 54, father of Midlander David Ray Fulton Jr., died Tuesday, Sept. 16, in Pampa.

Services are to be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at the First Baptist Church in Lefors with the Rev. Lewis Ellis and Mike Sublett officiating. Burial will be at Alaneed Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors in Pampa.

He was born Feb. 26, 1943, in Alaneed.

He worked for Phillip Petroleum as a truck driver for 31 years. He lived in Odessa and Rankin before moving to Pampa in 1993. He was a Baptist.

Other survivors include his wife, Lavern Steele Fulton of Pampa; two other sons, Kenneth Fulton of Rankin and Randy Fulton of Odessa; his parents, Euil and Lois Fulton of Alaneed; two brothers, Donald G. Fulton of Clarendon and Billy J. Fulton of Lefors; two sisters, Pat Curtis of Sunray and Lois V. Turner of Lowell, Ark.; and seven grandchildren.

Thomas Moses

Thomas Moses died Wednesday, Sept. 17, at a local hospital.

Services are to be 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Leo Riley officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 31, 1938, in Pawnee, Okla.

He worked for St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City and was an administrator for Parkview Hospital and vice president at Memorial Hospital. He oversaw

fund-raising activities for schools in West Texas and eastern New Mexico.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Moses of Midland; a son, Thomas "Tony" Moses of Columbus, Ga.; a daughter, Christie Beasley of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers, Orlando Moses and David G. Moses, both of Oklahoma City; and three grandchildren.

The family requests donations to Thomas E. Moses Scholarship Fund, c/o Debra Echo-Hawk, Education & Training, P.O. Box 470, Pawnee, Okla. 74058.

Leannell Hardman

Midlander Leannell Hardman died Tuesday, Sept. 16, at a Lamesa hospital.

Graveside services are to be 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born March 11, 1921, in Lamesa.

She moved to Midland in 1952. She was a member of William Brewer Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution, Pyrantha Club and First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, R.D. Hardman, in 1996 and by a brother, R.L. Meyers Jr.

Survivors include a brother, C.O. Meyers of Tulsa, Okla.; two sisters, Doris Smith of Lamesa and Billye Hillman of Seminole; and three nephews.

Mary Selby

Mary Selby, 66, died Wednesday, Sept. 17, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Howard Stallings

Howard S. Stallings, 83, died Tuesday, Sept. 16, at a local retire-

ment center. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Robert Bigard

Former Midlander Robert L. Bigard, 70, of Kerrville died Wednesday, Sept. 17 at a Midland hospital.

Services are to be 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bill Hatler officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Visitation is to be 6 to 9 p.m. today, Sept. 18, at the funeral home.

He was born Aug. 2, 1927 in Newton, Ill.

He worked for Parker Drilling Co., Joseph I. O'Neill Co., and Tri-Service Drilling and was exploration and production manager for Beach Exploration Inc. until his retirement in 1992. He moved to Kerrville two years ago. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Florence Jackson Bigard, his father, Louis Bigard, a brother, Florent Bigard and two sisters, Norma LaCava and Janet Varga.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Jane Bigard of Fort Davis and Lynda Patterson of Monahans; his mother, Cecilia N. Bigard of Newton, Ill.; a brother, James R. Bigard of Mount Pleasant, Mich.; four sisters, Georgiana Schackmann of Newton, Ill., Yvonne Winters and Shirley Ackert, both of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Marilyn Lehrer of New York City; two grandsons and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be made to Hearts Alive Club, Midland Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, 2200 W. Illinois Ave., Midland, Texas 79701; Southside Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 2068, Monahans, Texas 79756; or Esten Martinez Scholarship Fund, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas.

OBITUARIES



Charles Leggett Jr.

Charles (Bob) Leggett Jr. was born January 5, 1930, in Waco, Texas, to Charles Leggett Sr., and Roberta Crider Leggett. He was reared in Waco and Amarillo, and was a graduate of Amarillo High School. In 1952, he graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a B.S. degree in petroleum engineering. After college, he served the United States Naval Reserve for four years. He married Catherine Evans in Houston on June 15, 1957. They lived in Houston, Oklahoma City, and Denver before moving to Midland in November 1972. Mr. Leggett worked for Houston Oil Company until 1955. He then worked for Arco until his retirement in 1985. After retirement, he did contract work for Arco and Hondo Oil and Gas until 1989.

He was a member of St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, where he participated in many functions, including the vestry. He was a member of Holland Masonic Lodge No. 1 in Houston. He had been active in Community and Senior Service, Meals on Wheels, Friendly Visitor, Christmas in April, Jessie Owens Olympics and Casa de Amigos.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine of Midland; a son, Robert A. Leggett of Dallas; a daughter, Ellen L. Orr and her husband, Alan K. Orr, of Coppell, Texas; and two grandchildren, Meredith and Michael Orr, also of Coppell.

Mr. Leggett died Sunday at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Memorial services will be held Friday, September 18, 1997, at 4:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, with Father Jon S. Stasney officiating, assisted by Father Nicholas Marziani. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 2900 Princeton, Midland, Texas, 79701.



David Harrison

David Hoy Harrison was born August 25, 1949, to Hoy and Helen Harrison in Fort Worth, Texas. He was reared in Midland, Texas, graduating from Midland High School in 1967. He attended Texas Christian University and graduated in 1973, with a bachelor of business administration degree. He was active in the Sigma Chi fraternity. Mr. Harrison worked as a

landman after school in various parts of the country. He opened City Energy Inc., in 1983, with Bill Bergman, and was president and co-owner. Mr. Harrison held various offices in the Sigma Chi fraternity, and was a member of the Texas Christian University Midland Chapter Alumni Board and Committee 100. He enjoyed golf, his family and his friends. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church. He was preceded in death by his father, Hoy Benton Harrison Jr., in 1980.

He is survived by his mother, Helen Harrison of Midland; two brothers, Larry Harrison of Fort Worth, Texas, and Foy Harrison and his wife, Diane of Spring, Texas; two nieces, Julie Harrison of Fort Worth and Lauren Harrison of Spring; and two nephews, Jeffery Harrison of Fort Worth and Hunter Harrison of Spring.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Hoy Benton Harrison Memorial Scholarship Fund, Texas Christian University, P.O. Box 297080, Fort Worth, Texas, 76129 or Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, 2200 W. Illinois Ave., Midland, Texas 79701 or the charity of your choice.

Mr. Harrison died Monday in Midland County.

Honorary pallbearers will be William Bergman, John L. Cox, Kelly Cox, Clarence Scharbauer III, Dr. Charles Younger, John Younger, Bill Klein, Tom Branhay, Larry S. Melzer, Carvel Mills and Robert M. Leibrock.

Pallbearers will be Jeffery Harrison, John Wolf, John Qualls, Hal Roach, Scott Louderback, Jim Lucas, Dan Duwael and Oren D. Albright III.

Funeral services have been set for 9 a.m. Thursday, September 18, 1997, at First Presbyterian Church with Dr. F. Ray Riddle and Dr.

Richard Braun officiating. Interment will be at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.



Leonard McFarland

Services for Leonard O. McFarland are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, September 19, 1997, at the Frank W. Wilson Funeral Home. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Odessa, Texas.

He went home to visit his Lord on Tuesday, September 16, 1997, from Midland Memorial Hospital and Medical Center at the age of 71 years.

He was born September 20, 1925, in Grayson County of parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. McFarland. He married Eretta Mae Blakely, his life-long mate of 54 years. He then went on to receive his associate of science degree in 1954. The couple

moved to West Texas in 1945, where they raised three daughters in their Christian home. He retired as the Western Division purchasing manager in Midland, Texas, for Gulf Oil Corporation after 40 years of devoted service.

Leonard was faithful to Christ and his family — a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was devoted to making a difference within his community through involvement in several organizations including: the First United Methodist Church, Crane school board, Lion's Club, Masons, Shriners, Crane County Chamber of Commerce, Crane County Volunteer Fire Department, Petroleum Accountant Society, National/Texas Association of Realtors, National Association Purchasing Management American Petroleum Institute and the Permian Basin Purchasing Management Association.

He is survived by his wife, Eretta Mae McFarland of Crane; his daughters' families, Vickie

and John Hood of Monahans and their daughter and son-in-law, Missy and David Smith of Abilene. Debby and Gene Cowden of Crane and their daughters, Shonny and Sunny Cowden of Dallas, and Cathy and Randy Dobbs and their children, Brandon and Amanda Dobbs of Midland. Other survivors include, his sisters-in-law, Dolly McFarland of Whitesboro, Sammie S. Crockett of Benita, Marie Phillips and husband, Joe of Gainesville; his brothers-in-law, Billy J. Blakely and wife, Nancy of Grandbury, James E. Blakely and wife, Caryl of Odessa, Harold Moses of Fort Worth and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be loving family members, Gerald Dan Crockett, Randy Blakely, Joe Lloyd McFarland, David Smith, Danny Holt and Terry Phillips.

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JUICE: Band to hold jam session in Centennial Plaza before concert Saturday

(From 1B)

10:45 p.m. Advance tickets for Piccolo's show are available at Sam's Bar-B-Que, Casa Madrid, Jazz, CD Warehouse, Mainstream Music and Endless Horizons for \$8; tickets are \$10 at the door.

Refreshments will be available. An area with tables and chairs will be set up for the outdoor event. In the event of rain, the evening show will be moved indoors. For more information call George Dreher, 686-0397.

After logging nearly 25 years

playing tenor saxophone and singing lead vocals with Roomful of Blues, Piccolo released his first solo album in 1990. In 1994, he left Roomful to pursue a solo career.

"It was not an easy thing to leave Roomful," the Rhode Island native said about the change in his career. "Roomful was something I loved. It wasn't a question of whether or not I loved that music, but there were other things tugging at my sleeve. I don't want to forget about my past. I spent a major portion of my life working with Roomful, but I had a lot of other music in me."

For Piccolo, it's been vital to "stay true to what's in your heart and do your own thing. I always believed that in the end you will be a lot happier and better off because you've done that."

In 1994, he formed Heavy Juice and recorded an album called "Acid Blue." This album was selected by CD Review as one of the magazine's top 10 blues recordings of 1995 and, rather than the formation of "Heavy Juice," is considered by some to mark the beginning of his solo career.

"I've only been on my own for three years," Piccolo said. "I've already had two solo records come out. I've made progress. Everything is relative in this business."

Recently, Piccolo and Heavy Juice's Fantasy Records' release "Red Lights" has received a green light from critics.

"I'm very happy," Piccolo said. "I've got a good bunch of people with me right now out there doing our thing all over the country. We've been to Europe this summer. We're pretty much constantly on the road."

Heavy Juice members are Barry Seelen, organ; P.J. Plenninger, drums; Paul Thomasello, bass; and John La Mola, percussion. While in Europe, Piccolo and Heavy Juice played the Brussels Blues Festival.

Piccolo has 17 albums to his credit including recordings with Pat Benetar, Colin James, "Blues Train" with Big Joe Turner, and "Butt Rockin'" with the Fabulous Thunderbirds.

"Even though I have been around for all those years, I started over again," Piccolo said of launching a solo career. "It doesn't matter to the club owners. You have to draw the people. You have to do the business today. You can't live in the past and on a past reputation."

When he performs, Piccolo said he devotes the same energy and drive to a small audience as he does for a large one.

"It doesn't matter if there are 10 people there or 10,000 — I've been in both situations in the past months — they get the same effort out of me one way or another."

"The customer paid to get in so you've got to take the first step. But it takes two to get that magic thing going; it is a two-way street ultimately. We're certainly going to open the door when we get on stage."

OIL: MC plans to offer courses for college credit in future

(From 1B)

Similar technology was previously available in Texas only at a college in Houston, Jacobs said. Midland companies had to pay more to lose their employees for several days.

"They don't want to send people to Houston," Jacobs said. "These companies are willing to donate software and hardware, if we can train their employees in the state-of-the-art methods of oil technology."

Under the partnership, local oil and geologic software firms donated high-end equipment and software. Geoquest provided \$2 million in software and GeoGraphix chipped in \$250,000 in software.

Now employees can remain in the area to work during the day and hone their computer skills in night classes.

The computer center includes four IBM personal computers running Windows NT. They are linked with a Sun Ultrasparc workstation using the Unix operating system.

Buddy Wylie, a supervisor for Mobil Exploration and Production, is one of the center's instructors.

Wylie said a similar program in Houston could cost at least \$1,000 per employee, but here in Midland it will cost about \$320.

Lodewick said the computer programs are critical to the oil industry because of the way they interpret data collected in the field.

Field crews on trucks use seismic equipment like sonar to measure an area and digitize the sound waves for use with computers.

The center's computers can take the digitized sound waves and convert them into visual images.

They produce a rock layer cross section that's similar to slicing a cake, Lodewick said. The images allow geologists to find rock layers that are likely to contain oil, known as "oil traps."

Different rocks respond differently to sound waves, he said.

"There are indications within the geologic sections that will show geologists where the oil might be."

The computer data conversion dramatically increases oil companies' chances of success in finding oil, he said.

The center's courses are currently non-credit and geared toward oil company employees. But the college in the future will offer courses for credit for geology and petroleum engineering majors.

TODD: We knew how water got to us

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Later on, the Todd family left Delta County and moved on up toward the Red River to Roxton in Lamar County where the well water was hard — hard as rocks, as in minerals, I suppose. It took some getting used to. The town's water flowed from the faucet. By some standards, I guess we were uptown. There were no more buckets of water to reel in unless we

returned to the Delta County farm for weekend, summer, and holiday visits.

By the 1950s, we had moved west to Iowa Park in Wichita County and arrived just in time for the seven-year drought. It was then when we were first introduced to bottled water.

For a spell, the town's lake was dry and so were the faucets. There was nothing to drip.

So, we had to haul in the water, the drinking and everything-else water.

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

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Republican leaders vow to attract more minorities to party

Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — Frank Beserra, a Hispanic Republican, has not been all that impressed with his party's past efforts to attract minorities.

"They have to start showing in deeds rather than words," said Beserra, a 48-year old Justice Department employee.

Nevertheless, he heard a lot more words Tuesday at a luncheon where GOP leaders promoted their latest campaign to reach out to minority groups that have traditionally supported Democrats.

A host of top GOP officials, including House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia, and Republican National Committee Chairman Jim Nicholson, assured a meet-

ing of minorities that this time they really mean to follow through with their pledge to broaden the party's base.

"This is not a simplistic one-day attempt to reach out to minorities," said Patricia Harrison, co-chairman of the RNC. Harrison said the party would work with state and local officials to help minority candidates mount campaigns.

Despite a number of highly publicized efforts to attract more minority support, the Republican Party has had limited success over the years.

In the last presidential election, 84 percent of blacks and 70 percent of Hispanics voted for President Clinton, according to exit polls.

Pollster Andrew Kohut said that while

recent surveys show a growing number of young minorities identifying themselves as independent rather than Democrat, that switch has not translated into growing support for Republicans.

"There is just a sense that the Republican Party is less interested in social progress than the Democratic Party," said Kohut, who is director of the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

Beserra, a political appointee during the Reagan administration, complained that Republicans need to stop "demagoguing" on the immigration issue. Last year the GOP supported a number of curbs on federal aid to legal immigrants that particularly angered Hispanics.

Beserra added the GOP has not "put their money where their mouths are" in terms of minority recruitment.

Gingrich said the party could draw minorities by pushing issues such as school choice, which he said affect those living in the poorest neighborhoods. Congressional Republicans are supporting legislation that would allow families to use vouchers for public, private and parochial schools. The Clinton administration opposes use of tax money for private or parochial schools.

Gingrich also dismissed the suggestion that the GOP had hurt itself with minorities recently by pushing curbs on immigration and affirmative action.

Both he and others said that Republi-

cans just need to spend more time in minority communities spreading their message and asking for support.

But Rep. J.C. Watts, the lone black Republican in the House who is often touted by GOP leaders as evidence of the party's success, warned that the outreach effort would not be easy.

The Oklahoma lawmaker said the party had to make a long-term commitment to win over minorities rather than "just waiting until six or eight weeks before the election and going to these communities and throwing some mud on the walls and hope that it sticks."

Family battles officials over dinosaur find

By Malcolm Browne

N.Y. Times News Service

The discovery of the bones of a large meat-eating dinosaur embedded in a bluff in Montana has set off a legal confrontation between a family of cattle ranchers and a group of paleontologists who are backed by federal and state officials.

The dispute escalated on Friday when agents of the paleontologists discovered some ranchers trying to dig up the dinosaur bones with an earth-moving machine. In the ensuing confrontation, one of the ranchers brandished a rifle and warned of possible bloodshed.

The local sheriff and the U.S. attorney's office then intervened. The ranchers complied with an order to cover up the fossil and leave the site.

Large dinosaur fossils command large prices, and the Montana dispute is the latest in a series of battles for these valuable legacies of the Cretaceous Period.

The land in question, several dozen acres near Fort Peck, Mont., belonged to a family named Walton for more than a century, one family member, Fred Walton, said in an interview. "We've been around a long time," Walton said. "One of our ancestors was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. How would you like it if the government came in and told you what you could do or not do with your land?"

The trouble is that the family came upon hard times some years ago and lost the land in a foreclosure by a Department of Agriculture agency, which apparently owns it now, although it may face a legal challenge.

Meanwhile, a paleontologist at the University of Notre Dame, Dr. J. Keith Rigby Jr., unaware of the foreclosure, got the permission of one branch of the bitterly divided Walton family, as well as a permit from the Fish and Wildlife Service, to search for dinosaurs on the land.

Rigby teaches at the University of Notre Dame, but in the summer he leads volunteers from Earthwatch, a Boston-based nonprofit organization, on dinosaur hunts. The volunteers, who pay to participate, are taught the rudiments of fossil hunting.

"During past seasons, we found the leg of a large hadrosaur in the vicinity, so we returned for further exploration this summer after getting permission from the Waltons," Rigby said in an interview. "In July, four volunteers literally stumbled over some badly weathered bones and insisted that we start digging."

"What we found was a meat-eating dinosaur with a jaw some seven feet long," he said. "If it's a kind of tyrannosaur, it's probably the largest one ever found. It may be another type of carnivore, but whatever it is, it's an enormously important discovery."

Rigby's group, which employed members of the Walton family to help run the camp, decided to postpone full-scale excavation until next year. It put protective plaster jackets around the exposed bones and reburied them.

But last Friday, the owner of a local bar noticed that some Walton family members had sent a backhoe to the dinosaur site and were digging it up. The bar owner notified Rigby in South Bend, Ind., who in turn arranged to, as he put it, "halt the vandalism."

Walton said that his family had, in fact, paid back a loan from the Farmers Home Administration, a branch of the Department of Agriculture now known as the Farm Service Agency, but had not been credited with the repayment. The Waltons, he said, therefore have a legitimate claim to the land.

Walton acknowledged his attempt to wrest the dinosaur fossil from the land. "We need food for our families and fuel for our machines," he said. "Those people at Earthwatch say it's a nonprofit outfit, but Rigby and those people earn money to pay their mortgages and put food on their tables, don't they? Is it fair that the landowner gets nothing?"

Rigby expressed sympathy for the Waltons, and called their attempt to seize the fossil "an act of desperation."

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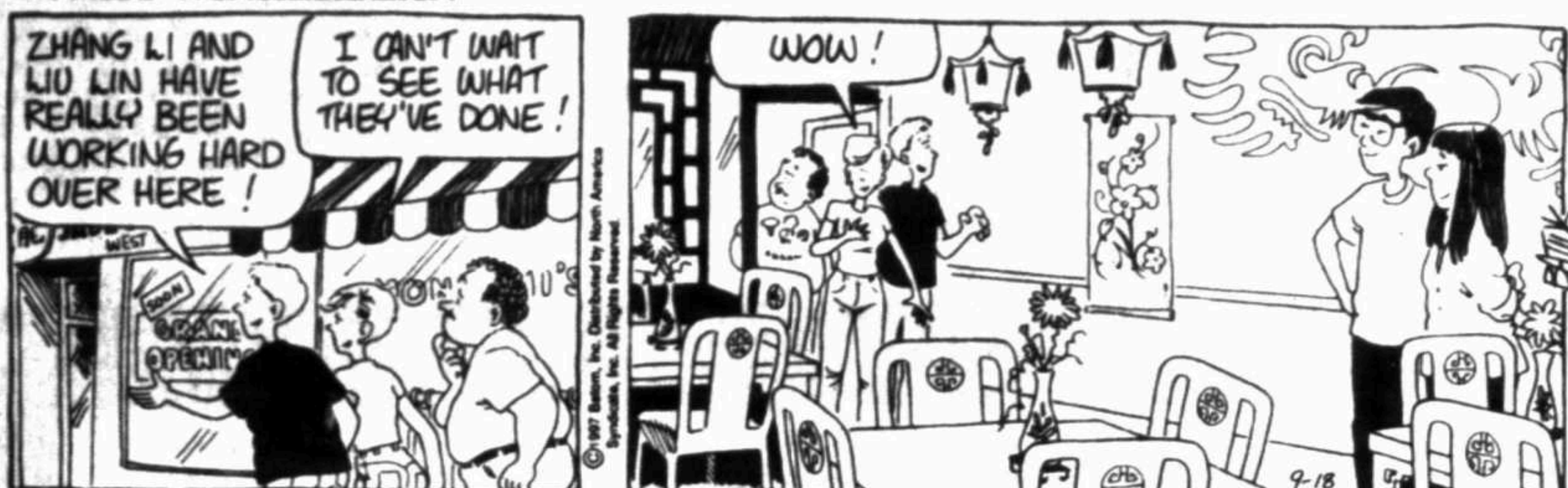
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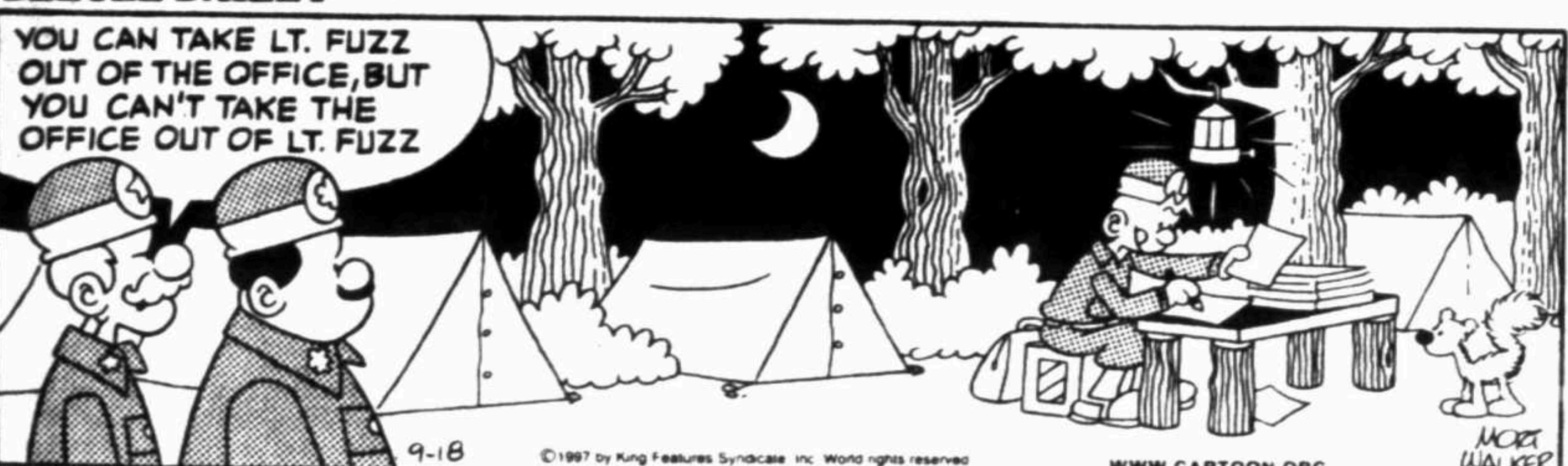
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Make a serious commitment to work, partnership and increasing your financial standing. A partner might be unusually difficult; don't take this personally. It has more to do with his issues than your relationship. A loved one or child could be confusing; you see this person differently from others. Perhaps a reality check is necessary here. If you are single, you fall in love easily. However, romance could be a rocky road because of your rose-colored glasses. If attached, try to not make judgments until you know the whole story. ARIES can be tough on you.

BORN TODAY

Singer Frankie Avalon (1940), actor Robert Blake (1933), actor Jack Warden (1920)

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You know what you want and have the self-discipline to achieve it. Don't hedge your bets; be the Ram you are, and just go for it. A co-worker could be baffled by your choices. However, he also might have something to gain from confusion. Tonight: You call the shots.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You're out of kilter but will restore your balance. Be direct about what is important to you. If you feel there is a mixup, you are right. There might be chaos where you least expect it. Honor your desires and needs. Tonight: Make a choice for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Your determination is unshakable. Listen to others, and be clear about where you are coming from. You are an unstoppable force. No one will block your path. A partner adds his share of confusion, so be direct in response. Tonight: Zero in on what you want!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Accept responsibilities. You are overwhelmed by a partner, the demands he makes and his expectation of immediate results. You feel the need to juggle two forces. Listen carefully to a boss; he means nothing less than business. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Keep your eye on the big picture, not on fuzzy details. Understand why you are doing certain things in your life. Awareness of recurring themes helps you maintain the direction you need when events become difficult. Tonight: Plan a minibreak.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Another's responses disappoint you; clearly, he is demanding. Be careful if you meet a new person today; it might be difficult to get an accurate picture. A partner gives you feedback, some of which you prefer not to hear. Tonight: Think before leaping!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You don't see an important domestic issue very clearly. Think through a partnership decision. When there is so much flak, you might need to turn around and go in the other direction. Listen, think and be direct with another. Tonight: Take a breath of fresh air.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Money is your Achilles heel. If you aren't careful, you could take a risk that hurts your wallet and heart. There is a caution light blinking. Be careful. A child or loved one needs a stronger sense of direction from you. Tonight: Enjoy good times.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** A personal matter confuses you. In your mood, it might be wise not to make any major decisions or purchases. Another might demand to have something his way. Listen, then nicely say no. Right now, no action is your best choice. Tonight: Think about what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** You might feel as if something is off, but actually you might just be tired. Think carefully before you leap into action and say what you think. You still might be compelled to tell all. Expect to hit a roadblock, whether you want to or not. Tonight: Do for yourself!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** A friend might have a different idea about what works for you than you do. Lighten up, and relax. Be direct about what you want. Your directness and cordial ways make a big difference in the outcome. It's OK to have a difference of opinion. Tonight: Be a tightwad for a night!

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♣ A 9 6 4 2			
SOUTH			
♠ A Q 5 4			
♥ A 7 3			
♦ K 10 6			
♣ K Q 3			

The bidding: SOUTH 1♠ Pass WEST 2♠ Pass NORTH 2♠ Pass EAST 3NT Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

The sight of a singleton in dummy often causes panic among the defenders. They rush in with high cards and make declarer's task easier. Consider the defense of this hand.

North-South, four-card major aficionados, were using a 15-17 range for their one-no-trump opening bids, hence South's one-spade opening bid followed by the jump to three no trump on round two of the auction. North's correction to four spades was automatic.

West led the jack of clubs, and East paused to take stock. While West might hold a suit headed by K J 10 x x for the lead, that would mark South with a skimpy holding of Q x x in clubs for the jump to three no trump. Hardly possible.

The lead was more likely to be from the top of a sequence, giving South three clubs headed by K Q x. Going up with the ace, therefore, would present declarer with two tricks in the suit when ducking, despite the singleton in dummy, would allow South to collect only one club. So, East followed with the low club.

Declarer won with the queen, drew trumps in two rounds, ending in dummy, then led a diamond to

the ten and jack. West seized the opportunity to shift to a heart, and shortly thereafter declarer conceded two tricks in each red suit.

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"IT WOULD BE CHEAPER TO HAVE A REAL PIG"

Farm Aid cancels Dallas' '97 concert due to lagging ticket sales, support

Two weeks ago, Willie Nelson and Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones announced plans for the Oct. 4 fund-raising concert at Texas Stadium in Irving.



Willie Nelson was to perform in Farm Aid '97.

NEW YORK — **Jenny McCarthy** doesn't regret the career moves **she's** made, but don't expect her to pose in *Playboy* again or return to her role as the clownish co-host of MTV's "Singled Out."



Don't expect Jenny McCarthy to pose for Playboy anymore.

Last year, about 40,000 people attended the Farm Aid concert in Columbia, S.C. This year's concert was to include **John Mellencamp**, **Neil Young**, **John Fogerty**, the Dave Matthews Band and Nelson. Tickets prices ranged from \$17.50 to \$50.

Since Nelson, Mellencamp and Young founded Farm Aid in 1985, nine benefits have been held. Farm Aid, which also raises money from donations, TV specials and merchandise sales, has given more than \$13 million to help family farmers.

Michael Vale, who has appeared in Dunkin' Donuts commercials for the past 15 years as the overworked Fred the baker, is retiring.

The retirement gift will go to customers: one free doughnut to anyone who visits a Dunkin' Donuts shop on Monday. The company, based in Randolph, expects to hand out more than 6 million doughnuts.

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — Organizers of the annual Route 66 Rendezvous are honoring a true Father of the Mother Road. Race car driver and automotive designer **Carroll Shelby** will be one of four inductees into the Cruisin' Hall of Fame during this weekend's rendezvous, which is expected to attract 200,000 people.

The event gives car buffs a chance to genuflect along the aging asphalt ribbon that was once the main highway from Chicago to Southern California.

The buxom blonde, 1994's *Playboy Playmate of the Year*, said everything she did helped her land a sitcom — "Jenny," which airs on Sundays on NBC starting Sept. 28.

Sept. 26. "This is where I wanted to get to," she said in Wednesday's *Daily News*. "I wanted (the show) to be the other side of me, the sincere side, not just laughing and saying everything's OK."

McCarthy said she posed nude to get out of debt after college and open some doors in Hollywood.

McCarthy hopes "Jenny" will show people that she's more than a pinup. She plays a woman from Utica, N.Y., who struggles to fit in in Hollywood after she inherits her father's home there.

LOS ANGELES — **Martin Lawrence** was sentenced to two years' probation and community service Wednesday for his part in a nightclub scuffle.

Lawrence, 32, pleaded no contest to battery. He wasn't in court for sentencing. He must remain in drug rehab and return to court March 16 for a report on his recovery.

The star of TV's canceled "Martin" was arrested March 28 when a 25-year-old man told police Lawrence hit him twice after they bumped on the dance floor.

It wasn't the first brush with the law for the star of "Bad Boys," "You So Crazy" and "Nothing to Lose." Last summer, he was arrested at Burbank Airport with a loaded gun in his suitcase.

Lawrence was hospitalized in 1996 after he was found screaming in the middle of a busy intersection. His publicist said he was suffering from exhaustion and dehydration.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

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Conference examines increase of cancer cases among children

By Louis Freedberg
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — A nation that has long celebrated the vanquishing of infectious disease like smallpox, polio, and measles as major killers of children now faces another ominous threat: a steady increase in childhood cancer.

Federal health and environmental experts gathered in Arlington, Va., this week to examine what environmental factors — from pesticides in food to pollutants in air and water — might be contributing to the steady rise in the disease over the past two decades.

Overall, about 8,000 new cases of cancer of young children are reported each year, making it the leading cause of death due to disease among children.

In recent years, child cancer deaths have actually declined due to earlier detection and improved treatment. But now experts worry that improved survival rates could be eclipsed by the rising number of new cases.

"There is the possibility that something — or likely some things — in the environment are causing greater number of kids to become seriously ill," said Carol Browner, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, which organized the conference of several hundred public health officials, academics, industry representatives and health activists. It was the first meeting of its kind ever held.

"We have a responsibility to explore everything we can about the potential links between cancer and environmental toxins," said Browner.

Officials note that although childhood cancer cases have not reached anywhere near epidemic levels, only accidents and congenital birth defects cause more deaths among children.

What is most worrisome to health experts is that childhood cancer cases are actually increasing — at an average rate of 1 percent a year. In the year 2,000, they expect 12,500 new cases of childhood cancer to be diagnosed, a 50 percent increase over current levels.

Equally disturbing is that the most frequently occurring cancers like leukemia and brain cancer are rising faster than average — at a rate of between 2 and 4 percent a year. Also, a number of very

rare forms of cancer of the liver, eye, and kidney have emerged that seem to be unique to children.

Experts think that by far the majority of childhood cancers — perhaps as many as 80 percent — are likely triggered by environmental factors. Over 75,000 new synthetic chemical compounds have been released into the environment over the past 50 years, and fewer than half have ever been tested for their toxicity, and even fewer for their potential harm to children.

"These are chemicals that spill over into our water, into our air, into our soil," said Dr. Philip Landrigan, a professor of community medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. "We are in effect conducting a vast toxicological experiment, and children without our consent are serving as laboratory animals."

Landrigan has spearheaded the formation of an Office of Children's Health Protection at the EPA part of a larger effort by the Clinton Administration to focus on children's environmental health.

Senator Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., has introduced a "Children's Environmental Protection Act" in Congress which will require the federal government to come up with a list of "safer products" which parents can use to protect their children. "We have to wake up America to this, we cannot sleep through this," Boxer said Monday. "These are the warning signs."

Boxer said she hoped that developing a "safer products list" will spur manufacturers to voluntarily improve their products. "It will become like a seal of approval," she said. Her legislation, however, is a long way from being approved by Congress.

Childhood cancers only make up 2 percent of all cancer cases in the United States. But Leslie Robison, an epidemiologist from the University of Minnesota, who estimates that 1 out of 630 children will develop cancer before the age of 15, said that cancer has very different implications for a child compared to adults, even for those who survive.

"These are very young children who have very long lives ahead of them," said Robison. "For a child to get cancer versus a 75 year old man is dramatically different."

For example, children may be at risk of developing other forms of cancer years later as a result of intensive radiation therapy. The treatment can also harm both their physical and intellectual growth, and can render them infertile.

Some data suggests that outbreaks of cancer among children are related to the occupation of their parents. For example, children whose parents work in the textile industry, in dry cleaning, in the hotel industry working with cleaning fluids, or on farms appear to be at far greater risk of getting cancer.

Another threat are common household pesticides or insecticides which are used in nearly 90 percent of U.S. households. Pesticides are sprayed on the lawns of an estimated one-third of all U.S. homes. In addition, there is the danger of drift from neighbors, as well as the repeated use of insecticidal shampoos.

"The repeated applications for each child can be staggeringly high," said Dr. Sheila Hoar Zahm, deputy chief of the Occupational Epidemiology Branch of the National Cancer Institute.

In one encouraging study reported for the first time at the conference, children of women who took vitamin supplements during pregnancy were half as likely to develop brain tumors than children whose mothers did not. The study of 2000 mothers included 105 children with brain tumors in the San Francisco Bay Area. "It suggests that there is something in these nutrients that works against the formation of these tumors," said Susan Preston Martin, a professor of preventive medicine at the University of Southern California who authored the study.



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D.J. Falkosky, 1, sits on his new fire engine as he is held by his father Dave, Monday, near Marshfield. Dave gave D.J. the fire engine for his birthday. Dave purchased the 1953 International fire engine from a Marshfield woman who along with her late husband had purchased it from the Ferryville, Wis., Fire Department in 1990.

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Rodman's contract

CHICAGO — Basketball bad boy Dennis Rodman made the Chicago Bulls an offer that sounded too good to be true: They could pay him nothing for any games he might miss for kicking a cameraman, head-butting a referee or any other inappropriate antics.

But Rodman's agent said the NBA won't allow the deal. That leaves the gangly forward known as "The Worm" still trying to wriggle into another season with Michael Jordan and the rest of the team that has won five NBA championships in the '90s.

The Bulls want Rodman, 36, and his multicolored hair because he is a tenacious defender who has led the league in rebounding for six straight seasons.

The problem is that Rodman, as he loves to tell everyone, is at times uncontrollable. Like Bizarro, Superman's evil double, Rodman can be the opposite of the all-American Jordan, whose clean-cut magnificence has given the Bulls an enormous worldwide following.

Rodman was suspended for 14 games last season for kicking a cameraman, using an expletive in a live postgame television interview and striking Milwaukee's Joe Wolf in the groin.

The year before, he was suspended for six games for head-butting a referee.

While the Bulls were in Salt Lake City for the NBA Finals in June, Rodman made derogatory comments about Mormons. That drew a \$50,000 fine — the largest in NBA history.

Last summer, Rodman signed a one-year contract with the Bulls for around \$9 million. Bulls chairman Jerry Reinsdorf has said he would re-sign Rodman only if it's clear that bad behavior won't be tolerated.

So Rodman suggested that the team pay him nothing up front, the Chicago Sun-Times reported Wednesday. Instead, he said, the Bulls should set up a sort of debit-card system with \$10 million in an escrow account. When it came time to pay Rodman at the end of the season, the team could deduct a pro-rated amount for each game he was suspended.

UTEP gets relief

EL PASO — The NCAA has no reason to get involved in an IRS investigation into allegations that current and former Texas-El Paso football players illegally received inflated tax refunds, an official says.

A situation such as this has nothing to do with NCAA legislation, unless the investigation revealed a player received a benefit because he was an athlete, said Bob Oliver, NCAA director of membership services.

According to broadcast reports, the IRS is investigating up to 30 football players, including 12 still on the team, who might have been involved in a scheme in which a former player with a contact inside the IRS arranged for others to receive the inflated refunds.

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Coahoma's antiquated single wing offense unfamiliar test for Stanton

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

It's not quite as antique as the Dead Sea Scrolls or even the Model A, but what faces the Stanton football team this Friday night has a far greater history than a present.

The single wing offense these days is even less fashionable than Nehru jackets. Coahoma is one of the few teams anywhere which has dusted off the formation, and the Bulldogs will take it into Stanton for Friday's 8 p.m. contest. It's not so much the offense's complexity but its unfamiliarity that concerns the Buffaloes' coaching staff in preparing for Coahoma.

"We can't emulate it in practice," said Stanton coach Mark Cotton of the difficulties of running a scout team single wing. "It's impossible."

For those of you whose history of football doesn't

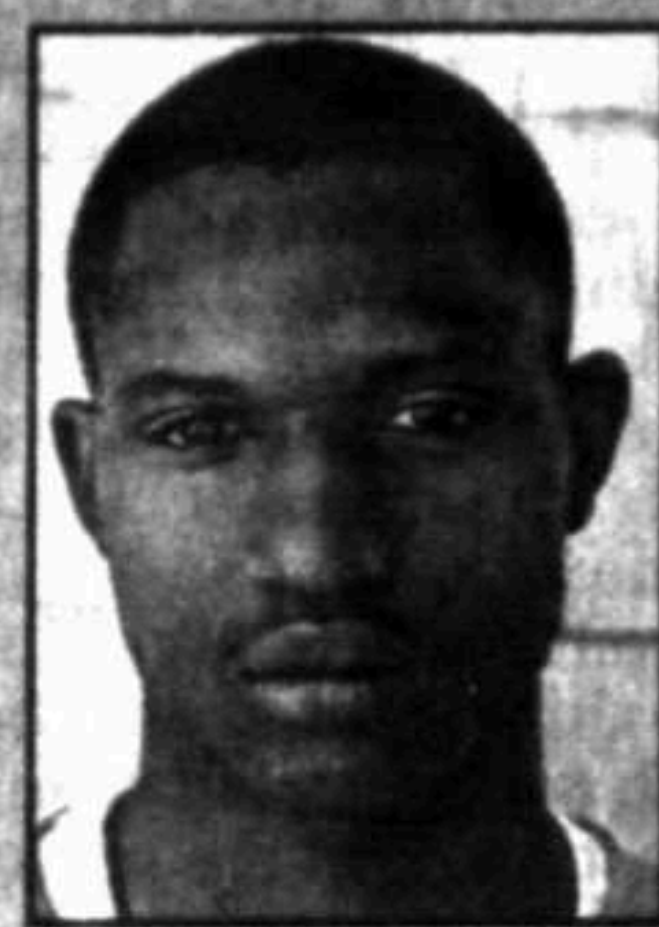
predate the AFL and who find the run-and-shoot archaic, the single wing will probably seem like a hoot. The offense, which dates back to 1907, doesn't feature a quarterback and has a center snapping the ball directly to one of two halfbacks in shotgun formation. It resembles the type of offense you might see on any elementary school playground in that a defense is never sure who is going to get the ball on any given play.

The good news for Stanton is that the Buffs have seen the offense once before, last year when they played at Coahoma. Stanton won the game 20-13, but Cotton felt his defense gave up a lot more ground than the score indicated.

"We've studied films and tried to see what we did wrong and avoid it," Cotton said. "The single wing is a big advantage because the teams you play never see it."

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Area Report Week III



Davis

■ The Stanton Buffaloes face an unfamiliar offense when they knock heads with Coahoma and its single wing offense.

Linebacker Jody Louder leads the defense with 27 tackles while safeties Kyle Hemm and Tyrone Davis have two interceptions apiece.

Coahoma is coached by former Midland High assistant Jim Edwards.

■ Big Spring (2-0) will face its toughest test of the season when it travels to Lubbock for its game with Estacado.

■ Another 2-0 team, Midland Christian, opens its home schedule Friday against Jal (N.M.).

■ Greenwood, Rankin, Garden City and Trinity will all play at home this weekend.

Wounded Rebs travel to Waco

■ Midland Lee's football team tries to rebound against Waco High after a loss in El Paso.

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

WACO — In the space of one 600-mile road trip, Midland Lee's football Rebels have become a wounded animal. And now they face a 700-mile road trip with a 7 p.m. game here today against the Waco Lions.

After suffering a 21-14 loss to upstart El Paso Franklin, Lee must now face a team that just knocked Richardson Lake Highlands out of AP's Top 10, 21-16. Lee has faced few challenges over the past few years to equal what will take place on the field tonight.

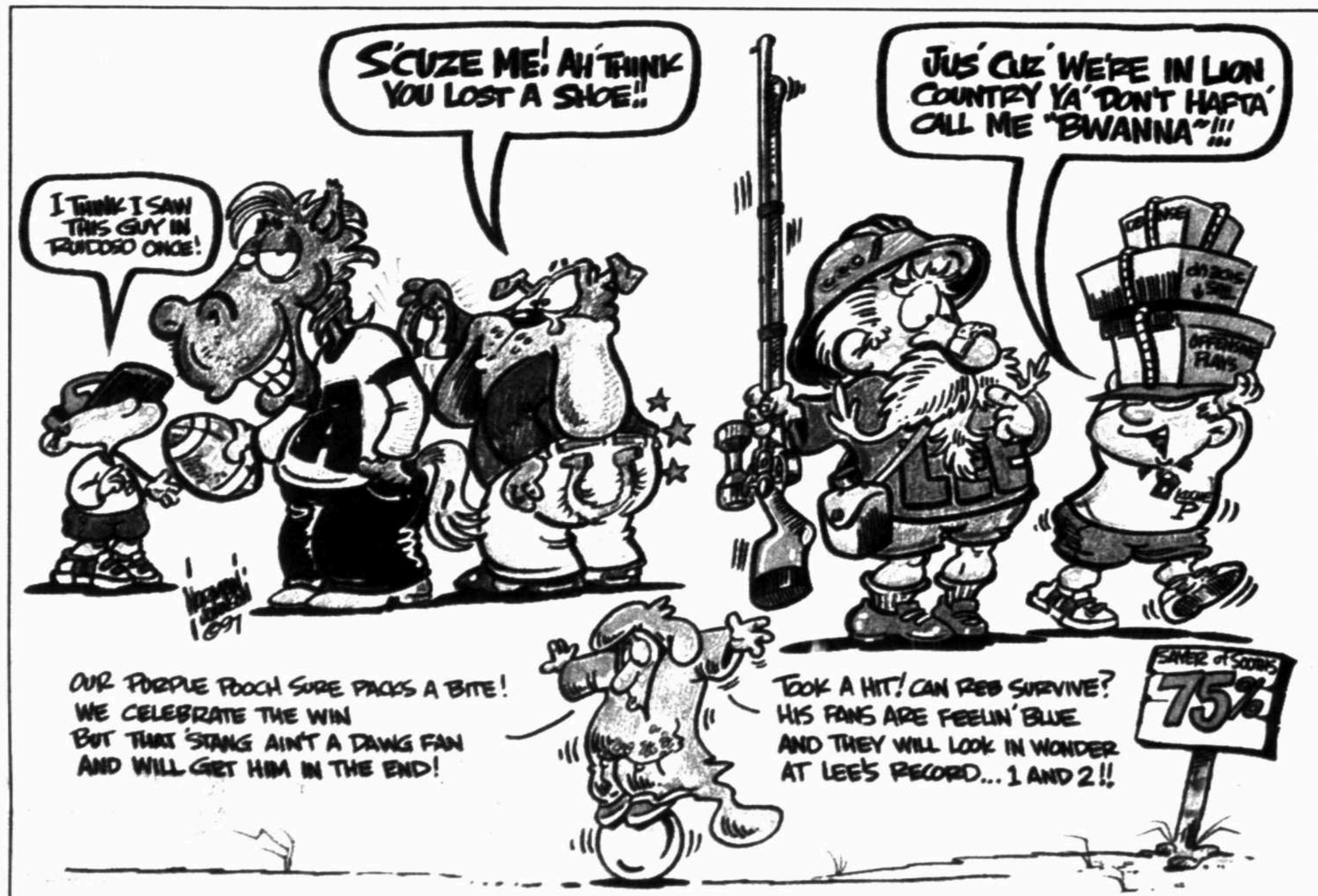
"Waco is as good a team as we've had on the grass in the last three years," said Lee coach John Parchman. "They have top caliber players that colleges drool over and team speed that really scares us."

"It's obvious that we don't have that team speed, especially on defense, that we had a year ago and we're missing that. I'm really anxious to see how we will react to this challenge after what happened to us last week."

"More times than not, when you find a wounded animal, he will bite you. That's what we are hoping will happen in Waco."

Lee pounded the Lions, 56-26, a year ago at Midland's Memorial Stadium, scoring the first 56 points of the game. Waco scored 26 points in the fourth period against the Lee reserves.

And last year, too, Waco went 0-5 before rallying to a 3-7 record and a berth



in the state playoffs where they survived three rounds. Last year, Lake Highlands defeated Waco in regular season play and then ended the Lions' playoff

run in that third round. "One thing about this year against last year," noted Waco coach Johnny Tusa, "we won't be 0-5 this year. The win over

Lake Highlands was a good one for our team."

But Tusa also expects another struggle

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Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith (22) is swarmed by Philadelphia Eagles defenders Willie Clark (25), William Thomas (51), and Darin Smith. The Cowboys won't rest easy even with a week off.

Switzer calls for two-a-day practice to remedy problem

By Clearence E. Hill Jr.
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING — Bye weeks are supposed to be filled with banter and light workouts, especially when they come after a victory.

Thanks to an error-filled performance Monday night in which the Cowboys escaped with a 21-20 victory against the Eagles, hard work and guarded concern are the featured ingredients for the Cowboys this week at Valley Ranch training complex.

The Cowboys (2-1), are tied for first place in the NFC East with the Washington Redskins and don't play again until a Sept. 28 matchup with the Chicago Bears at Texas Stadium.

But Cowboys coach Barry Switzer brought a training-camp feel back to the proceedings this week, reinstituting two-a-day workouts for today. The team had been scheduled to have a 90-minute workout.

Switzer said yesterday that the move was

prompted by problems in three areas: offense inside the 20-yard line, an inability to pass protect against the blitz in the past two games; and defensive struggles in the two-minute drill against the Eagles.

"I've had a chance to look at the tape and see what we need to emphasize," said Switzer, whose serious disposition contrasted sharply with the carefree attitude he displayed toward those same issues a day earlier.

"We need to practice twice to work on those areas."

Switzer's announcement of two practices prompted no gripes from players.

"I don't think anybody objects to it," Cowboy quarterback Troy Aikman said. "We are not in position to object to it. If that's what Barry wants to do and it's going to make us better, everyone is open to that. I'm glad he did it."

Receiver Michael Irvin, saying that the players realize they are a bobbled snap from

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JAY PEDEN

Aggies' revenge is a dish best served Cajun style

Occasionally, a college team you couldn't find on a map, with players you've never heard of, can rise up and surprise a national semi-power. But it doesn't happen two years in a row.

The Ragin' Cajuns of Southwestern Louisiana lured the Texas Aggies into their swamp and ambushed them with a 29-22 win. The Aggies committed a whopping eight turnovers — three of which the Cajuns returned for touchdowns.

Revenge may be on the minds of Aggies this week. USL goes to Kyle Field Saturday for the rematch, and this year the Aggies should be ready.

"They pretty much embarrassed us," A&M coach R.C. Slocum said, "and we're looking forward to getting a chance to play them again."

The Aggies are 1-0 after a rout of mighty Sam Houston State two weeks ago, while the Cajuns are 0-3 following a 59-14 spanking Saturday at the hands of Texas Tech. Sometimes the equation of one team coming off an easy win plus one team coming off a big loss can equal a big turnaround. Not this time. If ever the time was right for a rout by the Aggies, this is it.



Peden

Speaking of a big loss: There not much you can say about the once-No. 11 Texas Longhorns' 66-3 loss to once 0-2 UCLA last Saturday in Austin. The Bruins came in as the best 0-2 team in the country and left as absolutely the best 1-2 team. The Longhorns have two weeks to sniff smelling salts and to heal up quarterback James Brown before they visit Rice. By the way — the last time Texas visited Rice (1994), the Owls scored a 19-17 upset. The 'Horns already got revenge for that with a 37-13 win in 1995, but they should still be seething over the undressing by UCLA.

The big Texas-Oklahoma clash is less than a month away, and Sooners coach John Blake might have giggled throughout the UCLA game, but he chose his words carefully this week.

"I think Texas is still strong," he said. "There are a lot of reasons for winning and losing and it's not always the best team. It's too early to tell."

Oklahoma had a horrible start to last season but came out of the Border War with a 30-27 victory over a then-ranked Texas team which didn't get ranked again until after the Big 12 Championship upset of Nebraska.

The reasons for Longhorn players to be angry are piling up pretty high. It will be interesting to see how the pre-season pick for the Big 12 South championship responds.

Rice plays in what could be this weekend's best game involving a Texas team. The 1-1 Owls go to Chicago to

take on Northwestern, which has been the Cinderella team of the last two years. However, the Wildcats seem to have lost some of the power they showed two years ago in getting to the Rose Bowl — they even lost to Wake Forest two weeks ago. If Rice could pull off the mild upset — they're only 6 1/2 point underdogs on the road — it would be a real boost to the image of the Western Athletic Conference.

The weekend's other Texas WAC games look dull as dirt: Navy at SMU, TCU at Vanderbilt and UTEP at Utah. At least SMU had a fairly impressive win last week, 31-9 over formerly-good Arkansas.

NORTH TEXAS at TEXAS TECH: It'll be a Rebel reunion Saturday in Lubbock, when Texas Tech welcomes North Texas. No less than four members of last year's Midland Lee team will play in the game, as line-backers Corry and Fred Pertile are starters for North Texas, and John Norman and Antwan Alexander are top backups in Tech's defensive backfield. Tech also boasts punter Jeremy Hernandez, from Midland High, and North Texas brings a trio of former Odessa Permian players: Ja'Quay Wilburn, Heath Moody and Jason Kitchens.

Unfortunately for the Mean Green, they'll be treated just like Tech treated the Ragin' Cajuns.

Jay Peden is a sports writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

Astros expand lead with 8-4 win over Pittsburgh

By Alan Robinson
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — The Houston Astros came to Pittsburgh with everything to lose — most of all, their grip on first place. They may leave town all but assured of winning the NL Central championship.

The Astros moved a giant step closer toward clinching their first division title since 1986, backing Shane Reynolds' eight-hit pitching with three homers to beat Pittsburgh 8-4 Wednesday night in the biggest game of the season for both teams.

The Astros have won their last two games by a combined score of 23-7 to open a 4 1/2-game lead over the upstart Pirates, who had edged back into the race by winning two in a row. Houston's magic number is seven — and falling.

By losing Wednesday, the Pirates — who had an opportunity to cut the deficit to 2 1/2 games — could win their final 10 games and still not win the division as long as Houston finished 6-5.

"I would have been very depressed if we'd lost this," said Jeff Bagwell, who homered among his three hits. "There would have been a lot of pressure on us. Now there's a lot of pressure on them. They've pretty much got to sweep us the last four."

The two teams play again Thursday, then close the season with three games Sept. 26-28 in the Astrodome.

"I'm not saying it's a must game Thursday, but we wanted to go 2-0," Pirates manager Gene Lamont said. "We knew we'd be in deep trouble if we lost both of them."

We've definitely backed ourselves into a corner."

Luis Gonzalez, rookie Richard Hidalgo and Bagwell led off innings with homers for Houston, which was working on its third shutout in five games in Pittsburgh this season until Al Martin hit a two-run homer in the eighth.

Reynolds (8-10) pitched 8 1/3 innings before being chased by pinch-hitter Dale Sveum's two-run homer in the ninth. He allowed four runs, walked one and struck out five. Billy Wagner got the final two outs.

The Astros won the first two games of a four-game series July 10-13 by a combined 17-0, including wins of 7-0 and 10-0, before the Pirates' Francisco Cordova and Ricardo Rincon no-hit Houston the following night. Cordova, who has allowed the Astros only two hits in 18 scoreless innings this season, opposed Houston ace Darryl Kile (18-6) on Thursday.

"We knew it would be tough (Thursday) because Cordova's had our number, and that's why we needed to win today," Derek Bell said.

The Pirates had waited five years to play a significant pennant race game in September, but they were all but out of it after three innings. Pirates starter Jason Schmidt was chased after a four-run third that made it 5-0, and the Astros led 8-0 by the eighth.

"It was really more of a relief than anything," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "I hate to feel like I'm not exhilarated, because I know our guys are, but we had to win a game here and now we've won it. We didn't want to come here and lose two."



St. Louis Cardinals' Mark McGwire hits his 53rd home run of the season in the third inning Wednesday against the Cubs in Chicago.

McGwire gets closer to Maris with 53rd homer

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mark McGwire hit his 53rd home run of the season Wednesday — the most since Roger Maris set the record of 61 in 1961 — as the St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Chicago Cubs 12-9.

McGwire connected leading off the third inning for his second homer since signing a three-year, \$28.5 million contract with the Cardinals Tuesday night. The 53 homers tops his previous best of 52, which he hit last season with Oakland, and put McGwire one ahead of Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr.

McGwire needs nine homers in the Cardinals' final 11 games to break the record Maris set on the final day of the 1961 season. Mickey Mantle hit 54 that season.

McGwire, who was cheered during batting practice when he hit at least seven balls over the left field bleachers onto Waveland Avenue, went 1-for-4 with a walk in his first regular season game at Wrigley Field. He was 0-for-2 in the 1990 All-Star Game played at Wrigley.

Braves 10, Mets 2
ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves became the first major-league team to clinch six straight postseason appearances and also

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set a record with their 12th grand slam of the year, using a nine-run first inning to cruise past the Mets. Ryan Klesko hit the slam, Jeff Blauser added a three-run homer and Greg Maddux picked up his 19th victory for the Braves, who have been in the playoffs every completed season since 1991.

Phillies 5, Marlins 2, 1st game
Marlins 5, Phillies 2, 2nd game
MIAMI — Rookie Tony Saunders earned his first victory since July 31 to help the Florida Marlins salvage a split of their doubleheader with Philadelphia.

Saunders (4-6), winless in his past seven starts, allowed four hits and one run in six innings. He entered the game 3-0 against the Atlanta Braves but 0-6 against the rest of the National League.

Expos 4, Reds 1

CINCINNATI — Rondell White hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning as Montreal snapped a four-game losing streak.

White homered off Stan Belinda (1-4) with two outs as the Expos avoided matching their longest losing streak of the season. Montreal has lost seven of its last 11 games.

Yanks draw closer to Baltimore after win over Tigers

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Jorge Posada homered and drove in a career-high four runs as the New York Yankees cut Baltimore's AL East lead to four games with a 6-2 victory over Detroit on Wednesday night.

The Yankees also reduced their magic number to qualify for the postseason to two, pending the outcome of Anaheim's late game with Oakland.

Posada went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer as the Yankees matched a season-high with their fifth straight victory. Chad Curtis went 4-for-4 and scored three runs and Paul O'Neill was 3-for-4.

Ramiro Mendoza (7-6) limited Detroit to five hits in six innings for just his second victory in nine decisions. Brian Moehler (11-11) took the loss.

Brewers 8, Orioles 3
BALTIMORE — Jeremy Burnitz had three

hits and three RBIs as Milwaukee routed Scott Erickson and slumping Baltimore.

Jeff D'Amico (9-6) got his third victory in three starts this season against Baltimore, allowing two runs in five innings. It was his fourth start since a six-week stint on the disabled list and first win since July 18.

Roberto Alomar and Lenny Webster homered for the Orioles, who have lost six of nine and 13 of 20. Erickson (16-7) allowed six runs in 4 1/3 innings.

Indians 7, Twins 6

MINNEAPOLIS — Manny Ramirez hit a two-run double in a four-run fifth inning as Cleveland beat Minnesota to move closer to the AL Central title.

Jaret Wright (8-3), who has won five of his last six starts, gave up seven hits and three runs in six innings for the Indians, who reduced their

magic number for clinching the division to seven over Milwaukee.

Red Sox 4, Blue Jays 3

BOSTON — Mo Vaughn responded to the boos of the crowd with a two-run home run in the eighth inning to lead Boston past Toronto. Vaughn, who made it 4-2 with the homer off Dan Plesac, was booed during introductions and during his first three at-bats in response to his comments Monday that he did not want to return to the Red Sox next season.

White Sox 8, Royals 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Frank Thomas had a two-run, two-out single in the eighth inning as Chicago beat Kansas City.

James Baldwin (12-14) worked seven innings for the victory. He gave up four runs and five hits in the first three innings, but only two hits in the last four. Keith Foulke finished for his second save.

Chili Davis hit his career-high 30th homer for the Royals.

LOCAL SPORTS

Dickson, Albright reach finals

ODESSA — It will be an all-Midland final in the Senior Women's West Texas Golf Association's 19th annual Amateur Championship at Mission Dora-do today.

Jo Dickson, playing out of Ranchland Hills Country Club and Trina Albright, out of Green Tree Country Club, both won semifinal matches Wednesday to gain the finals, making it an all-Midland affair.

Dickson is the defending Midland city champion and will defend that title next month. This could be a preview of things to come in that tournament since Albright will also be in that field. Dickson defeated Andrews' LaNell Guelker by a 3-2 margin to gain the finals while Albright took out Carole Tidwell of Odessa, 4-3.

Dickson and Albright begin competition at 10:20 a.m. today for the final round.

Semifinal results from the Senior Women's Amateur Championship golf tournament.

Championship Flight: Jo Dickson def. LaNell Guelker, 3-2; Trina Albright def. Carole Tidwell, 4-3.

Consolation: Shirley Newman def. Sandra Hill, 2-up; Luisa Searcy def. Charlene Jarnagin, 6-5.

First Flight: Betty Perkins def. Nita Horton, 1-up; Ruby Holmes def. Flossie Larn, 1-up after 19.

Consolation: Mary Robinson def. Gladys Pawelek by default; Dede Plank def. Billie Uzzell, 1-up.

Second Flight: Joan Daniel def. Celia Harris, 4-3; Joyce Rasco def. Pat Barton, 5-4.

Consolation: Dorothy Moring def. Peggy Grimes, 1-up; Jean Abbott def. Aleta Bennett, 3-2.

Third Flight: Amelia Terrazas def. Ida Goad, 1-up; Polly Martin def. Jan Roden, 2-1.

Consolation: Donna Cox def. Dorothy Hall, 6-5; Frances McAlister def. Pat Doughtery, 1-up.

Fourth Flight: Eileen Boen def. Gloria Robertson, 5-4; Dorthea Hueller def. Vicki Wilhelm, 2-1.

Consolation: Sandra Proctor def. Claudia Nunley, 4-3; Pat Doughtery def. Paula Anders, 6-5.

Fifth Flight: Marlene Wood def. Charlene Glenn, 1-up; Charlene Atkinson def. Dorothy Schuch, 1-up.

Consolation: Verma Sigman def. Barbara Strength, 2-1; Mary Ford def. Jene Jones, 3-2.

Sixth Flight: Sandra Martin def. Sue Davis, 1-up after 20; Audrey Foster def. Evelyn Davis, 6-5.

Consolation: Bonnie Long def. Joella Franklin, 3-2; Norma Pyle def. Jean Straton, 4-2.

Seventh Flight: Pharron Dorman def. Marie Elliott, 2-1; Paula Beauchamp def. Dorothy Davis, 4-3.

Consolation: Ruth Rony def. Ella Heath, 1-up; Lanny Berry def. Tommie Williams, 2-1.

Eighth Flight: Sharon Brown def. Marlene Stirling, 6-4; Marjorie Bradley def. Betty Bishop, 1-up.

Consolation: Joyce Lambert def. Sila Bates, 6-5; Wanda Miller def. JoAnne Granberry, 1-up.

Ninth Flight: Mary Winterrowd def. Betty Smith, 3-2; Bobi Lloyd def. Elizabeth Hodgson, 2-1.

Consolation: Yvonne Sims def. Florence Henderson, 2-1; Joyce Tapp def. Martha Farris, 4-3.

Midland teams lead standings

Four Midland teams reside at the top of the early football standings in the ninth and eighth grade Midland-Odessa Conference after two weeks of play.

Both Lee Maroon and Lee White are tied for first place with Odessa Bowie in the ninth grade standings, all three owning perfect 2-0 marks. All seven other teams in the league own at least one loss. Midland Purple and Midland White have split games the first two weeks.

In the eighth grade, San Jacinto and Abell of Midland both own 2-0 records to share the lead while Odessa Nimitz is 1-0-1 for third place without a loss.

Ninth Grade Standings: 1. Lee Maroon, 2-0; Lee White, 2-0; Bowie, 2-0; 4. Midland Purple, 1-0; Midland White, 1-0; Bonham, 1-1; 7. Hood, 0-1-1; Nimitz, 0-1-1; 9. Crockett, 0-2; Ector, 0-2.

Eighth Grade Standings: 1. San Jacinto, 2-0; Abell, 2-0; 3. Nimitz, 1-0-1; 4. Alamo, 1-1; Bonham, 1-1; Crockett, 1-1; Hood, 1-1; 8. Bowie, 0-1-1; 9. Ector, 0-2; 10. Goddard, 0-2.

SWOTT action beginning today

The Southwest Oilman's Tennis Tournament begins play today at Midland Country Club and the Racquet Club.

Action starts at 8 a.m. today and will end Saturday with the semifinals and finals at the Racquet Club.

The tournament draws oilmen from all across the state for high level tennis competition. Many activities are set for the visiting tennis players each day.

Lee White routs Gold

The Midland Lee White freshman volleyball team went the full three games to defeat Midland High's Gold team 15-6, 12-15, 15-7. Shelly Sledge led White with 11 service points while Bonnie Miller and Kim Strambler led the team in defensive digs.

with a 7-under-par 64 for a one-stroke victory over Bill Glasson.

Also entered are former U.S. Open champions Steve Jones, Corey Pavin and Scott Simpson and former PGA champions Mark Brooks, John Daly, Bob Tway and John Mahaffey.

Because of its place near the end of the PGA calendar, the Texas Open has become known as one of the last chances for players to win enough money to climb into the top 125 on the money list and keep their tour cards for another year.

It's also a chance to earn enough to get into the top 30 on the money list and qualify for the Tour Championship at Champions Golf Club in Houston on Oct. 30-Nov. 2.

There's plenty of incentive to qualify for the Tour Championship. The winner takes home \$720,000. Even last place gets a nice check — \$49,500.

There is less than \$3,000 separating the money list's 30th spot, belonging to Phil Blackmar with \$591,708 and the 31st spot, belonging to David Duval with \$589,458. Both are entered in the Texas Open.

Trio using Texas Open as Ryder Cup warmup

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — If Tom Lehman, Jeff Maggert and Lee Janzen are seeking steamy Spain-like conditions to get ready for the Ryder Cup, that's what they'll find at the Texas Open.

The forecast for the first three rounds calls for near 100-degree temperatures and humidity before a cool front and the chance of showers on Sunday.

Lehman, Maggert and Janzen will leave directly from the Texas Open for the Ryder Cup matches to be played Sept. 26-28 at Valderama Golf Club in Cadiz, Spain.

"Different players prepare in different ways," U.S. Ryder Cup captain Tom Kite said. "The guys know what they need to do to play their best golf. All I ask is that they not be too tired and be fresh when they get there."

Seeking to defend his Texas Open title and claim the \$252,000 winner's check is David Ogryn, who last year finished a stroke ahead of Jay Haas.

Woods isn't entered this year. But the field includes Loren Roberts, who last week won the CVS Charity Classic at Sutton, Mass., closing

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Lady Mustangs ready to tangle with Greenwood

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

The Midland Christian volleyball team has already produced results that would rival any team in school history. Saturday at 1 p.m., it tries for a victory that would be unrivaled — beating Greenwood.

The Lady Mustangs will have their hands full, but they think that a win is realistic. And in building a program, a win like that is important. It is almost necessary.

"If we take a victory at Greenwood, it will be one of the toughest that we have had. They have a great program," Midland Christian coach Cathy Hutton said. "There are things to prove, and Midland Christian has to earn respect. It is not just given to us."

Winning is tougher for the 14-4 Lady Mustangs in that they have to go through a Greenwood team which probably is as good if not better than any they have faced this season. They also face a player, middle blocker Karen Gasch, who is as good as any in the area. Add another 5-11 player, Mandi Choat, and it will be a tall order for MC.

"I know they have two strong six-foot hitters," Hutton said. "We will be blocked and double blocked, and they will move around our blocks on their hits. I feel that if we have a good night and play the volleyball that we have been playing, we will be right with them."

The Rangerettes (13-6) are

preparing for the game almost unaware of what is coming their way. They have only heard of the success MC is having, but have not seen them first hand. They can only read about MC wins over teams like Greenwood's District 4-3A rival Kermit.

"I'm anxiously nervous. I should have done some scouting," Greenwood coach Patti Purser admitted. "I know they are a good team. Some people say that private schools are limited in who they have to choose from. I know that Lubbock Christian is very competitive, and that Midland Christian has been competitive for many years. This may be their year."

The Lady Mustangs will challenge the hard-hitting Rangerettes with some height (6-1 Sara Koss and 6-0 Amy Rydell) and a setter, Cathy McCrary, who is making a name for herself with quality play in quarterbacking the team.

The game also serves as another big test for each as their district seasons approach. Midland Christian opens TAPPS 1-4A play a week from Saturday while Greenwood starts its defense of the District 4-3A title on Oct. 7.

HOME THEN AWAY: The Big Spring Lady Steers open the District 4-4A schedule with two matches at home (Saturday vs. Fort Stockton and Tuesday vs. Sweetwater). That is the good news. The bad news is that they hit the road for a long time — six straight matches to be exact.

"I'm ready for district to start,"

AREA VOLLEYBALL

Greenwood

District: 4-3A. Coach: Patti Purser.
Record: 12-6
Upcoming: Saturday vs. Midland Christian; Tuesday vs. Monahans and Brownfield (at Greenwood).

Key Players: Middle Blocker/Outside Hitter Karen Gasch (5-11), sr.; Middle Blocker Mandi Choat (5-11), Jr.; Setter Shlich O'Donnell (5-4), sr.; Setter Lisa Wood (5-5), sr.; Outside Hitter Stephanie Willis (5-7), Soph.; Outside Hitter Heather Hemphill (5-6), sr.

1996 Finish: Last year, Greenwood accomplished two firsts and beat two old nemeses in the process. Greenwood took their first-ever District 4-3A title, making up for two second place finishes to Kermit in 1994-95. The Rangerettes, then, defeated Alpine in the first round of the playoffs. Alpine has defeated Greenwood in the first round the two previous years. Seminoe ended Greenwood's season in the area round.

Season outlook: Purser's program has progressed so much, that in this its seventh season, a trip to the regionals is expected. They are shooting for more.

"They should make it to regionals if we keep everyone eligible and healthy," Purser said. "These girls have set realistic goals for themselves since junior high. Now they want to progress to the state tournament. They have capability to do that."

Midland Christian

District: TAPPS 1-4A. Coach: Cathy Hutton. Record: 14-4
Upcoming Games: Saturday vs. Greenwood; Tuesday at Crane for dual match with Crane and Fort Davis.

Key Players: Setter Cathy McCrary (5-8), Sr.; middle blocker Sara Koss (6-1), Jr.; Middle blocker Amy Rydell (6-0), Sr.; outside hitter Dana Youngs, sr.; defensive specialist Amanda Urquidez, sr.; outside hitter Kim Spradlin 5-8, Jr.

Season outlook: They came off a weak season last year graduating two seniors, and this season has been a turn around for Cathy Hutton's club. They defeated Fort Worth Christian to win the Fort Worth Tournament and fell in the finals of the Challengers Bracket in Andrews.

"We are looking at winning District," Hutton said. "We have more weapons and our net play has been wonderful. In one match in Fort Worth Sara Koss had 14 blocks. She had 35 for the day. (Setter) Cathy McCrary pretty much runs the offense. We have so much versatility that she can hit."

The program's numbers are up for Hutton who started with 43 high school players in two-a-days.

Big Spring

District: 4-4A. Coach: Tracy Pierce. Record: 7-9
Upcoming Games: Saturday vs. Fort Stockton; Tuesday vs. Sweetwater. Next Saturday at Pecos.

Key Players: Middle Blocker Krissy McWhorter (5-10), sr.; outside hitter Keesha Lott (5-8), Sr.; outside hitter Honey Belew (5-8), sr.; middle blocker Melane Flenniken (5-10), sr.; Setter Jessica Cobos (5-5) Sr.

Season Outlook: Last year, Big Spring finished fourth in district, but coach Tracy Pierce is hoping for bigger and better things. She says her teams is better in all areas and that with the right breaks this could be a good 4-4A season.

"I believe we are further along this year than last," Pierce said. "We are stronger offensively and defensively, we are 100 percent better. We need to put those together. We have good kids, a great attitude and we are playing OK, but not as well as we could be."

It has been since Rose Magers was at Big Spring that the volleyball team has been a power, according to Pierce. However, the third-year coach says that this year the team can be a threat for the district's top 3, held in 1996 by Lake View, Sweetwater and Pecos.

Modano perplexes Stars, spurns \$26 million deal

By Mike Heika
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING — Mike Modano said he wants to remain with the Stars, but his future with the team became somewhat muddled yesterday when the restricted free-agent center turned down an offer that would pay him \$26 million over six years.

"I want to play here, but the process is becoming more frustrating," Modano said. "I'm just going to think positive about the whole thing and hope that something gets worked out."

The Stars are equally frustrated, tendering an offer that they believed was exactly what Modano had in mind.

"It was a long-term deal, as he had requested, and at a value we believe to be more than fair," Stars general manager Bob Gainey said. "As long-term deals go, it was our (final) best offer."

Gainey said the Stars will concentrate on a shorter-term deal, and Modano said he also wants talks to continue. But the sides appear to be moving closer to a point where they won't be able to agree. And while neither side will

say it publicly, the possibility of a trade for Modano stands to increase as the Oct. 1 start of the season nears.

Stars president Jim Lites said the team went above and beyond to make the \$26 million offer.

"Today was a significant day," Lites said. "We made Mike a really, really solid offer."

The offer was a \$4 million raise from the six-year, \$22 million deal the Stars presented a month ago. At an average of \$4.3 million a season, it was almost a million more per season than the three-year, \$10.2 million offer the Stars made two weeks ago.

Owner Tom Hicks' approval was sought beforehand for a contract that would have been the largest in franchise history. Lites said any future offers to Modano will be for a shorter term and for significantly less money.

"We like Mike and we appreciate him as a player," Lites said. "We made a good faith offer to fulfill Mike's desires and it wasn't enough."

The Stars gave Modano one day to respond to the offer, and it is no longer on the table, Gainey said.

Woman sues after losing kicking at Duke

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Duke coach Fred Goldsmith has a new problem to go with the longest losing streak in major college football: a sex-discrimination suit filed by a kicker who wanted to be the first woman to play in Division I.

"I have no response," Goldsmith said Wednesday. "At the proper time any response will come from the attorneys at Duke University. That's it. I'm a football coach, I'm going to stick to answering questions about football."

Heather Sue Mercer filed a lawsuit in federal court in Greensboro on Tuesday. She contends she wasn't treated fairly by Duke coaches after Goldsmith initially welcomed her to try out as a kicker in 1995.

Since denying Mercer a place on the team, Goldsmith has kept kickers whose skills were no better than

Mercer's, the lawsuit said.

"I've seen a lot worse on a lot of Division I teams," said former Washington Redskins kicker Mark Moseley, who ran summer kicking camps that Mercer attended in 1995 and 1996.

"I know Heather Sue has worked extremely hard," said Moseley, the NFL's Most Valuable Player in 1982. "From 40 yards in she was pretty deadly."

Mercer could not be reached for comment. The senior economics major's telephone number is not listed. She did not respond to interview requests made through her lawyer.

Duke attorneys referred inquiries to a university vice president, who did not immediately return a call.

The school released a statement late Wednesday from John Bur-

ness, senior vice president for public affairs.

Burness called the allegation "frivolous" and defended Goldsmith as a coach who assesses players based solely on their performances and ability.

Mercer, a freshman walk-on from Yorktown Heights, N.Y., made the winning 28-yard field goal in the team's spring scrimmage in 1995. Goldsmith said after that scrimmage that Mercer had made the team. But she was left off the team once Goldsmith trimmed his roster that summer.

"I shouldn't have said it," Goldsmith said after changing his mind during summer preseason training that year.

Mercer said then she was neither the best nor the strongest kicker but still deserved a spot.

AREA: Buffs, Big Spring go for 3-0 starts

(From 1C)

That still hasn't kept Coahoma from opening the season 0-2, which could probably be attributed to the team giving up 69 points in its first two games more than to an old-fashioned offense. The single wing was installed by second-year head coach Jim Edwards, a former assistant at Midland High. Vincent Garcia or Kurt Bennett are the halfbacks who should be receiving the center snaps.

"We have four quick receivers and it helps us spread the defense out," said Edwards in explaining the logic of the single wing. " (Defenses) can't bunch up on us. The key for us will be can we block (the Buffaloes)?"

So far this season, teams have had trouble blocking the Buffs, who have dominated foes on both sides of the ball in posting a 2-0 mark. Stanton has allowed only a touchdown in each of its first two games, and in last week's 31-7 win at Roscoe, the only score the Buffaloes allowed was when Roscoe recovered a fumble in the end zone.

Perhaps lost in the shuffle of a string of blowout victories last season was that Stanton shut out four opponents in one five-game stretch. The Buffaloes haven't posted a zero on an opponent yet, but in two games they have forced eight turnovers, the result of some off-season planning.

"I felt last spring that defensively we'd be a lot better," Cotton said. "We went to a couple of clinics and picked up some things from Butch Davis (head coach) at the University of Miami. I feel like when we're getting to the football we're making more impact."

Linebacker Jody Louder leads the defense with 27 tackles while safeties Kyle Herm and Tyrone Davis have two interceptions apiece. Herm and Davis also form a strong pass-catch combo offensively as quarterback and receiver respectively. But Cotton feels defensively is where the team will win games.

"I'm an old believer that defense wins championships and right now it's the strength of our team," Cotton said.

Stanton isn't the only area team which can claim defense as its strong point. Big Spring (2-0) has yet to allow an opponent into the end zone and it's probably not stretching it to say that the defense saved the Steers in their 11-9 win over Ballinger. Three times in the shadows of its own end zone, the Big Spring defense forced field goals, and the Steers stopped the Bearcats on their final possession to force a free kick which John Lawdermilk returned 57 yards to set up Joe Haden for a rare second-chance game-winning field goal which he booted in from 28 yards.

"Defensively our kids worked and worked and survived some bad decisions offensively," said Big Spring coach Dwight Butler after the game. That defense will have to play at least as well tonight when the Steers travel to Lubbock Estacado for a rare Thursday game at 7:30 p.m.

After two games against Class 3A opponents, the

Area Schedule

Today's Game
Big Spring at Lubbock Estacado . . . 7:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Andrews at Midland High . . . 7:30 p.m.
Lamesa at Fort Stockton . . . 7:30 p.m.
Odessa High sophs at Garden City . . . 7:30 p.m.
Jal (N.M.) at Midland Christian . . . 8 p.m.
Denver City at Greenwood . . . 8 p.m.
Coahoma at Stanton . . . 8 p.m.
McCarney at Rankin . . . 8 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Marathon at Trinity . . . 3 p.m.

Steers face probably their toughest opponent so far in 2-4A contender Estacado. The Matadors opened the season by thumping Pampa, which reached the state semifinals of the state 4A large school playoffs last season, and lost last week 27-21 to Vernon, ranked No. 4 in the state in the recent 3A poll.

Defense has also been a major theme for Midland Christian (2-0), which has thumped its first two opponents, Roby and Christoval, by a collective 83-12. The Mustangs figure to get more of a challenge Friday at 8 p.m. when they open their home schedule against Jal, N.M., a perennial power in the Land of Enchantment — followed by Stanton and Rankin — which will determine how good the Mustangs really are.

Rankin (1-1) already has a win under its belt following last week's 28-12 victory over Forsan. Last year, the Red Devils played five games before chalking up one in the win column. Friday they host struggling 6-2A McCarney at 8 p.m. McCarney has been outscored by 1A Wink (No. 1 in the state) and 3A Crane 95-6 in its first two games.

The rest of the teams in the area are still seeking their first win of the year. Greenwood (0-2) hosts 2-0 Denver City at 8 p.m. The Rangers have played respectable defense, but have yet to score a touchdown in two games.

Who is the leading rusher out of 4-4A through two non-district games? Well, it would have to be Andrews' Shaud Williams, who's coming to Memorial Stadium Friday night, right? Williams does have 344 yards in two games, but surprisingly, that's only second in the district behind Fort Stockton's Jacob Vasquez, who has 384. Lamesa (0-2) has the unenviable task of trying to stop Vasquez Friday when it travels to Fort Stockton for a 7:30 p.m. game. The Panthers will be the third straight 4-4A opponent for Lamesa, which was routed by Pecos and San Angelo Lake View in its first two games.

Garden City (0-2) has struggled in its first two games, and is coming off of a 46-0 loss to powerful Wink. The Bearcats will host the Odessa High sophomores Friday at 7:30 p.m. Trinity (0-2) hosts Marathon in the lone area Saturday game at 3 p.m.

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OFFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
New England	1181	231	555
Jacksonville	1135	302	833
Denver	1086	433	653
Tennessee	713	440	273
Baltimore	1058	281	777
Buffalo	1020	273	747
New York Jets	991	333	658
San Diego	855	163	513
Pittsburgh	959	306	653
Kansas City	936	368	568
Miami	855	210	645
San Diego	708	240	468
Pittsburgh	469	307	162
Indianapolis	671	286	405

DEFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
New England	837	256	581
Denver	844	332	512
Buffalo	854	331	523
Jacksonville	579	111	468
Seattle	883	402	481
New York Jets	844	373	518
San Diego	946	290	656
Miami	984	457	527
Indianapolis	1007	372	635
Tennessee	686	361	325
Kansas City	1092	304	788
Pittsburgh	734	154	580
Cincinnati	1140	285	855
Oakland	1213	499	714

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

OFFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
Minnesota	1145	374	771
Green Bay	1087	356	731
Philadelphia	1038	343	695
Washington	986	357	629
Dallas	971	272	699
Chicago	938	479	459
St. Louis	925	405	520
Atlanta	920	418	502
San Francisco	899	219	680
New York Giants	886	351	535
Carolina	862	392	470
Arizona	843	259	584
New Orleans	744	313	431
San Francisco	723	326	397

DEFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
San Francisco	753	242	442
Carolina	784	342	442
Washington	791	498	293
Dallas	793	308	485
St. Louis	846	361	485
Denver	879	322	557
Green Bay	893	323	570
Tampa Bay	919	196	723
New Orleans	937	339	598
Philadelphia	949	300	649
Atlanta	956	288	668
Arizona	972	342	630
New York Giants	1095	306	789
Chicago	1097	426	671
Minnesota	1107	485	622

AVERAGE PER GAME

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

OFFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
New England	393.7	139.7	254.0
Jacksonville	393.0	115.5	277.5
Denver	378.3	100.7	277.6
Tennessee	237.7	144.3	93.4
Baltimore	356.5	220.0	136.5
Buffalo	352.7	93.7	259.0
New York Jets	340.0	91.0	249.0
San Diego	311.0	54.3	256.7
Pittsburgh	328.0	71.5	256.5
Kansas City	319.7	102.0	217.7
Miami	312.0	70.0	242.0
San Diego	285.0	70.0	215.0
Pittsburgh	236.0	80.0	156.0
Indianapolis	234.5	153.5	81.0
Indianapolis	228.0	88.7	139.3

DEFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
New England	279.0	85.3	193.7
Denver	281.0	110.7	170.3
Buffalo	284.0	110.3	173.7
Jacksonville	289.5	55.5	234.0
Seattle	294.3	134.0	160.3
New York Jets	297.0	124.3	172.7
San Diego	315.3	96.7	218.6
Miami	326.0	152.3	173.7
Indianapolis	335.7	124.0	211.7
Kansas City	343.0	49.5	293.5
Philadelphia	364.0	101.3	262.7
Pittsburgh	367.0	77.0	290.0
Cincinnati	367.5	110.5	257.0
Baltimore	380.0	95.0	285.0
Oakland	404.3	166.3	238.0

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OFFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
Minnesota	381.7	124.7	257.0
Green Bay	362.3	118.7	243.6
Philadelphia	346.0	125.7	220.3
Washington	335.0	114.3	220.7
Dallas	328.7	119.0	209.7
Chicago	323.7	90.7	233.0
Tampa Bay	312.7	159.7	153.0
St. Louis	308.3	135.0	173.3
Atlanta	306.7	139.3	167.4
San Francisco	299.7	73.0	226.7
New York Giants	295.3	87.0	208.3
Carolina	287.3	130.7	156.6
Arizona	281.0	86.3	194.7
New Orleans	248.0	77.0	171.0
San Francisco	241.0	108.7	132.3

DEFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
San Francisco	251.0	99.3	151.7
Carolina	261.3	114.0	147.3
Washington	263.7	166.0	97.7
Dallas	264.3	102.7	161.6
St. Louis	282.0	120.3	161.7
Denver	293.0	107.3	185.7
Green Bay	297.7	107.7	190.0
Tampa Bay	306.3	65.3	241.0
New Orleans	312.3	113.0	199.3
Philadelphia	316.3	100.0	216.3
Atlanta	318.7	96.0	222.7
Arizona	324.0	114.3	209.7
New York Giants	365.0	102.0	263.0
Chicago	365.7	142.0	223.7
Minnesota	369.0	161.7	207.3

NFL Individual Leaders

THROUGH WEEK 3

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

QUARTERBACKS

Team	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Blackwell, N.E.	98	57	769	10	2
Elway, Den	82	51	690	6	1
George, Oak	98	52	879	6	2
O'Donnell, NY-J	112	64	759	5	2
Matthews, Jac	40	26	275	0	0

Testaverde, Bal.

Orban, K.C.

Collins, Buf

Blake, Cin

Humphries, S.D.

RUSHERS

Team	Yds	Att	LG	Avg
Martin, N.E.	87	395	4.5	33.1
George, Ten	58	322	5.6	29.1
Jackson, Bal	19	300	15.8	54.2
Reed, Buf	16	294	8.4	21.0
Murray, NY-J	48	256	5.3	61.1
Hill, K.C.	40	204	5.1	38.0
Bell, K.C.	42	197	4.7	19.1
Byrner, Bal	44	195	4.4	19.0
Faulk, Ind	51	175	3.4	22.0
Means, Jac	104	152	3.1	18.3

RECEIVERS

Team	Yds	Att	LG	Avg
T. Brown, Oak	23	362	16.6	59.3
Jackson, Bal	19	300	15.8	54.2
Reed, Buf	16	294	8.4	21.0
McDuffie, Mia	16	202	12.6	50.0
Pickens, Cin	16	178	11.1	36.2
Rison, K.C.	15	257	17.1	43.1
K. Johnson, NY-J	15	216	14.4	39.1
Alexander, Bal	15	184	12.3	45.1
Wray, Ind	15	126	8.4	23.0
Anders, K.C.	15	81	5.4	19.1

PUNTERS

Team	Yds	Att	LG	Avg
T. Brown, Oak	14	589	65	49.2
McCahey, Jac	11	535	64	48.6
Bennett, S.D.	18	842	66	46.8
Jo Miller, Pitt	10	465	57	45.3
Cardozi, Ind	18	822	59	45.7
Hansen, NY-J	12	543	58	45.3
Johnson, Cin	10	450	62	45.0

PUNT RETURNERS

Team	Yds	Att	LG	Avg
Gordon, Den	7	157	22.4	94.1
Jordan, Mia	7	109	15.6	38.0
Maggitt, N.E.	13	177	13.6	35.0
Tucker, Buf	9	109	12.1	47.0
Gray, Ten	4	48	12.0	15.0

KICKOFF RETURNERS

Team	Yds	Att	LG	Avg
Hebron, Den	5	192	38.4	46.0
Glenn, NY-J	7	233	33.3	96.1
Vanover, K.C.	14	451	32.2	94.1
Ryan, Ind	15	450	30.0	41.0
J. Lewis, Bal	4	118	29.5	42.0
Spikes, Mia	4	117	29.3	48.0

TOUCHDOWNS

Team	Yds	Att	LG	Avg
T. Brown, Oak	3	0	0	0.0
Kaufman, Oak	3	0	0	0.0
McCahey, Jac	3	0	0	0.0
George, Ten	2	2	0	0.0
18 tied	2	2	0	0.0

KICKING

Team	Yds	Att	FG	LG	Pts
Mare, Mia	2-2	10-11	34	32	72
Ellis, Den	9-9	6-7	53	27	27
Hall, NY-J	9-9	6-8	55	27	27
Vinatieri, N.E.	12-12	5-5	34	27	27
Stover, Bal	8-8	6-6	41	26	26
Stoyanovich, K.C.	2-3	7-8	44	23	23
Ford, Oak	10-10	4-5	49	22	22
Christie, Buf	6-6	5-5	46	21	21
Hollis, Jac	8-8	4-5	52	20	20
Del Greco, Ten	2-2	5-6	37	17	17

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QUARTERBACKS

Team	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Diller, T.B.	70	42	491	4	0
Johnson, Min	118	79	837	5	2
Alkman, Dal	106	57	671	5	0
Mitchell, Det	105	57	751	6	2
Favre, G.B.	100	58	758	4	2
Chandler, Atl	67	40	572	3	3
St. Louis	100	57	644	1	1
T. Delmar, Phi	87	46	602	2	0
K. Graham, Anz	123	63	629	2	2
Kramer, Chi	92	49	494	3	1

RUSHERS

Team	Yds	Att	LG	Avg
R. Smith, Min	39	308	7.9	78.1
Levens, G.B.	65	292	4.5	22.1
St. Louis	72	292	4.1	44.0
R. Harris, Chi	43	272	6.3	68.1
Dunn, T.B.	48	268	5.6	52.1
Walters, Phi	61	268	4.4	24.1
Phillips, St.L.	62	257	4.1	28.4
Johnson, Car	49	227	4.6	20.0
Sanders, Det	44	214	4.9	28.0
Hearst, S.F.	48	205	4.3	35.1

RECEIVERS

Team	Yds	Att	LG	Avg
Carter, Min	23	297	12.3	3.3
Reed, Min	20	264	13.2	43.1
Reed, Min	19	268	14.1	56.1
Sanders, Anz	17	181	10.6	27.1
R. Moore, Anz	16	231	14.4	47.0
Irvine, Dal	15	244	16.3	55.2
Calloway, NY-G	15	160	10.7	21.2
Timpson, Phi	14	180	12.2	26.0
Enger, Chi	14	147	10.5	1.1
Asher, Was	14	112	8.0	16.0

PUNTERS

Team	Yds	Att	LG	Avg
Jeff, Det	18	840	60	46.7
Hentrich, G.B.	13	603	59	46.4
M. Turk, Was	14	647	59	46.2
Walter, Car	15	676	62	45.1
Maynard, NY-G	22	984	57	44.7
Gowin, Dal	16	712	56	44.5
Sally, Phi	6	64	10.7	42.0
Royals, N.O.	4	42	10.5	25.0

PUNT RETURNERS

the first-team offense against first-team defense, meaning Aikman and Irvin will work against cornerbacks Deion Sanders and Kevin Smith rather than reserves Wendell Davis, Kevin Mathis and Kenny Wheaton.

"You got to work good against good," Spitzer said. "Sometimes

Gators snapping for Tennessee

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

Leave it to Florida to strike a nerve before a big game.

Earlier this week, Gators offensive tackle Mo Collins called Peyton Manning "highly overrated" and running back Fred Taylor said the Vols "know they can't beat us."

Must be time for No. 4 Tennessee at No. 3 Florida.

Florida, it seems, has a way of getting under the skin of its opponents.

In the weeks leading to the Sugar Bowl, chief Gator baiter Steve Spurrier complained about Florida State's late hits on Danny Wuerffel after a regular-season loss at Tallahassee.

Before the '96 game against Tennessee, defensive end Tim Beauchamp said Manning gets easily rattled in the pocket.

Both times, Florida won, beating Florida State 52-20 to win its first national title after taking out Tennessee 35-29 last September.

Manning's reply?

"For one thing, Florida has the platform to talk. They're defending champions," he said. "We don't have the right or the room to talk. We're in second place."

Florida (2-0) has beaten Tennessee (2-0) the past four years, and even though the Gators have

a new quarterback in Doug Johnson, their defense may give them an edge.

Both teams had last week off. Two weeks ago, Florida set a modern-day school scoring mark in an 82-6 win over Central Michigan, while Tennessee hung on for a 30-24 win at UCLA.

So far, Manning has thrown for 651 yards and seven touchdowns, while Johnson has thrown for 541 yards and nine touchdowns.

In Seattle, the No. 7 Huskers play No. 2 Washington a year after being shellshocked at Arizona State, 19-0.

Ahman Green, the Huskers' I-back, said his team was bothered by the crowd noise at Sun Devil Stadium in '96, and wants to avoid a similar problem at Husky Stadium.

Nebraska, which had a tough time against Central Florida last week, will have other problems, such as trying to stop quarterback Brock Huard and running back Rashawn Shehee.

The picks:

No. 1 Penn State (minus 21) at Louisville
Lions turn thoroughbred Curtis Enis loose against Cardinals. ... PENN STATE 41-17.

No. 7 Nebraska (plus 3) at No. 2 Washington

Huskers' defense has hands full dealing with Huard & Co. ... WASH-

INGTON 27-17.
No. 4 Tennessee (plus 4) at No. 3 Florida

Peyton Manning can't beat Gators by himself. ... FLORIDA 38-27.

No. 5 Florida State (minus 20) at No. 16 Clemson
Tigers almost caught napping last week; will give Seminoles a test. ... FLORIDA STATE 31-20.

No. 6 North Carolina (minus 23) at Maryland
Tar Heels defense all over Terps. ... NORTH CAROLINA 31-0.

Baylor (plus 25 1/2) at No. 8 Michigan

With Brian Griese at the controls, Wolverines prep for Notre Dame next week. ... MICHIGAN 41-13.

Arizona (plus 17) at No. 9 Ohio State

Buckeyes QB Stanley Jackson 13-0 as a starter. ... OHIO STATE 28-20.

No. 12 Auburn (plus 5 1/2) at No. 10 LSU

Game could turn on play of QBs — Auburn's Dameyune Craig vs. LSU's Herb Tyler. ... LSU 24-21.

Arkansas (plus 17 1/2) at No. 11 Alabama

Hogs may not even get a chance to score TD this week. ... ALABAMA 44-6.

No. 13 Iowa (minus 26) at Iowa State

Iowa State had Troy Davis, Iowa has Tavian Banks (517 yards in two games). ... IOWA 45-10.

Brigham Young (plus 8) at No. 14 Arizona State

BYU last won in Tempe in 1965. ...

ARIZONA STATE 34-24.

No. 17 Michigan State (plus 2 1/2) at Notre Dame

Can Irish be as bad as they looked in first two games? ... MICHIGAN STATE 31-24.

No. 18 Virginia Tech (minus 23 1/2) at Temple

Hokies' Ken Oxendine runs all over outmanned Owls. ... VIRGINIA TECH 35-10.

No. 19 Washington State (minus 9 1/2) at Illinois

Illini's new coach Ron Turner still looking for win No. 1. ... WASHINGTON STATE 35-21.

No. 21 Stanford (minus 11 1/2) at Oregon State

Cardinal bounces back from loss at North Carolina. ... STANFORD 33-14.

No. 22 Miami (minus 15) at Pittsburgh (Thursday)

Watch out Hurricanes, Panthers think they can win. ... MIAMI 28-21.

Air Force (plus 11 1/2) at No. 23 Colorado State

Air Force one of only two unbeaten WAC teams. ... COLORADO STATE 28-20.

Northeast Louisiana (plus 29 1/2) at No. 25 Georgia

Bulldogs want to stick around Top 25 awhile. ... GEORGIA 45-13.

Last week: 15-5 (straight); 11-7 (spread)

Season: 42-7 (straight); 25-20 (spread)

Volunteers must contain any of Florida's momentum shifts

By Tom Sharp
AP Sports Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — At some point in Saturday's Southeastern Conference showdown between No. 3 Florida and No. 4 Tennessee, something will go Florida's way.

The Vols say they must put a lid on it right then to have a chance because the last two years the Gators have been overwhelming once the momentum turned in their favor.

"We can't have clusters of mistakes that blow up in our face where momentum changes," Tennessee offensive coordinator David Cutcliffe said. "We've got to turn it into a four-quarter game. We've got to be consistent and steady."

Two years ago in Gainesville, Tennessee built a 30-14 lead in the first half before the sky fell in. The Gators scored the next 48 points.

Last year's game was a mirror image. Florida scored 35 points in the opening 20 minutes. The Gators would not score again but didn't need to, winning 35-29.

The biggest culprit for the Vols has been turnovers: Tennessee has 10 the last two games, while the Gators have three.

And the Gators, as Tennessee has so painfully discovered, turn mistakes into points as well as anybody.

However, consistency has not been Ten-

nessee's strong suit so far this year. The Vols got off to a slow start against Texas Tech before converting two miscues into easy touchdowns and pulling away 52-17. Two weeks ago they lost almost all of a 24-3 lead over UCLA with a poor fourth quarter, before prevailing 30-24.

"Consistency is one of our goals this year and against UCLA we really didn't do a very good job," Vols quarterback Peyton Manning said. "There were a lot of mistakes in that game, but you're kind of glad it happened so we can say, 'Look guys, we've got to get this corrected right now.'"

Manning said the Vols realize they cannot beat Florida with just one good half.

"That's not enough to get it done," he said. "They've been the better team the last two years and deserved to win the game, and if you want to beat a team like that you have to play four quarters of football. Even that doesn't guarantee a win."

If Tennessee has an advantage it would seem to be at quarterback. Manning is a senior making his 35th straight start. The Gators' Doug Johnson is a sophomore making just his third career start.

"I hope that's an advantage," Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said. "But it's not Peyton versus Doug Johnson. It's team versus



Florida's Doug Johnson (34) during the game against Tennessee. Johnson is a sophomore making just his third career start. The Gators' Doug Johnson is a sophomore making just his third career start. The Gators' Doug Johnson is a sophomore making just his third career start.

Alabama drops lineman for contact with agents

By Eddie Pells
AP Sports Writer

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Star defensive lineman Michael Myers was dropped from the Alabama team Wednesday after an internal investigation found he had made improper contact with sports agents.

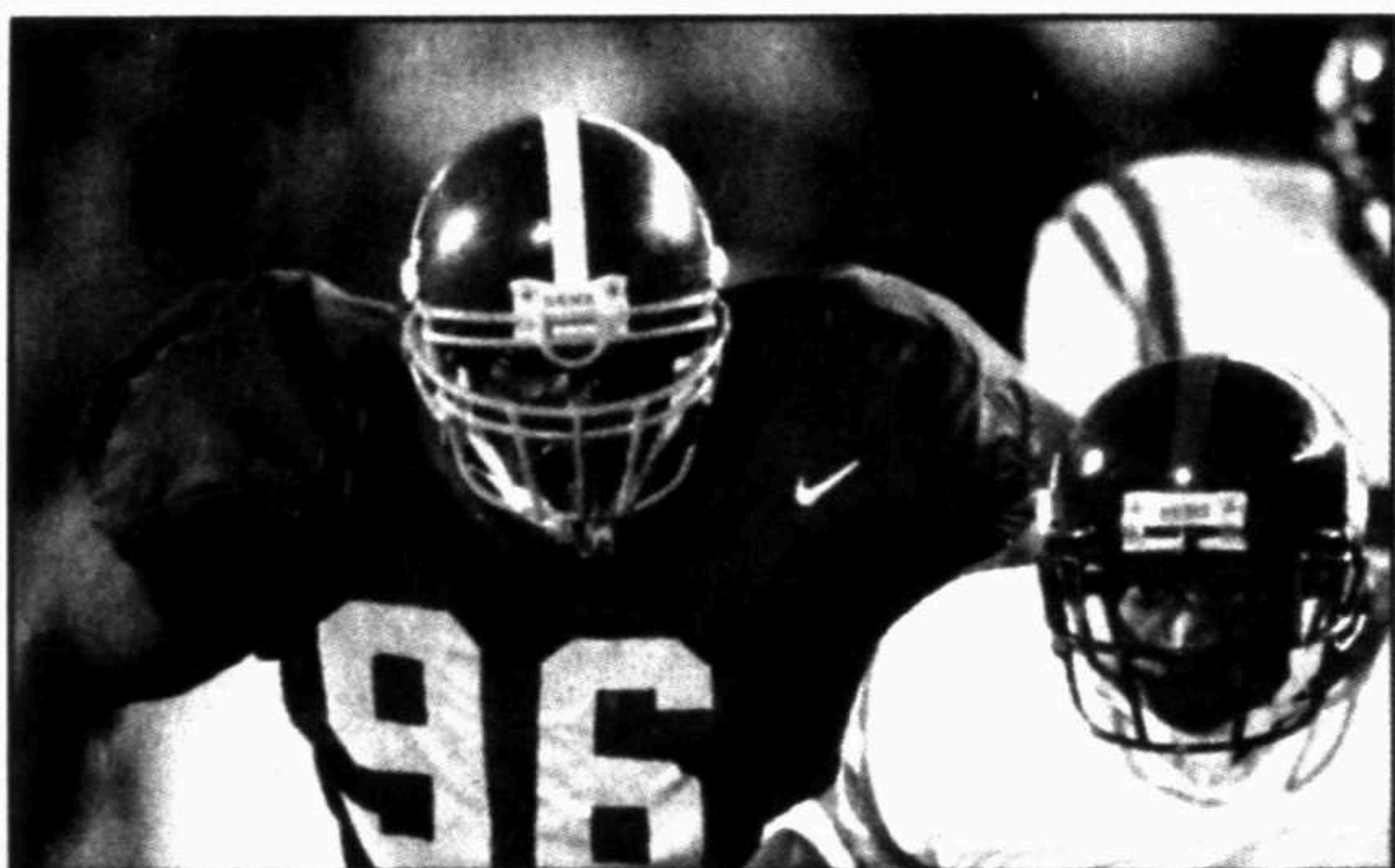
Marie Robbins, who oversees the university's compliance with NCAA rules, said her two-week investigation concluded that Myers had accepted hotel expenses from an agent during a trip to California and cash benefits from a second agent.

"Due to the serious nature of these violations, the university will not seek restoration of Mr. Myers' eligibility," Robbins said. Myers' father denied his son had accepted anything from an agent during the West Coast trip, however.

"My older son paid his way out there," Herman Myers said in a telephone interview from his home in Vicksburg, Miss.

Herman Myers Jr. plays basketball professionally in Europe and went to California in July to meet an agent, said the elder Myers. Michael accompanied his brother, who paid both the travel expenses and hotel bills, he said.

"To my knowledge he didn't take nothing from nobody. I give him money and my son overseas gives him money," said Myers, adding he has declined overtures from sports agents who offered to



Alabama's Michael Myers (96) was dropped from the team Wednesday after an internal investigation found he had made improper contact with sports agents.

pay his way to Alabama games.

In an interview with WERC in Birmingham, Myers said he was surprised when told of his dismissal. He was not directly asked whether or not he took the money.

Robbins said he would be allowed to remain on scholarship to continue his work toward his degree.

The 6-foot-3, 270-pound lineman earned All-Southeastern Conference honors last season after compiling 62 tackles, eight sacks and 23 quarterback pressures.

He was considered a prospect to be chosen in the first round of last year's NFL draft and his decision

to stay at Alabama for his senior season figured to have solidified his status.

"I still don't think there's any doubt he'll play in the NFL," Alabama coach Mike DuBose said. "He made a mistake. He understands what happened and he wants to move on."

He started the season strong, with seven tackles and one sack in a 42-17 victory over Houston. But the next week, Alabama began the investigation after the Southeastern Conference corroborated a tip the Alabama compliance office had received earlier from the NCAA about Myers' possible con-

tact with an agent.

After receiving assurance from the NCAA that Alabama would not be penalized for having played Myers against Houston, Robbins ordered Myers suspended and began her investigation.

Myers was not at the news conference where the action was announced and there was no immediate comment from him. Specifics on his contact with agents also were not released.

The NCAA executive director for enforcement and eligibility appeals, David Berst, said Alabama's football program was not in trouble with the sanctioning organization because of Myers.

"If they find a player who has taken money from an agent ... they are required to apply the rules and declare the player ineligible," said Berst.

DuBose said he was disappointed for Myers but did not disagree with the school's decision.

"Hopefully, this will help Michael somewhere down the road," DuBose said. "When you make a decision like this, it's either right or wrong. Not almost right or almost wrong."

The decision came about three years after Antonio Langham's dealings with an agent at the 1993 Sugar Bowl led to NCAA sanctions against Alabama's football program, which was slow in reporting the contact to the NCAA. Because of the probation, Alabama revamped its compliance regulations to avoid a repeat.

Nebraska expecting lots of noise at Washington

By Nicholas K. Geranios
Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE — It will be noisy in Husky Stadium on Saturday when No. 7 Nebraska visits No. 2 Washington.

Nebraska is expecting it. Washington is counting on it.

"We have to score on our first drive," Washington quarterback Brock Huard said. "We've got to put points on the board and get our crowd in the game."

Nebraska has piped in taped crowd noise during practice to get ready for the expected 72,500 on Saturday.

"It really does work," guard Aaron Taylor said. "It makes you concentrate during practice."

Scott Frost was a backup quarterback at Stanford before transferring to Nebraska and has first-hand knowledge of the atmosphere inside the waterfront stadium.

"I remember the stadium perfectly," Frost said. "It's a fun stadium to play in, but the

crowd's definitely going to be into it."

So, too, will the teams.

"This is college football," Frost said. "If you lose a game, you're dropping a long way and you might not have a chance to get back up where you want to be."

Nebraska is considered the underdog, but the unfamiliar label doesn't appear to bother the Cornhuskers.

"We always feel in our minds that we're the better team," Taylor said.

"Nationally, if we win this game it's going to be great for us," Taylor said. "If we want to be the national championship team, we have to win this game and we have to win it big."

Nebraska's defensive tackle Jason Peter doesn't expect to be bothered by crowd noise, since fans are likely to be fairly quiet when Washington has the ball. He's more worried about Huard and running back Rashawn Shehee.

Huard is the nation's top-rated quarterback, and averages 301 passing yards per game.

"I think Washington's a big-play team," Peter said. "He can throw the long ball, but it's not like he's just sitting back there like a telephone pole. He can run, too. We're going to have to be careful."

A key matchup will be Washington's top-ranked rushing defense, which has yielded minus-5 yards this season. Nebraska is second nationally with 418 rushing yards a game.

"It's pretty hard to say how we will do since we haven't played an option team yet this year," Washington coach Jim Lambright said.

Central Florida raised some eyebrows last weekend by staying close much of the game in a 38-24 loss at Nebraska. But that was last week.

"This is the biggest opponent I've ever played against," Washington receiver Jerome Patton said. "It's going to be hard for me to settle down."

Added Nebraska's Peter: "Everybody else on the team knows this is the biggest game of the season so far and they know you have to step up in a game like this."

Big 12 Stats

DALLAS (AP) — Statistics from the Big 12 Conference games through Sept. 13 (national rankings in parentheses):

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Wednesday \$19.42
Previous Close \$19.61
Year Ago \$23.31

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Today \$17.25
Previous Close \$17.50
Year Ago \$21.75

NATURAL GAS PRICES

Wednesday \$2.683

Prices retreat

NEW YORK — Energy prices fell in New York on Wednesday on a report showing rising stocks in crude oil and distillates such as heating oil and gasoline.

The American Petroleum Institute reported after the market closed Tuesday that crude oil stocks rose by 4.4 million barrels to 302.2 million barrels last week, while gasoline supplies rose by 1.36 million barrels to 189.6 million barrels. Stocks of distillates, including heating oil, rose by 0.50 million barrels to 133.0 million barrels.

News that greater shipments of oil products were leading to higher inventories sent energy prices lower on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Crude oil for delivery in October settled at \$19.42 per barrel, down 19 cents.

Natural gas prices were also lower, with contracts for delivery in October settling at \$2.683 per 1,000 cubic feet, down 3.9 cents.

Dollar mixed

NEW YORK — The dollar was mixed against major currencies Wednesday, falling against the yen after an unexpected surge in Japan's trade surplus revived fears of further U.S.-Japanese tension.

The dollar fell to a low of 119.96 yen early overseas after Japan reported its overall merchandise trade surplus more than doubled last month, the fifth consecutive monthly rise. The surplus with the United States climbed for the 11th straight month.

The dollar later recovered to trade at 121.00 yen in late New York trading, down from 121.25 yen late Tuesday. The dollar was changing hands at 1.7721 marks late Wednesday in New York, up from 1.7700.

Late in New York, sterling fetched \$1.6018, up from \$1.5954.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Tuesday: 1.4612 Swiss francs, up from 1.4512; 5.9515 French francs, up from 5.9220; 1,729.25 Italian lire, up from 1,726.00; and 1.3886 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3914.

Dow dips

NEW YORK — Smaller-company stocks rose to record highs again on Wednesday, but blue-chip shares edged lower as investors secured some of Tuesday's big gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average initially added 35 points to Tuesday's 175-point rally, but quickly lost its momentum, ultimately falling 9.48 to 7,886.44.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a slim margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume was very heavy again, totaling 589.49 million shares. That compares with Tuesday's hefty tally of 635.77 million.

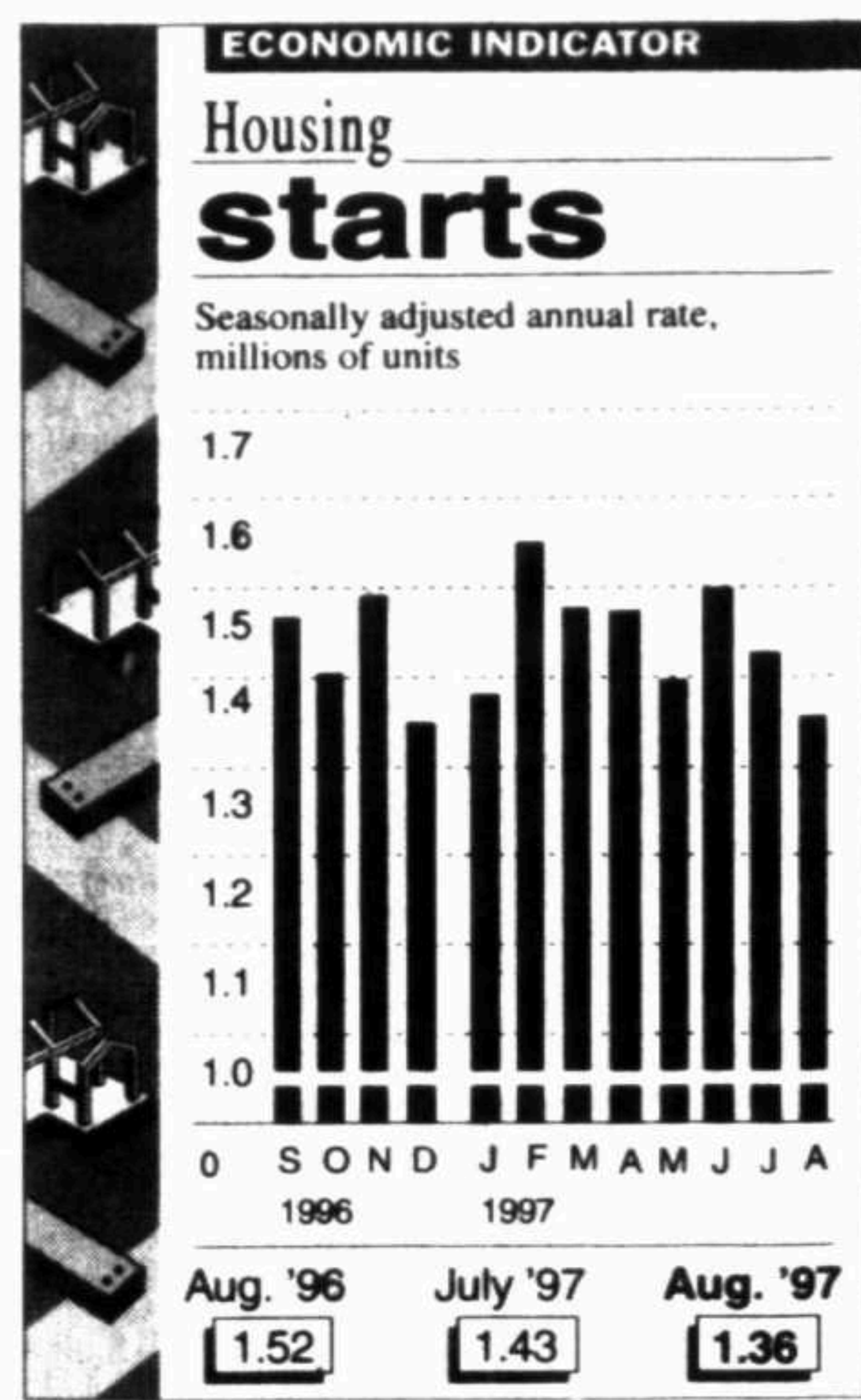
The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index — which rose 25 points, or about 3 percent, on Tuesday — fell 2.64 to 943.00. The NYSE composite index fell 0.48 to 493.21.

The Russell 2000 rose 0.97 to 446.15. The small-company dominated American Stock Exchange composite index also closed at a record high for the fourth straight session, rising 2.95 to 683.00.

The Nasdaq composite index, which rose 33 points on Tuesday to a record high, slipped 2.13 to 1,666.47 amid some weakness in software-related shares.

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Housing starts fall to lowest of year



Source: Department of Commerce

Fed survey finds little inflation with retail prices moving little if at all.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just two weeks before the Federal Reserve's next interest-rate meeting, a Fed report found little inflation despite strong economic growth in many regions of the nation.

"With a few exceptions, prices for goods are said to be moving very little if at all," the central bank said Wednesday in its "beige book," named after the color of its cover.

The report — a survey of conditions by the Fed's 12 district banks — plus a drop in housing construction last month suggest the economy isn't overheating and the central bank can leave short-term rates unchanged for now.

Based on information collected before Sept. 8, the report will be used at the Fed's next monetary policy meeting Sept. 30.

The survey summarized conditions prevalent for most of this year — decent growth with subdued inflation — that have allowed the central bank to leave

short-term interest rates unchanged since March.

"The Federal Reserve is waiting for some tangible evidence that inflation is accelerating, but it's not here yet," said economist Sung Won Sohn of Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis.

However, in a speech at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Fed board member Laurence H. Meyer cautioned against complacency.

The economy "may already be operating beyond its sustainable capacity," he said, and Fed policy "must be alert to the potential of a developing upward trend in inflation."

Separately, the Commerce Department said construction of new homes fell unexpectedly in August to the lowest level since December, pulled down by a large drop in the Northeast and smaller declines elsewhere.

The 4.8 percent decline to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.36 million was the third decrease in four months and the sharpest since April.

In another report, the American Bankers Association said the ratio of overdue credit-card bills increased to a seasonally adjusted 3.69 percent in the second quarter, from 3.51 percent in the

first. That's just a shade under the all-time record, 3.72 percent, set during the last three months of 1996.

The Fed's beige book painted a strong picture, mentioning rising orders to factories, improving real estate markets and moderate growth in retail sales.

"Although some districts note signs of slowing in selected sectors, about half the districts say their region's overall pace picked up in July and August while others report continued moderate growth," it said.

It said "most regions are experiencing tight labor markets, recruiting difficulties or growing labor shortages" but in two-thirds that's not translating into higher wages.

Meanwhile, economists said they suspected plentiful jobs, income gains and low mortgage rate was reviving housing construction this month.

Last month, starts of single-family homes fell 5 percent, the sharpest drop in five months. Apartment construction declined 4.3 percent.

Applications for building permits — a barometer of future building plans — fell nationally, too, down 1.6 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.39 million.

Intel devises way to double chip memory

New chip packs two pieces of information in each transistor instead of just one.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In what the world's biggest manufacturer of computer chips hailed as a breakthrough, Intel Corp. on Wednesday announced it has come up with a new way to make memory chips that would instantly double the amount of data that can be stored.

The new method boosts the storage capacity of "flash memory" chips, the circuitry that lets computers, phone answering machines, digital cameras and other devices hold information even when they're turned off.

Instead of using more transistors, Intel's new chip packs two pieces of information in each, instead of just one.

"Two bits in the space of one starts a new direction in memory technology," said Gordon Moore, co-founder of Intel. "This will lead to lower cost and new applications."

Computers won't suddenly think twice as fast. But the price of \$1,000 digital cameras may drop by a few hundred dollars, answering machines may store more messages and hand-held digital assistants could work better.

The announcement excited some industry observers in part because it was backed by the force of Intel — whose microprocessors are the brains in 85 percent of all personal computers — and could spur a surge of research.

"Nothing else in chip technology has achieved this sudden doubling" of chip capacity, said Richard Doherty, an industry consultant who is head of The Envisioning Group.

"It's a breakthrough for a good chunk of consumer electronics and computing." More broadly, Intel's announcement reflects how the high-tech industry, having exhausted more conventional means, is coming up with new solutions to one of today's most vexing challenges: How to squeeze more technology into the thumb-nail-size silicon chip.

Like other chip companies, Intel, based in Santa Clara, Calif., is striving to live up to Moore's Law — created by Gordon Moore — a central tenet of technology that for three decades has predicted with rough accuracy that microprocessors will get twice as powerful for the same price every 18 months.

That has set an important timetable for the industry's products and manufacturing cycles.

But companies like Intel have had to come up with more and more creative ways to boost the number of transistors on each chip, currently at 7.5 million on Intel's most powerful Pentium microprocessor, to 1 billion by the year 2011.

'Legal eagles' turn into pizza cutters

Founders of California Pizza Kitchen wanted new spin on traditional pizza.

Associated Press

PARAMUS, N.J. — Larry Flax and Rick Rosenfield didn't want to open just another pizza shop.

When these two defense attorneys exchanged their legal pads for pizza cutters in 1985, their goal was to give a new spin to traditional pizza and then serve it in a quick, yet pleasant dining environment.

Twelve years later, their California Pizza Kitchen chain is now in 80 U.S. cities and plans are in place for international expansion and new, smaller, fast-service outlets.

"We set out to reinvent pizza and now upscale pizza is our brand," said Flax, whose personal favorites include the B.L.T. pizza and the Caribbean Chicken pizza. "There aren't too many other places that offer premium fast-food like us."

Flax and Rosenfield met in the 1960s while working as federal prosecutors in Los Angeles. In 1973, they formed a private practice, mostly dealing with white-collar criminal cases.

While the two worked as lawyers, their passion was in the kitchen. After a case took them to San Francisco for four months, they decided they wanted out of law and were ready to test the restaurant business.

"We always wanted to do it, but then a big retainer would come along and we would delay the dream," Rosenfield said while munching on a salad and focaccia bread at their newest restaurant in Paramus.

"Once we did open, we realized this let us be creative," he said. "It wasn't the judge and jury controlling our destiny, but the people who came to our restaurant to eat."

Their first restaurant opened in Beverly Hills, where they're still headquartered. Following the path of famed California chefs Alice Waters and Wolfgang Puck, they too offered "designer pizzas" topped with everything from goat cheese to rabbit sausage.

But diners didn't jump at their menu. Instead, they yearned for pizzas that meshed the traditional variety with new flavors and foods, like the now famed Original BBQ Chicken pizza, a combination of barbecued chicken, sliced red onion, cilantro and smoked Gouda cheese.

The menu was soon changed, and to this day, it tries to include new, popular foods in the pizzas, pastas and salads. Thai chicken in a spicy peanut-ginger sauce and portobello mushrooms are now found in a number of dishes.

"We want people to crave our food," Flax said. "We want people to read the menu and almost taste what they are



Larry Flax, left, and Rick Rosenfield, co-founders of California Pizza Kitchen restaurants, pose at the chain's new outlet at the Garden State Plaza mall in Paramus, N.J. When the two white-collar defense attorneys exchanged their legal pads for pizza cutters in 1985, their goal was to give a new spin to traditional pizza and then serve it in a quick, yet pleasant dining environment.

ordering. Then they'll be wowed by what they are eating."

CPK's success came fast, a lucky thing for Flax and Rosenfield who had no backup plan if their restaurant failed. Then, and now, CPK mostly caters to upscale diners who want a quick meal, but dislike traditional fast food.

Sites soon opened around southern California and then in cities like Honolulu, Chicago and Atlanta. By the early 1990s, CPK operated about 25 restaurants.

But the biggest growth spurt for CPK came after PepsiCo Inc. bought a controlling stake in 1992, reportedly for between \$60 million and \$70 million. Flax and Rosenfield continued to manage the chain, opening nearly 50 CPK restaurants in the past four years.

With Pepsi's financial backing, CPK became the 13th largest upscale casual dining chain in the nation, with sales of \$175 million last year, a 4 percent gain from 1995, according to Technomic Inc., a Chicago-based restaurant consulting company.

In July, Pepsi sold its CPK share to an investment firm reportedly for around \$100 million. The move came as part of Pepsi's decision earlier in the year to move out of the casual-dining business.

"With help from Pepsi, the penetration of our brand was significant," Flax said.

"Now we are thinking of taking the company public, which will help us achieve our dream of making CPK a global brand," added Rosenfield, finishing his partner and best friend's sentence as they often do.

To fuel its next stage of expansion, CPK is testing smaller outlets, known as California Pizza Kitchen ASAP, which offer takeout service at reduced prices. While most pizzas cost \$8.95 in their standard restaurants, pizzas at the ASAP sites will go for \$5.95.

In addition, growth opportunities are seen abroad. Plans are already set for three restaurants to open in Asia in the next few years.

"McDonald's became the world's largest chain because people liked its consistency," Flax said. "Most of our loyal customers feel the same way about us and we feel we can bring that to people worldwide."

More than a decade since their start, Flax and Rosenfield have never looked back on their decision to leave the law. But they still chuckle when thinking of their success in the restaurant business.

"Today, there isn't anyone close to us in premium pizza," Flax said. "It's amazing."

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Even those with high incomes must live within means

By Eric Tyson

Q: I have been successful with my business. I am earning well in excess of \$100,000 per year. However, I'm worried. I don't know how long these good times are going to last, and it seems that my wife and I keep finding new things we need and end up spending the money as it comes in.

A: The first financial task to master is learning to live within your means.

That might seem to be an easy task for people with high incomes, but many people with earnings well in excess of yours have ended up in financial ruin because their spending levels kept pace with or even exceeded their lofty incomes. Witness the bankruptcy filings of folks such as fitness guru Susan Power, movie star Burt Reynolds and rapper MC Hammer.

As you apparently recognize, just

because the cash is gushing in doesn't mean that you can spend without limits.

According to a recent Consumer Federation of America study, about 37 percent of six-figure-income households carry credit card debt month to month.

One independent tax adviser I spoke with even told me of investment brokers, of all people, making several hundred thousand dollars annually and saving none of it because of extravagant lifestyles.

The sooner you learn to live well within your means, the quicker you'll be able to build wealth and feel more comfortable.

As for investing the money you save, people such as yourself — with more zeros behind their investment balances — can afford a wider range of investments than non-affluent folks, but that doesn't mean you should make use of the extra options.

One of the greatest dangers affluent people face is being sucked into high-fee investments because of the seeming exclusivity and snob appeal some big-ticket investments carry. High-minimum and high-fee limited partnerships come to mind.

Build a core portfolio of investment funds diversified across stocks worldwide. Index mutual funds replicate the market averages and, thanks to low operating expenses, boast solid returns.

Investing in real estate is another time-tested growth vehicle.

As your net worth builds, you could consider investing in promising small-business ventures, although that is riskier than investing in publicly traded stocks.

Investing in others' small businesses directly rather than through a venture fund is another option but more time-consuming and even riskier still.

Finally, you could invest in your own business ventures.

While saving and investing money, high income earners need to pay careful attention to income taxes. If your state imposes a relatively high income tax, you could be paying combined federal and state income tax rates in excess of 50 percent.

If you're in the highest tax brackets, look to investments that won't have high taxable distributions. Focus on investments that over time will produce most of their returns from long-

term capital gains, which are taxed at a lower rate than regular income. When investing in bonds, stick with tax-free municipals.

In addition to self-retirement plans such as Keoghs that allow small-business owners to sock away up to \$30,000 of their earned income per year free of federal and state income taxes, older high-income earners should explore defined benefit plans. Such plans make the most sense for people older than 40 with consistent high incomes and few employees.

Take some time to educate yourself about the best ways to handle your money. Otherwise, you'll be unable to evaluate the merits of advice you hear or read.

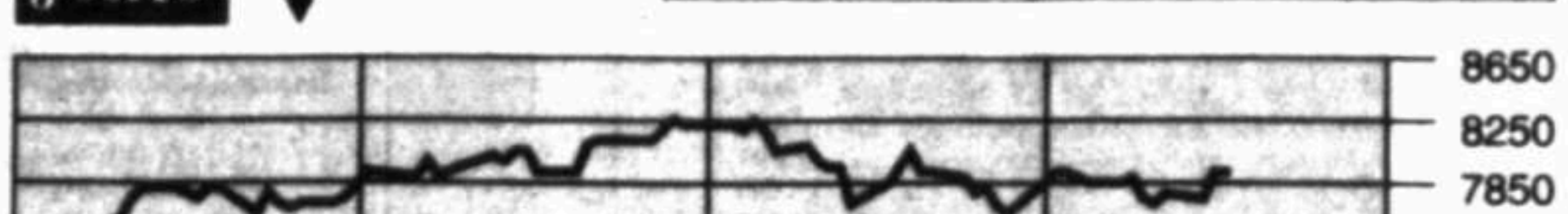
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Lordy, Lordy, pink lawn flamingos are 40

By Loretta Grantham
N.Y. Times News Service

They stand and deliver — what, we're not sure.

For some, it's nostalgia. For others, pure kitsch. And for the pranksters among us, unbridled glee.

Pink plastic lawn flamingos turned 40 this year.

"The flamingo isn't tacky," says creator Donald Featherstone. "What people do with them is tacky. I think one would look elegant in front of the White House."

More than 20 million have been sold since 1957, when Featherstone — fresh out of art school — designed the birds (there are two poses) for Union Products in Leominster, Mass.

Having worked there ever since, he bought the lawn ornaments manufacturer from its retiring owners last year.

"The flamingo was one of my first assignments," says Featherstone, 61, whose signature has been stamped on the birds ("like Galvin Klein") since 1985.

"I sculpted it out of clay. But turning it into plastic forced me to be an engineer, to work with the strengths and limitations of the plastic."

"My original model had wooden dowel legs, but they cost too much to make, and plastic wasn't strong enough, so we went with metal rods. We once produced a model called the Flamingo Deluxe that looked quite natural — with wooden yellow legs — but that didn't sell."

Featherstone, who insists that "all great art began as tacky," says he's fine with folks poking fun at his life's work, which sells for about \$9 a pair at discount stores. "As long as they keep buying them," he says with a laugh, "I really don't care. Remember, people who put out lawn ornaments aren't doing it for themselves — they're doing it for you."

KEEP OFF THE GRASS
...OR MAYBE NOT

The first pink flamingo ornaments, sold in 1952, were flat and made of plywood. Manufacturers also tried foam a few years later,

but dogs ate them.

■ Donald Featherstone — guided by photos that accompanied a National Geographic story, *Ballerinas in Pink*, in October 1957 — sculpted two poses out of clay. The clay was used to create a plaster cast, which was used to make aluminum dies to mold plastic.

■ Union Products began cranking out the birds in an extremely durable material — the same plastic used to make containers to ship glue and acid.

■ The birds were modified with bracing inside to support the metal rods used for legs. "That's the secret of their graceful appearance," Featherstone says.

Lawn-ornament flamingos date back to the mid-1800s. The oldest one in Donald Featherstone's personal collection is a cast-iron bird made in 1908.

GAG! SURPRISE SOMEONE WITH A WHOLE FLOCK

For between \$60 and \$100, the Original Flamingo Surprise will cover a yard with pink plastic Donald Featherstone birds. Imagine waking up to that!

The company — with offices in Chicago, Atlanta, San Francisco, Oklahoma City, Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio — started after Rick Fazio shocked his twin brother, Ralph, with a yard full of the birds at his home in Parma, Ohio. "People driving by would stop and say, 'Hey, that's great! Could you do that for my wife on her birthday?'"

THE FAZIOS NOW order flamingos from Union Products in lots of 3,500. Besides pink, there are black ones for "over the hill" yard messages, red for Valentine's Day, combos of red and green for Christmas, yellow for good cheer and blue, left over from a "protest flock" Rick arranged when one Chicago suburb banned pink.

The gag is guaranteed to be delivered between midnight and 6 a.m. and picked up that evening between 5:30 and 8:30.

Call folks at the Atlanta office at (770) 466-3034. They'll fly arrangements to Florida for an additional fee.

FLAMINGOS IN CYBER SPACE

Plastic flamingo fans don't fly solo, it seems. There's a club and at least two Web sites:

■ The Pink Flamingo Club
■ Organized by Mary-Elizabeth Buckham, who once staged a flamingo nativity scene and who dresses up 45 of the plastic birds each week: 210 S. Commerce St., Centerville, Md. 21617.

■ Flamingo Island

■ "Walk quietly least you scare our plastic friends" welcomes you to this Web site at <http://www.offthedeepend.com/Flamingo.htm>

The site — which claims Frederick, Md., is an Official Lawn Flamingo Sanctuary — offers Donald Featherstone flamingos for sale and a spinning wings version for sale.

■ On Stagnant Pond — Monty Stanley's Web site contains information on flamingo repair, places to order flamingo products and common flamingo insults: <http://www.ospsitecrafters.com/homepond.html>

MORE ELEGANT LAWN ORNAMENTS

OK, maybe flamingos aren't to your taste. You're a world traveler. You've strolled the romantic grounds of Villa d'Este, outside Rome, with its terraces, grottoes and flowing fountains. Or toured the walled gardens of Hampton Court, near London, punctuated by sundials, urns and elaborate gates.

Now you want to bring that home.

In Europe, garden ornaments are considered an integral part of the garden. In the United States, they're likelier to be an afterthought — or the first thing eliminated from the landscaping budget.

But Americans are catching on.

On the East Coast, estates have been adorned in European fashion for decades; some, handed down through the generations, have unintentionally achieved the overgrown look of centuries of neglect, says Dallas landscape architect Bruce Berger. Even on the terraces and stoops of Manhattan, tiny gardens — their flowers and foliage softening the city's hard

edges — feature ornaments, he says.

Across the United States, garden ornamentation "is beginning to be viewed as something that should just naturally be placed in the garden, not looked at as some extravagant accessory," Berger says. "I feel that people are beginning to understand its importance in the garden."

His clients want something unique, something that "has character, historical reference," he says. He imports fountains, architectural fragments, urns and statues from England and France to install in gardens he designs and to sell at Fort Worth's Harrison and Hall, in which he is a partner.

His inventory includes museum-quality objects such as a pair of lead urns from England, circa 1900, for \$10,700 a pair; and English stone ball finials on bases, circa 1830, \$2,440 a pair. "They should be treated as a work of art," Berger says.

Fort Worth landscape designer Ray Armstrong eyes a spot in the front yard of his shop, River Gardens, and wistfully visualizes a 9-foot stone cross that once stood there. "Mexico's got some fabulous stuff," he says — some of which he regrets selling. He imports from England, too.

The use of garden ornaments dates back centuries. The ancient Chinese brought boulders into their gardens resembling owls, rocks and other animals; the ancient Greeks and Italians valued a more realistic approach, erecting statues of gods and heroes, writes Derek Fell in "Garden Accents."

These one-of-a-kind pieces serve as an antidote to mass-produced American ornaments, such as concrete containers, animals and statuary, Berger suggests.

In catalogs and garden stores across the United States, "it's the same stuff over and over again," he says. He finds historic European pieces far more interesting.

"People don't understand the difference," Berger says. Until they visit European gardens, that is.

For me, I'll take a flamingo.

DEAR ABBY

Husband who quit drinking, stopped loving

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband quit drinking five years ago, and he hasn't made love to me since. The only time he put his arms around me after he quit was when his father died.



Van Buren

I don't think he is having an affair; I think he can't show his feelings unless he's had a drink. I sleep in another bedroom because he snores and reads the paper in bed, but he could come to my bed for sex if he wanted to.

I suggested counseling once, but he said I was the one who needed help. Now it seems I'm only attractive to him when he's had a drink or two. Abby, I need to be held, and made to feel like a woman once in a while. What can I do to get him to be affectionate again? — **FEELING UNLOVED** IN ST. CLOUD, MINN.

DEAR FEELING UNLOVED: There is little you can do, unless your husband admits there's a problem that needs to be resolved.

If he is content with the marriage and is unwilling to seek counseling with you, go without him. The kind of rejection you describe can be devastating to one's self-esteem. With professional help you will be able to rebuild it — and also decide what you want to do about this marriage.

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to your answer to "Catfused in

Canada." Unless you have cats, you have no right to tell the reader to "keep the cats in a separate room with food and water." As every cat lover knows, people don't own cats — cats own people!

Since visitors know that their friend has cats, if they are allergic to them, or dislike them, they should not come to visit.

I have two wonderfully spoiled "children" of my own, and I choose not to have some people over — and some choose not to come on their own — because they know how freely my cats are allowed to roam the house. Cats are family members. Abby, would you have told "Catfused" if he or she had a child that the neighbors didn't like? Keep the child in a separate room with food and water? — **CAT LOVER IN GEORGIA**

DEAR GEORGIA CAT LOVER: Since that letter appeared in my column, Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I would like to respond to the advice you gave "Catfused in Canada." The reader asked what to do with his/her three declawed cats when her neighbor visited and asked her to remove the cats from the room. You told the hostess she should put her cats in another room with food and water.

In my opinion, "Catfused" should leave the cats where they are. The neighbor should respect the fact that the cats live there, and the hostess should tell her the cats are free to roam as they please because it's their home. If the neighbor doesn't agree, she can call instead — **A CAT LOVER IN NEW ORLEANS**

DEAR CAT LOVER: I doubt that a few minutes in another

room would traumatize "Catfused's" pets. Denying pets free run of the house occasionally for a short time is not, in my opinion, too great a sacrifice to make in the interest of hospitality.

DEAR ABBY: I'm getting married in October, and there is an issue my fiancée and I cannot seem to resolve. Our mothers are pulling us in opposite directions.

My mother wants us to open our wedding gifts at the reception. His mother thinks it would be "tacky." My fiancée feels it would be a waste of time at the reception, and agrees with his mother that the gifts should be opened the next day at a brunch for the families. Abby, I come from a very large family. Many of my aunts, uncles and cousins will be traveling long distances to attend our wedding. Most of them have expressed a desire to see us open the gifts, but not all of them would be able to stay another day just for that. What is the socially correct procedure? — **BRIDE IN OREGON**

DEAR BRIDE: Traditionally, gifts are not opened at the reception. It is usually inconvenient for the couple. Even when the reception is small and informal, there is seldom time to open presents and express appropriate gratitude.

A brunch the following day, during which the families can see you open the gifts, is a good idea. Consider videotaping the brunch for those who must return home immediately following the reception.

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SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Fall is time to plant, divide spring perennials

By Deborah A. Bengé Frost

Several weeks ago, we discussed how to prepare a new bed for landscaping, vegetable gardening, or flowering color.

One fall gardening project is planting flowering perennials.



Benge Frost

Perennials can be a dependable source of color in the garden year after year. They require less care than annuals, which need frequent deadheading, fertilizing, watering and seasonal replanting.

The perennial border is an important gardening concept in England, as well as in many other

areas of the world, and can provide long seasons of color and cut flowers while enhancing the overall landscape development.

Since perennials are long-lived, these borders and gardens require intensive preparation. If you aren't into hauling horse manure, you may want to just incorporate some perennials into your existing landscape. Many perennials have attractive foliage as well as flowers.

Perennial plants are defined as those which endure or persist from year to year. Once a prominent part of nearly every Texas landscape, perennials are often overlooked by today's gardeners and nurserymen. Although many species still can be found in Texas gardens, their availability is often restricted to sharing among friends and neighbors.

Most perennials are easily propagated by division, seeds or cut-

tings. Division is particularly successful, since it not only provides new plants, but is often necessary for continued vigor of plants. Without an occasional thinning, most of these plants slowly lose their vigor.

Spring- and summer-flowering species, such as iris, daylilies, penstemon, phlox, coreopsis and shasta daisy, respond favorably to an annual division. Set them out now for maximum effect next spring.

When beginning with perennials, first find out which ones thrive locally. Some perennials have been handed down for years from one generation to the next. These plants are rarely available through commercial sources, but most gardeners are happy to provide a division or two.

When sharing plants, make sure you don't accidentally carry home a pest problem, such as a soil

borne disease, nematodes or insects.

Perennials that are generally well adapted to dry areas tend to have good drought tolerance; they also respond well to fall division and planting. Some are available as seeds and others can be purchased from nurseries and garden centers.

One of the joys of growing perennials is that they usually reproduce prolifically, which allows the grower plenty of extra plants to share with friends and neighbors.

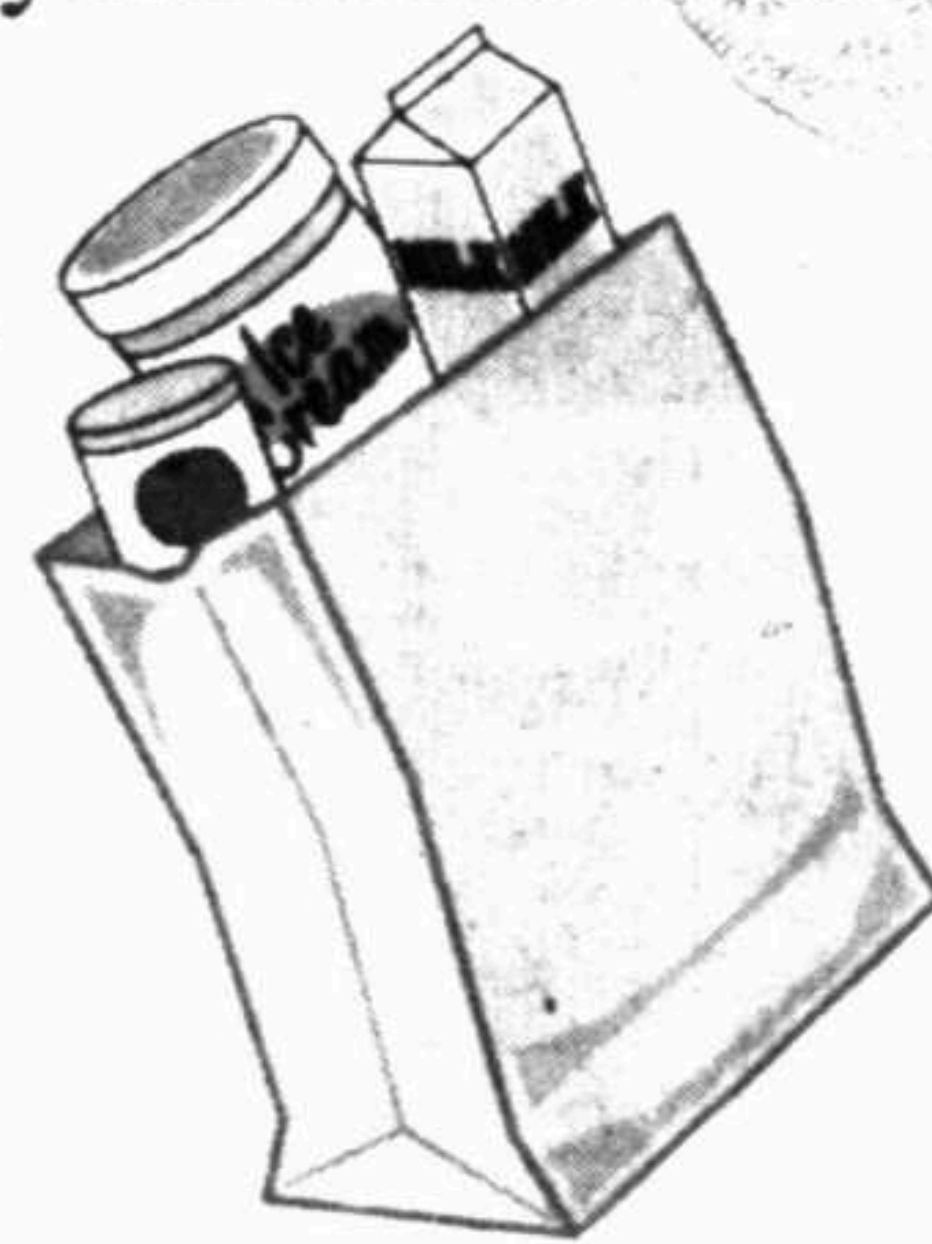
A few of the perennials that can be divided in the fall are yarrow, purple loosestrife, mints, oxalis, sweet violets, rosemary, society garlic and garlic chives.

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A familiar sight along Texas roadways, the Purple Sage is also popular to maintain as a dense hedge.

PURPLE SAGE



Purple sage flowers contrast against the shrub's silvery foliage. The shrub forms a colorful hedge along a wall, below left.

It may be one of the most breath-taking, admired, disliked, ignored and perplexing of plants used in area landscapes. It can look fabulous or downright ugly. It thrives with no care and dies with too much care. What is it? Our one and only purple sage.

Texas sage, Texas Ranger, purple sage, cenizio, and barometer bush are a few of the many names that have been assigned to this memorable Texas native that is very well adapted to this part of the Permian Basin. Purple sage or cenizio is botanically known as *Leucophyllum frutescens*.

Purple sage has been put on the "dull and boring" list of many gardeners and landscapers. It is a shrub that can look pitiful. But this is usually due to human error — planting it in the wrong place, over watering or over fertilizing. Full sun, perfectly drained soils, modest care and periodic pruning will set this plant up for success in any landscape.

Purple sage is native to many areas of Texas, Mexico and parts of New Mexico. It blends so well with the native landscape that it is practically unseen — until it blooms. And purple sage don't merely just bloom. Instead, they burst into flower overnight and are liable to stop blooming just as abruptly, leaving behind a blanket of blooms on the ground. The flower drop is almost as lovely as the plant in bloom.

The sage shrub is an evergreen in all but the coldest of winters. Even during a very cold winter the leaves will merely be thinned, but rarely absent. Purple sage



is winter hardy to five degrees. Some sages, along a good portion of Second Street in Odessa, have been there since 1978 and survived the destructive winters of 1983 and 1984 without significant damage.

The color foliage ranges from a very attractive silvery white to a grey, grey green and bright green. The leaf surface of most purple sages is covered with short, soft hairs, giving it a felt-like quality.

The contrast between foliage and flower color is one of its most attractive features.

A conservative average size for unpruned purple sage is 5 feet high and wide. The plant can become a tall

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Where to look:

The Texas Department of Transportation has planted purple sage and many other well adapted plants in some outstanding roadside landscapes. Some examples include the Friendship Marker on Highway 191, under the overpasses to the Midland International Airport; Loop 250 at Interstate 20, and Loop 250 at "A" Street. Best time to view is a couple of days after a rain or shower.

Purple Sage: At a glance

Common names: Purple sage, Texas Sage, Cenizio, Texas Ranger
Form: Evergreen woody shrub
Flowers: Bell-shaped pink, lavender, violet and white
Bloom Time: Late summer to fall, usually following rain or showers
Culture: Full sun, well-drained soils
Pests: Cotton wood rot
Other: Drought tolerant, pest resistant, requires very little care beyond establishment

Text and photos by Deborah Benge Frost, extension horticulture agent for the local Texas Agricultural Extension Service

Crafty Lady

Indoor decorative topiaries, dried flower wreaths, and hand-painted patio sidewalks, are just a few of the projects that keep Sylvia Brown busy. After spending a summer turning a backyard into a garden retreat with a pond, Ms. Brown has been turning to fall projects, including making wreaths from dried flowers.

Since the early Greeks first made wreaths of laurel branches to award athletes for stellar achievement, wreaths have made popular gifts. And nothing seems to say "welcome" better than a wreath on a door. Long considered a Christmas decoration, wreaths are now seen decorating homes year round.

A sewer, and craft enthusiast for 20 years, Ms. Brown has been fashioning wreaths from fall colors. "All you need is a hot glue gun and some dried flowers," she said, as she picked through a large cardboard box brimming with dried roses and flowers in hues of red, yellow, and orange. Not only is she handy with making crafts, Ms. Brown is resourceful in amassing the supplies. She said she got many of her flowers from a flower shop, when the bouquets were past their prime and about to be thrown out.

"I just hung them all upside down to dry," she said. Then she used a hot glue gun to attach the dried buds to grape vine wreaths. The flowers can also be attached to topiary decorations to add an elegant focal point to a room.

Not one to rest on her laurels, or take time off between projects, Ms. Brown said she is considering livening up her walls next, using the faux painting method.



Sylvia Brown uses a hot glue gun to attach dried flowers to a wreath. She dries fresh flowers by hanging them upside down, then fashions them into decorative household items and topiary displays. A finished wreath is pictured in the foreground.

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LOST: 1 year old spayed, female, cat, mostly gray with some beige, wearing red collar and tags. Very skinny. Answers to "Morgan". Last seen August 18th., 3400 Block of West Kansas. If any information please call 697-1118 or 684-7268.

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FULL TIME clerical position needed. Entry level position. Lots of computer data entry, but would prefer someone with little computer experience to learn our own programs, plus other light office duties. Send resume to: Box B-1011, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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DIGITAL SATELLITE Opportunity. Please see Business Opportunity Column No. 350.

314 Clerical Help Wanted
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MANAGEMENT Opportunity. Fast track opportunity in the financial services industry. Challenging and rewarding career available through our management training program. We are looking for an intelligent, outgoing person who enjoys working with people, likes challenge, and is career oriented. Excellent training program and advancement potential. Willing to relocate within a year. Competitive salaries and excellent benefits offered. For immediate consideration please contact: Beneficial Texas, Inc. 1028-A Andrews Hwy., 79701. 694-9639.

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Seeking highly motivated, energetic, goal oriented shift managers for local restaurant. Must be able to work flexible hours and have excellent people and training skills. Compensation based on experience. Send resume to: Wendy's P.O. Box 9511 Midland, TX 79708. E.O.E.

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RESTAURANT: Lajitas on the Rio Grand Resort, looking for food and beverage manager. Experience and personality a must. Randy 915-424-3471 or fax resume 915-424-3277.

318 Management Help Wanted
TOP CAT Managers wanted. Fast food experience necessary. For appointment, call Dallas at 972-445-1160 ask for Mary or Teri.

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HOT OIL OPERATOR needed for small independent oil and gas company. Good hours and benefits. Must have 2 years experience with good driving record. Salary negotiable. Send resume to P.O. Box 590, Midland, TX 79702 or call (915)685-0113.

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PROFESSIONAL IMMEDIATE opening for Unix Administrator with Sun OS.
Salary commensurate to experience. Paid vacation, sick leave, and medical. Call: **580-4933**

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New promotions/production team looking for creative photographer/editor. Basic TV production knowledge a must. Send resume to KOSA-TV. No phone calls please.

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KOSA-TV
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SEEKING experienced Escrow Officer/Secretary and Title Policy Clerk for Title and Abstract Company in Midland. Salary DOE. Please call: 687-3355.

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Must be reliable, self-motivated, very organized. Salary based on experience. Benefits included. Apply in person at: 7900 W. Hwy 80, Midland, TX 79706. No Phone Calls, Please.

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Secretary West Texas Bank is seeking Consumer Lending Secretary with two-three years experience in installment loans. Must have good verbal, written and interpersonal skills. Candidate should have successfully completed one-two years college. Send resume to: Box P-06038, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702. An equal opportunity employer.

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FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIAN for installation, service and repair of Delta X equipment. Must have good working knowledge of oilfield operations; basic electronic and electrical skills; be self motivated and organized; have good driving record and be able to pass drug test. Send resume to: 2101 S. Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79703 or (915)694-1476

320 Skilled Trades
HVAC TECHNICIAN- with low temp experience. Minimum 2 years experience. Call M & M Mechanical. 520-4568 for interview.

320 Skilled Trades
LABORERS AND WELDERS wanted for metal building erection. 2 Years minimum experience. Salary DOE. 520-9421.

330 Employment Wanted
CONTRACT PUMPER, 16 years experience looking for more wells: Oria, Mentone, Kermit area. Call (915)586-2979.

330 Employment Wanted
SPECIAL RATE for September move in. Private room for elderly-established private care home. With references. 697-4116.

330 Employment Wanted
CHILD CARE needed in Greenwood area. Searching for dependable adult to care for newborn in your home. Prefer non-smoker. Lots of love and references a must. 570-6874.

330 Employment Wanted
LIVE IN NANNY for cooking and cleaning. Monday thru Friday. 6 Month raise program. \$150 weekly. Spanish speaking okay. 553-2940.

330 Employment Wanted
BABYSITTING in my home. 20 Years experience. Reasonable rates. Call 684-5461.

330 Employment Wanted
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330 Employment Wanted
CHILD CARE Referral Service I will research area child care centers and give you a list of quality care givers based on your individual needs. 520-8810.

330 Employment Wanted
CHILD CARE: 2-5 Years. 7 am-7 pm. Open Weekends. Call 694-6575.

341 Child Care Providers
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HOME BASE BUSINESS. Profit from digital satellite explosion. Large residual income possible. Great up front bonuses. Serious inquiries only. Call Tom, 800-528-6192.

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SEIZED CARS from \$175. Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMW's, Corvettes Also, Jeeps, 4WD's. Your Area Toll Free 1-800-218-9000 Ext A-1523 for current listings.

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UNIQUE Opportunity with a Midland's only body wrap. SLENDER. Well established, includes inventory. Protected franchise area. Gross 100K annually. Financial records available. Serious inquiries only. 683-7411.

WORK @ HOME!! Earn \$500-\$2,000 part time; \$1,000-\$5,000 full time. Call Terri toll free, 888-808-0155.

400 Auctions

ESTATE AUCTION. Spring city auction house 3000 W. 4th, Big Spring TX. Thursday 7 p.m. door open at 5 p.m. Lots of antiques.

410 Misc. Sales

BABY CLOTHES (twins 1 each). Newborn to 12 months. New and like new! Crib. 694-5601.

1993 DARK GREEN Club Car Golf Cart. with charger, headlights, windshield, excellent condition. \$2,200 or best. Please leave message 689-9851.

CONVENTIONAL STROLLER. white leather \$100. Super Jogger, red with canopy \$200. Both like new. (915)267-4552.

2 STERLING SILVER candleabra, silver plate and 5 piece coffee/tea service. Royal Doulton figurine "Linda" 1952. Nippon Chamber stick. 367-7455.

GOLF BAGS, console TV (needs work), beautiful wooden desk, motorcycle helmets, aluminum storm door. 694-3998.

JENNY LIND Baby Bed \$50. Graco high chair, \$25, car seats and lots of children's clothes and items. Come by any time between 5 pm & 9 pm. 4740 Wilshire.

RESTHAVEN, 3 lots, \$700 each, all for \$1,900. 683-2321.

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POWER RIDER exercise machine, \$60. Baby swing, \$50. Wee/ dry vacuum, \$40. All in new condition. Call 685-4013.

MUST REDUCE Inventory - Display model hot tub/spas - back from lot - Delivery and financing available. 683-3108.

HERBALIFE & Natural ex- Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERBI.

RALPH LAUREN comforter & sham, full queen (red/ blue plaid), \$100. Almost new Nordic Track, \$200. Lifestyle treadmill, \$175. 683-3533.

DISPOSAL: New 1/2 hp. full warranty, install in sink. Only \$45. 367-5433.

COOLERS, MOWERS, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves. Appliances warranted. Dining/ suites, couches, chairs, recliners. 570-4851.

WATER SKIS \$50. Sportster cycle parts: tanks, pipes, speedometer and misc parts \$75. 694-4437.

WEDDING DRESS, long ivory, non traditional suit type with jacket and hat. \$250. 682-0135.

ROOF MOUNTED Power ventilator, new in box 14 inches, thermostat, only \$38. call 367-5433.

4 DRAWER, legal size file cabinet. Excellent condition. \$95. Call 694-4212.

413 Jewelry & Furs

4 CARATS Round, brilliant, high quality (806)798-9678.

415 Misc. Wanted

RESTAURANT needs floor maintenance. Equipment required. Contact Joe Harper. 699-3008.

WANTED USED Brick flagstone- 100 sq. ft. Call 697-7352 leave message.

HELLLLL!!! Did anyone record the cowboy/ Eagle game? Desperately need a copy. PLEASE!!! 686-1093.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

MARIA'S HOME MADE Tamales \$5. per dozen. Call to place order anytime 683-5504 or 684-9950.

PERMAN BASIN Farmers Market. Variety of fresh vegetables. Open 7 a.m. 5025 Princeton on Saturday and 1505 E. Front on Tuesday.

439 Household Goods

FURNITURE: Like new sofa, sofa and love seat; Tall City love seat; chair; 3 piece bedroom suite; double bedding. 3203 Sinclair. 694-3674.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards - Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

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432 Household Furniture

FOR SALE 19" Sharp color TV, \$125. Call 689-3143.

MOVING: Must Sell Sofa and chair, 1 1/2 years old, Hunter green, \$500. Entertainment center \$30. China hutch \$125 and miscellaneous items 570-6593.

DAYBED, complete, twin-sized, white & brass, \$100. Call 520-0951.

BROYHILL 5 drawer desk, \$150. Brown upholstered recliner, \$50. call 682-9100.

KING SIZE- bedding, complete set. \$200. 684-8314.

COUCH AND LOVE SEAT early American very clean, \$300. Please call 682-4626, leave message.

ANTIQUE DRESSER/ armoire. Antique dining table, oak claw foot table. Whitewashed French coffee table. 522-7448.

KENMORE heavy duty washer/ dryer, \$150 pair. Recliner, \$50. Call, 697-1880.

CARPET, 12'x13' and 15'x16', light beige, good shape, \$100. 8'x11' hand knotted rug, beige/ floral, \$100. 685-1437.

SLEEPER, brown/ queen/ 2 love seats/ chair/ 2 ottomans. Loveseat sleeper/ long couch, natural light brown. Phantom vacuum cleaner. Slant board. Afternoon/ evenings, 694-4585.

BABY CRIB, \$40. Please call 686-7625. Ask for Missy.

GLASS topped wicker table and two chairs, \$50. After 6 pm and weekends, 697-9967.

KING SIZED bed complete, \$200 including mattress cover/ bed skirt. Please call 520-4709.

MUST REDUCE Inventory - Prices reduced. excess storage buildings/ shops - left over from show at fair. Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

2309 COUNTRY CLUB, Friday/ Saturday. Radios, TVs, record players, tables, corner shelves, what-nots, hand crafts, potted plants and cactus.

*******CLEANING- OUT SALE. 1704** W. Kentucky. Thursday- Saturday 8:30-6. Furniture pieces, pictures, prints, many records, movies, glass, brass, silver, 4) silverware chests, linens, fur pieces, ladies large size clothing, Jenny Lind highchair, cookbooks, books, flowerpots, fishing rods/ reels, pet carrier, sewing notions, fabrics, jewelry, rock tumbler, Iris Rhizomes, Day Lilies and More.

FINAL CLOSE OUT! 75% off everything! Mitchell's New & Used, 2215 W. Industrial. 687-1985.

500 S WEBSTER, Thursday, 8:30 am; Friday, 11:30 am. Clothes, kitchen, jewelry, furniture, antiques, linens.

2112 W MICHIGAN, Friday- Sunday, 8 am- 2 pm. Furniture, clothes, baby items, books, miscellaneous.

3706 AVONDALE, Friday / Saturday, Clothes shoes, doors, antique iron bed, books household items. light bar.

WEDNESDAY- Saturday 9:00. 3610 Anetta. Couches, beds, computers, Nintendo, aquariums, toys, clothing, Misc. New Items Daily!

4324 COUNTRY CLUB, Thursday 8 a.m. till 7. Books, typewriter, ab Roller, baby stroller, car seat, sweaters, several knick knacks.

2102 N. PECOS Friday and Saturday from 8- 3 2102 N. Pecos. Freezer and miscellaneous.

3 FAMILY SALE, 5102 Thomason, Friday & Saturday 8-2. Come see us.

5 FAMILY yard sale! 4301 Anetta, Friday 7-4. Jewelry, musical, tools, appliances, computers, CD players, antiques, beds, boat, miscellaneous.

★ 3710 AMELIA, Friday/ Saturday, 9- 6. Washing machine, dinette, gas edger, exercise bike, rock grinder/ saw comb, slack rocks, Balmorhea Agate, Alpine Plume, Cut Geodes, sewing material. No clothes, but plenty of goodies!

2001 NORTHBROOK, Friday, 8 am. Swingset, toys, monkey bars, furniture, clothes, linens, books, miscellaneous items.

2825 STUTZ, Friday, 8am. Furniture, baby items/ furniture, refrigerator, washer/ dryer, desk, other good stuff.

★ 1805 COUNTRY CLUB, Saturday, 8- 7. Maternity clothes by Motherhood, baby items, coats, men's, ladies clothes (s- m), boy's clothes (3- 4T), Canon 8mm video camera, pipe bunk bed, kitchen, bathroom stuff, telescope, knick- knacks, Walkit by Nordic Tracks, outdoor swingset, office chairs, skis, red bench seat for Ford truck. Good quality stuff!

430 Household Goods

MUST SELL This week - Trade in - Hot tub/ Spa. Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

432 Household Furniture

★ MULTI Striped arm chairsottoman- \$200; sofa- \$200; buffet/ hutch- \$500; dining table/ 6 chairs- \$300. Excellent condition. 697-1446.

TWEED SLEEPER Sofa, brown/ blue, \$350. Brown Big Man Lazy Boy \$250. Blue Lazy Boy \$150. Computer desk \$150. 694-3214 after 5.

435 Household Appliances

HEAVY DUTY handmade BBQ pit, \$125. 21 cu. ft. Signature side by side refrigerator \$125. Call 689-6774.

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FEEDERS, blinds, tripods, corn, camo clothing. Terry's Trailers, 1403 Garden City Highway.

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450 Sporting Goods

6 PIECE PEARL Session Series drum set, Ferranti ISS suspension system, fiber cases, hardware, new heads, 3 sided rack and rack mounts. Like new \$2,200. 686-9740.

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AKC BRITTANY Spaniel puppies. On the highest rated list with children. \$150 570-4401.

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GOLDEN RETRIEVER, 8 months old. Very special little girl, needs very special home. Call 683-3663.

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AKC Cocker Spaniel puppies, 6 weeks, shots. Call Andrews, 524-2422.

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AKC REGISTERED MINIATURE PINCHER - 4 puppies, 2 red, 2 black & rust, all males. Ready Sept. 6th. \$200. 806-872-2032. Leave message.

SPCA Spay/ Neuter and Vaccination Clinic is now open full time. Call 697-PETS for appointment.

2 YEAR FEMALE Rottweiler with papers for sale. \$200. 682-8278.

DOG Obedience Classes starting October 1st. Puppy & Adult. Permian Basin Obedience Training Club. Call 570-HEEL.

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