



FOOD

What's cooking?

Pancakes come in a lot of different shapes, sizes. For one Midland couple, the preferred kind of pancake might be blintzes./10C



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Lee defeats MHS

Lee bats around, scores five runs in the fifth as defending District 4-5A champs open league schedule with an 8-5 win over MHS./1C

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County Tax Assessor-Collector

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John Miller 874
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Place 1

Glen Beaman 886
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Sue Holland 2320
Jeffrey B. Keck 982
Janice Law 2390
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Place 2

Pat Barber 2667
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Ray J. McQuary 1908
Brad Wiewel 727
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U.S. Senator

Phil Gramm 13996
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Carole Keeton Rylander 11916
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John Bryant 379
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Michael Clennan 210
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Allen Rindfuss 57
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File Photo
Russell Malm emerges victorious for county attorney with a 2 percent margin.

Malm narrowly gains county attorney bid

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel
Staff Writer

In Tuesday's closest Republican primary race, Russell Malm emerged victorious for county attorney with only a 2 percent margin over his opponent, Janice Wolff Hinshaw. Malm received 51 percent of the votes, or 8,066 votes, and Ms. Hinshaw finished close behind with 49 percent, or 7,598 votes. With no Democrat on the ballot in the Nov. 5 general election, Malm will take office in 1997. Malm and Ms. Hinshaw were political newcomers on the scene with this race the first for each of them. Malm, 34, is a defense and civil litigation

attorney and Ms. Hinshaw, 30, is a Texas Department of Public Safety senior hearing examiner. "I had a lot of great support, starting with my wife, Denise. I had a lot of support from a lot of good people," Malm said. "I'm just glad it's all over with." Mrs. Malm said she believed the deciding factor in the race was the fact that a lot of people know Malm and respect him within the community. "I'm looking forward to getting a chance to get in office and do something good for the county," he said. As soon as he can, Malm said he wants to visit the office and see how it is operated so he'll be ready for any changes he hopes to

make when he takes over Jan. 1. "I'll go from a standpoint that everything will stay the same, even though I anticipate the consolidation of the office with the District Attorney's Office," he said. Ms. Hinshaw said she was pleased at how well she finished in the race considering her short time in Midland County. She has only lived in Midland County about 1 1/2 years. "I was surprised I got as many votes as I did considering the number of people I knew before the race. A lot of people supported me and jumped on the bandwagon," she said. "I had a lot of good supporters and a lot of them walked with me." Please see MALM/4A

Painter wins sheriff's race

With no November foe, incumbent looks at 4th term

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter turned aside challenger Mike Kaufman in Tuesday's Republican Party primary by garnering almost 57 percent of the vote to Kaufman's 43 percent.

"I am very, very appreciative of the citizens of Midland County and the confidence that they have expressed tonight and during this election," Painter, 48, said Tuesday night.

Painter, who has been sheriff since 1985, polled 9,568 votes to Kaufman's 7,255.

Painter is to be unopposed in the Nov. 5 general election.

A total of 18,825 votes were cast in the Midland County political primary elections for which about 60,000 citizens were registered to vote.

Kaufman, 44, a financial adviser and a retired U.S. Air Force fighter pilot and squadron commander, said he and his supporters and allies "are disappointed in the outcome of the race."

"But I am not disappointed that we brought to the attention of the public the problems that are in the Sheriff's Office," Kaufman said Tuesday night.

While Kaufman's campaign focused on his leadership and managerial abilities, he also had aimed a barrage of charges against Painter's style of management and politicking.

In his campaign, Kaufman accused Painter of mismanagement as evidenced in alleged budget overruns, alleged abuse of power and lack of cooperation with other law-enforcement agencies.



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram
Cindy Boyles, a Midland County employee, congratulates Sheriff Gary Painter on his victory over Mike Kaufman in Tuesday's Republican primary. Because Painter is unopposed in November, he will serve a fourth term.

Primary results
Bob Dole swept Tuesday's primaries, including four states where the winner takes all delegates.

THE VOTE	Florida	Louisiana	Mississippi	Oklahoma	Oregon	Tennessee	Texas
% precincts reporting:	94%	97%	99%	99%	83%	96%	52%
Dole	56%	48%	61%	59%	51%	51%	56%
Alexander	2	2	2	1	8	12	3
Buchanan	19	33	26	22	22	25	21
Forbes	21	13	8	14	13	8	12
Keyes	2	3	2	2	3	3	3
Delegates for the winner:	98	9	33	38	12	38	109
	98	30*	33	38	23	38	123

*Louisiana's other 21 delegates were awarded in last month's caucus.

Dole sweeps, gains virtual lock

County a little cooler to front-runner
From Staff Reports

Although Bob Dole, the almost-certain Republican nominee for president, easily led the GOP voting in Midland County Tuesday, conservative firebrand Patrick Buchanan managed to secure more than 23 percent of the vote. Buchanan's relatively strong showing, along with flat-tax advocate Steve Forbes' 13 percent of the total vote, managed to keep Dole, the Senate majority leader, at under 50 percent for the day in Midland County. He ran much stronger in most other parts of Texas, according to state polls.

Associated Press
Sen. Bob Dole easily swept the Super Tuesday primaries in Texas, Florida and five other states Tuesday to gain a virtual lock on the Republican presidential nomination. He celebrated his triumphs and set his sights on the November battle with President Clinton. In victory, Dole reached out to his remaining rivals and said it was time to "put our ideas together" to beat Clinton. Clinton was on a path to clinch the Democratic nomination in foregone results from Hawaii. Dole was defeating Pat Buchanan and Steve Forbes by more than 2-to-1 margins in Florida, Texas, Tennessee, Oklahoma and Mississippi. The Senate majority Please see SWEEPS/4A

Reeves rolls over Smith in tax-assessor race

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel
Staff Writer

Incumbent Midland County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Hodge Reeves beat her opponent, Marsha Smith, handily in the Republican primary. Ms. Reeves, 41, dominated the race by taking 74 percent of the votes, or 11,390 ballots, compared to Ms. Smith, 32, who gained only 26 percent, or 4,060 votes. The figures marked the largest margin of victory in Midland County races. Because no Democrat is seeking the position in the Nov. 5 general election, Ms. Reeves will begin her new term Jan. 1. "I'm proud of the direction of this election, which stayed focused and positive," Ms. Reeves said. "We ran a grass-roots campaign, which we couldn't have

done without the volunteers." Ms. Reeves was first elected to the post in 1992 and has 11 years experience in the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office. "There were promises made in my first campaign and I've held to them: improving service and being accountable ... I'm not through making changes," she said. Ms. Reeves said she remodeled the office to improve the flow of those waiting to pay motor vehicle-related fees, computerized all departments, added boat and motor renewals on Feb. 1 on behalf of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and reduced time between payments made by the office to appropriate agencies. "I am thankful to the citizens for electing me to Please see REEVES/4A



File Photo
Incumbent Kathy Hodge Reeves dominated the tax-assessor race by taking 74 percent of the vote.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Residents leave offerings at volcano

SANTIAGO XALITZINTLA, Mexico — Residents of this village on the slope of the smoking Popocatepetl volcano trudged up its barren sides Tuesday, armed with offerings of fruit and mole. Placing the fruit and chocolate-based chile sauce in caves, they were paying homage to the mountain's patron saint, San Gregorio Chino, on the day commemorating him in Roman Catholicism. But the gesture seemed aimed at placating a primitive spirit.

The volcano, 55 miles southeast of Mexico City, belched steam and ash Monday after a week of lesser activity that ended several months of calm.

Experts say there is no immediate threat but 28 emergency shelters had been prepared in nearby towns and cities.

The 17,887-foot peak has not had a major eruption since 1664.

Boys admit to prank that killed skier

HELSINKI, Finland — Two 12-year-old boys have admitted to putting coarse sand on a cross-country skiing track, causing a skier to fall and break his neck, police said Tuesday.

The two boys, who were not named, cannot be charged with a crime because they are minors. Their parents may have to pay compensation to the dead skier's family.

"It was a fatal and stupid prank," said Chief Superintendent Pauli Kokko from the National Bureau of Investigation. "The boys said they wanted to see what would happen if they put grit on a ski track."

The two boys spread the pebbly sand on a steep slope at a popular ski run at Paloheina, a northern suburb of Helsinki, in December.

A 55-year-old man, whose name has not been released, skied onto the sand and came to such an abrupt halt that he fell and broke his neck, Kokko said.

Gorbachev gets signatures for ballot

MOSCOW — Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's backers have gathered the 1 million signatures needed to put his name on the ballot in June's presidential elections.

Alexei Manannikov, leader of the group backing Gorbachev's presidential bid, told a news conference Tuesday that his candidate stood a good chance of winning despite dismal ratings in opinion polls.

Manannikov said Gorbachev would get the vote of the "silent majority," the so-called third force between the extremes of President Boris Yeltsin and Communist Party candidate Gennady Zyuganov.

Gorbachev has said he intends to run for the presidency, but has not yet made an official announcement.

Two explosions kill five people in India

NEW DELHI, India — Five people were killed and three wounded in two explosions in the northeastern state of Assam. Tribal militants apparently set off the blasts, news agencies reported Tuesday.

The three policemen and a paramilitary soldier of the Home Guards were sent Monday to insure that the bridge was safe for their patrol to cross.

Guerrillas from the Bodo Security Force waiting in the woods nearby detonated the bomb when the policemen reached the span, said Press Trust of India.

In a second incident linked to Bodo extremists, a bomb exploded outside a movie theater Tuesday and killed one man, Press Trust said.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Leaders gather in Egypt for anti-terrorism summit

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt (AP) — World leaders came to this Egyptian resort, begun by Israel during its occupation of the Sinai peninsula, for an anti-terrorism summit that President Clinton said Tuesday would find "ways to combat those who seek to kill peace with violence."

The conference today is intended to spark new momentum for peace in the region after suicide bombings in Israel over the past three weeks left 62 people dead. Yet problems that have fostered violence seemed likely to haunt the meeting.

The three-hour forum includes leaders from 11 Arab nations and Israel, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, President Jacques Chirac of France and British Prime Minister John Major, all hastily assembled by the Clinton administration to underscore its commitment in the Mideast.

Clinton said before leaving the White House that "the will of the people for peace is clearly greater than the forces of division. ... This summit of the peacemakers can be an important step in the process for peace in the Middle East."

The leaders attending the summit are determined to come up with "ways to combat those who seek to kill peace with violence," Clinton said.

After the summit, Clinton said, he will travel to Israel "to stand with the people there in their time of grief."

"In this time of difficulty, in the battle against terror and the struggle for peace, Israel is not

alone," he said.

Syria and Lebanon chose not to come. Syria, accused of fostering terrorists, said it won't attend because the meeting is merely "propaganda."

Aboard Air Force One with Jordan's King Hussein, Clinton said he wished Syria were represented at the meeting. "But I believe that in terms of continuing the peace process and keeping commitments, that President Assad will do that," he said. "And that's very important."

Clinton said he hoped the summit would produce "a strong, united stand for keeping the peace process going and standing against the terrorist."

Differences in Israeli and Arab hopes for today's meeting arose even as workmen were painting the slogan "Summit of the Peacemakers" in Arabic and English on the conference headquarters.

While Israeli Foreign Minister Ehud Barak urged efforts to achieve "concrete results" in the war on terrorism, PLO leaders criticized Israel's 17-day closure of Palestinian territories as a hardship that would only provoke more violence.

"Hungry people do not fight terrorism," said Nabil Shaath, a longtime supporter of PLO chief Yasser Arafat and one of the Palestinians' main peace negotiators.

Reports in Israel and at the conference suggested that even before the session started, argu-

ments had arisen between the Arabs on one side and Israel and the United States on the other over the meeting's final statement.

At the heart of the argument was the Arab view that Israel must move forward quickly to save the peace process versus Israel's demand that Arafat wipe out Islamic radicals opposed to peace before the next steps can be taken.

Even the exact goal for the summit seemed in question.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told reporters as he inspected the main conference hall that pressing for peace should be the main goal.

"The subject of terrorism alone can take place in another conference," he said. "We are searching for the reasons and ways to push the peace process."

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali offered to use the United Nations as a nerve center in the war on terrorism if the world's nations wanted that.

Israel's Barak had other ideas. He said he expected the session to produce "a complete mechanism among countries ... that will include sharing of intelligence information, technology and even certain kinds of legislation."

"The importance of this conference is not only in terms of political significance and symbolic value, but rather in terms of concrete results," Barak said.

China test-fires missile; first fear-related suicide reported

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — As China test-fired another missile early today near Taiwan, reports came of the first suicide related to rising fears ignited by the Chinese war games just off Taiwan's coast.

The streets of Taipei were filled with rush-hour traffic and businesses opened as usual, but news reports said jittery foreign workers were considering giving up well-paid jobs and fleeing the island.

Taiwan authorities, trying to keep fears from running out of control, have denied reports that Chinese warplanes have approached Taiwan's coast and that a test missile fired last week crossed the island's northern tip.

In the town of Taitung, on the island's southeastern coast, a teenage girl killed herself by drinking pesticide, leaving a note blaming despair at the Chinese moves, newspapers said.

"What's the use of studying geography or history? The Chinese communists have already fired missiles to our doorstep," 15-year-old Nien Ting-chih reportedly wrote. Newspapers said a cousin drank pesticide with her, but was saved.

China is trying to intimidate Taiwan, which it regards as a renegade province, into dropping

what it sees as a campaign to declare independence and discard their shared doctrine that the two are one country.

Taiwan is run by the Nationalists, who fled the mainland after losing a civil war in 1949. Although initially a military dictatorship, they have introduced democratic reforms that are to lead to the island's first direct presidential election, scheduled for March 23.

Campaigning for the election has intensified Chinese fears that President Lee Teng-hui, widely expected to win re-election, will use his mandate to declare independence.

The war games, which began Monday, have pushed tensions to their worst point since the late 1950s, when China and Taiwan traded artillery barrages almost daily on islands near the mainland coast.

Taiwan's 400,000-member military is on heightened alert and the United States has moved two aircraft carriers and other warships closer to Taiwan.

The missile fired shortly after dawn today splashed down in waters southwest of Taiwan, an area previously declared as a test zone by China's military, according to U.S. and Taiwan officials.

It was the first missile fired in four days by the Chinese force, but unlike at least one of three missiles fired Friday, this one didn't cross Taiwan's territorial waters, according to a Pentagon official in Washington.

The USS Bunker Hill, an Aegis-class guided missile cruiser, electronically monitored the firing of the M-9 missile, according to the official, who spoke on condition of

anonymity.

The test zone declared by China lies 32 miles west of Taiwan's southern port of Kaohsiung.

Taiwan's Defense Ministry said 10 ships of various types were seen conducting formation drills on Tuesday, and about 10 warplanes practicing air cover, surveillance and bombing runs near Dongshan and Nan Ao, on China's southeastern coast.

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Sarajevans stream into suburb abandoned earlier by Serbs

ILIDZA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Thousands of Sarajevans streamed by car, foot or taxi Tuesday into the suburb of Ilidza, abandoned by Serb residents who chose to move away rather than submit to rule by the Muslim-Croat federation.

Once again, a dispute between the Muslim and Croat partners marred the formal handover, much as it did last week when the federation took control of another Serb suburb, Hadzici. U.N. officials also reported looting and harassment.

Ilidza, once home to about 20,000 Serbs, looked almost completely abandoned. About 85 percent of the residents had left rather than be ruled by their battlefield foes. Some houses, as well as most factories and warehouses, were gutted by fires blamed on Serb gangs.

As snow fell, honking cars and Sarajevo taxis going into Ilidza jammed the main road.

Sirens wailing, the federal police arrived to the applause of thousands of wartime residents and returnees who lined the main street.

The crowd clapped and cheered as police affixed a sign to city hall proclaiming it federation territory.

Meanwhile, old friends and neighbors were reunited for the first time in years.

Slavko Dumancic, an 80-year-old Serb, and Suljo Zajragic, a 68-year-old Muslim, hugged and cried after they ran into each other in the crowd.

"The last four years were hell, especially the last four days," Dumancic said, tears rolling down

his cheeks. "But the most important thing is that it is over now and that friends are together again."

"Let's see if there is any pub open," Dumancic said as the two walked away.

But after the formal ceremonies ended, international organizations were "swamped" with reports of people being threatened and harassed and property being stolen, said U.N. aid agency spokesman Kris Janowski. Many people came "to steal and loot," he said.

Federation and international police were doing their best, but could not respond to all calls, he said, adding: "It's a very bad situ-

ation."

In Grbavica, the last Serb-held neighborhood to be transferred to federation control on March 19, looting and arson also continued.

The NATO-led peace implementation force and unarmed international police increased patrols there in an attempt to prevent the lawlessness that marked the handover of the four other Sarajevo suburbs.

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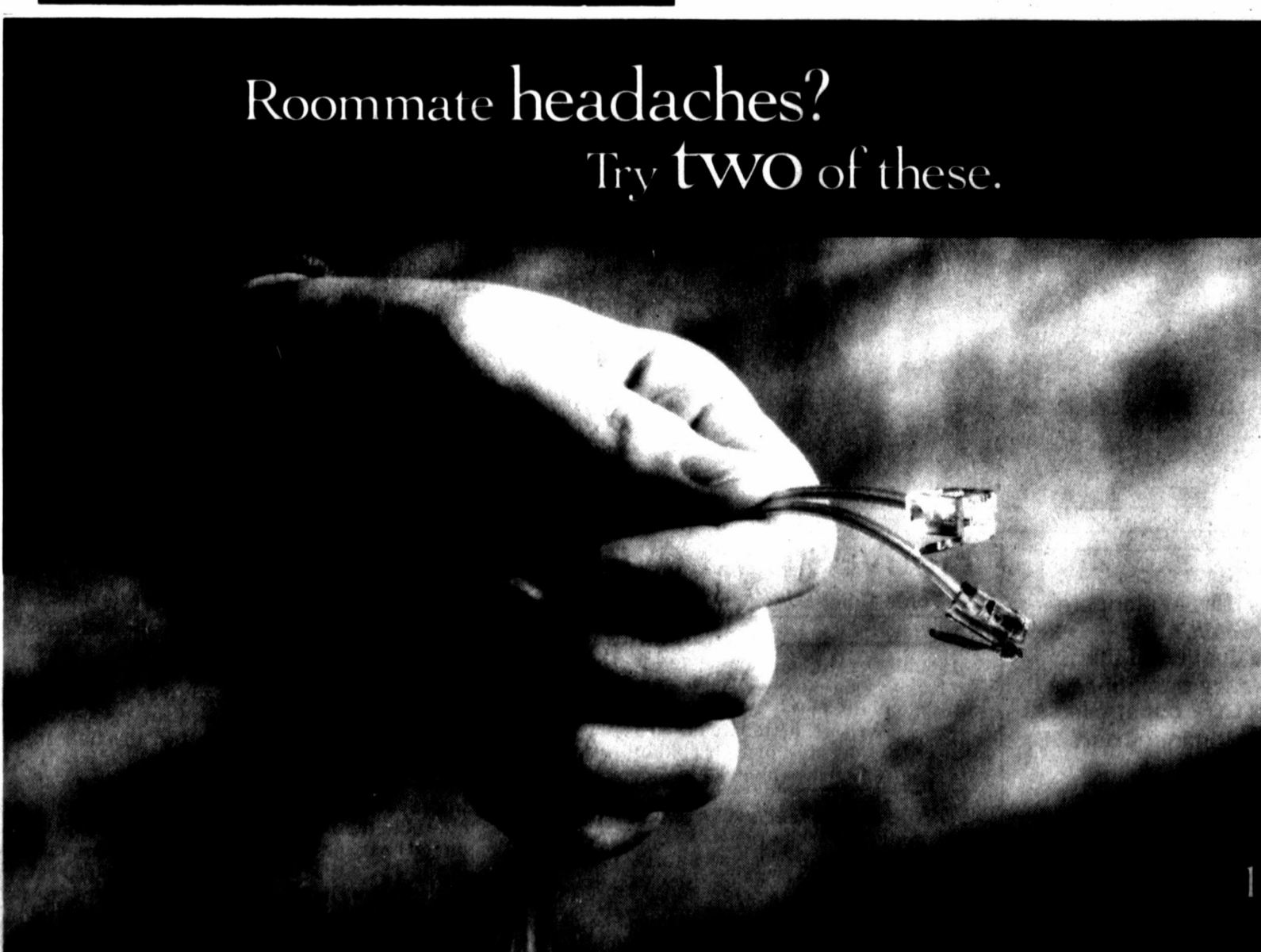
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Suicide bomb squads prove to be elusive target for Israel, Palestinians

By Nicolas B. Tatro
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — They are few in number. They make bombs from fertilizer, nails and dynamite scraped from old land mines. They issue leaflets with threats written in flowery Arabic.

Yet they have shaken Israel with suicide attacks that have killed 62 people since Feb. 25. And they have put the Middle East's peacemakers on the defensive, prompting them to call a summit on terror today.

The success of the crude but lethal campaign lies in the structure of the Islamic militant group Hamas — a loose network of cells without a strict hierarchy or central base.

That structure has allowed the group's leaders to evade an intense manhunt by Israeli soldiers and Palestinian police.

Hamas' disparate elements share the goal of derailing the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and establishing an Islamic fundamentalist state in all of historic Palestine — Israel, the West Bank

and Gaza. Beyond that, there is little cohesion.

David Agmon, a retired Israeli general who was the army's chief anti-terror adviser during the 1987-93 Palestinian uprising, says Hamas was not one organization but many, with a large number of the cells forming around a local cleric.

"The organizations are based on a local hero or local leader who is perceived to be religiously enlightened. He starts to teach people around him, and is connected in a sort of network to other such groups," Agmon said.

Hamas' political groups are separate from its social welfare organizations — schools, charities, medical centers — and from the Izzedine al-Qassam Brigades, the group's military wing.

The Izzedine, named after an Islamic fighter who was killed during the British occupation in the 1930s, is made up of a few dozen active members broken into semi-autonomous cells in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The different elements in Palestinian areas receive support from abroad, often channeled directly into the specific organization without going through a central Hamas structure.

Izzedine leaders get guidance and orders from Hamas leaders in Iran, Sudan, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen and elsewhere.

Donors in the United States, England and Arab oil countries like Saudi Arabia send money to Hamas charities, schools, mosques and medical clinics.

Israeli officials estimate that

about 5 percent of the money finds its way into the hands of terror cells.

"The leadership abroad can easily send money and orders to the suicide bomber himself and a cell leader without the local political leadership knowing about it," said Maj. Gen. Abdel Razzak Majajda, head of Palestinian national security. "Even the leaflets come from abroad."

Majajda said the external leadership — in Iran, Jordan and Syria — often bypassed the local Hamas leaders with whom Yasser Arafat's government has been seeking an agreement to halt attacks on Israel.

The directions from abroad are general, and the local cells are left to recruit suicide attackers and determine the target and exact timing of the operation, Agmon said.

Also improvised are the weapons, usually 20 to 30 pounds of dynamite or homemade explosives in a vest or belt with a simple detonator. The explosive is studded with nails, making it more deadly.

The operations are not sophisticated, and often go amiss. In April 1995, a Hamas bomb factory in Gaza blew up and killed six people, including a wanted militant. Another bomb factory was uncovered by Israel's Shin Bet secret service in the West Bank last August after two suicide bombings that killed 16 people. The ingredients for their bombs included store-bought fertilizer.

The most important ingredient is the person willing to commit suicide.

Israel's Shin Bet chief, Maj. Gen. Ami Ayalon, told parliament recently that there were hundreds

of volunteers waiting to join the ranks of the suicide bombers.

Many are from Palestinian refugee camps, where jobs are scarce and futures bleak. They are recruited from the faithful at Hamas-run mosques and promised a heavenly paradise for themselves and a steady income for the families they leave behind.

Arafat's forces have arrested more than 500 Hamas activists, and Palestinian sources say Arafat plans to close the 4,000-student Islamic University, a Hamas center in Gaza City.

But only five of the 13 military figures on Israel's most-wanted list are behind bars. Israeli and Palestinian officials agree that to see any success, the crackdown has to target all parts of Hamas — right down to its schools and clinics.

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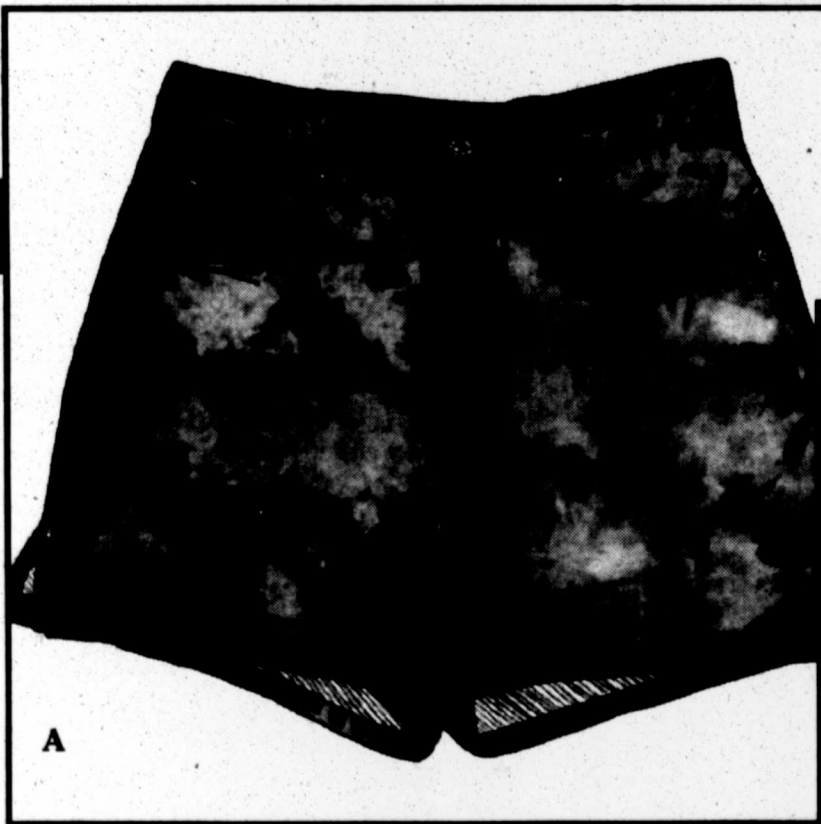
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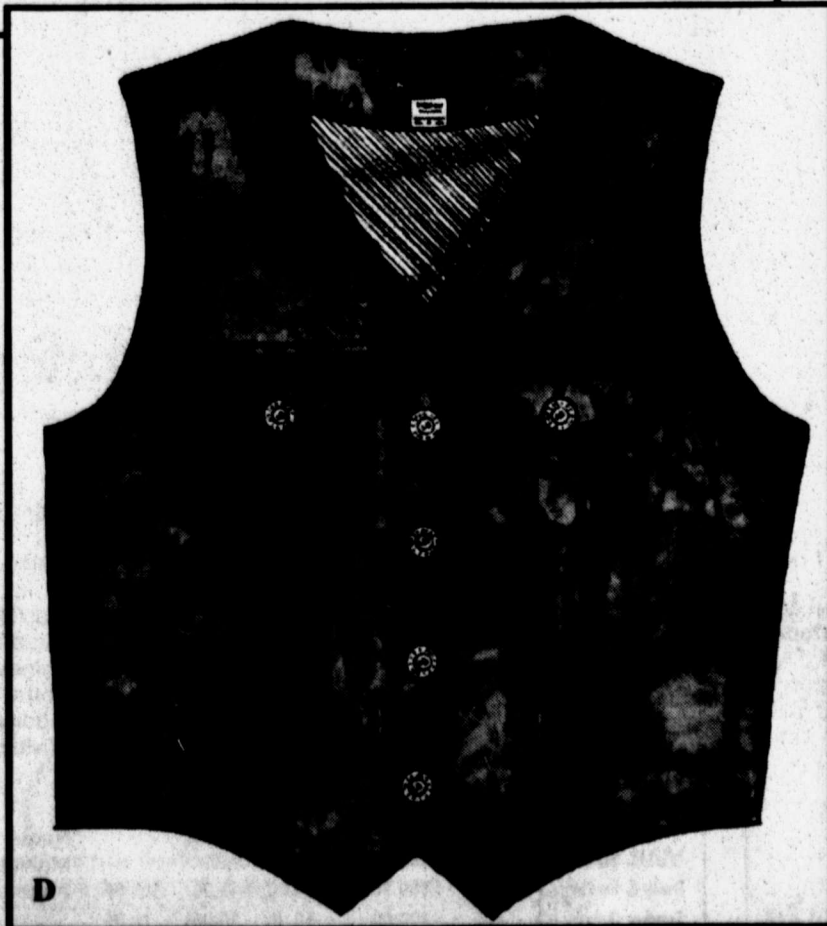
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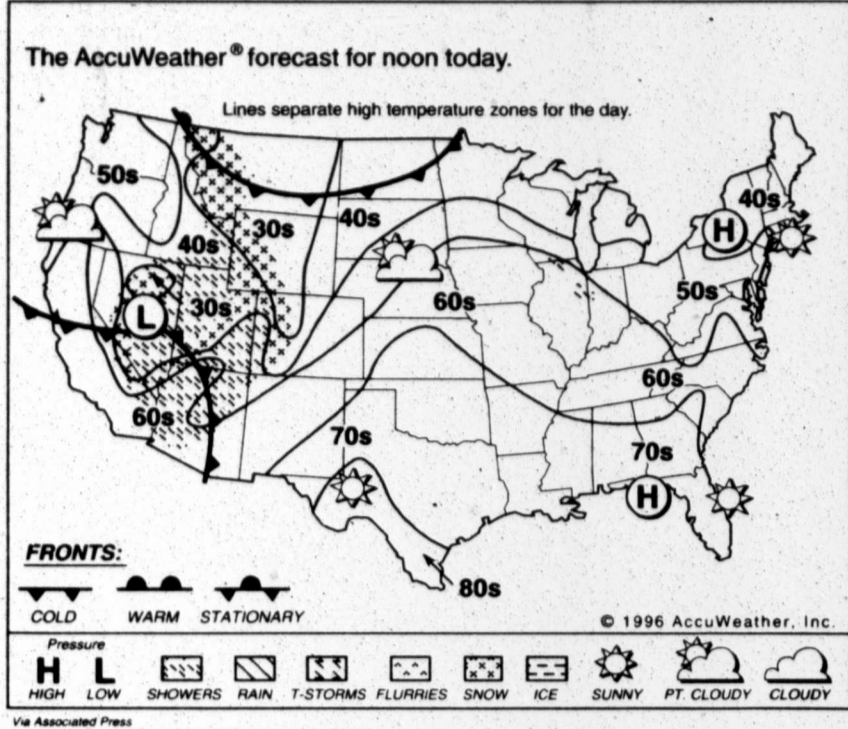
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Expect mostly sun, high in 70s

Today is expected to be mostly sunny with a high in the lower 70s and winds from the southwest at 15-25 mph...

Tonight should be fair with a low in the upper 40s. Thursday is expected to be mostly sunny with a high in the mid-70s.

The high for Tuesday was 86, compared to the record high for that date of 89, set in 1989. Tuesday's low was 40. The record low is 14 set in 1993.

STATE

It was bright, breezy and balmy across Texas on Tuesday. Most high temperatures were in the 70s but readings at 3 p.m. ranged from 64 degrees at Galveston in the southeast to 86 at Childress in the northwest.

Winds were out of the south at 20 to 25 mph and gusting to 40 mph in North Texas. The windiness was blamed on a low pressure trough to the west and strong wind aloft that combined to produced a tight pressure gradient across the state.

Humidities remained low, prompting officials to warn that the dryness and wind continued a high fire danger for much of the state. North Texas is to be partly cloudy and windy today with highs of 72 in the northeast to 85 in the southwest.

The forecast for South Texas is for possible patchy fog, then partly cloudy skies today and continued high temperatures. Winds will continue to be breezy from the south. Highs will be in the 70s and 80s. Lows tonight in the 60s.

Forecasters said West Texas will have mostly sunny days and fair nights through Thursday. Highs in the 70s and 80s with readings near 90 along the Rio Grande. Lows will be in the 40s and 50s.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Midland statistics Texas temperatures

Table with columns for location, high, and low temperatures. Includes locations like Abilene, Austin, and Midland.

Area forecast

West Texas: Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos - Today, mostly sunny. High in the lower 80s. Tonight, fair. Low in the upper 40s.

Border forecasts

NEW MEXICO - Today, breezy to windy statewide with a slight chance of showers northwest third. Other wise partly cloudy northwest and mostly sunny southeast.

REEVES: Incumbent wins handily

Another term and for the faith they have in me. I will continue my promises of improving customer service and meeting the needs of the community, Ms. Reeves said.

MALM: County attorney race goes to wire

"It was a good race. I'm glad it was a clean race with no bad-mouthing," Ms. Hinshaw said. "I'm glad it did and who knows - there are plenty of other offices to run for in four more years."

Correction

Midlander Jeff Monette, a lyric baritone, will present his senior voice recital at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Correction

The date of his recital was incorrect in Sunday's Arts section. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

SWEEPS: Dole all but wraps up GOP nomination

leader also was handily beating Buchanan in Louisiana, where Buchanan's caucus victory in February triggered a surge of support for the conservative commentator. Oregon delivered Dole a seven-state "Super Tuesday" sweep and leave him with more than three-quarters of the delegates needed to clinch the nomination.



Republican presidential hopeful Bob Dole celebrates his Super Tuesday victories at a rally in Washington, D.C.

"This is now a race between Bob Dole and Bill Clinton," Dole told The Associated Press. Looking ahead, he said he had thought only "in a loose way" about picking a running mate.

But in an intriguing comment, Dole brushed aside Colin Powell's statements that he would not be interested, predicting the retired general "would suit up again" if asked to serve.

Unlike primary nights, when he has had little kind to say about rivals Forbes and Buchanan, Dole took a conciliatory approach. "We've listened and we've heard strong messages," Dole said of his rivals, echoing Forbes' theme of economic growth and Buchanan's emphasis on middle-class economic anxiety.

And indeed, his dismal night had Forbes talking of quitting. The millionaire publisher said he needed "a win or something akin to a win" in next week's Midwest primaries. "Obviously, we can't go to California without a breakthrough," Forbes said of the March 26 contest.

Reporters caught up with Buchanan as he tried to enter his hotel through a kitchen entrance, and he said he wasn't about to quit. Taking note of Forbes' comments, Buchanan said: "It is a two-man race after next week. Buchanan and Dole all the way to San Diego."

The also rans were running far behind in every state. In Florida, for example, Dole was getting 55 percent to 21 for Forbes and 19 for Buchanan. In Texas, it was 56 percent for Dole, 21 for Buchanan and 12 for Forbes.

Forbes had 73 delegates; Buchanan picked up two Tuesday, giving him 64. Yet there was some sobering news for Dole. Three new national surveys showed Clinton with double-digit leads in head-to-head matchups. They also showed Dole would suffer if Ross Perot mounted another independent candidacy.

In these new surveys - and exit polling of Tuesday's GOP voters - half the respondents also said Dole did not have new ideas. "What I make of those is that once we get a nominee and he is out there focusing on Bill Clinton instead of getting beat up in primaries every day then we will turn this around," Dole told AP.

Common to the GOP electorate in all seven states was a jaundiced view of the federal government. Asked how often they trusted Washington to do what's right, only a fifth said most of the time. Six in 10 said sometimes, and one in 10 said never. Taxes and the deficit were the most important issues, according to voter surveys by Voter News Service, a consortium of the AP and the television networks.

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SHERIFF: Painter likely to move into his 4th term

"From what I have seen, Sheriff Painter really doesn't intend to do anything different from what he has done before," Kaufman charged. "We will have the same Sheriff's Office that we have had for the last 12 years for the next four years," Kaufman said.

He hopes those people who understood the campaign issues and who voted for him "will stay on top of the situation. People are watching him a little closer now."

From Painter's perspective, "there was a lot of mud-slinging going on" during the campaign. "There was a lot of negative campaigning that should not have occurred," Painter said.

"The negative campaigning and all the negative issues were not something that the citizens of Midland County wanted to hear."

Painter said he and his officers "have been very open with the citizens of Midland County in the operations ... and activities of the Sheriff's Office."

"A lot of it has to do with people who have personal gripes, who have some hatreds that they wanted to air out," the sheriff said. "Unfortunately, they used my opponent to do it. He was probably a pretty good man at one time. He had some people who really had sour attitudes and feelings, and they expressed them through his campaign. It is a sad situation for him."

Painter said election-year politicking provides a platform for "people to air their gripes and complaints."

In overseeing his department Painter said he has "tried to provide as much information to the population as we could on the issues that we stand good on."

The sheriff said he hopes "the citizens will stick with us and give us an opportunity to fulfill the (department's) obligations."

"The people who work for the Midland County Sheriff's Office are tops," Painter said. "It is one of the best sheriff's departments in the state of Texas, if not, the whole nation. I am very proud to be associated with the people in the Midland County Sheriff's Department."

When Painter first ran for sheriff in 1984, he was a 37-year-old patrol lieutenant under then-Sheriff Dallas Smith. He beat Smith in the Republican primary. In the 1984 general election, Painter defeated Democrat Joe Carr, who then was a Midland Police Department detective and who now is a deputy sheriff, and Smith, who was a write-in candidate.

Painter was without any opposition in 1988. In the 1992 Republican primary, Painter defeated Wayne Gideon, retired Midland police chief; Reuben Richardson, then a county attorney's investigator, and Melvin "Mac" McEwen, Midland businessman.

COOLER: County holds front-runner under 50 percent

Of the almost 17,000 voters who cast ballots in the local Republican primary, 8,169 - or 48.89 percent - cast ballots for Dole. Across the state, Dole was attracting more than 56 percent of the vote.

Buchanan, who has vowed to continue his quest for the GOP nomination all the way to the convention, had a total vote count in Midland County of 3,928.

Forbes, a millionaire publishing heir who is spending his own money in this presidential campaign, finished with 2,180 Midland County votes.

He received only 39 percent of the vote in the 23rd Congressional District precincts.

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest represents District 19; U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith represents the 21st District; and U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla represents District 23.

Dole ran the strongest in those precincts included in the 21st Congressional District, receiving 51 percent of that vote. In precincts included in the 19th Congressional District he got 48

So bored were many Republicans with the predictable primaries that they had moved on to speculating whom Dole should pick for a running mate.

Gingrich, for example, said retired Gen. Colin Powell was a top prospect, ignoring daily protests from Buchanan because Powell supports abortion rights. Gingrich also cited Michigan Gov. John Engler and California Attorney General Dan Lungren as "perfect examples of the kind of people who I think would be terrific."

Dole said it was too soon to name names. "The slate is wide open," Dole said.

He said his Midwest mission would be to remind voters they never received the balanced budget, middle class tax cut and welfare reform that candidate Clinton promised in 1992. In contrast, Dole pledged to quickly deliver those items and more, promising to eliminate several Cabinet agencies and shift power wholesale from Washington to the states.

"These may not be new ideas - they might have been around for a while, but they are good ideas," Dole said.

Forbes and Buchanan got to the Midwest ahead of Dole. Speaking to the Chicago Chamber of Commerce, Forbes cast Buchanan as a "very disruptive, dangerous" figure taking advantage of economic and social anxiety. "He's just one example. (Louis) Farrakhan, who's done himself in, is another example," Forbes said, referring to the controversial Nation of Islam leader. Forbes later insisted he was not comparing Buchanan to Farrakhan.

Buchanan focused on trade and jobs as he took questions from radio callers in Youngstown, Ohio. Not long ago, "Super Tuesday" was viewed as a bellwether day in the Republican presidential race, a test of strength in Southern states that are the foundation of the GOP's November electoral strategy. But with Texas Sen. Phil Gramm and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander gone from the race, and converts to Dole's team, the resurgent front-runner was suddenly the heavy favorite everywhere.

After stumbling at the start of his third presidential bid, Dole rallied.

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Watt receives fine, community service for role in HUD scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Interior Secretary James Watt was spared a jail sentence Tuesday and instead was fined and ordered to perform 500 hours of community service for withholding documents from a grand jury investigating a government housing scandal.

Watt, who served in the Reagan administration, was fined \$5,000 — the maximum for the single misdemeanor to which he had pleaded guilty — and placed on five years probation. He had faced a possible jail term of up to six months.

In sentencing Watt, U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth said, "It seems to me that what you did there is out of character. ... It was an aberration from your life. You have had a life of great integrity and it's a shame to see what happened here."

Lamberth said he had been torn in giving Watt what he described as a "break" because he believed "trifling with" a grand jury was a serious offense. But the judge said Watt had an opportunity "to destroy the smoking gun (of evidence), and to his credit, he didn't."

As a condition of the probation, Lamberth said that Watt, 58, who lives in Jackson Hole, Wyo., would be prohibited from owning a firearm.

In a brief statement, Watt said he "made a serious mistake" in his conduct during the investigation of influence-peddling at the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the 1980s.

"I didn't take it seriously enough," Watt said, adding that the emotional and financial toll on his life has been "monumental."

"I would not wish this experience on my worst enemy," Watt said, his voice trembling, as he stood before the judge. "I'd like to get on with a constructive role in society."

Watt was one of the most controversial figures in the Reagan administration, known for his incendiary remarks and for barring the Beach Boys from performing on the Mall during a Fourth of July celebration. He touched off one furor by describing the representative nature of an advisory panel this way: "I have a black. I have a woman, two Jews and a cripple."

After Tuesday's hearing, he said little to reporters on the courthouse steps as he held hands with his wife, Leilani. "We put this behind us," he said, adding that they had been helped by "a host of friends" and "a much better relationship with the living Lord."

With government prosecutors eager to close the books on the HUD scandal, Watt was able to wipe out 18 felony charges by pleading guilty to a single misdemeanor count in January.

Watt acknowledged withholding information and documents in an attempt to influence the federal grand jury examining the scandal.

Relatives, friends lay Burns to rest with wife Gracie

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — Burns and Allen are together again, and this time Gracie gets top billing. Her gold-leaf epitaph will be put above George's on the crypt they now share.

Relatives and close friends of George Burns, who died Saturday at 100, mourned the cigar-chomping comic and actor during a starless, invitation-only funeral Tuesday.

"He often said he knew entrances and exits," manager and longtime friend Irving Fein told mourners at Wee Kirk o' the Heather church at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. "Last Saturday he knew it was time to go."

The 70 or so mourners included Ronald J. Burns and Sandra Jean Burns, the entertainer's son and daughter, plus seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The half-hour service for the show-biz legend had a Hollywood ending: As if on cue, the skies darkened and rain began to fall.

Burns had been unable to work since falling at his home in 1994.

"He was here for 100 great years. We may have wished for more, but no one in this room could have wanted him to hang on, unable to hear the laughter and applause or take his bows," Fein said. "So, George, we'll miss you. I know you took your music with you, so wherever you are, I hope they're playing it in your key."

Fein said a larger memorial service will be held in about a month for show business friends. "Bob Hope called and wanted to come, but if you invite him and one or two other stars, you have to invite them all," he said.

A hearse carried Burns' wooden coffin to the hilltop Freedom Mausoleum, where he was reunited with his vaudeville partner and wife, who died in 1964.

"It will be Burns and Allen forever again," Burns' 59-year-old son said.

After his wife's death, Burns made monthly visits to her crypt, telling one interviewer that her gold-leaf epitaph would be moved above his when he died. "She'll have top billing," he said.



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Goulet, McEwen to square off in April 9 runoff

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The Precinct 1 county commissioner's race in Tuesday's Republican primary has been narrowed from three candidates, as two men prepare to square off in the April 9 runoff.

Incumbent Henry Goulet came out on top with 1,585 votes, or 47.27 percent. This is short of the 50 percent-plus-one showing needed for an outright win.

Challenger Melvin "Mac" McEwen garnered a substantial 37.75 percent, or 1,266 votes, forcing a runoff between them.

Coming in third was first-time candidate Orin Wade, who garnered 14.97 percent of the vote, or 502 actual votes.

The winner in the runoff will be unopposed in the Nov. 5 general election.

Wade's primary goal was to reinstate the county's Veteran's Service Office — an issue that both Goulet and McEwen have voiced support for since it was brought up by Wade.

"That was my main concern in running," Wade

said following Tuesday's vote.

Wade, who did not start his campaign until late November, said he might run for public office in the future if another issue such as this motivates him.

Goulet said he will not be modifying his campaign for the runoff election, other than trying to bring his ideas to more people.

"I'm just going to work a little harder," Goulet said, following the final tally of votes.

"I feel real confident that we can win this race," Goulet said.

McEwen also believes his campaign platform is strong, and doesn't plan any changes in his stated goals.

"Our main goal was to get in a runoff," McEwen said of his campaign strategy.

"Of course, we'd have loved to win outright," he quipped.

McEwen believes the voters want a candidate that serves the taxpayer and "brings common-sense voting to the Commissioner's Court," he said.

Elected to the Midland County Commissioner's Court in 1990, Goulet is a veteran of World War II

air campaigns and has operated a successful furniture refinishing business in Midland for many years. He maintains that he is knowledgeable about the county budget process and county government as a whole.

Goulet is proud of his tough-on-crime stance and maintains that crime, especially juvenile crime, is one of the most important challenges facing the Commissioner's Court.

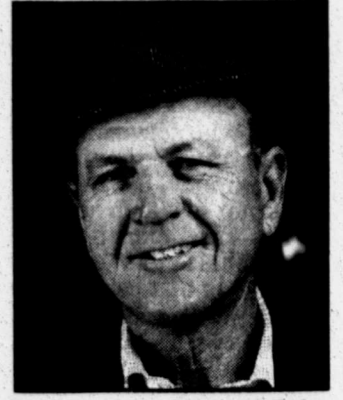
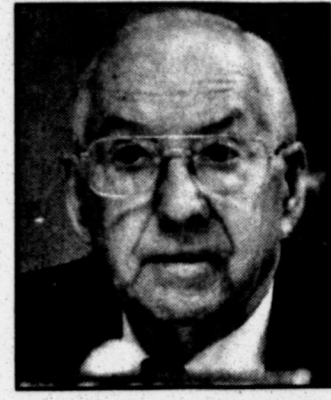
McEwen intends to bring some harmony and focus to the Commissioner's Court if elected.

The Korean War veteran believes that the voters of Midland County want to see elected officials pull together and stop the political infighting and lawsuits of the past.

McEwen believes his 35 years of management and policy-making experience with a major corporation will serve him well if elected to the court.

In the race, McEwen said he relies on his long reputation of dedication and dependability in any job he takes on. He said he will work for strong law enforcement, economic growth and to support the war on drugs in Midland County.

Commissioners' Court county commissioner Precinct 1



At left, incumbent Henry Goulet and right, Melvin McEwen will square off in runoff election on April 9 for county commissioner, Precinct 1.

GOP field narrows to two in Precinct 4

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Five candidates had filed for the new position of Precinct 4 justice of the peace. And no one candidate won more than 51 percent of the vote in Tuesday's Republican primary, which has set the stage for a runoff April 9 between George Zimmerman and John Miller.

After early voting had been tallied at 7 p.m., it appeared Zimmerman, 60, a geologist, could win the entire primary with more than 51 percent of the early vote.

As the rest of the ballots came in, however, Zimmerman's total dropped to 47.54 percent, or 2,279 total votes.

In second place with a spot in the April 9 runoff is Miller, 47, communications director for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Miller received 18.23 percent of the vote, or 874 total votes.

Closely behind Miller was Linda Collins, 45, a former Justice Court administrative assistant. Ms. Collins received 16.94 percent, or 812 votes, but is now out of the race.

The first time in an election race, Ms. Collins said she did not believe many Midlanders were ready for a woman to take the justice post.

Norma Louise Zachry Davis, 49, a native Midlander, and Reuben Ramirez, 34, an independent insurance-claims adjuster, each split the remaining votes, with 8.45 per-

cent and 8.82 percent respectively.

Ms. Davis said she might run for public office again in the future. "It's been an awesome experience," she said.

Ramirez also enjoyed his first time in a race for public office, although the work load was substantial, he said.

Going into the runoff election with a substantial lead, Zimmerman said he was surprised by the depth of support he received from the community. "In fact, I'm overwhelmed," he said following the vote tally.

Zimmerman is offering to put his integrity and common sense to work in the public sector by working toward justice for the citizenry.

Zimmerman, who is seeking his first public office, said he believes that "you do not have to be a politician to help in the justice system."

Should he be elected to the position, Zimmerman said he would fulfill the duties of the office, push for a strong stand on driving-while-intoxicated offenses, and make every effort to meld the four justice precincts into one working force.

Miller said that his primary concern as a



Zimmerman

Miller

Justice of the peace



Wallace

Wallace takes Precinct 3 position in Dem primary

From Staff Reports

Michael Wallace said the Lord and people getting out to vote were the keys to his victory Tuesday over Hilario Lon Dominguez in the Precinct 3 justice of the peace race in the Democratic primary.

Wallace had 65 percent and 366 votes to Dominguez's 35 percent and 257 votes.

Wallace's next battle will be against Republican incumbent Keith Jobe in the Nov. 5 general election.

Wallace said he has no special plans for the general election other than to keep on doing what he's been doing.

"We know there are enough Republican votes out there, but we also know there are enough Democratic votes for me to win," Wallace said.

Wallace said he will keep the race clean and focus on getting out the vote.

Wallace's platform is to enhance the job of the justice of the peace. He wants to administer the duties of the position in a fair and just manner to people of all races and socioeconomic levels.

"I believe in the position and I believe in justice," Wallace said.

Wallace is involved with the community through his church, where he serves in various capacities including financial secretary, deacon and as Sunday School teacher.

"My principles have come through the church," Wallace said.

Wallace intends to provide consistency to decisions made in the office, such as setting bonds — making sure that similar crimes draw similar bonds, he said.

If elected, Wallace said he will work to ensure that "all people will receive fair treatment."

Wallace also intends to make the court friendly to citizens of the district in an effort to dispel some of the distrust that exists in the district that is 66 percent minority.

Wallace has lived in Midland for 15 years. He is married and has two children.

Dominguez was unavailable for comment.

How Midlanders voted:

Following is how Midlanders voted in Tuesday's Republican Primary:

President:	
Richard Lugar	53
Phil Gramm	660
Susan Ducey	12
Alan Keyes	476
Mary LaTulle	15
Steve Forbes	2,180
Morry Taylor	14
Bob Dole	8,169
Pat Buchanan	3,928
Lamar Alexander	492
Charles Collins	7
U.S. Senate:	
David Young	1,498
Phil Gramm	13,996
Henry Grover	983
U.S. Rep., District 19:	
Larry Combest	7,525
U.S. Rep., District 21:	
Lamar Smith	6,096
U.S. Rep., District 23:	
Henry Bonilla	601
Railroad Commission:	
Carole Rylander	11,916
Robert Wood	3,712
Supreme Court:	

Chief Justice:	
Tom Phillips	11,851
Supreme Court: Place 1:	
John Cornyn	11,340
Supreme Court: Place 2:	
James A. Baker	11,398
Supreme Court: Place 3:	
Greg Abbott	11,310
Criminal Appeals: Place 1:	
Janice Law	2,390
Matthew Paul	2,178
James Boone	1,930
Jeffrey Keck	982
Sue Holland	2,320
Susan Brown	1,066
Glen Beaman	886
Criminal Appeals: Place 2:	
Ray McQuary	1,908
Mike Keasler	3,120
Pat Barber	2,667
Paul Womack	2,773
Brad Wiewel	727
Criminal Appeals: Place 3:	
John Bradley	3,605

Tom Price	3,144
Cheryl Johnson	3,070
Gary Trichter	987
State Rep., District 82:	
Tom Craddock	13,369
142nd District Judge:	
George D. Gillis	12,742
District Attorney:	
Al Schorre	12,932
County Attorney:	
Janice Hinshaw	7,598
Russell Malm	8,066
Sheriff:	
Gary Painter	9,568
Mike Kaufman	7,255
Tax Assessor/Collector:	
Marsha Smith	4,060
Kathy Reeves	11,390
County Commissioner: Precinct 1:	
Henry Goulet	1,585
Melvin McEwen	1,266
Orin Wade	502
County Commissioner: Precinct 3:	
Jo Ann Carr	861
Justice of Peace:	

Precinct 1:	
Joe Matlock	2,846
Justice of Peace: Precinct 3:	
Keith Jobe	1,086
Justice of Peace: Precinct 4:	
John Miller	874
Linda Collins	812
George Zimmerman	2,279
Ruben Ramirez	423
Norma Louise Davis	405
Constable, Precinct 1:	
Charles Stewart	2,703
Constable, Precinct 2:	
Larry Clark	3,755
Constable, Precinct 3:	
Johnny Holt	974
Constable, Precinct 4:	
M. J. Hamilton	1,659
E. K. Browning	2,255

Fred Hudson	17
Heather Harder	21
Sal Casamassima	8
Ted Gunderson	16
U.S. Senate:	
John Bryant	379
Victor Morale	607
John Will Odam	88
Jim Chapman	422
U.S. Rep., District 19:	
Michael Clennan	210
John Sawyer	288
U.S. Rep., District 21:	
Gordon Wharton	243
U.S. Rep., District 23:	
Charles Jones	266
Allen Rindfuss	57
Joseph Sullivan	243
Railroad Commission:	
Hector Uribe	1,194
Supreme Court: Chief Justice:	
Andrew Kupper	1,156
Supreme Court: Place 1:	
Patrice Barron	1,156
Supreme Court: Place 2:	

Gene Kelly	1,142
Criminal Appeals: Place 1:	
Bob Perkins	676
Frances Northcutt	677
Criminal Appeals: Place 2:	
Charles Holcomb	498
Gary Taylor	430
Winston Cochran	150
Norman Lanford	208
Criminal Appeals: Place 3:	
Frank Maloney	1,135
8th Court of Appeals: Chief Justice:	
Richard Barajas	1,145
County Commissioner: Precinct 3:	
Louisa Valencia	588
Justice of Peace: Precinct 1:	
Bertha Pace	284
Justice of Peace: Precinct 3:	
Michael Wallace	467
Lon Dominguez	257

GOP constable, Precinct 4 Browning wins position he plans to eliminate; no Dem opposition

By Joe Gaines
Staff Writer

The winner in Tuesday's Republican primary for constable of precinct four is E.K. Browning and his first duty will be to try and eliminate his position.

Browning, with 2,255 votes, or 58 percent, beat Martha J. Hamilton.

There is no Democrat running against him in the Nov. 5 general election.

Ms. Hamilton garnered 1,659 votes, or 42 percent.

Browning believes he won because he was the better-qualified and better-known of the two candidates.

He said he also thinks he won because of his platform, which is to rid the county of its four constable positions.

"They're not needed. They're antiquated and they're a waste of the taxpayers' money," Browning said.

The county was forced to hold elections for four constables

after a federal court order. The order agreed with the state Constitution that says a county must have constables unless it has an exemption. Midland does not have an exemption, and had not been holding elections for the constable positions.

Browning said sheriff's deputies could do his job cheaper. Constables are paid \$100 a month. Their main job is to serve the Justice Court by serving legal papers. And even though the constables have arrest powers, those duties are usually handled by the police and sheriff's departments.

Browning is retiring from the Department of Public Safety after 42 years of service.

Browning said at this time he has no plans to seek re-election.

"I have no intentions of becoming a professional politician. If everything goes right, there won't be a position to run for next time," Browning said.

Ms. Hamilton was unavailable for comment.

Primaries pare down crowded Criminal Court of Appeals field

AUSTIN (AP) — The Republican race for the chance to unseat the only incumbent on the Criminal Court of Appeals remained a three-way dead heat with nearly half of precincts reporting in Tuesday's primaries.

Austin attorney Cheryl A. Johnson's 31 percent ran slightly ahead of Dallas-area State District Judge Tom Price and Williamson County prosecutor John Bradley, who each had 30 percent of the vote for Place 3.

Houston defense lawyer J. Gary Trichter, who like Ms. Johnson joined the race to give prosecutor-friendly Bradley a stumbling block, ran a distant fourth in the battle to face Judge Frank Maloney in November's general election.

Maloney, 68, was the only incumbent running for re-election and the only candidate without an opponent in the primary. The Democrat is the founder of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers' Association, one reason Bradley wants him off the bench.

Bradley, 36, was a consultant to the state Senate Criminal Justice Committee that helped overhaul the Penal Code in 1993 and made it more prosecutor-friendly.

He also supported a movement to strip judges of the authority to overturn many convictions during the last legislative session.

Price, 50; Ms. Johnson, 49 and Trichter, 44, barely campaigned.

There were 23 names on the ballot, including 16 Republicans. The mad dash was caused by the retirements of two-term Democrats Sam Houston Clinton and Bill White.

Most candidates spent around \$10,000 or less. The exception was Austin-based State District Judge Bob Perkins, who had raised more than \$50,000 in his Democratic primary against Houston attorney Frances Northcutt for Place 1.

At 52 percent, Perkins maintained a slim but consistent lead with 58 percent of Democratic precincts reporting in the only court contest that won't result in an April 9 runoff.

"Luck is everything in these kinds of races," Ms. Northcutt said of the relative anonymity of most of the field. "It's like winning the lottery."

State District Judge Sue Holland, from Plano, held a 25 percent to 18 percent lead in the Place 1 GOP primary over nearest foe Palestine attorney James "Daniel" Boone, who said he is kin to the legendary frontiersman.

The Democratic Place 2 runoff will be between Court of Appeals Justice Charles Holcomb of Jacksonville and Austin attorney Gary Taylor. Holcomb outpolled Taylor 36 percent to 30 percent.

On the GOP side of Place 2, another Williamson County prosecutor, Paul Womack, led with 32 percent of the vote. Vying for the other spot in a runoff were Colorado City lawyer Paul Barber and State District Judge Mike Keasler, who jostled back-and-forth throughout the evening.

Barber was the only candidate from West Texas, and none hailed from South Texas.

The GOP is aiming for a court majority it hasn't held this century. The party is looking to build upon the success of 1994 when it narrowed the Democratic majority to 6-3.

Seven candidates ran for four seats on the Texas Supreme Court, but none faced a challenger Tuesday. All four Republicans running are incumbents, and Democrats did not field a candidate for the Place 3 seat held by Greg Abbott, a recent appointee of Gov. George

W. Bush.

As usual, the issues were few in the criminal appeals court races as candidates generally cited the Code of Judicial Conduct in refusing to state their opinions on varied topics.

Some, such as Bradley, vowed to lead the charge in merging the state's highest criminal court with the state Supreme Court, which only handles civil matters.

Others like Maloney would like to see an end to partisanship in state judicial balloting.

"Our issues are not partisan. A judge should not have an agenda. If he has an agenda, he ought not be a judge," Maloney said.

The election's most interesting maneuvering occurred in the Place 3 race. Battling Bradley's prosecution-friendly attitude was Trichter, a specialist in drunken driving defenses in Houston and sometimes opposed Bradley in court.

Martin County Sheriff Welling defeats challenger

From Staff Reports

STANTON — Martin County Sheriff Mike Welling defeated challenger Mark Greenhaw for the Democratic nomination in Tuesday's primary elections.

Welling received 404 votes to

Greenhaw's 311.

Welling, who was first elected sheriff in 1992, will be opposed by Republican John Castro in the Nov. 5 general election.

Castro was unopposed for the Republican Party nomination for sheriff. He polled about 50 votes.

★ Election '96: State races ★

Rylander beats opponent Wood to win GOP nomination for TRC

■ Texas' first woman railroad commissioner advances in her bid for full term on panel to face Democratic nominee Hector Uribe in general election.

AUSTIN (AP) — Carole Keeton Rylander advanced Tuesday in her bid for a full term on the Railroad Commission, defeating Republican challenger Robert A. "Bob" Wood to face uncontested Democrat Hector Uribe in the general election.

With half the precincts reporting, Mrs. Rylander had 62 percent of the vote against Wood.

"I'm most grateful and honored to have my party's nomination," Mrs. Rylander, 56, said from home after claiming victory. "I am going to continue to run on my record and my vision of paychecks and jobs for Texans into the 21st century."

Mrs. Rylander, elected in 1994 to the three-member commission that regulates the state's oil and gas

industry, is the only commissioner up for re-election this year. A former Austin mayor from 1977 to 1983, she finished the term of Bob Krueger and is seeking her first six-year term.

Fellow GOP commissioners Barry Williamson and Charles Matthews elected her chairwoman last fall.

The Railroad Commission was reshaped beginning last year when its regulation of trucking was transferred to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

That move was the result of a 1994 federal law pre-empting states from regulating in-state trucking rates, routes and services.

Mrs. Rylander actively pushed for the transfer and had said she helped lead a reorganization of the agency that has included reductions in the budget and staff.

Mrs. Rylander also takes credit for promoting natural gas; working for incentives for oil and gas drilling and production; and helping create a new railroad safety division.

Wood, who switched to the GOP in recent years after becoming more conservative, had said he would bring more experience to the commission. He spent 29 years working in the Railroad Commission district office in the Panhandle town of Pampa before retiring in 1993.

Uribe of Brownsville, served in the Texas Senate from 1981-90 and in the Texas House from 1978-81. He had said being out of politics the last six years made him an attractive candidate as an outsider.



Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas' first woman railroad commissioner will face uncontested Democrat Hector Uribe in the general election.

Texas primary goes to Dole; Clinton earns easy victory

AUSTIN (NYT) — Texas Republicans gave a big presidential primary victory Tuesday to Sen. Majority Leader Bob Dole, embracing his leadership experience and perceived ability to defeat Democratic President Bill Clinton in November.

Clinton easily won the Democratic presidential primary with more than 80 percent of the vote against five little-known candidates and Lyndon LaRouche Jr., a convicted felon who has run for president five previous times.

"It's a tremendous victory," said Dole's Texas campaign manager, Gary Bruner. "It shows Bob Dole has the broad base of support among Republicans to unite the party in November and lead us to victory over Bill Clinton."

Early returns gave the Kansas senator 55 percent of the GOP vote, more than a 2-to-1 lead over Buchanan, who was getting 21 percent. Forbes had 12 percent and none of the other names on the ballot topped 4 percent.

Texas' 123 Republican delegates total more than 12 percent of the 996 total needed for nomination. The state GOP apportions 33 delegates based on statewide vote totals and 90 based on the candidates' performance in each of the 30 congressional districts.

Dole had claimed 114 of the 123 delegates Tuesday night and was leading for more. Buchanan earned one delegate and Forbes none.

Exit polls found that Texas Republican voters were more worried about the federal budget deficit than about immigration and foreign trade.

A quarter of those polled said the federal budget and taxes were their biggest concerns. Less than one in 10 cited immigration or foreign trade, which has been the cornerstones of Buchanan's protectionist, America-first campaign.



Republican presidential hopeful Sen. Bob Dole and his wife Elizabeth attend a rally Tuesday night in Washington. Dole's victory in Texas and in other Super Tuesday

day Republican primaries tighten his hold on the GOP presidential nomination.

But perhaps the most surprising result in the exit polls is that more than half of the Republicans questioned said the GOP platform should not include a constitutional ban on abortion.

The State Republican Executive Committee last December, in a bitter closed-door session, refused to put a nonbinding resolution on the ballot affirming the party's support for a constitutional ban on abortion.

Prominent anti-abortion activists in the party had opposed the resolution, because it might prove embarrassing.

A third of the Republicans polled said Buchanan's willingness to stand up for his beliefs and his conservative values were the best reasons for supporting him.

Forbes' vision and the fact that he is not a career politician were his best points among Republicans who supported him.

Dole's best qualities were his perceived ability to beat Clinton in November and his Washington experience, each cited by a quarter of those polled. A close third was his upholding of conservative values.

But half of the voting Republicans said Dole has no new ideas to offer the nation.

The exit polls were conducted by Voter News Service, a cooperative of The Associated Press, ABC, CBS, CNN and NBC. Pollsters interviewed 2,000 voters at 45 precincts across the state.

Dole's late-starting Texas campaign was framed around the strength of endorsements from establishment Republicans.

Gov. George Bush endorsed Dole last week. Bush's father, former President George Bush, a one-time Dole presidential rival, met publicly with Dole in a tacit endorse-

ment. The former president also spoke out against Buchanan's protectionist trade policies.

Dole also received endorsements from Texas' two U.S. senators, Kay Bailey Hutchison and Phil Gramm, who quickly endorsed Dole after quitting the presidential contest last month.

But because the Dole campaign had never believed it could afford to compete in Texas against Gramm, no organization had been built in the state. Dole instead had prepared to center his Super Tuesday campaign on Florida.

Dole's campaign in Texas amounted to four days of personal appearances and the expenditure of about \$300,000 on television advertising in Houston, Dallas and San Antonio. Dole passed on participating in a televised debate last Friday in Dallas.

Gramm wins; Morales to face Bryant in Democratic runoff

AUSTIN (AP) — The improbable campaign of schoolteacher Victor Morales advanced to a runoff in the Democratic U.S. Senate primary Tuesday against U.S. Rep. John Bryant of Dallas.

Phil Gramm buried two little-known challengers to win the GOP nod for his third Senate term.

Morales — a Dallas-area high school government teacher with no paid staff but with the same last name as Texas' attorney general — had 36 percent of the vote with 88 percent of the precincts counted.

He'll face Bryant in the April 9 runoff. Bryant, with 30 percent of the vote, had jockeyed for a runoff spot with U.S. Rep. Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs, who had 27 percent with 88 percent of precincts counted.

Last was Houston lawyer John Odam, who conceded an hour and a half after the polls closed, with 7 percent.

Bryant called Morales "a real nice guy."

"He's an engaging fellow when he's on the circuit with the other candidates. I think that helped him as well. Clearly though... having a famous name is a great advantage," Bryant said of his runoff opponent. "I think that the runoff will bring both of us into the public eye in terms of what we really believe in."

Morales, monitoring the returns at an Austin restaurant with his family and supporters, said, "Whether you're a Republican or a Democrat, they just want someone to trust. ... That's what I provide."

Odam said he wouldn't comment on Morales' campaign — "if you want to call it a campaign. ... Obviously, he had no message, knew nothing about the issues."



Republican Gramm



Democrat Morales



Democrat Bryant

Chapman said the defeat was only his second in public life, but he called on all Democrats to rally around the eventual nominee. "I will join the winner of the Democratic primary to defeat Phil Gramm in November," he said.

Morales campaigned across Texas in his pickup truck, shaking hands and passing out campaign literature at every opportunity, from fast-food restaurants to county courthouses.

His quiet campaign apparently made a big impact in South Texas, where he had decisive leads in Bexar, Hidalgo, Nueces, Webb and Zapata counties, among others.

Ironically, Odam in 1990 lost the Democratic nomination for attorney general to Dan Morales, who still holds that office.

"I found out what it was like to run against Morales six years ago. I found out what it was like to run against Morales again. I learned then, and I sure learned this time," Odam said.

Gramm, meanwhile, had a whopping 84 percent of the vote against former state legislator Hank Grover of Houston and David Young of Austin. Young had lost five statewide races as a Democrat before switching parties.

"I am humbled by the enormous outpouring of support that I have been given by Texas voters," said Gramm, who abandoned his presidential campaign last month.

No matter who the Democratic candidate is, some predict Gramm is a sure win in November, bolstered by a higher profile and bigger campaign war chest than his potential foes.

Not so fast, others say.

Education board chairman wards off primary challenge

Associated Press

Republican State Board of Education Chairman Jack Christie was poised to retain his seat Tuesday after fighting off a primary challenger backed by the religious right.

With 69 percent of precincts reporting, Christie led former teacher Terri Leo with 57 percent of the vote. No one ran in the Democratic primary for the District 6 seat representing southeast Texas.

Celebrating with friends and family, Christie said voters saw beyond the "negative political rhetoric" of his opposition.

"The satisfaction comes that I took their strongest hit on a negative campaign that was factually challenged," he said.

In all, eight seats are up for election this year on the 15-member board that writes education policy for Texas public schools. Four had contested primaries.

Of the six incumbents running for re-election, only Christie faced a challenge from within his own party.

Ms. Leo, running on a "traditional learning" platform, was backed by Christian conservatives, who had criticized Christie for making what they called "liberal votes" in the past year.

At issue were two votes, one in which Christie voted to approve environmental science textbooks. The other was cast in favor of Texas' participation in the federal program Goals 2000, which gives the state \$29 million in federal money to enhance academic programs.

Conservatives, including Ms. Leo, contend Goals 2000 gives control over Texas education to the federal government and will lead to such things as condom distribution in schools.

Christie, however, said the federal money would be used solely to improve academic programs and the state would continue to design the programs to fit Texas

students' needs.

Here's a breakdown of the other races:

■ District 3: Incumbent Republican Jose Garcia De Lara had no primary opponent. In the Democratic primary, Joe J. Bernal, a retired educator from San Antonio, led San Antonio food manufacturer Vincent R. Alvarado with 64 percent of the vote.

■ District 4: Incumbent Democrat Alama A. Allen of Houston was unopposed in the primary. Earl J. Ehlers, an education researcher from Houston, was unopposed in the GOP primary.

■ District 5: Incumbent Republican Bob Offutt, a pediatric dentist from San Antonio, was unopposed in the primary. In the Democratic primary, Nettie Ruth Bratton, a retired teacher from Kingsland, led Joe "J.B." Richeison, a teacher from Helotes, with 65 percent.

■ District 7: David Bradley, an insurance and real estate agent from Beaumont, was unopposed in the GOP primary. Rema Lou Brown of League City was unopposed in the Democratic primary.

■ District 10: Incumbent Democrat Will Davis, an attorney from Austin, was unopposed in the primary. The GOP primary was headed for a runoff, with Brenham teacher Cynthia Thornton leading with 41 percent of the vote. Charlie Weaver of Spicewood was close behind with 34 percent, and Don Clark of Flatonia had 26 percent.

■ District 11: Richard Neill, a dentist from Fort Worth, was unopposed in the Republican primary. Robert M. Platt of Fort Worth was unopposed in the Democratic primary.

■ District 12: Incumbent Republican Geraldine "Tincy" Miller, a business executive from Dallas, was unopposed in the primary. Barbara V. Montgomery, a retired teacher from Rockwall, was unopposed in the Democratic primary.

Wide open field marks state's congressional primary

DALLAS (AP) — The "Super Tuesday" primary ushered in the first act of an unusually rough-and-tumble congressional election season in Texas.

With seven of Texas' 30 U.S. House members deciding to call it quits, the delegation was plunged into a competitive free-for-all in districts across the state, particularly in East Texas.

With usually well-bankrolled incumbents out of the way in the open seats, 43 candidates from both parties were eager to test their political mettle at the polls. In all, 114 candidates are seeking election to Texas' 30 House seats.

Only four of the state's 23 incumbents seeking re-election faced contested primaries. Three of them: Democrats Gene Green of Houston and Solomon Ortiz of Corpus Christi and Republican Tom DeLay of Sugar Land won their party's nomination.

Meanwhile, Democrat-turned-Republican Greg Laughlin of West Columbia was trying to avoid a runoff in his primary fight against three others for the 14th District nomination. The four-term incumbent's rivals included former GOP congressman and one-time Libertarian presidential candidate Ron Paul; and the party's 1994 nominee, Blanco rancher Jim Deats.

Despite the GOP's efforts in 1994 to defeat then-Democrat Laughlin, national and Texas Republicans have rallied to the party newcomer's side, sparking controversy with their endorsement of him over Deats.

Democratic congressional races

District 19
With 219 of 292 precincts (75 percent) reporting:

John W. Sawyer: 8,508 - 69 percent (projected winner)
Michael G. Cleman: 3,738 - 31 percent

District 23
With 224 of 415 precincts (54 percent) reporting:

Joseph P. (Joe) Sullivan: 17,357 - 47 percent
Charles P. Jones: 14,825 - 40 percent
Allen Rindfuss: 4,854 - 13 percent

On the Democratic side, Ortiz fended off his first primary challenge since 1982, looking to easily defeat State Board of Education member Mary Helen Berlianga in the District 27 Democratic primary. The fight for the District 27 nomination was billed as a feud between two powerful South Texas political families.

Another Democrat, State Sen. Jim Turner of Crockett, won his party's nomination in the bid to succeed showy U.S. Rep. Charlie Wilson in East Texas' 2nd District.

Meanwhile, Donna Peterson, who is making her fourth run for the seat, and dentist Brian Babin, will face each other in an April 9 runoff for the Republican nomination. They were outdistancing three other GOP hopefuls by a 3-to-1 margin.

Most incumbents fare well in Texas Legislature races

AUSTIN (AP) — Most incumbents in the Texas Legislature easily made their way to the Nov. 5 general election in primary voting Tuesday.

But three House Democrats lost and two were trailing in tight races.

Rep. Samuel W. Hudson III and Roberto Alonzo, both of Dallas, were defeated, as was Rep. Huey McCouskey, of Richmond.

Hudson lost to Terri Hodge, a retired Southwestern Bell employee; Alonzo was beaten by Domingo Garcia, a lawyer; and McCouskey lost to Dora Olivo, an attorney.

Reps. Eddie De la Garza of Edinburg and Sergio Munoz of Mission were running behind challengers in their races.

Three of 12 state senators seeking re-election faced primary opponents. Two were easily were outpacing challengers and a third defeated his.

Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, downed challenger Jim Lollar, of Arlington, 78 percent to 22 percent.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, led Randy Staudt of Leander, 69 percent to 31 percent.

Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, faced Fort Worth real estate agent Nancy Ward. He had 84 percent of early votes to Ms. Ward's 15 percent.

On the House side, 16 Democratic incumbents and nine Republican lawmakers faced primary opponents.

Incumbents renominated were:

- Rep. Kevin Bailey, D-Houston
- Rep. Hugo Berlianga, D-Corpus Christi
- Rep. Garnet F. Coleman, D-Houston
- Rep. Sherri Greenberg, D-Austin
- Rep. Peggy Hamric, R-Houston
- Rep. Paul J. Hilbert, R-Spring
- Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville
- Rep. Edmund Kuempel, R-Seguin
- Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin
- Rep. Al Price, D-Beaumont
- Rep. Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville
- Rep. Beverly Woolley, R-Houston
- Rep. Ken Yarbrough, D-Houston

In Southeast Texas, where four Republicans were vying to replace retiring Rep. Jack Harris, R-Pearland, a runoff appeared definite. But the two candidates for the April 9 contest was not decided.

With 97 percent of the votes counted, Dee Allen, a Lake Jackson attorney, appeared headed to a runoff with Arch (Beaver) Aplin III. But unofficial results showed only two votes separating Aplin from third-place contender Dianne Hensley.

State Republicans said Tuesday's balloting would determine candidates for a general election in which they believed they could gain control of the Texas House and Senate for the first time since 1971.

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Injunction's reversal sets records straight

The U.S. Court of Appeals in Ohio has finally overturned a district judge's unconstitutional injunction that blocked Business Week magazine from printing an article about sealed court documents for weeks on end last fall.

The ruling, a resounding repudiation of the lower court's censoring action, will prove worth the wait if judges everywhere heed its message.

The case began with a lawsuit by Procter & Gamble charging Bankers Trust Co. with mismanaging its investments. The two sides, abusing a practice all too common in the courts these days, agreed to seal documents filed in support of P&G's charge that the bank acted like a racketeer.

Business Week obtained the documents from the bank's law firm and asked both sides for comment.

At the bank's telephoned request, Judge John Feikens faxed a restraining order without holding a hearing or requiring legal justification for the document sealing.

Later the judge released the documents, leaving the magazine free to publish them. But he maintained his ruling that the magazine had obtained the documents illegitimately and deserved the gag order. This newspaper joined other publications in a friend-of-the-court brief urging reversal.

The Appeals Court ruled that prior restraints of publication in commercial cases are permissible only when there is "a grave threat to a critical government interest or to a constitutional right." In other words, gag orders may never be issued casually and without legal or constitutional basis.

The New York Times

JACK ANDERSON

Buchanan seems to resemble Churchill

WASHINGTON — It was late one evening five years ago in an Estonian restaurant that an early kitchen Cabinet of Pat Buchanan's 1992 campaign settled on the man they admired most: Winston Churchill, one of whose strongest attributes was the ability to rise like a phoenix from political defeat.

The discussion was one of many insights gained by our associate Dale Van Atta during a six-day whirlwind tour of Poland and the Baltic states in May 1991.

All the clues at the time pointed to what Buchanan has become today: the Energizer bunny of the Republican presidential primary.

The trip was put together as a fact-finding mission by Howard Phillips, head of the Conservative Caucus, who also wanted to show support for the nascent democracy movement in the Baltics.

The Buchanan entourage — which included his wife Shelley and his sister Bay — were late arrivals to the tour. Later the group expanded to include conservative direct-mail fundraiser Richard Viguerie, political activist Floyd Brown and several think tank luminaries. Brown, of course, is the infamous author of the "Willie Horton" commercials that helped George Bush defeat Michael Dukakis in the 1988 campaign.

Buchanan enjoyed the status as most-famous tourist, coming most alive when being stopped in Latvia by a bystander who recognized him from his CNN show. Still months away from the campaign trail, Buchanan was clearly enjoying the limelight.

Buchanan's strong Catholicism was also evident, though he didn't wear it on his sleeve — but then, he wasn't courting the Christian Coalition at the time.

The most moving moments for Buchanan came when we encountered monuments to freedom martyrs — a Catholic priest in Poland who was beaten to death by government thugs for standing up to the Soviet Union; the citizens cut down by Soviet Black Berets during a demonstration in Riga, Latvia, the previous January; and the unarmed demonstrators who were mowed down by gunfire the previous January

in Vilnius, Lithuania.

But the greatest insight came the last evening in a second-floor restaurant of Hotel Olympia, in the Estonian capital of Tallinn. The usual bonhomie presided for awhile, with a few jokes at the expense of sister Bay, who turned down the drinks proffered because of her conversion from Catholicism to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The conversation took a distinct turn to the serious, however, when Bay Buchanan revealed that her brother was thinking of running for president. Some of his reasons were elucidated on a then-off-the-record basis. Most have become familiar under the rubric of his "America First" campaign theme.

The discussion quickly sidetracked into the temporary isolation of conservatives in the Republican Party. There was disagreement as to what defined "neo-conservatives" and "paleo-conservatives." Various game plans were discussed on how to refocus the Republican Party to the group's liking.

But the most intriguing discussion came at the end, when Viguerie posed this question: What person has done more for freedom in this

century than anyone else? Several names were suggested, including Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt — who was quickly booted down for his "government-entrapping" social spending.

Finally, Viguerie proposed Winston Churchill. Within 10 minutes, the Buchanans agreed. And not just for standing up to Hitler, but for identifying the Soviet threat in his famous "Iron Curtain" speech in Missouri.

Buchanan was intrigued. He espoused great admiration for Churchill — a man who turned many a political defeat into eventual triumph. He was a man who stuck to his principles, however unpopular, but finally brought everyone else along with him. "There was a man," Buchanan concluded.

The core of the Buchanan campaign had been formed, the gauntlet thrown down by a man who didn't think twice about opposing a sitting president four years ago, and isn't likely to abandon his campaign for the "heart and soul" of the GOP anytime soon.

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Anderson



LETTERS

Tax payers should set ballot agenda

When a group of taxpayers wanted the right to vote on whether a new terminal building should be constructed at Midland International Airport they exercised their right to petition for a vote on the issue.

They did so under a little known provision in the charter of the city of Midland called Initiative and Referendum (I&R), and circulated a petition to gain that vote. For their efforts, the group has been labeled as "obstructionists" and have been accused of misrepresenting the facts.

Members of the petition committee would like nothing better than to bring employees of companies, large or small, service organizations and other groups some important facts.

Every coin has two sides, and an informed voter should want to know everything about an issue before casting his/her precious vote.

As is usually the case, only the proponents' side is presented and the opportunity would be appreciated by the petition committee to bring all of the ramifications to any group who wishes to hear all sides of the issue.

If interested, please call 697-1590.

Edna Walger
Midland

Team should get better coverage

I must speak out for the Midland Lee High junior varsity baseball team. In your edition, March 3, you reported on the Odessa JV tournament. From the way the article was written you could not tell that Lee was even in the tournament, when in fact Lee won it hands down. Midland High did win two and lose one, but Lee won all three of their games by at least 10 runs and took the championship.

I realize that you cannot always send a reporter to all sports events in the community, but let's be fair when someone phones in results. Give credit to the winners not the second-place team.

The headline should have read "Lee's JV Wins Tournament." Lee's boys played their hearts out to win this honor and the way your paper failed to report it is a disgrace. Bryan Shores pitched a terrific game against Midland for the win. The defense played superbly and the offense scored a total of 41 runs in the three games. This is the first time that Lee's JV has won this tournament. Too bad the community was not informed of this fact.

Lottie Ellis
Midland

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 13, the 73rd day of 1996. There are 293 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On March 13, 1852, a familiar symbol of the United States, "Uncle Sam," made his debut as a cartoon character in the New York Lantern.

On this date:
 In 1639, Harvard University was named for clergyman John Harvard.

In 1781, the planet Uranus was discovered by Sir William Herschel.

In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson began in the U.S. Senate.

In 1884, Standard Time was adopted throughout the United States.

In 1901, the 23rd president of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, died in Indianapolis.

In 1906, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony died in Rochester, N.Y.

In 1925, a law went into effect in Tennessee prohibiting the teaching of evolution.

In 1928, more than 400 people died when the San Francisco Valley in California was inundated with water after the St. Francis Dam burst.

In 1933, banks in the U.S. began to reopen after a holiday declared by President Roosevelt.

In 1964, in a case that drew much notoriety, 38 residents of a Queens, N.Y., neighborhood failed to respond to the cries of Kitty Genovese, 28, as she was stabbed to death.

In 1969, the Apollo 9 astronauts splashed down, ending a mission that included the successful testing of the lunar module.

In 1985, funeral services were held for Soviet leader Konstantin U. Chernenko, after which Vice President Bush met with Chernenko's successor, Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

WILLIAM SAFIRE

Economic truths don't always sound right

WASHINGTON — A company announces layoffs that will make its products cost less and its profits rise. This is greeted as good news by investors, and the stock goes up.

But the Reich-Buchanan popu-libs — their philosophy deeply mired in the 1930s — treat "downsizing" as a sign of rampant greed by plutocrats at the expense of exploited workers.

The nation announces the good news that our rate of unemployment is making new lows, that job-creation is booming. Because this is treated as bad news by investors fixated on interest rates, the stock market falls out of bed.

Ah-hah! cry the popu-libs — this logical disconnect goes to show that what's good for Main Street luppen-proletariat is bad for Wall Street stuffed shirts.

On the campaign trail, Bob Dole cannot decide whether to identify with the resentment crowd or to admit that under Clinton, business is good. In the White House, Bill Clinton is equally torn, not knowing whether to share our joy or feel our pain.

Time for a half-dozen home truths.

1. You can't make a prosperity omelet without breaking eggs. Downsizing — making a bloated, high-cost enterprise lean and green by laying off layers of supervisors — provides the greatest good for the greatest number.

Overstaffed companies in Germany and Japan are playing catch-up because the United States has shown how slimmed-down producers deliver more value for consumers, more profits for investors and — because only the fittest companies survive — more security for workers.

2. Low unemployment is good for the economy. High employment's upward pressure on wages, which might reduce profits, is more than offset by increased aggregate demand for products, which adds to profits.

When the rate of unemployment was 8 percent, blue-collar workers bore the brunt of joblessness; today Joe and Josie Sixpack are back at work by the millions, but with middle managers getting the squeeze, you never heard such popu-lib anguish.

3. What is good for the economy is good for the stock market. Contrary to the current market mantra, good news is not bad news. Away with the notion that sweet are the uses of inversivity. Try this for long-term insight: Only good news is good news.

Only bad news — unemployment, recession, red ink, bankruptcies, plunging earnings multiples — is bad news. If the day ever comes that Alan Greenspan's Fed gives away toasters to get us to borrow at no percent, that easy money would not disguise hard times.

4. Main Street is Wall Street. Who do you suppose profits most when stocks go up? Pension funds, which are the employees' assets, and mutual funds, which are owned by marvelous hordes of workers and consumers. Many union funds are putting heat on companies whose stock they own to maximize profits and increase the value of workers' investments.

Soon our Social Security Fund will invest in

broad indexes of companies, seeking far higher historic returns than available from government bonds, thereby reducing the tax take from workers. The owners of America are the American people.

5. The devil should not take the hindmost, but the tail should not wag the dog. Sure, it's humiliating to be laid off before retirement age. The human impact of staying competitive is undeniable, though smart managers seeking the value of loyalty ameliorate it. And new law to make health insurance portable will help.

But the sacrifice of the relative few in these prosperous times benefits the many. The alternative — government meddling — would interfere with job creation.

Rather than join the popu-libs in whipping up the fear of getting fired and urging government-backed vengeance for the supposedly victimized, free-enterprisers should exhort each other to act as individual survivalists — improving our performance, finding security in making our services more valuable as we get older.

6. Success is to be emulated, not envied. Professional resenters on the right and left are demonizing good executives and making achievement a dirty word.

Owners, employees and consumers should want their companies to attract the best managers, the better to compete with other enterprises here and abroad, and competitive compensation tied to performance is often a wise investment. No salary is "obscene" that turns around a failing enterprise.

(Boy, will I get mail on this one.)

William Safire's column is distributed by New York Times News Service.

ART BUCHWALD

Giving air time to candidates looks like good idea

When Rupert Murdoch offered to give free television time to the candidates running for President, he dropped a nuclear bomb on the broadcasting industry.

Harley Hefferman, the CEO of Zig Zag News, was up in arms. "Doesn't the man know that political broadcasting is a business?"

"I guess not," I said. "But it's an interesting idea to give free air time to the people who will run the country."

"Baloney. Elections are won and lost according to how much money is spent on a campaign. Everyone knows that he with the most commercials wins. If we give away the air time, anybody could run for President."

"Perhaps, but in every election your industry raises the rates, and if someone can't pay them, you say that he has no business being in the race. It's refreshing to see the candidates offered free time. I think it's a good thing."

"You worry about the candidates — what about the network stockholders? Don't they count for anything in a presidential election?"

"They count for something but not much. I never met a broadcasting company stockholder who would be any good as president of the United States. Why don't you just go along with Murdoch and look good in the eyes of the public?"

"You really don't understand how this business works. We count on political advertising every four years. The revenue means more to us than Christmas. If we start giving away free air time, the politicians will expect us to do it all the time. It's one thing to give free air to President Clinton, but who the heck wants to give it to Alfonse D'Amato?"

"I think that you're overreacting," I told him.

"The American people will respect you for doing something like this, and will probably watch your other programs that have nothing to do with politics."

"It's out of the question," he said.

"How about this," I suggested. "Give free air time to all the candidates except Steve Forbes because he's the only one who can afford it. Whatever you charge him will make up for all the others who don't pay."

"That's not such a bad idea. But our real problem is Murdoch. If he keeps giving away air time, we'll be no better than the British, and everybody knows what a terrible government they have."

Art Buchwald's column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.



Buchwald

Americans wait longer to get hitched, report says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are tying the knot later in life than ever before. The typical age for a first marriage has climbed to 26.7 years for men and 24.5 for women, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday.

At the same time, people are showing less patience with problem marriages as growing numbers unravel the bond with divorce, according to the Census report, "Marital Status and Living Arrangements: March 1994."

In 1890, when age at marriage was first collected, the median age to get hitched was 26.1 for men and 22.0 for women.

The marriage age declined slowly for 66 years, then started to climb toward the current record level, said Arlene Saluter, the study's author.

In years past, there was some kind of a magic date by which people had to be married, observed Stephanie Kenitzer of Odenton, Md., who said her own marriage at age 27 "just kind of happened when it happened."

"People aren't saying, 'I'm 20 or I'm 25, so I'm an old maid,' she said. 'It's no longer looked upon as a negative that you're not married at a certain age.'"

"They're more free to make decision on their own and so people are waiting longer. I waited longer ... There was no pressure."

In a recent study by the independent Population Reference Bureau, researcher Carol J. De Vita noted that "young adults are delaying entrance into marriage, although very few will forego it altogether."

'People aren't saying, 'I'm 20 or I'm 25, so I'm an old maid.' It's no longer looked upon as a negative that you're not married at a certain age.'

— Stephanie Kenitzer, of Odenton, Md., who got married when she was 27

This declined gradually over the years, bottoming at 22.5 for men and 20.1 for women in 1956, before beginning to rise again as young people increasingly pursued college and careers instead of each other. Median indicates that half were married by that age and half married later.

Increasing educational and employment opportunities for women have contributed to their postponing marriage, De Vita said. For men, she added, stagnating wages in the 1970s and 1980s made marriage less affordable.

Of course, postponing marriage means an increase in the number of people who have never wed, and that is reflected in the Census study.

From 1970 to 1994 the number of Americans aged 18 and over who had never married leaped from 21.4 million, or 16 percent, to 44.2 million, or 23 percent.

While they are slower to tie the knot, Americans are proving faster to unravel it. From 1970 to 1994 the number currently divorced climbed from 4.3 million, or 3 percent of the adult population, to 17.4 million, or 9 percent.

"The high levels of divorce and

remarriage in the United States today suggest that Americans may be placing a high value on forming successful marriages and may be less tolerant of marital problems than were earlier generations," says De Vita.

The increasing economic independence of women today helps ease the financial pressure to remain in an unsatisfactory marriage, she added.

While marriage isn't out of style, the typical family today is much different from the one of years

past. "The delay in first marriages and rise in divorce among adults are two of the factors contributing to the growing proportion of children in one-parent living situations," said Saluter, the Census study's author.

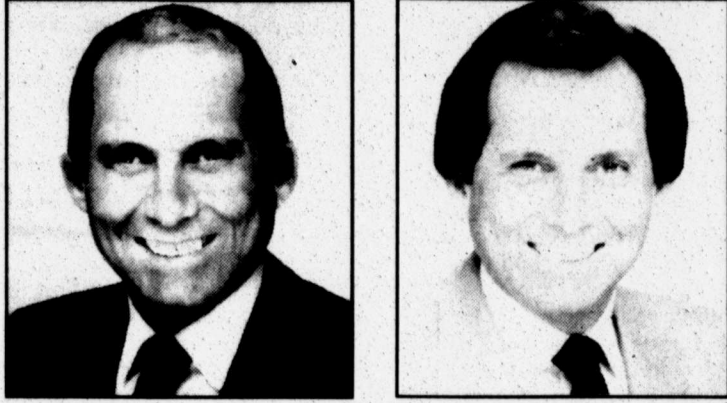
"Children are considerably more likely to be living with only one parent today than in 1970," she observed.

Her analysis found that between 1970 and 1994, the proportion of children living with two parents declined from 85 percent to 69 percent. Two-parent families include biological, step and adoptive parents.

The study found that 27 percent of children lived with just one parent in 1994, up from 12 percent in 1970.

Of those with one parent, 88 percent lived with Mom. Dad's 12 percent share was up from 9 percent in 1970, though.

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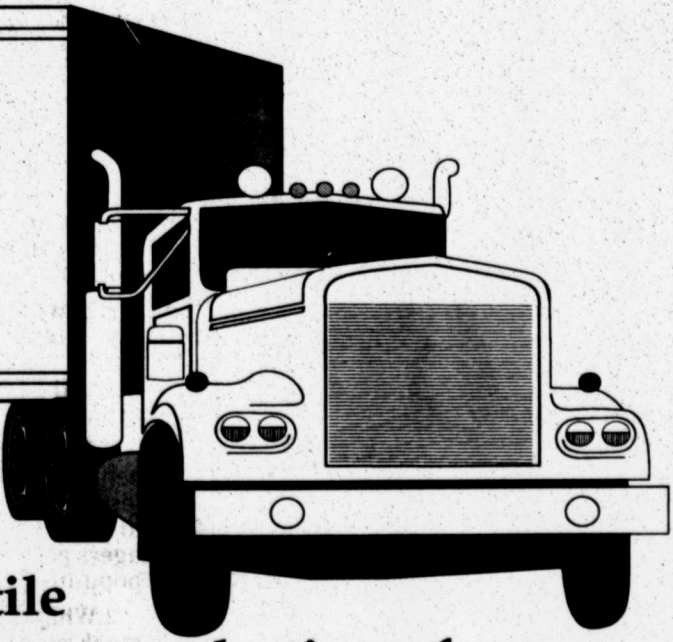
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NATION IN BRIEF

Jury gives killer of Jordan's father life

LUMBERTON, N.C. — A jury chose life in prison instead of the death penalty Tuesday for the man who killed Michael Jordan's father and then paraded around town in the dead man's car.

Following the jury's recommendation, a judge sentenced Daniel Green to life in prison for murder during the commission of a robbery and 10 years for conspiracy to commit robbery. The sentences must be served consecutively.

Green, 21, was convicted Feb. 29 in the slaying of James Jordan, who was shot as he napped in his car along a highway on July 23, 1993.

Green claimed witnesses lied, and called the judicial process "about as sacred as the red-light district in New Orleans."

"I know it may seem cliché but I did not kill Mr. Jordan, I did not rob Mr. Jordan," Green told jurors after Judge Gregory Weeks had them polled to make certain their verdict was unanimous.

GOP restores education money to bill

WASHINGTON — Prospects for a new federal shutdown faded further Tuesday as retreating Senate Republicans agreed to boost funds in a social spending bill and GOP leaders planned to send President Clinton a measure temporarily keeping agencies open.

Under pressure from Democrats, the Senate agreed to add \$2.7 billion for education and job-training programs to a \$160 billion measure financing domestic agencies for the rest of fiscal 1996. The 84-16 vote still left disputes over funds for the environment, technology research and hiring police officers, but edged the bill toward something Clinton could sign.

The extra money, raising education and job programs to nearly their 1995 levels, would be paid for mostly from sales of some government assets and reductions in federal aviation spending. Democrats afterward credited the approaching November elections for the vote and said GOP senators feared being tarred with supporting deeper cuts pushed through the House.

Republicans said they were merely being responsible by insisting that extra spending be paid for with savings elsewhere. And they accused Democrats of seeking to constantly spend money for what Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., said were "all the constituencies necessary for building a voting majority."

TV's 'Ben Casey' dies at 67 from cancer

LOS ANGELES — Vince Edwards, who as "Ben Casey" in the 1960s launched a tradition of handsome, brooding TV doctors that continues today with stars like "ER's" George Clooney, has died of cancer. He was 67.

Edwards died at 7:40 p.m. Monday at UCLA Medical Center. He was suffering from pancreatic cancer and had been hospitalized for about 10 days, manager T.J. Castronovo said Tuesday.

"He was saying he was going to beat it," Castronovo said. Castronovo recalled his client and friend as "a sweetheart."

"He was really an easygoing guy."

But it was as the serious and sometimes difficult Dr. Casey on the 1961-66 ABC series that Edwards gained fame. A rare TV anti-hero, Casey battled disease as well as the medical establishment.

Casey's mentor at County General Hospital was respected neurosurgeon Dr. David Zorba, played by the late Sam Jaffe.

The series, one of ABC's most popular, had the kind of hard-driving realism that has made NBC's "ER" a major hit. A Time magazine review of "Ben Casey" said it accurately captured "the feeling of sleepless intensity in a metropolitan hospital."

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Clinton signs bill to toughen sanctions on Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) — Miriam de la Pena stood watching President Clinton sign tougher sanctions against Cuba into law, wondering if her American-born son would have willingly given his life to bring the signing about.

"It's so hard to say," Mrs. de la Pena said. Then she concluded: "If my son were alive today and he knew that this would bring to light what is happening in Cuba, he would do it again."

Mario M. de la Pena, 24, was one of four activists killed when Cuban fighter jets shot down two unarmed civilian planes near Cuba. The Feb. 24 incident led Congress to pass the sanctions that Clinton signed Tuesday, with the goal of further choking Cuba's foreign investment as a warning that Fidel Castro must embrace democracy or suffer.

The Helms-Burton Act gives Cuban exiles the right to sue over property they lost during Castro's Communist rule. Also, foreign investors who deal in confiscated property are barred entry into the United States, and products made with Cuban sugar are banned.

"I sign it with a certainty that it will send a powerful, unified message from the United States to Havana, that the yearning of the Cuban people for freedom must not be denied," Clinton said.

Clinton signed the bill while surrounded by members of Congress, Cuban-American activists and relatives of the four men who died.

"In their memory, I will continue to do everything I can to help the tide of democracy that has swept our entire hemisphere finally, finally reach the shores of Cuba," the president said.

The signing came as voters cast ballots in Florida's presidential primary. Republican front-runner Bob Dole, courting the GOP-loyal Cuban-American vote, praised Clinton for signing the bill but criticized him for initially opposing the harshest of the sanctions.

"It is tragic that it took the murder of four innocent Americans to overcome opposition to this critical measure," Dole said.

Aside from the Helms-Burton sanctions, Clinton halted all charter flights between the United States and Cuba, added new restrictions

to Cuban diplomats' U.S. travel and pledged to ask Congress to compensate the victims' families out of \$100 million in frozen Cuban assets.

House cosponsor Dan Burton, R-Ind., said foreign investments in Cuba "are already starting to dry up" because of the sanctions, robbing Castro of the cash he needs to keep his government alive.

"This is the beginning of the end for Fidel Castro," Burton said. "He'll say just the opposite. But in a few short years, there will be freedom, democracy and human rights in Cuba, and we'll all go down there and have a good time."

The other sponsor, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., called the sanctions "a slap in the face to a tyrant who has been allowed to do things at will for a quarter of a century or more." He urged Clinton to enforce the sanctions "to the hilt."

That pleases Mrs. de la Pena, who lives in Miami. She said the death of her son, who was born in New Jersey, exposed the evil nature of Castro's government and raised hope that his autocratic rule may soon come to an end.

Imprisoned father gives daughter he deserted one of his kidneys

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Hoping to become "the daddy I should have been a long time ago," David Patterson left his jail cell and donated a lifesaving kidney Tuesday to the daughter he deserted before she was born.

Patterson, a convicted burglar, met with Renada Daniel-Patterson briefly before the transplant operation. They had met only twice before, once when Renada was too young to remember and a second time when she was 8.

"Thank you very much for giving me a chance. I love you," Renada, now 13, said through tears.

The two later were operated on at the University of California at San Francisco Medical Center. Surgery lasted more than four hours, ending shortly after 8 p.m. (CST), and both the girl and her father were in recovery, hospital spokeswoman Carol Fox said.

Fox said she didn't know the immediate prognosis of the surgery or the conditions of the father and daughter.

Renada was born with one kidney that failed when she was 5. She got a

new kidney that year, but her body rejected it a year later. Her mother couldn't donate one of hers because she is diabetic, and no suitable matches were found.

Renada was on dialysis three times a week but had been getting sicker in recent months.

Patterson, 34, had known for years that his daughter needed a new organ, but he was never asked to donate. In November, he wrote to offer one of his kidneys: "If you can forgive me, I will do my best to be the daddy I should have been a long time ago."

Renada's mother, Vickie Daniel, 35, said, "He's definitely been a non-presence, no-help kind of person." She added, however, that by donating the kidney "he'll make a difference." She and Patterson never married.

Patterson will recuperate in the hospital for five days to a week with a 24-hour guard before returning to the state prison in Folsom. He began serving a seven-year sentence in January 1994, but is to be released in July 1997 with credit for good behavior.

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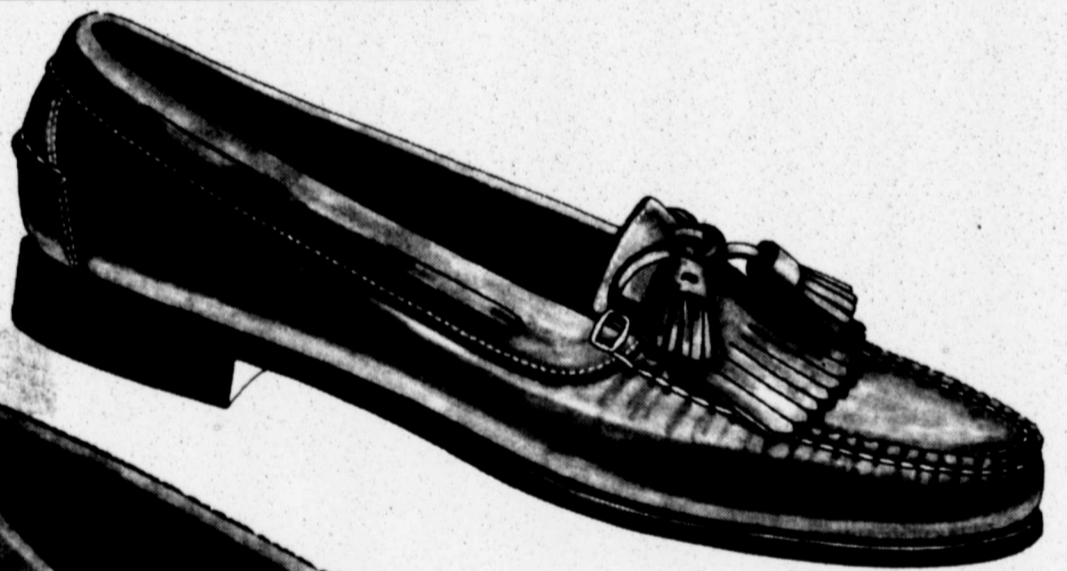


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BASIN BRIEFING

Rapist's payment

AUSTIN — A man who was sentenced to life in prison last month for raping a teen-ager has been ordered to pay his wife more than \$8 million for physical and mental abuse over a span of 15 years. Carmelia Ybarra, 36, was granted a divorce Monday from Jose Fonseca Najera. Judge John Dietz also awarded her \$8.2 million, gave her custody of the couple's three daughters and prohibited Najera, 41, from contacting them. "This is the biggest (award) I know of, in this state at least" in a divorce, said Ted Terry, one of Ms. Ybarra's lawyers. On Feb. 15, Najera, who has tested positive for the human immunodeficiency virus, was convicted of raping 16-year-old Maria Escalante at his home in January 1995. Miss Escalante — one of several domestic workers from Mexico whom prosecutors say Najera abused over the years — died of exposure a few days after being locked outside overnight when temperatures dropped below freezing.

TODAY'S AGENDA

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Permian Basin Small Business Association, 7 a.m., 405 N. Maricopa, third floor conference room.
Gamblers Anonymous, 4601 Neely Ave., Room 6, 7:30 p.m., 24-hour hotline, 567-7916.
Midland Articulators Chapter of International Training in Communication, 4400 N. Big Spring St., 689-7875 or 682-8820.

SINGLES GROUP, First United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m., parlor.

Arco Articulators, 11:30 a.m., ARCO Building, 688-5760.
Uptown Chapter of Business & Professional Women, luncheon program, Petroleum Club, 683-3000.
Tall City Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Permian Basin Graduate Center, 688-3193 (Bob Clohessey).

Company D, 403rd MP BN, Company D, Texas State Guard 7:30 p.m., Texas National Guard Armory.

Midland Apartment Association, board of directors, noon, Clusters Club room.
Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G. St., 570-8612.
Midland Quilters Guild, 1 p.m., Golf Course Road Church of Christ, Room 100, 694-2604.
Midland Health & Welfare Association, noon, Salvation Army, 300 S. Baird St.

DOWNTOWN LIONS Club, noon, Midland Center.
Midland Country Club Women's Golf Association, 9 a.m.
West Side Optimist Club, noon, Granada Club, Wall Street.
Eagles Permian Aerle #2982, 8 p.m., Brinson Lane.
Midland Genealogical Society Volunteers available 1-4 p.m., Midland County Library.
Daybreak Rotary Club, 7 a.m., Ranchland Hills Country Club, 683-3000.
SAA - Reflections, 560-5240. The meetings are closed.
Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 682-4461.

THURSDAY

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

SURVIVORS GROUP for Sexual Abuse, Rape, Incest Victims, 6 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 3300 South FM 1788, 563-1200.
Midland Genealogical Society, 902 W. Denger Ave., 7:30 p.m.
DAV Chapter 58 & auxiliary VFW Post 4148, 8:30 p.m., 685-3592.
Share Success-Basics of Goat Searing, Mr. Galt's (party room 1), 3205 W. Cumben Ave., noon, 570-4893.

City looks into changing parking meters

■ Council also discusses solutions to delinquency at water basin, mass transit study recommendation.

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

The fate of downtown parking meters, solutions to delinquency at a northwest Midland water basin and a mass transit study recommendation were among items discussed at the City Council's regular meeting Tuesday.

■ The city's decision-makers reviewed the possibility of making downtown parking meters coinless or doing away with the devices altogether. In the past, Mayor Bobby Burns has suggested doing away with meters in an effort to revive downtown and make the

district more attractive to visitors.

City traffic division employees demonstrated the operation of parking meters converted to a coinless format. Meters could be altered to require a turn every hour, at no cost, or allow the user to turn the meter for a free hour and then be charged for additional time.

The feasibility of such a change was questioned due to conversion costs, enforcement problems and abuse by downtown employees.

Police Sgt. Brian Bogart said twice the man hours would be needed to enforce the proposed system because tires would require marking. "Enforcement on these is going to be a problem, a bad problem," he said.

And eliminating meters altogether would present problems as well. "If you did free parking you would not be able to park within two blocks of the (Midland County) courthouse because the employees would park there," he said.

Courthouse employees have a designated parking lot

a few blocks from the courthouse.

City officials noted that some employees already monopolize the meters but pay the price. "There are certain meters that certain employees have as their own and run down and plug that meter every hour or two," Police Chief Richard Czech said.

City officials also touched on the loss of revenue if meters were made coinless or eliminated. Although the city makes some profit on meters, it's not considered a revenue source but a way to ensure turnover of parking downtown.

Currently, meter revenues have dropped two-thirds because only one person is writing tickets rather than three. That's because two ticket-writers were moved to Midland International Airport due to increased security there.

In addition to free parking, city officials briefly dis-

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Warm Weather FUN

Above, Tina left, and Jesse Ortega enjoyed the nice weather Tuesday by having a picnic at Cowden Park with their children Alex, left, and Michael. At left, also out enjoying the recent warm weather were Kyle, left, and Morgan Warrick. Their wagon was being pulled by Stephen Coss.

Photos by Curt Wilcott

Police hold father in connection with 2-year-old's beating death

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 24-year-old man was behind bars Tuesday for allegedly whipping and beating his 2-year-old son to death because the boy had urinated in the living room.

Patrick Nelson Barnes was in the Tarrant County jail on \$500,000 bail in connection with the Sunday night death of Marquis Dorsey.

Barnes was held on a suspicion of capital murder charge.

He was expected to be arraigned on a capital murder charge later this week.

An autopsy revealed the child died of head injuries caused by blunt-force trauma. Police said the boy also had obvious welts and bruises on his body, and there were signs of more wounds that had healed.

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'He describes it as a spanking that got out of hand. I wouldn't characterize it in any way a spanking.'
—Sgt. Paul Kratz homicide

Officials suspect Arlington man in seven Robin-hood like holdups in less than hour

SOUTHLAKE (AP) — An Arlington man accused of going on a robbery spree, but returning part of the loot for several victims "to give to your wife and kids," was behind bars Tuesday after police said he tried one too many stick-ups.

Jon Todd Nickerson, 30, was in the Southlake jail Tuesday awaiting transfer to the Tarrant County Jail on charges of aggravated robbery in Southlake and Grapevine. The Southlake charge carried \$50,000 bail and the Grapevine charge held \$20,000 bail.

Nickerson was arrested late Sunday at the end of an hourlong spurt during which police believe he held up seven gas stations in five cities. Police declined to disclose how much money was taken in the robberies.

Two Southlake officers had just received a description of the bandit and his Mercedes-Benz when they saw him, wearing sunglasses, leaving a Southlake service station, the officers said.

They blocked the suspect's exit with

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Name that carrot

Vegetable guru passes up '12th Man Carrot' for 'Betasweet' in contest

By Keely Coghlan
Bryan-College Station Eagle

COLLEGE STATION — "Purple Passion" is out. So is "Purple People Eater," "Bunny's Best," "The Barney Carrot" and "12th Man Carrot."

Texas A&M University vegetable guru Leonard Pike weeded through more than 500 suggestions for the name of his new maroon carrot before he and a panel of 13 people chose "Betasweet" as the name of their carrot.

Most of the other top contenders also included some reference to the carrot's high betacarotene content: "Beta King," "Hi Beta," "Sweet Beta" and "Texas Mega Beta." "Texas Sunset" was the only Top 6 candidate that didn't.

About 75 percent of the final 50 names included some mention of "beta," in reference to the carrot's increased level of betacarotene, said Pike, director of the Vegetable Improvement Center at A&M.

"When I talked to people, I said I don't want it to be an Aggie joke carrot," Pike said. "I think a lot of people picked up on it."

The winning contestant, John Duncelman of Clewiston, Fla., also submitted four other names. He will receive some cookbooks and possibly some maroon carrot seeds from Progressive Farmer, which sponsored the "Name the Maroon Carrot Contest."

The university will do a name search to ensure that there is no conflict with any other product with that name, and then Pike will begin marketing the carrot under that name.

"The big winner will be the marketing," said Karl Wolfshohl of Progressive Farmer. "The name is half the battle."

Progressive Farmer named Pike its Man of the Year in the past for his work for southwest agriculture, including development of the 1015 onion and establishment of the Vegetable Improvement Center.

Pike ended up with a 17-page list of single-spaced names. Readers of Progressive Farmer sent in almost 350 names. Others were sent in by watchers of the syndicated "The Produce Man" segments on local news shows across the country and by A&M students or former students.

And then there appear to be a few submissions from

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POLICE REPORTS

Robbery

A woman was robbed Monday by two males, according to a police report.

One of the men was armed with a knife; the other grabbed her from behind and took cash and her driver's license, police said.

She described the men as being Hispanic, 20-30 years old, of medium build and 5 foot 8 to 5 foot 10. One was wearing a red shirt and jeans; the other was wearing a black shirt and jeans.

The incident occurred in the 1300 block of West Front Avenue around 8 p.m., according to the report.

Midland Police Department

Tuesday

Burglary of a vehicle: A window of a vehicle was broken and a stereo and two home-made speakers were taken at 3710 Anetta Drive, reported David Fuentes at 3:51 a.m.

Vandalism: A window was damaged at 2602 Racquet Club Drive, it was reported at 9:38 a.m.

Theft: A taigate was taken from a pickup at 4040 W. Wall St., reported Performance Honda at 10:28 a.m.

Vandalism: A vehicle was

damaged with a key at 1410 Whitaker St., reported Alejo Martinez at 11:13 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Monday

Theft: The Kent Kwik convenience store at 11400 W. Highway 158 reported the theft of gasoline, valued at \$15.49, taken by white and Hispanic males in a green Thunderbird. It was reported at 11:45 p.m.

Tuesday

Vandalism: Windows of a vehicle were broken at 200 W. Wall St., it was reported at 7:41 a.m.

Theft: Metal reflective house number signs were taken and political signs were damaged at 6204 FM 307, reported Jay Moore at 8:36 a.m.

Burglary: A report was made at 3006 S. County Road 1220 by Pedro Portillo at 11:11 a.m.

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

DEATHS

Jose Ramos

Services for Jose Manuel Ramos, 33 are to be at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 14, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home. Rosary will be recited 7 p.m. today, March 13, at the funeral home.

Ramos died Sunday, March 10, in Odessa.

He was born June 21, 1962, in Roswell, N.M.

He moved to Midland in 1964. He attended Midland schools.

He was a carpenter and was a building contractor.

Survivors include his parents, Juan and Aurora Ramos of Midland; three brothers, Gabriel Ramos, Juan Ramos Jr., and Anselmo Ramos, all of Midland; two sisters Maria Romos and Amalia Ramos, both of Midland; and many nieces and nephews.

Hollis Taylor

Hollis Karl Taylor, 70, died Friday, March 8, at a local hospital.

Arrangements are under the direction of Walker Funeral Directors. Private services are scheduled for a later date.

He was born Feb. 5, 1926, in Chapman, Kan.

He graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in engineering. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corp.

He started a building contractor business in Midland.

He was preceded in death by one son, Brian Taylor.

Survivors include three sons, Randy Taylor of Midland, Kim Taylor of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Brad Taylor of New York, N.Y.; one sister, Virginia Clack of Carthage, Mo.; three brothers, Francis Taylor of Kingsman, Kan., Ted Taylor of Phoenix, Ariz., and Tony Taylor of Denver; and five grandchildren.



Taylor

Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Leon Green officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Rogers died Sunday, March 10, at his Midland residence.

Pallbearers are to be George Anderson, Jack Kidwell, Earl Selman, Pretice Bryant, Bob Cannon, Jay Watson, Russ Padgett and James Hamitt.

Honorary pallbearers are to be J.B. Woodruff and Bob Smith.

Kenny Confer

Services for Kenny Confer are to be at 3 p.m. today, March 13, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. C. Lane Boyd officiating. Burial will be Saturday, March 16, at Wichita Park Cemetery in Wichita, Kan., with Ben Killion officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Confer died Monday, March 11, at a local hospital.

Billy Hartwell

Services for Billy E. Hartwell, 73, are to be at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 14, at Crestview Baptist Church with the Rev. Larry Ashlock officiating. Burial, with Masonic rites, will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Hartwell died Tuesday, March 12.

He was born March 7, 1923, in Iowa Park. He was raised in Crane and Monahans and graduated from Spanish-American Normal in El Rito, N.M.

He attended Texas Tech University.

He married Jane Demos on Feb. 21, 1947.

He lived in Midland for 20 years. He was an oil-field equipment salesman before retiring in 1987.

He was a member of the Masons in Monahans. He was a member of Crestview Baptist Church in Midland.

He was preceded in death by one son, Larry Hartwell in 1979.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Demos Hartwell of Midland; two daughters, Vicki Lynn Lawrence of Abilene and Shawna Hartwell of Midland; one brother, Hubert Hartwell of Fort Worth; five sisters, Lila Johnston of Eagle River, Wis., Ruby Franks of Wink, Mil-

dred Spray of Pecos, Thelma Headrick of New Castle, Okla., and Nancy Kepp of Fort Worth; three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Clarence Mast

AMARILLO — Graveside services for former Midlander Dr. Clarence S. Mast, 78, are to be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo with the Rev. Alan Meenam officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home in Amarillo.

Mast died Friday, March 8, in Amarillo.

He was born Sept. 16, 1917, in Abingdon, Ill.

He graduated from Lubbock High School in 1934 and from Texas Tech University in 1938. He graduated from John Hopkins University in 1942.

He married Joni C. Bundy in 1940 in Silverton.

He was a Navy lieutenant during World War II and was assistant to the chief of medicine at Sampson Naval Hospital.

He was obstetrician/gynecologist and delivered 10,000 babies over a 40-year period. He and two brothers owned and operated the Mast Clinic in Midland.

He moved to Amarillo in 1975 from Jackson, Miss.

He was a member of American Fetal Society, the Texas Medical Association, American College of OB-GYN, the Confederate Air Force and First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joni Mast of Amarillo; two sons, Larry Mast of South Park and Roy Mast of Lake Jackson; two daughters, Sue Barker of El Paso and Christine Gilbert of Austin; one brother, Dr. John Mast of Midland; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the Confederate Air Force, P.O. Box 6200, Midland 79711-2660.

Verna Harris

BLUFF DALE — Services for former Midlander Verna Harris, 96, are to be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 14, at Bluff Dale Baptist Church with the Revs. Royce Measurers and David Whitehead officiating. Burial will follow at Glenn

Cemetery in Bluff Dale under the direction of Stephenville Funeral Home.

Ms. Harris died Tuesday, March 12, at a Bluff Dale nursing home.

She was born July 14, 1899 in Bluff Dale.

She taught speech and drama for 40 years, 20 of those years in Midland.

She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, Historical Commission of Erath County, Thurber Historical Association and Bluff Dale Baptist Church.

Survivors include one sister, Opal Pittman of Bluff Dale; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made to Bluff Dale Baptist Church, Bluff Dale Fire Department, Glenn Cemetery Association or Stephenville Retired Teachers Association.

Rita Barrera

STANTON — Services for Rita Rodriguez Barrera, 57, of Stanton are to be 2 p.m. Friday, March 15, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Terence Brenon officiating. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at the church.

Ms. Barrera died Tuesday, March 12, at a Stanton hospital after a short illness.

She was born July 3, 1938, in Alice.

She married Santos Gusman Barrera on Nov. 23, 1953, in Stanton.

She moved to Stanton 25 years ago from Lenorah.

She worked for Stanton Care Center. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Santos Barrera of Stanton; six sons, Santos Barrera of Roanoke, Maximo Barrera of Dangerfield, and Luis Barrera, Robert Barrera, Martin Barrera and Joel Barrera, all of Stanton; six daughters, Janie Tarango, Ramona Moreno, Linda Martinez and Rita Mae Alaniz, all of Stanton, Mary Barrera of Friona and Lupe Hagel of Ballinger; three sisters, Maria Anita Torres of Denver, Dominga Mares of San Antonio and Angellita Cantu of Stanton; three brothers, Santos Rodriguez of Lenorah, Manuel Rodriguez of Seminole and Juan Rodriguez of San Antonio; 32 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

ARREST: Police hold father in son's death

(From 1B)

"He didn't give a plausible reason for what took place," said Fort Worth homicide Sgt. Paul Kratz. "Basically, he said that he had been caring for the child for some time and that he was too stressed out."

The boy was hurt Saturday night, although he wasn't treated until Sunday when he began vomiting, his pulse weakened and his pupils became unresponsive.

This case isn't the first time Barnes is believed to have seriously injured Dorsey.

Last August, the child was taken to a hospital suffering from head and liver injuries, Kratz said. The father was suspected of inflicting the wounds but police couldn't gather enough evidence to file charges.

"He describes it as a spanking that got out of hand," Kratz said. "I wouldn't characterize it in any way as a spanking. It was a beating."

The baby's mother, Daphne Dorsey, did not live with Barnes but she allowed him to be with the child. At the time of his death, the boy had been living with Barnes for two weeks in an apartment he shared with a relative, police said.

"If I would have seen anything, I would have called the police or the social service people," she said. "I wouldn't have let anybody hurt my baby."

Barnes already had a criminal record for other violent incidents.

At the time of the arrest for his son's death, Barnes was on probation after being convicted in the beating of an off-duty Tarrant County deputy in the parking lot of a discount store.

Larry Harmon said he was beaten so severely by Barnes and another man that he doesn't even remember going to the store where the beating occurred.

The attack followed an argument over a claim by Barnes that Harmon's wife had called him a name.

SEVEN: Officials charge man in robberies

(From 1B)

a patrol car and arrested him without incident, officials said.

The holdups began about 9:20 p.m. in Irving, when a man brandishing a gun walked into an Exxon station and demanded money, police said.

Minutes later, a man fitting the same description attempted a holdup at an Exxon station in Farmers Branch. A clerk thwarted that robbery; he was on the telephone and, when the man demanded money, told his wife to call 911.

A Lewisville station was hit next. After robbing the station, the

bandit handed the clerk \$10.

Back in Irving, a Mobil station was robbed. Then the robber struck two Grapevine stations. After taking only the large bills from the second store, the robber gave the clerk an undisclosed amount of money and told him to give it to his family, authorities said.

In Southlake, the bandit also gave the clerk \$20 before walking out.

Nickerson is a suspect in four previous robberies in Irving and Lewisville, authorities said. He has no prior criminal history in Tarrant County, officials said.

Authorities charge 3 of 4 suspects with murder in driveway robberies

FORT WORTH (AP) — Capital murder charges were filed Tuesday against three of four suspects in a recent string of Tarrant County driveway robberies.

Single capital murder counts were filed against Willie Reco Jones, Anthony Williams and Eddie C. Johnson, all 18, all of Fort Worth, in last week's slaying of Jeffrey Doolittle during a driveway robbery that turned deadly.

Each also was charged with four counts of attempted capital murder and three counts of aggravated robbery.

A 15-year-old Fort Worth boy was charged with three counts of attempted capital murder and three of aggravated robbery. Police withheld his identity because of his age.

Other charges are possible,

Police Chief Thomas R. Wyndham said.

Doolittle, 42, was killed in one of two driveway attacks in Fort Worth that occurred about 15 minutes apart last Wednesday. Three others occurred the previous week within a half-hour span in far south Fort Worth.

Johnson was being held in Tarrant County Jail with bail set at \$500,000, a jail spokesman said Tuesday. Bail was set at \$550,000 for Jones and \$500,000 for Williams.

The four are "strong suspects" in 21 robberies committed in Fort Worth, Arlington and Bedford since January, Fort Worth police Lt. Mark Krey said.

Cellular phone records helped investigators track the teen-agers.

Tom Rogers

Services for Tom Rogers are to be at 1 p.m. today, March 13, at

MEET: Council discusses three issues

(From 1B)

cussed other ways to make meters more user-friendly. That included more two-hour meters (many are one hour) and allowing more machines to accept coins other than quarters.

No decisions were made about the future of meters. The council agreed to refer the issue to the downtown revitalization committee and look into alternatives at a later date.

The council gave the go-ahead to proceed with a plan of action to combat problems at a water basin in northwest Midland. City representatives recently visited with residents who complained about delinquents frequenting the basin.

NAME: A&M vegetable guru picks winner

(From 1B)

possible University of Texas jokers, including "Gig 'Um Carrot" and "High Noon Maroon."

Pike threw out a lot of names that referred to color or A&M, including "Carmine Miranda," that failed to pick up on the health aspect — the carrot's biggest asset.

Pike's carrot packs a healthier punch: more betacarotene, more vitamin C, a little bit more sugar to sweeten the taste and a crunchier texture.

"Most people still think (the maroon carrot) is a joke," Pike said. "But when I went to New York, I met with 18 different food writers. And they said this was going to be 'the kiwi of the '90s.'"

His promotional trip paid off. Self magazine had a seven-page spread in its February issue on

"It's a haven of illicit activity," Assistant City Manager Glen Hackler said.

The basin — located just east of where Tealwood Place dead-ends and south of Mervyn's — is enclosed by a wood fence. The basin has become a hideout for juveniles and drug users and subject to vandalism and graffiti, officials said.

City officials recommended a chain-link fence topped with wire to keep people out and make any activity within the basin visible from the outside. Other considerations are the installation of lighting and drainage pumps.

A suggestion to convert the basin into a park was ultimately deemed not feasible.

■ Details of a Midland-Odessa Transit Feasibility Study and a subsequent recommendation were presented to the council. City officials have said creation of a transit system appears cost-prohibitive in Midland.

The study included a look at current transit services, alternatives and public comments.

A recommendation was made for implementation of a demand-response transit system for seniors and the disabled only. "There are not enough services to meet the need and the need is growing," said Linda Cherrington, project manager.

Such a program would cost \$446,020 annually. Fare revenues would pay for \$31,221, while

state/federal dollars would pay \$311,099. The local share would amount to \$103,700.

Council member Jose Cuevas inquired about the possibility of other funding sources to offset the local share. Unfortunately, city government usually bears the burden alone, he was told.

Although the council voiced concerns about costs, officials said the issue would be further discussed at a later date.

The study — commissioned using state-distributed federal funds — was conducted by Houston-based L.K.C. Consulting Services and sponsored by the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission's Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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Dole focuses on Clinton while keeping Buchanan, Forbes at bay

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NY Times Service

Bob Dole remembers Illinois all too well.

Eight years ago, he stood in a cheesy community hall in suburban Chicago, trying to bluff his way past reporters' questions about his collapsing campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

Wednesday, as the GOP primary calendar turns toward the Great Lakes, Dole sees less troubled waters.

In 1988, soon after losing the Illinois primary to George Bush, Dole dropped out of the race.

This year, the contests next Tuesday in Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin are all expected to add to what seems to be Dole's inexorable march toward becoming his party's challenger to President Clinton this fall.

That is true, in fact, for the remainder of the primary calendar, which after a fast, concentrated start stretches to four contests on June 4 in Alabama, Montana, New Jersey and New Mexico.

But that is not to say there won't be road bumps for Dole along the campaign trail.

His biggest problem is the seemingly resolute determination of

Pat Buchanan and Steve Forbes to hang in. After a certain point, all the talk about a spirited primary being good for a party and it's eventual nominee is hooey.

Dole is attempting to focus on Clinton, but it is difficult for him to ignore the sometimes incendiary blasts from Buchanan and the free-spending on television ads by Forbes.

One worry for Dole is what's known in marketing as buyer's remorse — sudden dissatisfaction after purchase.

With Dole having the nomination all but locked up, will voters in one or more states forsake him? If they

did, it probably would not derail Dole's candidacy, but it could appear to weaken him in the run-up to the Republican National Convention and the general election campaign.

The possibility of voters having second thoughts about Dole is especially problematic in California, which holds a primary in two weeks, on March 26.

For one thing, California, which previously held its primary at the end of the season in June, has a history of rejecting front-runners.

Sometimes, it's because local politicians are on the ballot (Republican Ronald Reagan and Democrat Jerry Brown won their

party's California primary in 1976 but lost the nomination). But not always.

In 1984, just as Walter Mondale was about to claim the Democratic nomination, Gary Hart won the California primary — prompting a painstaking recapitulation of delegate support. The spectacle just

added to Mondale's image as a weak candidate.

How a candidate other than Dole, who has the backing of the state GOP establishment led by Gov. Pete Wilson, can do well in California probably depends on how much that candidate is willing to spend.

Blue-collar workers cool off toward Buchanan's populist message

By Sharon Cohen

Associated Press

As a blue-collar worker, Jeff Harper knows about shrinking paychecks and shuttered factories. Pat Buchanan is trying to woo him on these very issues, but Harper isn't impressed.

"American jobs for American workers — it's easy for him to say. He's never had to vote on anything," says the pipe fitter from Joliet, Ill. "Coming from a man

who drove a Mercedes-Benz, it doesn't hold any weight for me. He has no idea what the blue-collar people of America do."

But Buchanan's message hits home with David Ross, an autoworker at Chrysler's nearly 100-year-old Jeep plant in Toledo, Ohio, who worries about American jobs moving overseas or to Mexico.

"Who's to say it won't happen here and that I won't lose my job?" Ross asks. "Buchanan is the only candidate ... with enough guts

to say 'Enough is enough.'"

As the Republican presidential campaign shifts to the industrial Midwest with March 19 primaries in Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio, the debate turns to blue-collar concerns: trade, plant closings, wages and unions.

President Clinton courted blue-collar workers in 1992, winning all four Midwest states voting next week. Though some supporters in this heavily unionized area feel betrayed by his support of NAFTA, many aren't willing to abandon

him for a GOP candidate.

"I wouldn't vote for a Republican if he paid me," huffed Jim Kraus, a 51-year-old United Auto Workers member employed by Caterpillar Inc., the heavy equipment giant in Peoria, Ill. "The middle class doesn't stand a chance."

Len Epton, a 28-year veteran of the General Motors Tech Center in Warren, Mich., echoes the sentiment.


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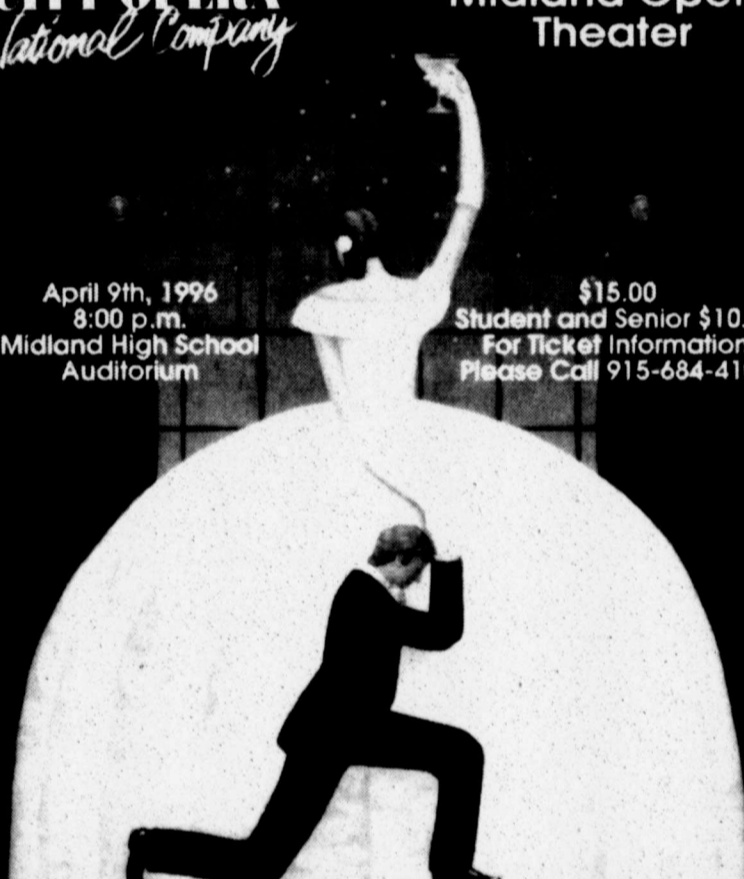
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Attention turns to general election after Super Tuesday

David M. Shribman
NY Times Service

WASHINGTON — With Bob Dole's nomination all but wrapped up, the general-election campaign now begins.

Exactly which issues will predominate in this year's election depends on what campaign you listen to. The Democrats argue that the election will be fought over education, environment, the old and the poor. The Dole forces say it's going to be fought over a balanced budget, growth and character. They're both right — and wrong. "In both cases, events beyond the control of either campaign may play a larger than usual role," says David Mason, vice president of the Heritage Foundation, the conservative think tank in Washington.

The stock market, for example, might emerge as a major factor; if the Dow Jones Industrial Average continues to climb, it makes it harder for the Republicans to make a case against President Clinton's stewardship of the economy. Foreign policy questions could affect the election; developments in Taiwan, Middle Eastern terrorism and Bosnia could hurt the president and assist Dole. Moreover, there are two imponderables: how White-water and Dole's age — the Kansan turns 73 this summer — shake out.

"The 1992 election was clearly about the economy," said Geoffrey Garin, a Demo-

cratic pollster. "The 1996 election has no dominant issue. That gives the candidates more freedom to pick their issues to suit their purposes."

Even so, the election is likely to be fought on these issues:

■ **The direction and heat of the economy.** If the economy slows down, the Republicans will argue that they're better suited to stoke up the growth, probably through a comprehensive restructuring of the tax system.

In the fourth quarter of 1995, the economy grew 0.9 percent, following a 3.6 percent rate in the third quarter. Dole will argue that the economy's growth is not robust enough, and Clinton will counter that the economy was weak during the last Republican presidency, providing no reason for the GOP to claim that it can do better.

"The Republicans have a difficult time with the slow growth of wages," says Robert Reischauer, who headed the Congressional Budget Office while the Democrats controlled Congress. "Clinton can say he wanted to raise the minimum wage, while the Republicans are sticking with trickle down and tax cuts to the rich."

■ **Size and role of government.** The issue has faded in recent months because the Republican candidates generally agree on a substantially trimmer government. But the topic is likely to make a big comeback before Labor Day. "People are still inter-

ested in these issues, and there are big disagreements between the two parties," said Ed Goetz, a Republican political pollster. Clinton has embraced an era of smaller government, but Republicans almost surely will say the Democrats have no credibility here.

■ **Job growth.** The administration has a lot to crow about. It claims more than 8 million new jobs, considerably more than the 1.3 million new jobs created during the Bush years, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Those numbers, however, inflate job creation because they include part-time jobs. Even so, the unemployment rate is now 5.5 percent. In January 1993, when Clinton took over, it stood at 7 percent.

"How can Clinton legitimately take credit for that?" asked Bradley Bateman, a Grinnell College economist. "Which policy has he pushed through that has caused this to happen?"

The issue, however, may go beyond statistics to comfort and security — a concern that Clinton himself has raised, perhaps to his peril. Even Clinton's allies worry that the jobs issue could hurt the Democrats.

"There's the whole question of the quality of jobs out there," said Warren Davis, the Cleveland regional director of the United Auto Workers. "We don't have the same quality of jobs we had 15 years ago. The new jobs are relatively low-paying

service industry jobs."

■ **Trade.** This is perhaps the most emotional and least understood issue in the 1996 debate. Even simple figures obscure greater truths: During recessions, for example, the trade balance improves.

The imbalance narrowed, for example, during the Bush recession of 1990, when the gap was only \$80 billion, falling to \$29 billion in 1991, when the United States actually made money on the Gulf War. The deficit rose to \$106 billion in 1994 and probably will rise to about \$125 billion when the 1995 numbers are finalized. That looks bad, but it reflects a strong economy.

"Strong economies tend to generate large expansions of imports," said Barry Bosworth, director of the Council on Wage and Price Stability in the Carter administration. "When your income's going up, you can afford to buy from other countries." None of this, however, assuages the discomfort that Americans feel about the nation's international trade posture; the rise of Patrick J. Buchanan proves that.

■ **Social issues.** The narrow focus is on issues such as abortion and the fight that the GOP almost can't avoid in San Diego about its platform language. But there are broader social issues at play in the nation as well, and they will shape the mood of Americans as they head to the polling booths on Nov. 5.

Goetz, the GOP pollster, calls it the "values squeeze." People believe they

have been working harder to make ends meet and they worry about spending less time with their family and in their communities. "People are worrying that their baby sitters, teachers and television are spending too much time with their children," he says. "That's tied to economics." Right now neither party has figured out how to address this discomfort.

■ **Trust.** Both parties will try to make points on trust. The Democrats will argue that middle-class voters can't trust the GOP to look out for its interests. The Republicans will argue that the president himself is not trustworthy. "You can't trust him, you can't trust the people in his Cabinet, and Democrats don't like him," said Charles W. Yob, a GOP national committeeman from Michigan.

■ **Political vitality and the nation's imagination.** Both Dole and Clinton are veteran politicians and experienced campaigners. But Clinton strategists plainly want to paint their candidate as the one with the sort of presidential "vigor" required for the 21st century. Republicans, meanwhile, know that Dole must show vision, imagination and creativity as he seeks the support of undecided voters. "Dole's going against the best campaigner the Democrats have had since John F. Kennedy," said Robert T. Bennett, the state GOP chairman in Ohio.

Dole's numbers provide enough leverage to shape party's agenda

Walter R. Mears
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rolling toward the Republican presidential nomination in shutout style, Sen. Bob Dole is foreclosing the options of his last rivals to do more than argue about the issues they're trying to push into the fall campaign.

Leverage over the party agenda goes by the numbers, and Dole's command of the Super Tuesday primaries displayed dominance that will control what's done and debated on the party platform as well as the nomination.

While Dole's winning votes were being cast, Pat Buchanan said he wants to "rewrite the platform of the Republican Party in the image of the kind of campaigning we've conducted."

That's not the way it works. In order to force high-visibility convention votes on the issues he has in mind, such as criticizing U.S. trade agreements and foreign aid, Buchanan would need state backing that seems out of reach now.

That also would apply to Steve Forbes' effort to get his flat tax proposal into the platform in terms more specific than the "flatter, fairer" concept Dole has endorsed.

Under Republican convention rules, the platform committee, with two members chosen by each state delegation, makes its decisions by simple majorities, and the Dole campaign will rule there. To challenge its terms and force an issue to a convention vote, a dissenter would effectively need majorities in the delegations of six states, one to propose the change and five more to second it.

That might happen were the Dole majority to wade into a controversy over a platform issue like abortion, and the prior GOP platform pledge to support a constitutional amendment against it. While that doesn't fully mesh with his sometimes imprecise personal position, the Senate leader isn't likely to pick a fight on so sensitive a topic.

At this point, Buchanan has majorities in two state delegations, Louisiana and New Hampshire, although unpledged dele-

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gates could alter the balance. Forbes holds the Arizona and Delaware delegations.

Dole had won 17 states even before the Super Tuesday voting in seven more. He was on the way to capturing them all.

Forbes said he's running, and will keep at it, to "get the issues before the voters" and influence the direction the party takes. He said influencing the platform is part of that process. "It's like making sausage — not nice to behold, but it's absolutely necessary in a democracy to move ahead in a proper way," he said.

Buchanan said he is entitled to a convention role, noting that he got one last time, after his challenge to President Bush, and saying he speaks for more voters now than then.

His prime-time spot at the 1992 convention was negotiated with the Bush camp; he got it by agreeing to endorse Bush, used it to deliver a speech in which he said a cultural and religious war was on for the soul of America, high-octane rhetoric that offended more moderate Republicans. He still boasts of that speech.

"Pat made a speech that turned a lot of people away from George Bush," said California Gov. Pete Wilson. "I certainly wouldn't repeat the mistakes of the '92 convention."

"If they have 300 or 400 or 500 delegates, obviously they'll be a factor," Dole said before the latest primary round, numbers his people are confident Buchanan can't reach. The Republican assumption is that in the end, the Dole campaign will negotiate a role for Buchanan, in an attempt to avoid alienating the GOP right.

Another route to the convention platform is for a minority candidate to have his name placed in nomination. There, again, the numbers would likely block the path of Dole's rivals if, as they say, they wage their contests to the finish, at the convention in San Diego next August.

To be nominated for president or vice president, a candidate needs majorities in five state delegations.



A smiling Bob Dole greets reporters outside of his Capitol Hill office Tuesday. With a good lead in primary elections Dole hopes to bring the party together for a win in the general elections.

That's not a high threshold, but to reach it a challenger would have to find target states and block Dole, when his victory margins are going up, not down.

"Dole's got the delegates and the momentum, no doubt about that," Buchanan acknowledged. And that was accelerating, not slowing, although Buchanan had claimed that his inconclusive edge in week-

end caucuses in Missouri showed "Republicans are taking a second look at that car they bought."

"There's always a case of buyer's remorse that sets in when someone emerges," President Clinton said when he hit campaign bumps four years ago.

Not always, at least not yet for Dole.

Kemp makes 2nd man picks

Vic Ostrowdzki
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — Former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp, who made establishment Republicans angry last week by endorsing Malcolm S. "Steve" Forbes, offered a list Tuesday of possible running mates for Bob Dole that excluded himself but included retired Gen. Colin Powell.

Kemp's list also contained Michigan Gov. John Engler, former South Carolina Gov. Carroll Campbell and California Attorney Gen. Dan Lungren.

Kemp, who had been mentioned as a possible GOP vice presidential contender before he refused to back Dole and instead came out for Forbes, insisted Tuesday that "the race for the nomination is far from being over. It's not a foregone conclusion that Dole will be the nominee."

Nevertheless, he agreed to respond to questions about Dole's possible running mate.

First Kemp conceded that his endorsement "didn't help me with the Dole campaign." When asked about his own chances of being selected by Dole as his running mate, he said, "That isn't in the cards."

In mentioning other possible running mates, Kemp did not discuss them in any detail except for Powell. He praised the former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman and rejected a suggestion that his selection might hurt the Republican ticket in the South because Powell is black.

"The South is quite progressive," Kemp said. "I think Powell would help the ticket there. He is a patriot. His life is a living manifestation of American dream of upward mobility."

Kemp insisted that Forbes intends to stay in the race "for the duration." He added, "I promised ... that if he were to run I would be with him. I intend to stand next to and behind Steve Forbes as long as he is in the race."

Kemp, a former GOP congressman from New York and a secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the Bush administration, said he doesn't regret the endorsement.

Asked what future holds for him personally, Kemp replied laughingly: "I'm in my wilderness years. I'm not trying to be a kibitzer or a philosopher king. I'm not seeking anything or expecting anything. I'm free to speak out on the issues."

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Scientists gather in Houston to discuss superconductivity

HOUSTON (AP) — Magnetically levitated trains streaking along at 300 mph and inexpensive tiny magnetic resonance imaging machines are closer to reality after a promising decade of research in superconductivity, physicists say.

It was 10 years ago that researchers turned the corner with the technology, finding superconducting materials that worked when cooled with feasible liquid nitrogen instead of expensive and impractical liquid helium.

The subsequent progress in superconductivity — the ability of a material to conduct electricity without resistance — is being celebrated this week at the 10th Anniversary HTS (high-temperature superconductivity) Workshop on Physics, Materials and Applications at the University of Houston.

The weeklong conference, which starts Tuesday, is expected to draw 400 scientists from 27 countries and is organized by Paul Chu, director of the school's Texas Center for Superconductivity, and Karl Alex Muller of IBM Zurich Research Laboratory.

Muller shared a Nobel Prize in physics with George Bednorz in 1987 for discovering superconductivity in ceramic materials.

The physicists will hear presentations on such exotic topics as "The Role of Vertex Corrections to the Pairing Interaction in Spin Fluctuation Superconductors" and

"Transport Properties of Over-doped HTS at High Fields and Low Temperatures."

Although some may consider 10 years a long time, researchers who are familiar with terms such as "Quantum Spin Ladder Oxides" and "Atomic-Layer Epitaxy" say they're pleased with advances in the field.

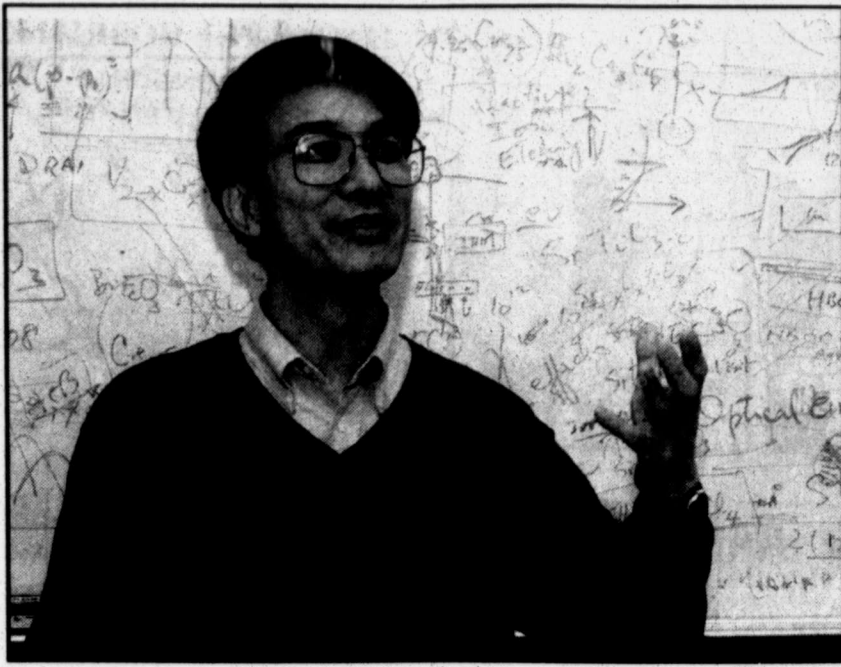
"It actually progressed faster than other technology at the same stage of development," said Kamel Salama, a professor at the Texas Center for Superconductivity. "Currently we have materials which can successfully be used in the form of wires as well as in the form of bulk as permanent magnets and levitators."

Prototypes that have been built — such as the electric motor and the flywheel for energy storage — have proven the concept and the application, Salama said.

At the beginning of the 20th century, superconductivity was achieved when certain metals were cooled to near absolute zero (minus 459 degrees Fahrenheit) with liquid helium. A decade ago, researchers learned they could use readily available liquid nitrogen to chill a new class of materials to minus 380 degrees.

In the last few years, scientists hit another major milestone when they were able to push the figure even higher — to minus 164 degrees Fahrenheit.

"You can use air conditioning technology to cool it. You don't



Dr. Paul Chu talks with a colleague in his University of Houston office Thursday during a conference organized to celebrate progress in the field of superconductor technology. The conference involves scientists from 27 countries.

have to use the sophisticated liquid helium or liquid nitrogen," says Chu, whose attainment of superconductivity at relatively high temperatures has challenged the basic understanding of solids.

"Ideally I could get a material which becomes superconducting at room temperature," he says. "Then I don't have to cool it."

Chu notes researchers in the past decade have found 100 compounds that superconduct at temperatures higher than the conventional low-temperature superconductors.

Last April, scientists developed a flexible, metal-and-ceramic tape

that could make superconducting power lines possible. The material, discovered by researchers at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, can be formed into electrical cables carrying 100 times more current than other superconducting materials.

More details on those findings will be discussed at the conference, Chu says.

And while the mechanism responsible for superconductivity at warmer temperatures remains unknown, the superconducting state is better understood today than 10 years ago, he says.

Chu also says the benefits of

Pilgrims Pride pushes for plant

LONGVIEW (AP) — Mount Pleasant officials are warning the city of Longview — as it prepares to vote on whether to continue opposing plans for a chicken processing plant — that it's a fowl deal.

Longview council members are set to decide Tuesday whether to continue protesting a Pilgrim's Pride Corp. request to the state for a permit to build a plant in Pittsburg that would dump 2.5 million gallons per day of treated wastewater into Big Cypress Creek.

Longview, which plans to use a lake 10 miles downstream as a prime source of drinking water, has protested the permit, citing fears of contamination.

Pilgrim's has several plants in Mount Pleasant, employing 4,500 people, and the operations use the same amount of wastewater the company estimates it will need for the proposed site.

An economic development group in Mount Pleasant, about 10 miles north of Pittsburg, said it opposes any more Pilgrim's plants in the area.

"There is no way our schools, rental and moderate-priced housing, our health services and our infrastructure, can stand up to a blow of this magnitude," Toby Abney, executive director of the Mount Pleasant Industrial Foundation, said in a prepared statement.

The company has had some difficulty in finding a source of water. A hearing on the wastewater discharge permit is slated for March 25.

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— Toby Abney, Mount Pleasant Industrial Foundation

Public Utilities Director Pedram Farahnak said an attorney representing the city is preparing documents for Tuesday's meeting, including previous sanctions against Pilgrim's for environmental violations.

Last week, several council members said last week they were concerned about Pilgrim's past compliance history.

Pilgrim's operates a rendering plant in Mount Pleasant, which processes the chicken waste from several East Texas plants. It has been cited repeatedly by the Texas Natural Resources and Conservation Commission for the smell.

Bo Pilgrim, chief executive officer of the company, said he is confident the company will receive the permit. He also said Pilgrim's will install a state-of-the-art European treatment system that will ensure the discharge does not contaminate the stream or Lake O' the Pines.

A&M junior cites joining military as best decision in college

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Cindi Ericson likes to shake hands.

The junior officer in the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets grips your hand across the knuckles and squeezes.

"You're supposed to squeeze until you break the knuckles," she said.

"If you're deadly shy, it will get you over it. Even if you are scared to death, you have to say hi."

She'll be the first to admit she has never been shy.

"No, ma'am," she said, and laughed.

Ericson, in her third year in the Corps, is a member of the Ross Volunteers, the elite honor guard for the Texas governor, and a member of the Parsons Mounted Cavalry. No other woman has been in both and been a Corps officer as a junior.

"Cindi's gone places females aren't always accepted," said Corps operations officer Stanton Ray.

"She's done as well as any of the males. She's a hard worker. She does what she has to do in the Corps and she doesn't make it an issue that she's a woman," said Chris McNeely, Corps leadership training officer.

Ericson said she's felt few of the problems other female Corps members have said they encountered in the past. Instead, she said, she concentrates on being another member, a part of a team accomplishing a goal.

"I find the Corps is based on merit. The harder you work, the more respect you earn, the more you'll enjoy it," she said. "As a woman, I've had wonderful opportunities, not because I'm a woman, but regardless of what my sex is."

"I've got 2,000 cousins, brothers and sisters. I may not ever know all of them too well, we may not think the same things, but we still have common goals," she said.

Unlike many of her classmates, Ericson didn't sign up for the

Corps until six weeks into her freshman year.

"I had no military background, and I had never considered it," said Ericson, a Lake Jackson native. "It took me six weeks to realize my mistake. The more I heard, the more I wanted to do it. Little did I know that it would be a life-changing experience."

"But I knew if I didn't take the opportunity, I would forever regret it. I didn't want to look back in 20 years and have a missed opportunity," she said. "Now I would recommend it to anyone."

"There is such a wide cross-section of people in the corps," she said, remarking about the variety of Corps members who passed by a bench in front of one of the Corp dormitories.

Men jogged by, doing extra workouts. Corps members leaned out of the dorm window above her, yelling and goofing off. Another man in a tuxedo was ribbed as he went to a fraternity function.

Ericson said she joined the Corps because she believed it would make her physically and mentally stronger and because of the strong friendships and camaraderie built among members.

She cites the camaraderie as one of the best things she learned as a sophomore, when she decided to join the Cavalry.

Only the juniors and seniors ride the American Quarterhorses in ceremonies in the Cavalry; members must join their sophomore year, when they are responsible for cleaning up the stables and taking care of the horses.

"It's one of those experiences," she said. "It's relaxing to get your body physically tired at the end of the day. You tell a lot of stories, you talk a lot because it's physical work and you're always active."

"The cavalry just has a special appeal," she said. "It's the best of the Old Army in the modern Corps. The last official cavalry was disbanded after World War II in the

1940s."

The Parsons unit started in 1979; students provided their own horses. "It slowly grew, as people realized they were awesome," Ericson said. "Now it represents a special part of A&M history."

She didn't have a specific goal to be chosen as a Ross Volunteer, an organization for which students must go through an applications

process.

"They represent the epitome of what you want to be as a cadet," Ericson said. "It's character and leadership. It's an extreme honor, the epitome of what the soldier-statesman represents."

The Ross Volunteers — the elite unit in dress whites and sabers — is an affirmation, not an end of itself, Ericson said.

Hawaiian prisoners return home

HONOLULU (AP) — Six of the 300 Hawaii inmates sent to Texas prisons at the end of December are being brought home, a Honolulu television station reported Sunday night.

The six are being returned for various reasons, such as mental problems and failure to adjust to the move, according to unidentified Hawaii corrections officials quoted by KHON.

The officials would reveal neither the names of the inmates nor when they were to be returned for security reasons, the TV station said.

However, KHON identified two of the returnees as Raita

Fukusaku, a convicted double-murderer, and John Taylor, who allegedly attacked two guards at the Dickens County Correctional Center near Lubbock, Texas, last month.

Fukusaku was sentenced to two consecutive life terms last year after a Honolulu Circuit Court jury convicted him of the Feb. 23, 1994, deaths of two fellow Japanese nationals, psychic Toako Fujita, 56, and her 21-year-old son, Goro.

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on the project at hand. Teamwork will boost profits. Your image may be a source of concern. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Avoid taking unnecessary chances. Speculative investments could make a dent in your cash reserves. Use your considerable powers of persuasion to help secure backing for a pet project. Your enterprising spirit will impress people. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A job may pay too well for you to walk away from it. Look for good deals when purchasing office or cleaning supplies. Performing more services for yourself could save you a lot of money. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Curb a tendency to be overly critical or sarcastic. Others will resent your sharp words. Count to ten before you speak. Remain poker-faced if asked too many personal questions by nosy neighbors or relatives. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Face a problem head-on. It is not as bad as it seems. Holding a grudge is a waste of energy. Total up personal and joint assets before devising a budget. Allow for occasional splurges. (For your personalized daily Jeanne Dixon horoscope, based on your own date of birth, call 1-900-988-7788. Your phone company will bill you 99 cents a minute.)

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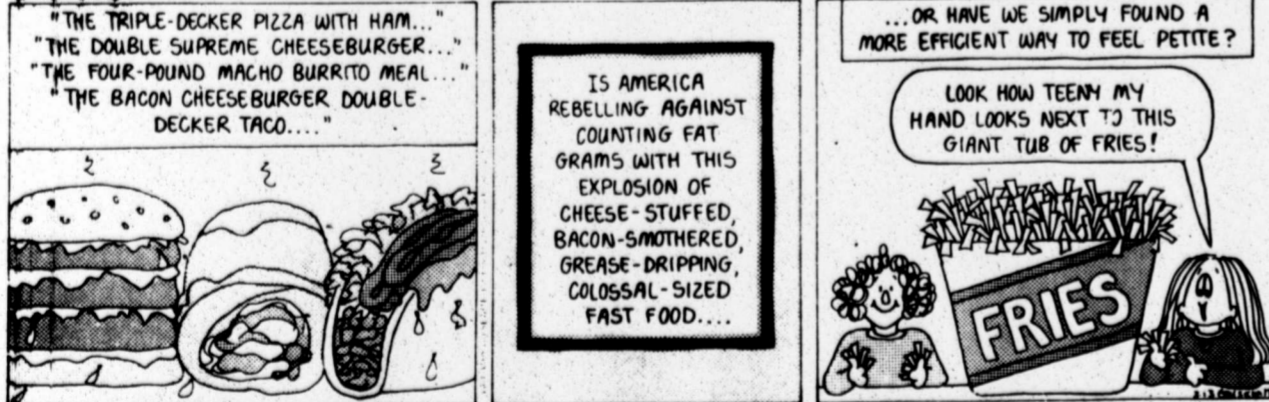
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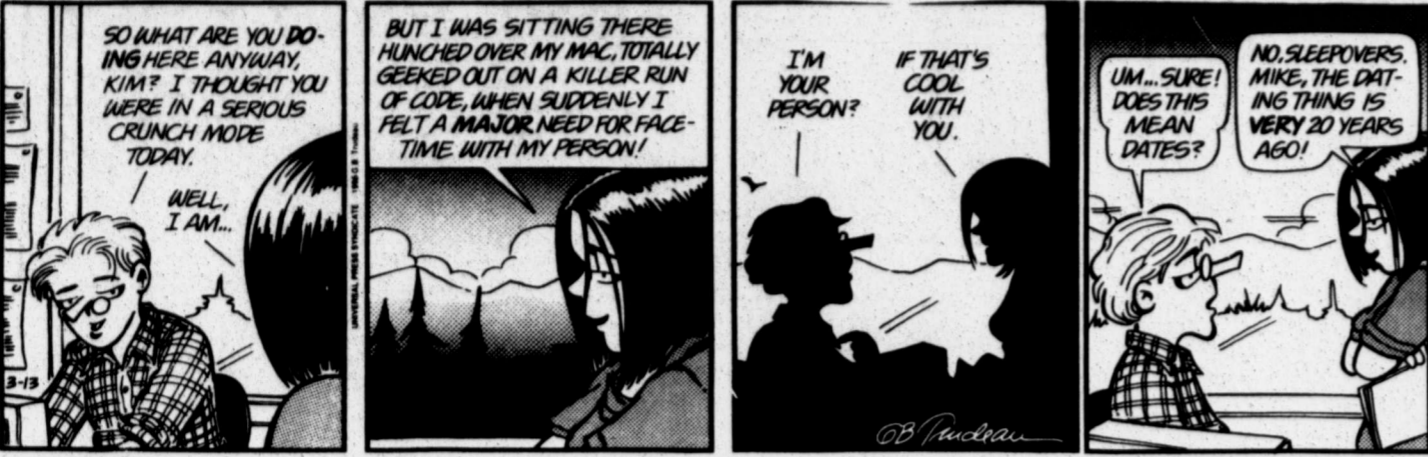
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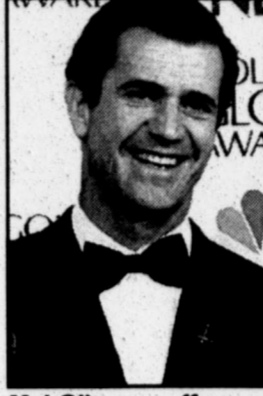


"Is that Mr. Wilson with an empty stomach?"

PEOPLE

Emergency appendectomy slows actor Mel Gibson down for a while

NEW YORK — Emergency surgery to remove his appendix has slowed Mel Gibson down for a while. The 40-year-old actor suffered an appendicitis attack while flying from California to New York and underwent surgery Sunday at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, publicist Alan Nierob said. He was released the same day.



Mel Gibson suffers an appendicitis attack while on a flight.

NEW YORK — Jane Seymour says she "had to follow my heart" on having children at age 45, despite her doctors' warnings. "They told me I could have died," said the star of "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman," adding that doctors were concerned about her age and her history of two miscarriages.



Jane Seymour had to follow her heart on pregnancy decision.

LOS ANGELES — Ivana Trump's first movie role has a familiar ring. "The First Wives Club" is a comedy about three middle-aged women who form an alliance bent on revenge when their husbands abandon them for younger women. The former Mrs. Donald Trump plays herself as she counsels stars Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler and Diane Keaton.

MORRISTOWN, N.J. — Whitney Houston has a problem with men — men who claim to be her relatives. The pop star is suing a man who claims to be her cousin and who allegedly defrauded a New York doctor of \$100,000. It's the third time in two years that the singer has sought court protection against men who claimed family ties.

NEW YORK — Robert Redford says he sees the commercial movies he's made in recent years as a part of a trade-off: They allow him to do what he likes best — direct, produce and develop films.



Redford

As for his current movie, "Up Close and Personal" with Michelle Pfeiffer, he said: "I was drawn to the story. It's about the media, which interests me." Redford, 58, plays a hard-boiled has-been reporter who helps turn Pfeiffer into a glossy anchorwoman.

A March 26 hearing was scheduled for Wellington Stuart, who Houston claims has been passing himself off as Wellington Houston, son of her late uncle Henry Houston.

According to the suit, Stuart used his fictitious relationship with the family to ingratiate himself with an elderly physician, from whom he allegedly stole \$100,000 through credit cards and forged checks.

Of Pfeiffer, he said: "I have a good deal of respect for her. Michelle's got a good, tough mind, but she doesn't compromise her soul or her femininity to play a man's game. She's my idea of a modern woman."

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY EVENING March 13, 1996 For complete information check movie listings.

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, listing programs and times from 6:00 to 11:30 PM.

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Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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Family's grocery-store keeps going strong after 56-years

Fernando Del Valle
Associated Press

SAN BENITO — More than 56 years ago, Salome Martinez had a dream.

"I wanted something better for my family," recalls Martinez, a Mexican immigrant who had been making 90 cents a day as a laborer for the Cameron County Irrigation District. "That was too little to support my family, so I thought and thought and thought."

With \$65, Martinez opened a small grocery on the dirt streets of a bustling barrio. He was 34 years old.

"I thought this would all end when I got old, but it's only closed on Christmas," Martinez, 90, says in Spanish.

On Feb. 28, 1941, his third son, Salome Martinez Jr., was born

inside the store.

Today, his son runs Salome's Grocery and Meat Market from its original location at 490 Hidalgo St., a place that has become part of the lifeblood of one of the city's oldest neighborhoods.

And despite competition from the giant supermarket chains that have crushed other mom-and-pop stores, business is better than ever for the Martinez family.

"My father thought me," says Salome Martinez Jr., whose seven brothers and sisters went on to become engineers, teachers and businessmen. "In this store we were educated and learned about life."

Salome Martinez Jr. lives across the street from the family store.

"It's in my blood," he says. "I feel so proud of this. I was born in the store and I'm 54 years old and

I'm still in the store, and I love it."

Martinez has vivid memories of his father inside the store.

"He was always here," he says. "The three meals a day, he would eat right here, working."

Born in Matamoros in 1906, Salome Martinez Sr. was orphaned at age 9. He never forgot his roots.

When Martinez opened the store, he would wake up at 3 a.m. to pick up free ice at a nearby packing shed, all to save \$3.

He remembers cutting whole calves by hand.

"Sometimes I cut till 1 or 2 in the morning," recalls Martinez, whose wife, Librada, died seven years ago. "It was a lot of work, a lot of work, but I never got tired, because I knew what little money I made before, and I had hope for the future of my family."

Because many of his customers

were farmers who were not paid until harvest, Martinez would often extend credit. He says he had about 60 customers for whom he extended credit for as long as a year.

"I wanted my customers to be my friends," Martinez says. "I used to be a laborer, so owning the store never went to my head."

In the mid 1940s, as many as 800 farm hands would swarm the store, Martinez remembers.

"The big stores wouldn't let them in because they would eat a lot of food in the store, but they also brought in a lot of money," he says.

Throughout the years, Martinez has seen a change in the buying habits of his customers.

He remembers selling 500 25-pound sacks of Robin Hood flour every week. Now the store sells about six sacks a month, his son

says.

Salome Martinez Jr. remembers going to work at the store everyday after school.

"When we were young, everyone had to do something here," he says. "All of us have contributed something to this store."

As a child, Martinez learned a lot about hard work from his father.

He works 16 hours a day every day, and he hasn't had a day off in seven years, when he went on a four-day Las Vegas vacation with his wife, Margarita.

"You have to be on top of the store every day," he says.

The odometer in his 1993 Chrysler New Yorker is testimony of just how far from the store Martinez has gone; it's logged 1,800 miles.

Martinez also took his business philosophy from his father.

"Our motto is to treat every customer like it was the only customer we have," he says. "I try to find out what they like. I feel like my customers enjoy coming here."

The store is not a neighborhood store, Martinez says. His customers come from as far as Mercedes.

Some of the family's customers have been shopping there for 50 years.

Oscar Trevino Jr.'s grandparents were among those customers.

Trevino, a 33-year-old grocery merchandiser, remembers running to the store for errands when he was 8 years old.

"The quality of the merchandise

is good, but it really comes down to service," Trevino says as he does his shopping. "The family service is very good, and it comes down to the grandfather. He treated everyone special."

When Martinez retires, the store will go to Salome Martinez III.

Martinez's 31-year-old son remembers skateboarding to work there as a child.

"I loved it here," the store's manager recalls. "Our customers aren't only customers; they're our friends. Everything here goes back to my grandfather. His tradition has been passed over, and over and over, and that's the way it should be."

The little store on the corner has become part of the family, Salome Martinez Jr. says.

"It's been our life and we have enjoyed it," he says. "I'm very, very happy each moment that I'm here. I hate being outside the store."

Inside, the spirit of his father is very much alive.

"We are very proud of him," Martinez says of his father. "He was a man with no education and he provided us with everything we needed, and when he gave us something, he taught us its value. He knew the value of life and of hard work and we inherited that."

State officials try to collect mercury necklaces

HARLINGEN (AP) — State environmental officials announced a program Monday to collect potentially toxic mercury necklaces popular among South Texas children and teenagers.

The announcement came just days after a 5-year-old Brownsville girl was exposed to mercury vapors when the necklace she was wearing broke as she played in a sandbox.

The necklaces are made with glass vials that are filled with mercury and attached to a waxed cord. They sell for around \$2.

"Although the amount of mercury in each necklace is small, (we) are concerned that the glass vials may break easily, exposing developing minds and bodies to a known toxin," said Tony Franco, regional manager of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Exposure to mercury can affect the brain and central nervous system and cause vision, hearing, memory and learning problems. Prolonged exposure can be deadly, said Carlos Rubinstein, Brownsville health director.

"The principal hazard is the inhalation of the mercury vapor," Rubinstein said.

Officials were alerted to the necklaces about

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a month ago when a Brownsville teacher called city health officials to report a student had turned in a necklace containing mercury.

State and local officials have asked citizens to dispose of the jewelry. Beginning Friday, the TNRCC will sponsor collection sites in Brownsville, Harlingen, Weslaco and McAllen.

An environmental response company licensed to handle hazardous waste will package the necklaces for transport to Houston, where the mercury will be recovered for reuse

in other products.

Officials believe the necklaces are manufactured in Mexico, although they have been purchased on both sides of the border. They are popular among all age groups, from toddlers to college students.

"Winter Texans have even purchased some of these," Rubinstein said, referring to the retirees from northern states who winter in the Rio Grande Valley.

U.S. Customs officials are warning people who purchase mercury necklaces in Mexico of the potential dangers, but disposal is voluntary.

The Texas Department of Health is investigating whether the necklaces can be banned under federal law. It also is looking into a possible recall, said Dr. David Smith, state health commissioner.

"We're seeing who we can enforce, who's distributing and who's selling," he said.

The agency also is working with Mexican officials to try to limit access to the necklaces in that country, Smith said, adding that he plans to alert other border states to the problem.

Korean War vet returns to Seoul

REDDING, Calif. (AP) — Jack Tolbert's memories of Korea are not good ones.

A veteran of the Korean War, the 72-year-old Redding man lost both legs when he fell on a hand grenade to protect his soldiers. That was in 1953 — one month before his tour of duty was to end.

"I never thought I would ever go back," said Tolbert, a native of Amarillo, Texas.

But a request from a retired Korean university professor has changed all that.

After watching the dedication of the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. on television, the professor told the United States he wanted to honor an American veteran who had helped his country.

The U.S. State Department chose Tolbert, who will travel with his wife Gladys, 71, to South Korea on March 22. They will be the guests of retired Seoul National University College of Pharmacy professor Won-Keun Chung.

The memories of war haunted Tolbert for years, but he says he has made his peace and says that his misfortune was simply a part of life.

He even says he would do it all over again.

For Chung, who sent a letter Aug. 28 to U.S. Ambassador James T. Laney, the invitation to Tolbert is a matter of gratitude.

While watching the memorial dedication, he wrote, "I was touched by the scene (of) American veterans explaining why they were brave enough to risk their lives: To defend (the) Democracy and Freedom of Korea."

"There used to be a dark age and poverty in Korean society for a long time even after the Korean War ceased," Chung wrote. "But now, Korea gains prosperity along with democracy. We began to think how important it was to Koreans: The American military help during the Korean War."

The Tolberts are scheduled to visit the presidential residence in Seoul and an observation point at the demilitarized zone separating South Korea and North Korea.

But Tolbert said he is not interested in going back to Kumhwa, South Korea, where he lost his legs.

"I just want to see how the country has progressed," he said.

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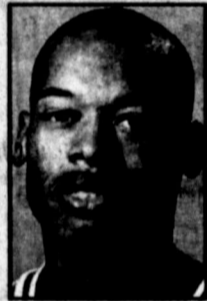
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PRESEASON BASEBALL — Houston Astros 12, Detroit Tigers 5. Chicago White Sox (ss) 7, Texas Rangers 4.
PREP SOCCER — District 5 top-seed playoff: Abilene Cooper 1, Midland High girls 0.

Cowboys get picks

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Seventeen NFL teams have received a total of 31 compensatory picks in the April 20-21 draft as a result of losses incurred in free agency.
Dallas, which has lost 22 players in the four years of free agency, gets two third-rounders.
The highest compensatory pick will go to Philadelphia, the 31st pick of the second round. That stems from the loss two years ago of linebacker Seth Joyner, who left the Eagles to go to the Arizona Cardinals and was a named plaintiff in the lawsuit that led to free agency.
Green Bay gets a third-round pick for the loss of Bryce Paup to Buffalo. The other picks are in rounds four through seven.

Camby All-American

Marcus Camby came within one vote of being a unanimous selection to The Associated Press' All-America team Tuesday, and the Big East became the first conference ever to have three players selected to the first team. **Story page 4C.**



Camby

Greene to Triple-A

TEMPE, Ariz. — The California Angels released veterans Mark Williamson and Ralph Bryant, and optioned 22 other players including former Midland Angel catcher Todd Greene and outfielder Darin Erstad to the minor leagues on Tuesday.
The 22 players will be assigned to either the Vancouver club of the Class AAA Pacific Coast League or Midland of the Class AA Texas League.

Greene led the minor leagues with 40 home runs at Midland and Vancouver last season. Erstad, who hit .346 with one homer in 26 at-bats, was the first overall pick in the 1995 draft.

Others designated for assignment were catchers John Orton and Faust to Tejero; infielders Brian Grebeck, P.J. Forbes, Ty Van Burkleo, Jamie Burke, Tim Harkrider and Keith Lulio; outfielders Jovino Carvajal, Marquis Riley and Emmitt Cochick, and pitchers Ryan Hancock, Mike Holtz, Geoff Edsall, Pop Harris, Pete Janicki, Shad Williams, Mike Freshill, David Holdridge and Jeff Schmidt.

Meanwhile, closer Lee Smith, who threw off a mound Sunday and Monday, played long-toss before the Angels' 3-2 win over Milwaukee on Tuesday.
Smith said he believes he will be able to pitch this spring.

4-5A Softball

Team	District	W	L	Pct.	Season	W	L	Pct.
Abilene Cooper	4	0	1,000	10	5	0	0	.000
Midland High	4	1	299	18	3	253	15	.141
Odessa Permian	2	2	300	12	4	750	12	.167
Abilene High	1	3	250	15	6	714	15	.208
San Angelo Central	1	3	250	9	10	444	9	.444
Odessa High	0	3	300	4	3	308	4	.308

Tuesday's Games
Midland High 7, Odessa High 0; Midland Lee 5, Odessa Permian 3 (6 innings); Abilene Cooper 18, San Angelo 2. Abilene High was open.

Saturday's Games
Abilene Cooper at Midland Lee, Midland High at Odessa Permian, San Angelo at Odessa Permian, Odessa High is open. All games at 2 p.m.

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Lady Cougars shut out Midland High for top seed

■ One goal all Abilene Cooper needs to cut off Lady Bulldog bid for District 5 playoff win.

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

ABILENE — It took just one goal and a game's worth of defensive pressure to give Abilene Cooper what it needed in the final game of the District 5 playoffs.
The Lady Cougars got the lone score from sophomore Carolyn Poyner in the 18th minute of the game to defeat Midland High 1-0 at the Lee Complex, giving them the district's top seed for the upcoming UIL playoff and

the unofficial district title.

The loss will give Midland High, 16-5 for the season, the second seed and two byes in the playoffs where it will face Wichita Falls High. MHS' first-ever UIL playoff game is tentatively scheduled for Friday (March 22) in Abilene. Hodgkinson hopes that the loss will be good for the team later on down the road.

"This may turnout to be a blessing in disguise," said Hodgkinson. "A loss reminds us we are beatable as Saturday's win (over Midland Lee) should remind us of what we are capable of doing. I would have preferred to win but this will remind us that good teams have to play."

Poyner's goal, her fourth of the season, came off a

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Midland Soccer Playoffs

GIRLS

Midland High (16-5) vs. Wichita Falls High, bi-district round, March 15, Abilene, time and place TBA.
Midland Lee (15-5) vs. Wichita Falls Fider (13-2-3), area round, March 19, 5 p.m., Abilene's Lee Complex.

BOYS

Midland Lee (13-4) vs. Brownwood (4-13-2), bi-district round, 2 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Lee Complex.
Midland High (14-4) vs. Sherman (7-10-3), area round, March 18 or 19, times and place TBA.

Rebs tame 'Dogs, 8-5

■ Defending champs outlast city rival Midland High one more time.

By Sean Wallace
Sports Writer

Midland High keeps knocking on the door, but when it comes to Midland Lee there doesn't seem to be an answer.

The Rebels batted around and scored five runs in the fifth and the defending District 4-5A champions opened the 1996 league schedule with an 8-5 win Tuesday over Midland High at Ernie Johnson Field.

For the second time in two weeks, the Rebels (9-8-1, 1-0) pulled out a come-from-behind win over the Bulldogs (11-5, 0-1) as Lee got to MHS starter Keith Lant after MHS had fought back from a 3-0 deficit.

"We seem to keep sending those messages, but we just can't take the next step," MHS coach Lew Kennedy said. "We competed well but they just beat us at the plate. You can't give a team like Lee that many chances or they'll take advantage of it."

Lee's Justin Ham (1-2) struck out five in 2 1/3 innings of work to pick up the victory for starter Mark Holly. The no-decision keeps Holly's three-season perfect district record intact.

"Justin came in and gave us the great pitching we knew we needed to have,"

4-5A Baseball

Team	District	W	L	Pct.	Overall	W	L	Pct.
Odessa Permian	1	0	1,000	12	4	750	12	.167
Abilene High	1	0	1,000	10	4	714	10	.286
Midland Lee	1	0	1,000	9	8	529	9	.529
SA Central	0	0	000	8	8	500	8	.500
Odessa High	0	1	000	7	7	500	7	.500
Midland High	0	1	000	11	5	688	11	.277
Abilene Cooper	0	1	000	9	7	563	9	.277

Tuesday's Games
Midland Lee 8, Midland High 5; Odessa Permian 15, Odessa High 2; Abilene High 13, Abilene Cooper 9; San Angelo Central was off.

Saturday's Games
Abilene Cooper at Midland High, 2 p.m.; Christiansen Stadium; Midland Lee at Abilene High, 2 p.m.; San Angelo Central at Odessa High; Odessa Permian is off.

Lee coach Jesse Benavidez said.

Lee jumped ahead 3-0 in the first inning, then Midland scored the next five runs to take a two-run lead. Light-hitting second baseman Chad Villarreal smacked his first home run of the season in the third to tie the game at three and MHS went ahead 5-3 in the fifth.

"It seems like Chad's been swinging through the ball lately, but he just got a good swing and got a huge hit for us," Kennedy said. "It really picked us up."

The momentum, as well as the lead, were short-lived. Lant (4-1), playing despite suffering from a touch of the flu, gave up seven hits in the bottom of the fifth as Lee scored five times. He went 4 2/3 innings and gave up 12 hits, eight earned runs and struck out eight while walking two in suffering his first loss in six appearances this season.

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Astro rookie closing in on starting rotation

■ In the future, 24-year-old fastballer could carry more than Houston's chewing tobacco.

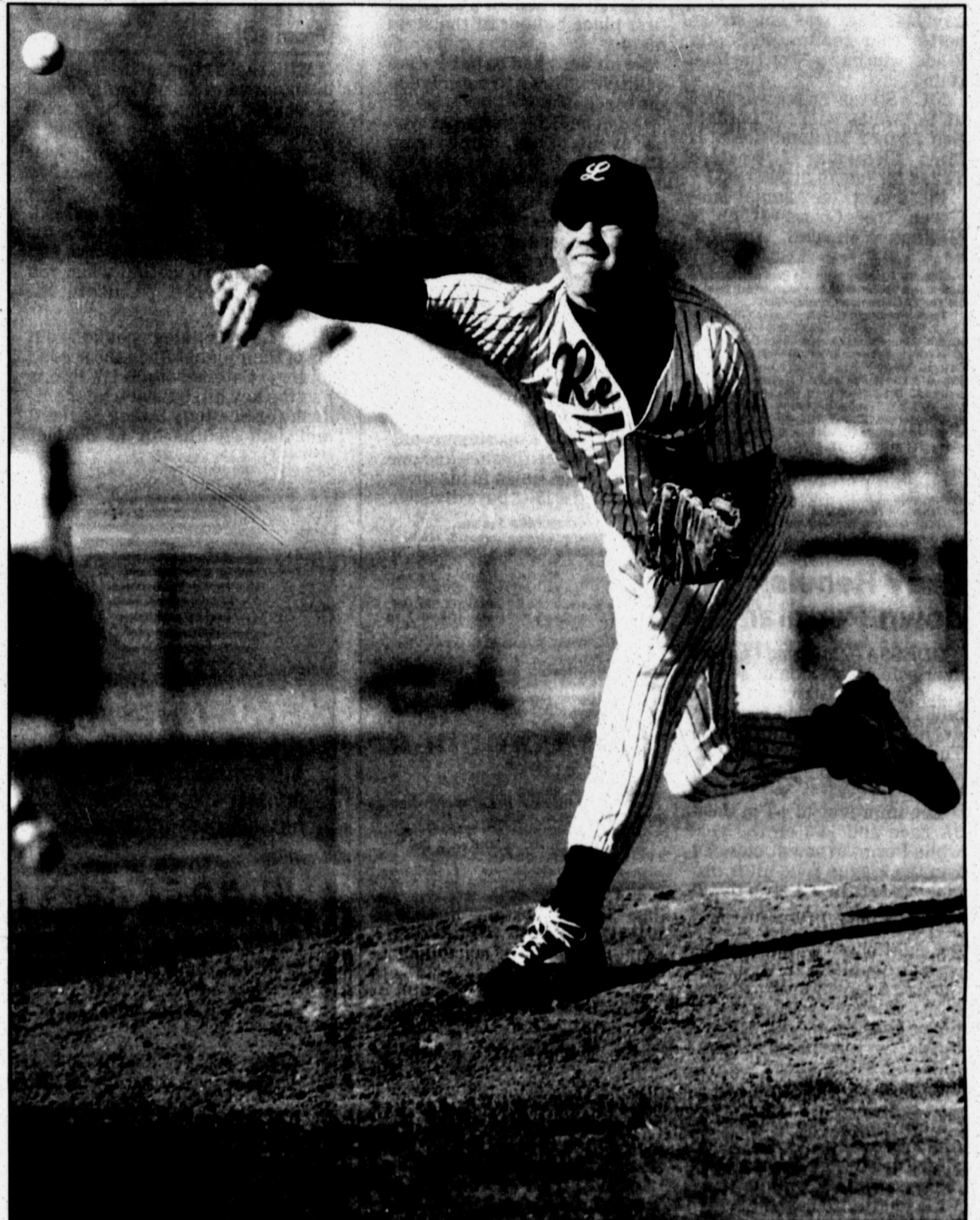
By Michael A. Lutz
Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — For now, rookie Billy Wagner is content to amaze fans with his 95-mph fast ball and keep his veteran teammates supplied with chewing tobacco.

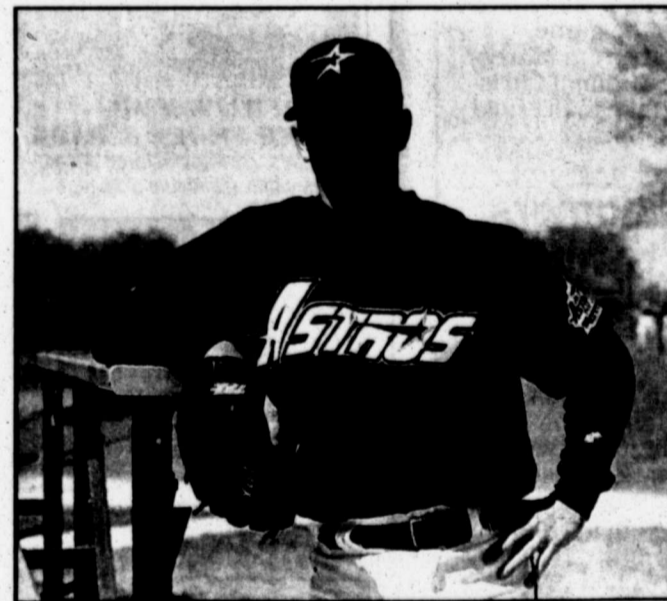
But Wagner's time line for stepping into the Houston Astros' starting rotation is getting shorter with each step he makes in learning to control his flaming specialty.

"I'm the guy they call 'Kid,'" Wagner said. "They say do this and do that. They've only given me a few rookie things to do. I'm the guy who carries the dip, that kind of stuff."

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Rebel pitcher Mark Holly goes 4 2/3 innings Tuesday to help Midland Lee win its District 4-5A opener over Midland High 8-5. The game was played at Lee's Ernie Johnson Field.



Houston rookie Billy Wagner, shown Tuesday, could make the Astros' major league roster this year.

Bulldog 7-run rally sinks Odessa High

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

The Midland High softball team put all their runs in a second inning bushel basket and then rode the arm of Michelle Quintela to a 7-0 shutout of Odessa High Tuesday at the Bill Williams Softball Complex.

The victory keeps the Lady Bulldogs in the thick of the District 4-5A softball race as they move their league record to 3-1 and 15-7 for the year. The Lady Bronchos remain winless in the 4-5A war at 0-5, but they probably left the field wondering what could have been had it not been for that fatal second inning. MHS also took over sole possession of third place in the league chase as Odessa Permian (2-2) fell to Midland Lee (4-1) in another district outing.

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AMY WOLFENBARGER

Lady Chap success fails to impress WJCAC

For the Midland College Lady Chaparrals there was no "I" in TEAM. Apparently, the Western Junior College Athletic Conference coaches don't believe in the popular slogan that adorns many athletic teams t-shirts.

When the all-conference teams were announced last week, only one Lady Chaparral, freshman post Ndiaye Ndiaye, was selected to the first team. Contrastingly, conference co-champs Frank Phillips and Howard College were awarded with five, including the deserved player of the year nod for the Lady Plainsmen's Hazel Taylor.

Midland, however, finished just one game behind FPC and Howard and had beaten both teams once — something none of the rest of the five conference teams accomplished. Only one of Frank's losses came at the hands of another team besides Midland or Howard. And Howard lost only to Frank (twice) and Midland. The Lady Chaps never lost to any team that finished below them in the standings.

So what gives? Sure Midland got three honorable mention nods in freshman Fatou Cisse' and sophomores Shannon Jordan and Pam Hicks. But they were clearly shunned on the first team because

despite the fact they averaged more than 85 points a league game, they did not have one player average more than 15 points a game.

On the other hand, South Plains, which didn't even finish with a .500 record and failed to be one of the top four teams, missing a playoff berth, garnered two picks. The slap in the face would have been if last-place Western Texas had a first-team pick.

Do you know what the all-conference list reminds me of? A preseason all-conference team with the exception of Taylor's MVP nod. She did not become eligible until the second semester and was the missing piece Frank Phillips needed to charge through the rest of league play like the Energizer Bunny. Only Howard (once) could stop that train.

But for the rest of the picks, I would be inclined to think the coaches picked this team solely on reputation, not statistics.

Midland coach Ron Jones, while proud of Ndiaye's selection, said he was disappointed in the lack of recognition. "I don't agree with the coaches' decisions," he said. "Our team is underrated."

That's because no one Lady Chap played more than half of each game. Only two, Jordan and Ndiaye, played in more than 15 minutes a game. Most have played in the 10-12 minute range.

The fact is, Midland suffered in the stat columns because of their strength — their well-balanced, 12-

woman attack. Not that Ndiaye or Jordan or Cisse' or Hicks or anybody else lacked the skills or endurance to play 30 minutes or more. But Jones' team was more successful because they exhibited less fatigue, did not accumulate fouls and were able to "be there" in the final 10 minutes of a game despite playing at a hair-on-fire pace for the entire game.

The many substitutions also allowed Jones to cut back on wasting timeouts. Kind of like sending a new play in with the tight end after every down in football. That helped most recently in a NJCAA Region V tournament last-second semifinal win over Frank Phillips.

When all is said and done, however, MC finished runner-up in the toughest region in the country by losing to the top-ranked team in the country. That's a better memory than sitting in the stands at the OC Sports Center watching — like all the rest of the WJCAC had to do that night.

I guess that's the one consolation the Lady Chaps have if they feel underrated by their opponents. If they have to share an honor, they have a head start because they already know how to share time on the court.

Amy Wolfenbarger is a sports writer for the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

LOCAL SPORTS

Chaps blister Gulf Coast field

GALVESTON — The Midland College men's golf team put title No. 8 in their hip pocket Tuesday, winning the Gulf Coast Invitational here by a strong 17 strokes over the field.

"I'm extremely proud of the players because this was the first time this year they played like they're capable of playing, they've shown a lot of improvement and it looks like we're on the same track as we were last year."

And that same track is a national golf championship. They are the No. 1 ranked team in the nation this year.

MC was so dominant in this tournament that the Chaps had four of the top five medalist. Sophomore Derrick Pursley of Andrews won his third medalist title of the year with identical rounds of 72 for a two-day 144. That was one stroke better than teammate Scotty Wade, who had a 73 on the final round.

MC's Steven Young was third at 147 while Michael Lofdahl tied former Midland Lee star Matt Clements of Western Texas for fourth at 148.

MC's next tournament is at Green Tree Country Club in Midland on March 31, April 1-2.

Results Tuesday from the final round of the Gulf Coast Invitational golf tournament held at the par-72 Galveston Country Club: Team Standings: 1. Midland College, 293-291—564; 2. Paris Junior College, 303-298—601; 3. Tyler JC, 306-296—602; 4. Western Texas College, 308-301—608; 5. McLennan, 306-307—613; 6. Odessa College, 309-304—613; 7. (tie) Navarro JC, 318-300—618; 8. Lon Morris College, 310-308—618; 9. San Jacinto JC, 311-308—619; 10. New Mexico JC, 315-306—621; 11. Texarkana College, 314-314—628; 12. Weatherford CC, 319-310—629; 13. New Mexico Military Institute, 313-312—632; 14. Dodge City (Kan.) CC, 317-322—639.

Lady Rebels down Permian

ODESSA — Midland Lee took over sole possession of second place in the District 4-5A softball race with an 5-3 victory over Odessa Permian here Tuesday, but it took the Lady Rebels eight innings to turn the trick.

Lee improves to 4-1 in the 4-5A race and 15-3 on the year while Permian now stands at 2-2 in the league race after crucial losses to both Lee and Midland High.

Lee's Suzanna Reed started the eighth inning two-run rally with a double. She moved to third on Gracie Villa's sacrifice bunt and scored what proved to be the game winner on a double by Marcia Villa. Crystal Smith followed with a single and later scored an insurance run on a passed ball.

Permian took a 2-0 lead in the first on a two-run homer by Jennifer Turner. Lee tied the game in the second. Permian held a 3-1 lead after four and Lee tied it in the sixth.

Lee's Jennifer Aman had three hits and two RBIs. Smith went the distance to pick up her 13th win of the season in 16 decisions.

Lee will host league leading Abilene Cooper (4-0) at 2 p.m. Saturday in what could be the key battle of the first half race.

Baker makes All-Region

Midland College sophomore D'Juan Baker was named to the men's Region V All-Region basketball team announced Tuesday.

New Mexico Junior College's Kenneth Sims and South Plains College's Tyjuan Finley were the only other players from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference to earn a first team berth.

Second team honors went to MC's Devon Phillips.

Baker, MC's leading scorer,

was also nominated for All-America honors.

Region V All-Region First Team: D'Juan Baker, Midland College; Jamine Thomas, McLennan College; Kenneth Sims, New Mexico JC; Archie Myers, Hill College; Tyjuan Finley, South Plains College; Patrick Fisher, Temple College. Second Team: Devon Phillips, Midland College; Michael Thomas, Ranger College; Ronnie DeGray, Howard College; Terrance Jolley, Cisco College; Lorenzo Hall, Frank Phillips College; Calvin Williams, Hill College. Third Team: Kevin Clark, Odessa College; Raashed Malik, McLennan College; Tyrone Mack, Odessa College; Ira Clark, Temple College; Jeff McCall, Frank Phillips College. All-America Nominees: Baker, Myers, Thomas, Sims.

COM 10-Under first at TAGS

COLLEGE STATION — The City of Midland Swim Team placed first in the state in the 10-Under girls at the Texas Age Group Swimming (TAGS) State Championships at the Texas A&M Natatorium over the weekend.

It was the first time ever that COM has earned an age group first place banner at the state meet.

Swimmers had to have state qualifying times to compete in the meet.

Only one COM swimmer won an event. That came from Stephanie Brown in the 100 backstroke in the girls 11-12 age group with a time of 1:02.51. Susie Carnett (15-18 age group), second in the 200 butterfly, recorded a 2:08.12 for a junior national qualifying time.

The 10-Under 200 medley relay team placed second (2:14.37) with Mallory Keathley, Brooke Mayes, Caroline Carson and Katie Lowry. That time was a Top 16 national qualifying time.

Also Andy Kapchinske had two third place finishes and one second place finish in his three events in the 15-18 boys division.

COM TAGS Results Girls 10-Under: Caroline Carson, 8:100 free; Mallory Keathley, 7:50 fly, 4:100 back, 4:100 free, 6:50 back; Katie Lowry, 6:200 IM, 7:100 IM, 5:200 free, 1:00 breast, 3:100 fly, 1:09.33, 7:100 free; Brooke Mayes, 3:200 IM, 2:29.36, 5:100 back, 6:100 IM, 8:200 free, 3:100 breast, 1:19.90, 7:50 back; 200 Free Relay: 5 (Mayes, Keathley, Tana Solomon, Lowry); 200 Medley Relay: 2 (Keathley, Mayes, Caroline Carson, Lowry), 2:14.37; Boys 10-Under: Kyle Edens, 5:200 IM, 8:100 back, 4:200 free, 6:50 free, 5:100 fly, 7:100 free; 200 Free Relay: 7 (Edens, Bo Ritchie, Jared Miles, Eddie Venegas); Girls 11-12: Stephanie Brown, 1:100 back, 1:02.51, 4:100 fly, 4:50 back, 3:500 free, 5:19.12, 6:200 free, 5:200 IM; Jolie Fiske, 6:100 back; 400 Medley Relay: 7 (Fiske, Abbie Ritchie, Brown, Catherine Jeff); Girls 15-18: Angela Sanchez, 7:100 breast, Susie Carnett, 2:200 fly, 2:08.12, 3:200 IM, 2:13.49, 6:100 fly, 6:1650 free; Boys 15-18: Andy Kapchinske, 3:1000 free, 9:53.58, 2:500 free, 4:42.70, 3:1650 free, 16:20.63.

Mustangs rip Rebel JV

The Midland Christian softball team climbed to 14-5 for the season Tuesday at the Bill Williams Softball Complex with a 14-5 victory over the Midland Lee junior varsity.

April Sheppard picked up the victory to climb to 9-1 for the season and she was backed by 13 hits from her teammates.

Beth Spradlin and Hope West each had three hits for the Mustangs while April Sheppard, Lacy Moore and Mindi Sheppard all had two hits each. Spradlin and Mindi Sheppard both doubled in the game.

Lee got two hits from Maresa Underwood. Midland Christian will again take to the field March 19 in Big Spring.

Lee gets homers but falls to MHS

In a game played Monday night, Midland Lee got home runs from Blake Moravcik and John Purves but could not hold off Midland High as the Bulldogs won 17-6 in junior varsity baseball action. The Lee statistics were not reported until after deadline Monday night.

Also in that game for Lee, Raymond Ibarra had two double while Jim Valadez had one double. Lee fell to 4-3 on the season.

OPENER: Lee scores three for first-inning lead

(From 1C)

"Keith was battling the flu and he started to get his pitches up in the fifth inning," Kennedy said. "I had contemplated about taking him out earlier, but he finally did work out of it. He thought he had enough to get through it."

Nick Benavidez, Britt Harper and Matt Withrow — who all went 2-3 for Lee — opened the fifth with consecutive hits to load the bases, and after Lant struck out pinch-hitter Russell Sebring, shortstop Chris Schramko belted a ground-rule double to straightaway center field which scored Benavidez and Harper to tie the game at 5-5.

"Chris is doing a great job for us at shortstop and he really got a big hit for us," Benavidez said. "We got 12 hits in the game and, like I said, if we can get eight or 10 hits we feel like we can win. There were definitely signs of the old Rebels

there."

Ham followed with a perfectly-executed squeeze play and David Smith delivered an RBI single to put Lee ahead 8-5. Ham then shut the door on the Bulldogs, striking out five of the final seven batters.

Lee took a 3-0 lead in the first on an RBI single by Harper and a two-run homer by left fielder Matt Withrow, his team-leading fourth of the year. Withrow also leads the team in RBI with 18.

Holly had command of a good fastball and a curve which was working in the early innings until he got in trouble in the fifth. MHS scored a run in the second and two more in the third to tie the game 3-3. Holly got two quick outs in the fifth before walking two batters and giving up a two-run double to Lant when Benavidez went to the bullpen for Ham.

"I really second-guessed myself

with Mark out there," Benavidez said. "We had two outs and Mark said he could get the last out. He's a competitor but it's still early in the season and he's still getting his arm like it was last year."

Holly, limited to spot starting duty and relief roles early in the year because of basketball, gave up seven hits and four earned runs in 4 2/3 innings while striking out three and walking four.

The Bulldogs cut the Rebels' lead to 3-1 in the second when Lant reached on Ham's fielding error and later scored on an RBI double to the left-center field gap.

MHS tied the game in the third when Mike Carrasco dinked a little bloop over second baseman Nick Benavidez into right field and Villarreal brought him home on his first home run of the year, a two-run shot to left-center field.

"It was a fastball, all the way,"

Villarreal said. "I just tried to make contact with it and got it pretty good."

Midland Lee 8, Midland High 5. Box score table with columns for team, AB, R, H, BI, and individual player stats for Carrasco, Villarreal, Dunlevy, Johnston, Rogers, Lant, Perez, Atsipp, Jobs, and Totals.

MHS: Williams delivers key hit with bases loaded

(From 1C)

MHS sent 11 batters to the plate in the seven-run uprising in the second inning against OHS starter Stephanie Dunlavy.

"This was a much improved effort, and this is the way we want to play every time out," said MHS coach Ricci Woodard. "Michelle pitched a great game for us. She walked a few batters (4), but you can expect that when you are throwing hard. We also hit the ball better."

The Lady Bulldogs pounded out six of their eight hits in the second inning. Catcher Julie Williams had the key hit, a three-run triple. Jennifer Shelton, Jamee Stennett and Jeni Neatherlin (a double)

also knocked in runs.

Williams is making a habit of delivering with the bases loaded. "It was kind of deja vu for me," Williams said. "I hit a triple with the bases loaded in our last district game against Permian, and it was in the same place (down the left field line)."

"Hitting with the bases loaded puts some pressure on you, but Coach (Woodard) always says that's the position you want to be in. You just have to think you can get the job done."

Quintela then took over, giving up only three hits while striking out nine Lady Bronchos. Only one OHS runner, Norma Leyva, reached as far as third base in the game and that came on a two-out

double and an error in the seventh inning.

That was when Quintela faced the possibility of losing her shutout, but she KOed Reina Cedillos to end the game. Cedillos had walked three previous times against Quintela.

Still, Quintela insists she didn't think much about losing the shutout when Leyva reached third.

"It really didn't cross my mind," Quintela said. "I just figured if someone hit the ball, our defense would field it." But she never gave her defense the chance with the strikeout.

Coach Woodard would like to see her offense strike more often than in one inning, however.

"We talked about that," Woodard said. "We don't want to just go out and score and be done with it. But we've been fighting from the bottom all year, and I'm not sure we knew what to do with a big lead."

The Lady Bulldogs head for troubled waters Saturday when they travel to Abilene High for a 2 p.m. game. MHS has lost twice this season to the Lady Eagles.

"That's a game we have to win. We haven't beaten them, so that is a game we need to win," Woodard said.

Odessa High 000 000 0-0 3 1; Midland High 070 000 7-8 3; Stephanie Dunlavy, Brandi Nimmons (5) and Wendy Hogan, Michelle Quintela and Julie Williams, 2B-Cortice Nave, Norma Leyva (OHS); Jeni Neatherlin (MHS); 3B-Julie Williams (MHS); W-Quintela, L-Dunlavy.

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King wins second Iditarod crown

NOME, Alaska (AP) — Jeff King won his second Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Tuesday, coasting into this historic Gold Rush community to the sounds of sirens and hundreds of cheering spectators.

King, a former Northern Californian who learned how to mush as a ranger at Denali National Park and Preserve, finished the 1,151-mile mushing marathon in 9 days, 5 hours, 43 minutes. It was the second fastest time ever.

Only defending champion Doug Swingley of Simms, Mont., has done better in the Iditarod's 24-year history, winning last year in 9 days, 2 hours, 42 minutes.

Swingley took second place this year, reaching Nome at 6:31 p.m. for a time of 9 days, 8 hours, 3 minutes.

The 39-year-old Denali Park musher will take home the \$50,000 winner's share of the \$300,000 purse — and a \$30,000 pickup truck.

"The team was really a joy," King said at the finish line. "I had to keep my feet off the gas pedal early in the race."

King finished with six of his orig-

inal 16 dogs in harness. He was carrying another dog in the sled as he led his team under the burlied arch that marks the official end of the race.

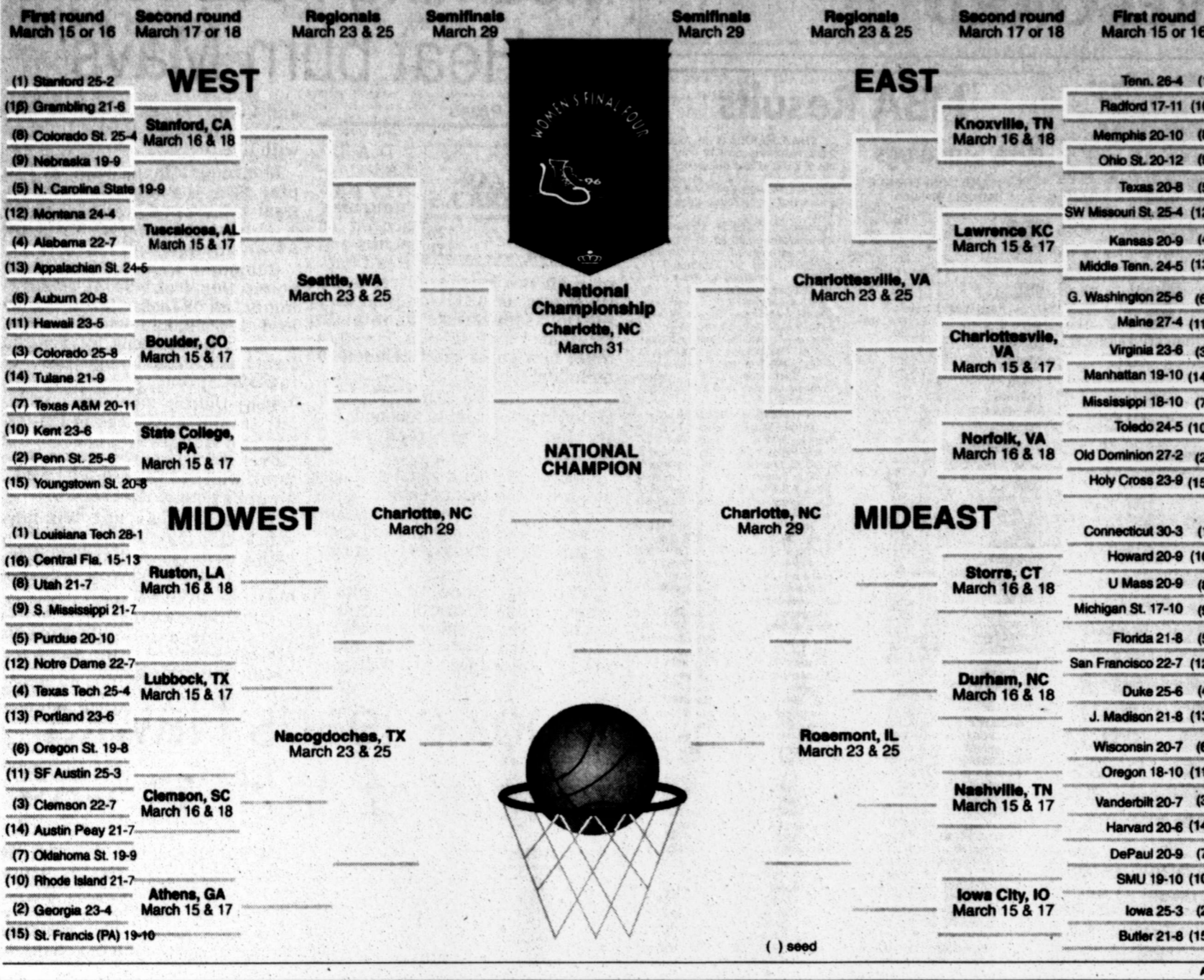
He credited patience, a virtue King admits being short on, for allowing him to hold his team back while Swingley and two-time champ Martin Buser pushed each other on.

"It's my opinion that they got a little excited racing each other," he said at the finish line while hugging lead dogs Booster and Jake. "I don't really think my dogs sped up. I think the others slowed down."

Behind King and Swingley, a race for third place was shaping up, with Kasilof musher Tim Osmar taking advantage of a mistake by Buser and Dee Dee Jonrowe. The pair made a major detour between Golovin and White Mountain, losing about three hours.

It's not uncommon for exhausted mushers to get lost along the northern coast of Norton Sound, as happened early Tuesday.

1996 NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Big East first to land three All-Americans

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press

Marcus Camby came within one vote of being a unanimous selection to The Associated Press' All-America team Tuesday, and the Big East became the first conference ever to have three players selected to the first team.

Camby, the 6-foot-11 junior center who drew as much attention this season for collapsing before a game as for what he did on the court, is the first player from Massachusetts to be selected to the first team.

He was joined on the first team by Ray Allen of Connecticut, Allen Iverson of Georgetown and Kerry Kittles — all from the Big East — and Wake Forest center Tim Duncan.

All but one voter on the 66-member national media panel had Camby on the first team. He received 328 points in the 5-3-1 voting, edging Allen, the junior swingman who had 324.

Iverson, the sophomore guard who may be the quickest player in the game, received 318 points, four more than Duncan, a junior who plays the more traditional center role than Camby's open-court style. Kittles, the only senior on the first team, had 246.

Duncan and Kittles both ended long droughts for first-team honors for their schools. Wake Forest's last first-team selection was Len Chappell in 1962; for Villanova it was Howard Porter in 1971.

Camby averaged 20.7 points, 8.0 rebounds and 3.8 blocks this season as the Minutemen went 31-1 and held the No. 1 ranking for 10 weeks, longer than any other team.

"There are some terrific players around the country but with Marcus I don't have to do any posturing," Massachusetts coach John Calipari said Tuesday. "Other people say he is the best player in the country, I don't have to. Good players put up numbers. Special players make everyone around them better. Marcus Camby is a special player."

Camby, an honorable mention All-America as a sophomore, collapsed before the St. Bonaventure game in January, missed four games and returned to lead the Minutemen to their fifth straight Atlantic 10 regular-season and tournament championships.

Allen, a 6-5 junior, made the

AP Basketball All-America Team

FIRST TEAM
 Marcus Camby, Massachusetts, 6-11, 215, junior, 20.7 ppg, 8.0 rpg, 3.8 blocks (328 points)
 Ray Allen, Connecticut, 6-5, 206, junior, 23.3 ppg, 6.5 rpg, 3.4 apg, 46.8 3-pt fg pct, 84.3 ft pct (524)
 Allen Iverson, Georgetown, 6-1, 175, sophomore, 24.7 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 5.0 apg, 3.5 spg (318)
 Tim Duncan, Wake Forest, 6-10, 230, junior, 19.6 ppg, 12.3 rpg, 3.8 bpg, 55.9 fg pct, 37.6 mpg (314)
 Kerry Kittles, Villanova, 6-5, 180, senior, 20.5 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 3.5 apg, 2.4 spg (246)

SECOND TEAM
 Keith Van Horn, Utah, 6-9, 227, junior, 21.7 ppg, 9.1 rpg, 53.7 fg pct, 41.3 3-pt fg pct, 84.9 ft pct (189)
 Tony Dalk, Kentucky, 6-1, 193, senior, 17.5 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 1.9 apg, 49.9 fg pct, 43.9 3-pt fg pct, 83.3 ft pct, 25.9 mpg (180)
 Danny Fortson, Cincinnati, 6-7, 245, sophomore, 20.7 ppg, 9.2 rpg, 55.0 fg pct, 28.8 mpg (171)
 Jacques Vaughn, Kansas, 6-0, 195, junior, 11.0 ppg, 6.3 apg, 45.0 3-pt fg pct (152)
 John Wallace, Syracuse, 6-8, 225, senior, 22.3 ppg, 8.8 rpg, 2.4 apg, 40.0 3-pt fg pct (140)

THIRD TEAM
 Stephon Marbury, Georgia Tech, 6-1, 180, freshman, 18.7 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 37.3 mpg (84)
 Lorenzo Wright, Memphis, 6-11, 230, sophomore, 17.5 ppg, 10.5 rpg, 54.5 fg pct, 2.0 blocks (81)
 Shareef Abdur-Rahim, California, 6-10, 225, freshman, 21.6 ppg, 8.7 rpg, 52.3 fg pct (62)
 Brian Evans, Indiana, 6-8, 220, senior, 21.7 ppg, 7.3 rpg, 4.0 apg, 40.4 3-pt fg pct, 84.6 ft pct, 37.3 mpg (57)

HONORABLE MENTION
 Drew Barry, Georgia Tech; Marcus Brown, Murray State; Ace Gustis, Virginia Tech; Erick Dampier, Mississippi State; Adonal Foyle, Colgate; Todd Fuller, North Carolina State; Matt Harpring, Georgia Tech; Ronnie Henderson, LSU; Brevin Knight, Stanford; Pete Liscicky, Penn State; Marcus Mann, Mississippi Valley State; Anquell McCollum, Western Carolina; Ryan Minor, Oklahoma; Steve Nash, Santa Clara; Jeff Nordgaard, Wisconsin-Green Bay; Charles O'Bannon, UCLA; Edgar Padilla, Massachusetts; Malik Rose, Drexel; Shea Seals, Tulsa; Jess Settles, Iowa; Antione Walker, Kentucky; Bonzi Wells, Ball State; Dedic Wiloughby, Iowa State

jump from third team to first team by averaging 23.3 points and 6.5 rebounds while leading the Huskies to the Big East regular-season and tournament titles, the former with a league-record 17-1 mark.

The only sophomore on the first team, the 6-1 Iverson was a high-light clip waiting to happen this season for the Hoyas, averaging 24.7 points, 3.8 rebounds, 5.0 assists and 3.5 steals. He was selected the Big East defensive player of the year for the second time and was an honorable mention All-American last season.

The 6-10 Duncan put up consistent numbers as the Demon Deacons became the first team to repeat as Atlantic Coast Conference tournament champions in 14 years. A third-team selection last year as a sophomore, he averaged 19.6 points, 12.3 rebounds and 3.8 blocks this season while playing 37.6 minutes per game.

Carmody succeeds Carril as Princeton basketball coach

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — Bill Carmody, a longtime assistant basketball coach at Princeton, will succeed retiring Pete Carril as coach of the Tigers.

The announcement Tuesday came just three days after Carril said he would step down after the NCAA tournament and that Carmody would replace him. Princeton plays UCLA on Thursday in the Southeast Regional.

While school officials knew Carril was retiring, the coach's disclosure regarding Carmody created problems because Princeton is an affirmative action school and planned to go through a selection process.

"As we have considered the team's future, it has become apparent to us that Bill Carmody is uniquely qualified to build on Pete's own legacy," athletic director Gary Walters said

Tuesday. "I have thought long and hard about our options. I have consulted with others in the world of basketball and I am thoroughly convinced that no more qualified candidate exists on this or any other campus."

Walters also announced Joe Scott, who has been a full-time assistant for a year, will be Carmody's top assistant coach and that John Thompson III will be elevated from a volunteer assistant coach to a full-time assistant.

Scott and Thompson played for Carril in the 1980s. Thompson is the son of Georgetown coach John Thompson.

Carmody has been Carril's assistant since 1982 and he was named associate head coach in September. The Tigers have won seven Ivy League titles in his tenure, the last on Satur-

day when Princeton beat Penn in overtime to earn an NCAA berth.

"Coach Carmody is a great coach, a great teacher and a great friend," said Princeton captain Sydney Johnson, a junior guard. "I have the highest degree of respect for him and so does everyone else on the team."

Carmody played at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., graduating in 1975. He coached at Fulton-Montgomery Community College for a year before returning to Union as an assistant coach and junior varsity head coach until 1980.

After spending a year as an assistant coach under Walters at Providence College, Carmody joined Carril's staff.

McGwire's problems continue with arch strain

The Associated Press

The top item on the 1996 wish list of the Oakland Athletics has to be good health for first baseman Mark McGwire, whose medical problems seem unending. They continued Tuesday.

McGwire, one of baseball's most powerful and injury-prone players, strained his right arch while running the bases, and will fly back to Oakland for an examination.

"It was impossible to walk on it. There was a lot of swelling," said a downcast McGwire, who was on crutches in the Athletics' clubhouse. "It's just mind-boggling."

He was hurt as he scored from first on a third-inning double by Terry Steinbach against the Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz.

The Athletics said McGwire had a strained arch, but he said it felt similar to an injury to his left foot — connective tissue in the foot — that forced him to miss the final two months of the 1994 season.

"It popped right before I hit third," said McGwire, who limped home on the play.

The A's said McGwire, who has missed 235 of the Athletics' 420 games because of injury during the past three seasons, will fly back to Oakland for a Thursday meeting with team orthopedist Jerrald Goldman.

McGwire, who last season set a major-league record with a home run every 8.1 at-bats, missed 33 games last season with back and left foot injuries but still had 39 homers and 90 RBIs. He hurt his foot last year while running the bases in Milwaukee.

He played in only 74 games in 1993-94 because of left heel injuries that twice required surgery, and has a chronically bad back. He had missed several exhibition games this spring, and was skipping some batting practice sessions, as a precautionary measure because of the back.

McGwire, believing it was a fascia injury, said he hoped it was a complete tear.

"In a sense I hope I tore it completely off. It would be a blessing in disguise," he said. "It would be like having surgery, it just heals. If it's a partial tear, then it becomes a nagging injury."

A's general manager Sandy Alderson said if it is a fascia injury and a complete tear, "then the rehab process begins immediately and we'd be looking at six weeks or so."

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Sanders off team; Dolan misses Olympic quadruple

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Summer Sanders and Jenny Thompson, on top of the swimming world at the 1992 Olympics, found different kinds of disappointment Tuesday on the final night of the Olympic trials.

Sanders, the last woman to qualify in four individual events at Barcelona, won't be making a return trip to the Olympics. She finished last in the 200-meter butterfly, a stunning finale to the career of the defending Olympic champion.

Several 1992 Olympians will be at home when the Games begin in July. Those who failed to make another team include Mel Stewart, Anita Nall, Crissy Ahmann-Leighton, Tom Jager and Lea Loveless.

Thompson, Janet Evans and Angel Martino are the lone holdovers from 1992 on the women's team, which includes three 14-year-olds for the first time in 20 years.

The trials ended without a world or American record being broken for the first time since 1920. In 1992, three world marks were set, including Thompson in the 100 free.

Thompson is going to Atlanta, but only as a member of the 400-meter freestyle relay, having failed to make the team in an individual event despite four attempts. She was third in the 50 free, and only the top two qualify for the Olympics.

Tom Dolan missed a chance to equal Matt Biondi's feat of qualifying in four individual events with a seventh-place finish in the 200 backstroke. Earlier, he won the 200 and 400 individual medleys and the 400 freestyle.

In Barcelona, Sanders won medals in three individual events and a relay.

In Tuesday's 200 fly, she was fourth after 100 meters, then

dropped to sixth at 150 before staggering home eighth in 2 minutes, 15.32 seconds.

Sanders, competing 10 1/2 months after starting her comeback, ran out of energy in the last 50 meters.

"I was as close as I could to being in an ambulance," she said. "I can't say I held back. I just didn't have it at the end."

Annette Salmeen of UCLA, already on the team in the 800 free relay, upset a strong field to win in 2:12.39. Trina Jackson, also on the team in the 200 free, earned the other spot in 2:12.89.

"With people like Summer in the field, I was a little bit of an underdog, but that may have helped," Salmeen said.

Jonty Skinner, who coaches Sanders as part of the Resident National team in Colorado Springs, Colo., was worried about her chances before the race.

"To me, she's still scared. She's not racing with the reckless abandon she showed before," he said.

Sanders agreed, saying, "It was a lot of nerves, being scared and not as confident as when I was 19."

Sanders pulled up last, walked out of the pool and into an embrace from boyfriend Mark Henderson, who made the team in the 100 fly. She was crying when he hurried her into a hallway for a private talk.

"He said he'd love me no matter what," said Sanders, whose retirement plans include working as an NBC commentator at the Games.

Thompson struggled the entire week in what she called "the first bad meet I've had in my life."

The double gold medalist from Barcelona only got on the team for Atlanta by finishing third in the 100 free on the meet's opening night.

Graf wins quarterfinal match, Becker upset

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Australian Open champion Boris Becker failed to solve the swirling winds Tuesday and was upset by Spain's Carlos Costa 6-3, 7-5 in a second-round match of the \$2.2 million Newsweek Championships Cup.

Becker's fellow German, Steffi Graf, had no such problem in earning a berth in the semifinals of the \$550,000 Evert Cup by beating Amanda Coetzer of South Africa 6-4, 6-1.

The tournaments are running concurrently at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort through the weekend. The women's final will be played Saturday and the men's final a day later.

Graf, top-seeded in the women's tournament, needed 66 minutes to eliminate the ninth-seeded Coetzer. It was a replay of the final two years ago, when Graf defeated Coetzer 6-0, 6-4.

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"I knew it would be a difficult match," Graf said. "I think it helped me a lot yesterday to have a little bit tougher match."

Graf referred to her 6-3, 7-5 win over Julie Halard-Decugis of France on Monday.

"I was a little bit angry after the match and I think that attitude helped me a lot today because I knew I've got to be concentrating out there," Graf said. "I've got to focus on what I'm doing, and just be a little bit more patient, and I think that worked extremely well today, especially with the windy conditions that we had."

Coetzer said she thought she had some chances in the first set, but didn't take advantage of them.

"I just let it run away from me," she said.

"I don't know if it was just the wind out there, but I definitely felt that she didn't go for as many shots."

Three third-round women's matches were played during the day Tuesday.

No. 2 Conchita Martinez of Spain rolled past Ai Sugiyama of Japan 6-0, 6-3; 18-year-old Lindsay Lee upset No. 6 Brenda Schultz-McCarthy of the Netherlands 7-5, 6-7 (6-8), 6-3, and No. 7 Lindsay Davenport eliminated No. 15 Judith Wiesner of Austria 7-6 (8-6), 6-1.

Costa, ranked 38th in the world, won the final five games of the second set to end the match, the first time the two have met on the court.

Costa's victory over Becker in 84 minutes was his second straight second-round upset here. Last year, the Spaniard beat Jim Courier in the second round.

SEED: Cooper wins by same score as 2nd league game

(From 1C)

sequence started from a corner kick that was mishandled by the MHS keeper Tina Richardson and pushed to the outside. Another attempt to cross the ball was knocked out to the top of the penalty box where Poyner, a sophomore, lobbed it perfectly over Richardson and into the upper left corner of the goal.

"The goal we got came from patience on Carolyn's part," said Cooper coach Claudia Blea. "Finishing was the main thing we worked on. We had a run (in the season) where we weren't taking good shots."

MHS, however, thinks the goal happened with a breakdown of the defense. What makes the loss even more frustrating is that it is similar to MHS' 1-0 loss at Cooper in the second game of district play. Poyner scored the lone goal in that game and that also came off a defensive miscue.

"It was 1-0 and that was the only real let down we had," said MHS sweeper Meg Bennett. "It seemed like a repeat of the first game we played against them."

Bennett, a sophomore, and Jamie Self were the mainstays on the defense that gave Cooper trouble and limited the Lady Coogs to six shots for the game.

However, as good as the MHS

defense was, Cooper might have been better. Coming into the game, the Lady Coogs, 16-3, wanted to use pressure to keep the MHS' offensive threats from creating goals. Even without 1995 all-district defender Monica Noto, Cooper did its job holding MHS to five shots for the game and keeping the MHS passing attack on guard at all times.

"We geared up on Anna (Laengberg), Jodie (Mitchell) and Sonya (Lackey)," said Blea. "If you take them away, you will shut them (the Lady Bulldogs) down."

"Monica makes a difference, but the girls were ready to take up the slack."

Cooper's Melissa Butz, the 1995 defensive player of the year, took over Noto's spot at the sweeper position and did her job taking control anytime Midland High could get a ball near goal. The closest Midland High did get came on Brenna Byerlotzer's header that missed right. It was MHS' only shot inside the penalty area.

"They were quick to getting to the ball as soon as we touched it," said Byerlotzer. "We didn't have a chance to pass the ball. We were getting frustrated and couldn't do much with the ball."

Their defense stifled us today," said Hodkinson. "Our offense wasn't clicking and she (Butz) was booming everything that came

her way."

The win gives Cooper some redemption for the 3-2 loss at MHS when the Lady Coogs gave up three second half goals to fall for the first time in 22 district games. That loss left a bad taste in their collective mouth.

"We wanted this one really badly," said Butz. "We lost the last game versus Midland High because we assumed we would win. We came into this game with more umph."

Cooper does walk away with the unofficial district title although Cooper, Midland High and Midland Lee are officially tri-champions. The Lady Coogs will also take the No. 1 seed into Next Tuesday's area game versus Sherman. The Lady Coogs will play in Fort Worth at Farrington Field. The time for the game will be announced later. Cooper is looking forward to taking the momentum and getting that rematch versus Wichita Falls Rider, who defeated Cooper 1-0 in the sectionals last season. Rider will play Lee next Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the Lee Complex in Abilene.

"Rider will be tough because we

have never beat them," said Butz.

No. 2 District 5 team has ever defeated a Wichita Falls team in the playoffs and MHS will get its shot against Wichita Falls High. The Lady Bulldogs split games with WFH in the regular season and winning in the sectionals would mean a lot to the players.

"It (falling today) is not that bothersome," said Byerlotzer. "The second seed will be okay for us. That game (versus Wichita Falls High) is one we want. We had disputes with their players and want to win our first playoff game."

SIDEKICKS: The Lady Bulldogs had one injury during the game. Sophomore Jodie Mitchell injured her ankle when taken out by a Cooper player in the second half. Mitchell's status will be assessed later although she did not return to the game.

Abilene Cooper 1, Midland High 0
Midland High 0 0-0
Abilene Cooper 1 0-1
First Half: 1. Cooper: Carolyn Poyner (unassisted).
18th minute
Second Half: None.
Shots: MHS 5, AC 6. Corner Kicks: MHS 2, AC 7.
Saves: MHS 1 (Richardson), AC 1 (Catherine Weir).
Fouls: MHS 7, AC 8. Offsides: MHS 1, AC 1. Cards: None. Penalty Kicks: None.

Winfield takes analyst job with FOX

NEW YORK (AP) — It wasn't much of a retirement for Dave Winfield.

"I only retired a couple of weeks ago," he said as he announced his retirement Tuesday to become a studio analyst in Fox's first season of baseball coverage, beginning June 1.

"I always wanted to continue to give back to the game, and I think baseball is at a critical juncture right now," Winfield said. "It can be rejuvenated, and we are up to that task."

Winfield, a veteran of 23 major

league seasons and most likely destined for the Hall of Fame, was the first announcer hired for Fox's pregame show. The network still must hire another studio analyst and a host, unless it tabs James Brown, already the Fox pregame host for NFL and NHL games.

"That's possible, but we still have some decisions to make," Fox Sports executive producer Ed Goren said. Goren is reported to have in mind an untested, slappy sidekick type for the more subdued Winfield.

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Patti McDonald was born and raised in Midland, Texas. She has been married for 14 years and has three children. She has a BS from SMU and has completed one year of graduate work. McDonald has taught preschool and has been a first grade teacher in Midland for five years. McDonald believes that introducing information and experiences relative to lessons, make the lessons "more memorable, more enjoyable and therefore a lesson better learned."

For example, when her class studied China, they did a math lesson with an abacus and a science lesson which included raising silkworms. McDonald tries to make all of her lessons exciting for the students. She thinks it is especially important for young children to achieve success at their own level and this helps them feel good about themselves. McDonald also thinks cooperation among parent, teacher and community is essential for maximum benefit to our children.

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Myrtle Shearod
San Jacinto Jr. High
Math

Myrtle Shearod has high hopes for the children she teaches. She truly wants to help each and every one of them reach their goals. "Children are our future and I wanted to be a part of their foundation. I feel that every child needs to take something with him/her when they leave me." Shearod has served as an inspiration to many of her students. Former student Andrea Morren is thankful to have had Shearod as a teacher. "She was one of those great math teachers who inspired me to become a math teacher myself. I am glad to have had her as a teacher and now am fortunate to have her as a leader and colleague," said Morren. Shearod was encouraged to pursue her love of mathematics by an uncle who is a math professor. A graduate of Prairie View A&M University, where she majored in math, Shearod participated in the TAP program and tutors students, as well as offers them tips on how to improve their TAAS scores.

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4) The Food and Drug Administration will require all enriched foods to be fortified with (CHOOSE ONE: Vitamin A, folic acid), to fight common birth defects.

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New schedule improves Golf World Championship

By Ron Rirak
Associated Press

Great ideas can be sudden strokes of genius or the labored result of hard work. The Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf has both elements.

Heading the cry for more competition involving the best players in the world, the folks at International Sports & Entertainment Strategies approached the heads of the five men's professional tours with an idea:

A match play, single-elimination tournament with \$1 million first prize.

Last year's debut event had some of those elements, but not enough to make it an unqualified success.

It had the \$1 million prize and winner Barry Lane of England paid the taxes to prove it. But it didn't have anywhere near all the best players in the world and some of those it did have lost in early rounds. It also had enough scheduling problems to turn off the players and confuse the fans.

But instead of dropping the idea or pretending nothing was wrong, the tournament organizers were clever enough to try to make it better.

"They came down and we had discussions," PGA Tour vice president of communications John Morris said this week as the final field for the 1996 Andersen was announced. "Changes were made with the input of the tour, the players and the sponsors."

The result was a field of 32 golfers that includes 16 of the top 20 on the Sony world rankings, names like Greg Norman, Nick Price, Ernie Els, Steve Elkington, Corey Pavin, Lee Janzen, Davis Love III and Colin Montgomerie.

Of those, only Elkington and Pavin played last year and neither made it to the quarterfinals. The championship match between Lane and David Frost was an unglamorous matchup held the weekend of Dec. 30-31, a time when players wanted to be with their families and fans wanted to watch football.

It was time to re-evaluate the situation.

"One of the best moves we made was getting Dick McLain of Kapalua as our tournament director," said Tim Smith, managing director of ISES, the Atlanta-based tournament organizer. "He is close with most of the top players."

The immediate goal was to figure out why so many big-name players stayed away from the inaugural Andersen.

"We asked Dick to talk not only to the players who played but also to the players who didn't play, starting with Greg Norman and Nick Price and right on down the list," Smith said.

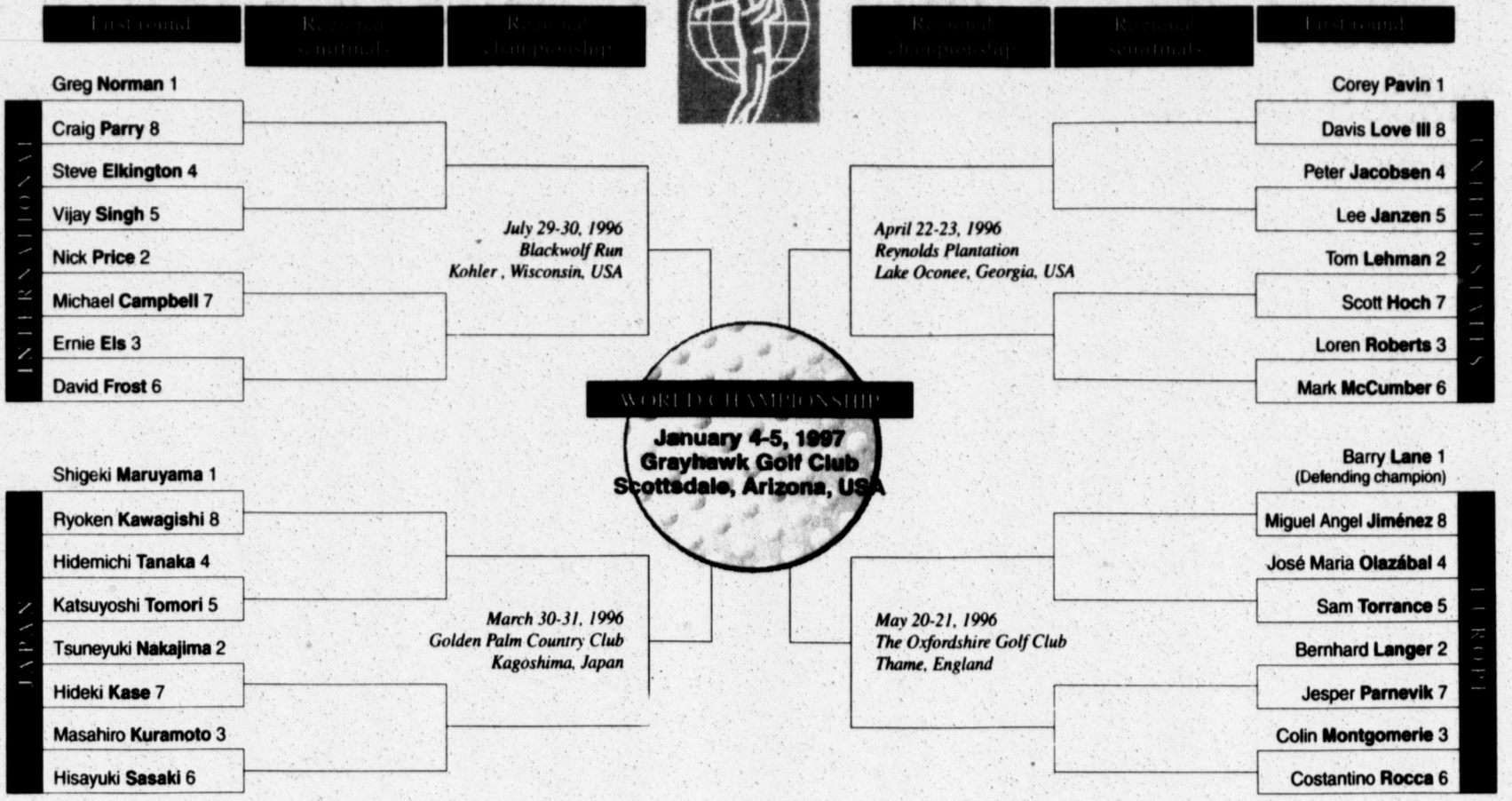
What they found was some glaring problems with the scheduling.

The holiday weekend final had to go. Playing matches the day after the Masters and British Open also made some players unwilling to commit. And having to travel to separate qualifiers months apart to get to the semifinals was inconvenient.

"It was impossible for me to play it last year," Price said. "I would have had to play after the Masters and then the British Open and then get to the finals."

Not so this year. The eight players from each of the four sections of the draw will play three matches in two days at one site to determine the final four.

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The Japan qualifier is March 30-31 in Kagoshima, Japan. The U.S. winner is decided April 22-23 at Reynolds Plantation in Georgia. The European champion emerges May 20-21 at Thame, England.

And the International group — the strongest with Norman, Price, Els, Elkington, Vijay Singh, Michael Campbell, David Frost and Craig Parry — plays July 29-30 in Kohler, Wis.

The semifinals and finals will be in Scottsdale Ariz., Jan. 4-5 of next year.

"What I think they did which was really smart was to speak to

the players and ask them what would best fit into their schedules," Price said. "Dick McLain, having been involved in golf, knows that is a priority. I think that's one of the reasons he's condensed it."

The idea for the Andersen started kicking around about five years ago when Smith, a former PGA Tour deputy commissioner, got a tentative commitment from Dennis Swanson at ABC-TV to televise it.

Then Smith went to the five tours — the PGA Tour, PGA European Tour, Japan PGA, FNB Tour-South Africa and PGA Tour

of Australasia — with the idea.

"Collectively, ISES, ABC, ESPN and the tours took the next necessary step which was to find a title sponsor," Smith said.

That's when Andersen Consulting, a \$4.2 billion global management and technology consulting organization, got on board.

It's clearly a way the PGA Tour, the premier tour in the world, wants to go. Earlier this year, PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem talked about finding "the best scenario for a true world championship" and said he wanted to

"promote more movement between the tours."

Even Norman, who bolted from the pack last year and jumped on board the failed World Golf Tour, gave qualified support.

"It's still got a long way to go to prove anything," Norman said. "It seems like it's got a chance, but only time will tell whether it will become a good tournament."

The changes made for this year's Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf gave it a much better chance.

AP/Bob Bianchini

Instant replay will not return to NFL next season

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue made it official Tuesday: No instant replay next season.

"If there's a vote for instant replay, it will be for a complete period of experimentation, both in the preseason and regular season," Tagliabue said. "If that's the case, we're looking to try it in '96 for use in '97."

Tagliabue spoke after the league's owners discussed the possible return of the system killed four years ago.

In addition to instant replay, the owners: —heard from Nashville mayor Phil Bredesen, who expounded on why his city would be a deserving NFL franchise. The owners may vote this week on Bud Adams' proposal to move the Houston Oilers there.

—discussed amending the policy prohibiting NFL owners from owning teams in other sports. Tagliabue said there is some sentiment for allowing cross-ownership in the same city, which would allow Wayne Huizenga, owner of the Miami Dolphins, to keep his baseball and hockey teams.

—talked about the proposed move of the Seattle Seahawks to Southern California. Tagliabue said the owners were concerned

about the various holdups because of lawsuits filed in attempts to block the move. The Seahawks have 10 years left on the lease but claim the risk of earthquakes allows them to void the agreement.

But much of the time was occupied with instant replay, which came to the floor despite a 4-3 vote against it by the competition committee.

The three votes for replay came from the three coaches on the committee — Green Bay's Mike Holmgren, Minnesota's Dennis Green and San Francisco's George Seifert. The votes against came from team officials — the New York Giants' George Young, Cincinnati's Mike Brown, Dallas' Jerry Jones, and Tampa Bay's Rich McKay.

But the main problem is the mechanics of replay, which was in effect from 1986-1991 before being voted out.

The coaches, who voted 26-4 in favor, are leaning toward a system in which they would be allowed to challenge calls on the field. And they'd like the referee to make the call rather than have it reviewed by a replay official in a booth, as was the case.

But Tagliabue noted there are problems

with that — like who would run back the tape of the disputed play.

"You're not going to have Red Cashion over there running the videotape machine," he said, citing the ref best known for his draw-out first-down calls. "Is he supposed to lean over a monitor and call out 'First Doooooooooooooowwwn? He has enough to do.'"

Even experimenting with instant replay may not get the 23 votes necessary.

In addition to the four votes in the competition committee, which could change if replay is only an experiment, there may be another half-dozen votes against it. They would include Denver, Buffalo and Kansas City and perhaps Arizona.

As for franchise moves, the focus was on the proposed relocation of the Oilers to Tennessee.

Bredesen flew in for a quick meeting with the owners after mayor Bob Lanier of Houston was in on Monday. Lanier said then that the city would hold the Oilers to their lease at the Astrodome, which runs through 1997. Unless the owners guaranteed a new team for Houston, as they did for Cleveland when Art Modell took his team to Baltimore.

Former 49er defender Lott ends 15-year NFL career

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Ronnie Lott, one of the best defensive backs in the history of the NFL, says it's time to retire.

"I realized that I've exhausted my ability to play the game," he said Tuesday. "My philosophy is to live life to the fullest, and to play the game to the fullest."

"I'm not able to be a productive player in the NFL any longer. I didn't want to hang on indefinitely."

Lott, 36, spent 15 years in the NFL. He went to four Super Bowls with the San Francisco 49ers and was voted to the Pro Bowl a record-tying 10 times.

"I'd like to tell you and all the fans that I love them," he said. "Thank you for letting me be a part of your life for the last 15 years."

He said he wasn't sure what he'll do now, but likely will be connected to the 49ers in some form.

Lott also played for the Los Angeles Raiders, New York Jets

and the Kansas City Chiefs. He was on the Chiefs' injured reserve list last year after breaking his left leg in an exhibition game.

"He was one of the best players ever at covering plays in front of him," Al Davis, managing general partner of the Raiders, said from the league meetings in Palm Beach, Fla. "He was just a great player."

Chiefs general manager Carl Peterson, also at the meetings, could not be reached for comment.

During Lott's 10 years with the 49ers from 1981 to 1990, he made more than 700 tackles and intercepted 51 passes.

Lott, a two-time All-America at Southern California, was the eighth pick in the 1981 draft. He intercepted seven passes and returned three for touchdowns in a rookie year in which the 49ers beat Cincinnati in the Super Bowl.

ASTRO: 'Kid' not feeling any pressure

(From 1C)

The Astros expect the 24-year-old Wagner to carry a bigger load in the future than toting a bag of chewing tobacco, but he's not feeling any pressure in this camp for a kid born and raised in rural Virginia.

"They are saying there's a lot of pressure on me to make this team," Wagner said in his measured Southern drawl. "Sure, I want to make the team, but I don't see where the pressure is at. From what I've heard, I'm ahead of schedule, and I know I can pitch up here so I don't feel any pressure."

Wagner may feel the way management is leaning. No decisions have been made, but Wagner likely will return to Tucson for further development.

"We're coming into spring training with an open mind about Billy Wagner," said general manager Gerry Hunsicker. "Ultimately, we have to look at the role he could play on our major-league club and determine if he's ready to contribute in that role."

Wagner was the 12th overall pick by the Astros in 1993, and he's done nothing to discredit that selection.

Wagner started last season in Class AA Jackson, and finished the final month with the Astros, although his only appearance was to retire one batter on Sept. 12.

He was 2-2 with a 2.57 ERA and 77 strikeouts in 70 innings at Jackson, and earned Texas League All-Star recognition before moving to Class AAA Tucson. There, he was 5-3 with a 3.18 ERA, including 3-1 and a 1.59 ERA in his final four

decisions.

Pitching coach Brent Strom won't classify Wagner's fast ball in a league with former Astros greats J.R. Richard and Nolan Ryan. But he will compare it with former Yankees pitcher Ron Guidry because of similar body types.

Wagner squeezes every ounce of velocity out of his 5-foot-10, 180-pound frame to get it into the 90s.

"The thing that sets him apart is he's not a big man and yet he throws it hard," Strom said. "(Darryl) Kile and Todd Jones can throw as hard or harder, and (John) Hudek, too. Billy's speed is deceptive because of his size."

Velocity entertains fans; control and changing speeds makes pitching coaches smile.

"The things he needs to work on are things to become a big league pitcher and that's command, ball movement and changing speeds like any other pitcher," Strom said. "If he goes out there and tries to overpower everyone, he won't pitch in the major leagues."

Wagner was nearly sidetracked into a football career before a wise coach at Ferrum College in Ferrum, Va., told him to forget football and stay with baseball.

"I went there to play football, but after the first year, he told me not to come back for football," Wagner said. "He said my future was in baseball, and that was the smart thing for me to do."

Wagner hasn't always been noted for his velocity.

"Coming out of high school, it was 78 (mph)," he said, also adding he was 5-8, 135 at the time.

But he grew and got the most out of the added muscle.

Bell leads Astros past Tigers in spring game

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Derek Bell had two hits, two RBIs, scored twice and stole a pair of bases to lead the Houston Astros to a 12-5 victory Tuesday over the Detroit Tigers.

John Cangelosi had three singles, scored three runs and drove in another for the Astros as both teams tore into each other starting pitchers for big innings.

Houston starter Darryl Kile

gave up six hits, two walks and five runs, all of them earned, in four innings.

White Sox (ss) 7, Rangers 4 SARASOTA, Fla. — Frank Thomas, Ozzie Guillen and Dave Martinez hit their first homers of the spring, giving a split squad of Chicago White Sox a 7-4 victory over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday.

Guillen hit a two-run shot off loser Ken Hill in the third inning.

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Prices climb

NEW YORK — Crude oil prices closed above \$20 a barrel Tuesday on spirited buying by refiners seeking to accumulate supplies to meet the increased demand for gasoline that accompanies warmer weather.

West Texas Intermediate for April delivery closed 55 cents higher at \$20.46 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Local crude purchasers raised their posted price 75 cents to \$19 a barrel.

Ongoing talks between Iraqi and United Nations negotiators to allow that country a reprieve from sanctions that prevent it from selling oil on world markets had little effect on trading.

Natural gas settled 1 cent lower at \$2.168 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Traders expected the American Petroleum Institute to report after the close that stocks fell 2.5 million barrels, said analyst Andrew Lebow at E.D.&F. Man International in New York.

API later said stocks rose 6.969 million barrels, easing stockpiles that were at the lowest since mid-1977, when the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries nearly doubled the price of oil. Refiners who have been producing on a hand-to-mouth basis all winter now are scrambling to snap up oil to produce gas as the summer driving season nears, analysts said.

In other trading, Heating oil for delivery in April closed .32 cent lower at \$54.83 cents a gallon. Unleaded gasoline for April settled 1.24 cents higher at \$60.56.

Dollar falls

NEW YORK — The dollar finished lower against most major currencies Tuesday after spending most of the day following the U.S. stock and bond markets through their gyrations.

The dollar ended lower against the German mark and the Japanese yen. The greenback started the U.S. trading day by plunging against both currencies at roughly the same time the Treasury and stock markets moved down.

Stocks finished slightly higher Tuesday and the bond market recovered from its lows of the day, but the dollar couldn't stage a significant upturn.

The dollar was quoted at 105.25 yen, down from 105.41 yen late Monday. The dollar was changing hands at 1.4745 marks, down from 1.4807 marks.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Monday: 1.1929 Swiss francs, down from 1.2012; 5.0455 French francs, down from 5.0715; 1,557 Italian lire, down from 1,561; and 1.3682 Canadian dollars, up from 1.3657.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.5235, down from \$1.5241.

Trade deficit jumped in 1995

■ Last year's performance was second worst in history.

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The deficit in the broadest measure of U.S. foreign trade increased to \$152.92 billion last year, the second worst performance in history. But private economists were encouraged by signs that better days are ahead.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that the 1.1 percent rise in the current account deficit reflected a huge jump in the imbalance in goods, which climbed to an all-time high, and a second straight annual shortfall in investment earnings.

The current account is considered the broadest gauge of a country's trade performance because it measures not only trade in goods and services but also investment flows between countries and foreign aid.

Last year marked the fourth straight year that the U.S. current account deficit widened. It was the worst performance since a record high of \$166.3 billion set in

1987.

By contrast, Japan, the world's second largest economy, had a huge surplus of \$110.44 billion in its current account last year.

While the annual U.S. deficit was larger than a 1994 imbalance of \$151.3 billion, the government said that the imbalance for the final three months of 1995 shrank to \$31.07 billion, 22.8 percent below the third quarter figure.

Many economists viewed that improvement as an encouraging sign that America's trade deficit, which has gotten worse for four straight years, may finally start to improve this year.

"The fourth quarter improvement was spectacular. The current account deficit is on a downward trend," said Allen Sinai, chief global economist at Lehman Brothers in New York.

He predicted the deficit could narrow to \$120 billion this year as economic growth picks up in America's major export markets — Canada, Japan, Mexico and Europe.

The U.S. trade performance has become a key issue in the presidential campaign with various Republican candidates using the rising deficits to attack

President Clinton's record on trade. GOP candidate Pat Buchanan has said he would pull the country out of a global trade agreement and the free trade deal with Mexico to save millions of American jobs.

The administration, however, has blamed the worsening deficit on bigger economic forces — the U.S. economy has been growing faster and pushing up demand for foreign products — and insisted the recent trends point to lower deficits in coming years.

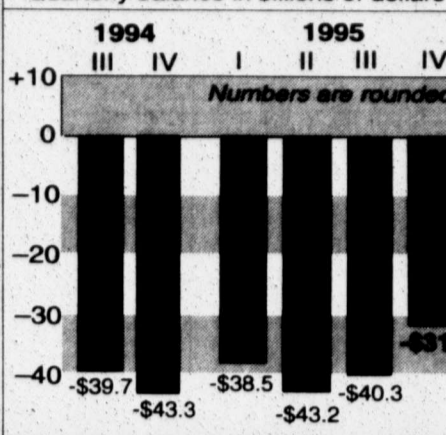
While this view is supported by many economists, others are not so sure.

"The fourth quarter did show a lot of improvement. But the question is how sustainable that is," said Larry Chimerine, chief economist at the Economic Strategy Institute in Washington. "Many of our best foreign markets such as Mexico are still struggling."

Chimerine said he believed the current account deficit would remain stuck about where it is for some time to come. He said his pessimism was based partly on a forecast that the deficit in investment income will continue to grow, reflecting that the United States is now the world's largest debtor country.

U.S. current account

The broadest measure of U.S. foreign trade
Quarterly balance in billions of dollars



Breakdown by category

In billions
Fourth quarter 1995 (Preliminary)

All services	+\$16.2
Merchandise trade	-\$38.0
Net unilateral transfers	-\$7.7
Investment income	-\$1.5

Source: Dept. of Commerce AP

Markets see wide swings in volatile day

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks declined broadly Tuesday in another volatile session. But the Dow Jones industrial average snapped back late in the day as once again steep losses encouraged investors to shop for bargains.

The Dow industrials gained 2.89 to close at 5,583.89, charging back from a deficit of more than 95 points earlier in the afternoon. The famed Wall Street barometer has swung sharply since last week's strong report on employment, shedding 171 points on Friday and adding 110 points on Monday.

Broader market indicators trimmed their steep losses, too, but still ended the day in negative territory.

"It will continue to be a volatile setting for a while," said A. Marshall Acuff Jr., market strategist at Smith Barney. "As each economic indicator comes out, the chances of perceptions getting blown around is high in a setting like this. This is not a one or two day event."

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by about 3 to 2 on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 454.83 million shares, almost even with Monday's pace.

The NYSE's composite index fell 1.36 to 341.39. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 2.93 to 637.09. The Nasdaq composite index fell 7.45 to 1,073.05. The American Stock Exchange, the market value index fell 2.21 to 559.17.

"That's not a very convincing bounce back in terms of the broad market," said Michael Metz, market analyst for Oppenheimer & Co. The late rebound may have followed a weak report on retail sales that helped justify some bargain hunting, he added.

At mid-afternoon, a widely watched report from Johnson Redbook Service revealed some softness in retail sales during the first week of March, partly due to weekend ice and snow storms in the Midwest and East.

Before that report, there was little specific news to trigger the day's selling, which some pinned to the continuing turbulence in the bond market.

Wall Street observers had banked on a steady diet of weak economic readings to help the Federal Reserve justify its fourth interest rate cut within a year to help spur new business activity.

But on Friday, the government shocked the investment community with a report revealing a dramatic rise in employment during February, dashing hopes the Fed would act again when its policy makers meet later this month.

Lower borrowing costs boost corporate profits, making stocks and bonds more attractive than other investments such as savings accounts.

Canny curves

Coca-Cola

AP Leasphoto

A prototype of the new curvy aluminum can that Coca-Cola officials said they plan to test market, probably by the end of the year, is seen in a photo released by the company in Atlanta Tuesday.

Microsoft strikes back with AOL deal

By N.Y. Times News Service

One day after Netscape Communications Corp. announced a deal to provide five million America Online (AOL) users with free copies of its Internet browser software, giant Microsoft Corp. struck back with a deal of its own.

AOL has agreed to build Microsoft's browser, called Internet Explorer, into future versions of America Online software, beginning this fall. In exchange, Microsoft has agreed to include AOL software in future shipments of its Windows 95 operating system.

AOL customers will still be able to use Netscape's Navigator browser. But the Microsoft browser will be included on CD-ROM disks of AOL software. In addition, AOL users who want to download a browser will automatically be given the Microsoft product. This could mean that many new users of AOL will simply use the Microsoft browser instead of Netscape Navigator.

"Microsoft will become our primary technology partner in our Internet space," said AOL chief executive Steve Case. "It really does mark a new stage in the development of the on-line industry." It also indicates the strength of Microsoft's determination to overtake Netscape, whose browser is used by about three-quarters of all Internet users.

Meanwhile, AOL will gain easier access to users of Windows 95, which comes pre-installed on millions of personal computers. The AOL icon will appear on screen when a Windows 95 computer is booted up. To subscribe to the service, a customer will simply click on the icon.

Push-button access to AOL should make it easier to market the service to new computer users. An icon for Microsoft's own on-line service, Microsoft Network, already appears on the Windows 95 desktop. AOL's Case once was the biggest opponent of bundling the Microsoft Network with pre-installed versions of Windows 95, saying it gave Microsoft an unfair advantage in the developing on-line service industry.

Now, AOL's chief rival, CompuServe, is working out a similar arrangement with Microsoft, according to people familiar with negotiations between the two firms.

The Microsoft browser to be offered by AOL will include many of the features made popular by the latest version of Netscape Navigator. This new version of the Microsoft browser will be available in beta form next month, and in finished form by this summer.

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BUSINESS SCENE

Murray's adds catering, deli, readies second location

By Mella McEwen

MURRAY'S DELICATESSEN has expanded and there are now three businesses.

The owners of Murray's, located in Imperial Shopping Center, have opened THE FRENCHMAN next door to its long-time restaurant.

The Frenchman is a delicatessen, offering carry-out home-cooked food from lasagna to chicken fried steak in either single-serving or family-sized portions. Also available are some frozen entrees, soups, salads and desserts such as pies, cakes and cobblers either by the serving or whole. Hours are 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

MURRAY'S & THE FRENCHMAN is the new catering service, catering sit-down meals, box lunches, buffets or hors d'oeuvres.

In addition, Murray's is in the process of establishing a second loca-

tion, in downtown Midland at the former Pueblitas location, Marienfeld Street and Texas Avenue. The new restaurant is expected to open in mid-to late April.

Just opened at 601 N. Marienfeld, Suite 101 is THE MARKETPLACE. Owner Amy Robinson, who just moved here from San Angelo with her UTPB-student husband, offers custom-designed clothing, alterations and monogramming for men, women and children. She said she earned her degree in fashion design from Texas Tech University and, after designing clothing during her free time, decided to make a business of it. At present, she said she is designing a lot of prom dresses but can design casual fashions, work clothing or formals.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

On the move is ANTIQUES BY JOSEPH, which has relocated from Antiques Etc. to a space in Old Town Midland shopping center, 325 Dodson. Joseph Nye said that the store contains an assortment of antiques — from glassware to collectible American art pottery to sterling silver jewelry to various styles of furniture, including

oak and walnut. He specializes in collectibles and glassware.

Also located in the store are Marvan Antiques, specializing in furniture, and Joanna and Kathy's, specializing in glassware.

Nye said he has been buying and selling antiques for 25 years and opened the store to supplement his income as a computer graphics technology professor at Midland College. He has lived in Midland 15 years.

Hours are 1 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Midland Park Mall will welcome its new store, GREAT AMERICAN COOKIE COMPANY, March 19-20.

Also at the mall, GNC will relocate to a space between Regis and Carousel Photo on March 18.

The mall will host the Larry Brown Antique Show Thursday through Sunday during mall hours.

The Rainbows will operate the mall train this weekend as a fund-raiser.

Charlotte M. Starr, a former Midland Independent School District school counselor, has begun offering her "Effective Parenting Program," a strategy that enables the parents to

help their children learn responsible decision making and self-control.

The program teaches awareness of problem behavior patterns and poor communication and how to replace those patterns with appropriate ways to express feelings, discipline and self-control by teaching children decision-making skills.

She developed the program after 23 years as a teacher, reading specialist and school counselor.

Ms. Starr can be reached at 697-6155.

SCHLOTZKY'S DELI, a 463-store chain of upscale delis with two in Midland — Wadley Avenue at Garfield Street and on Andrews Highway, is participating in the national "Shamrocks Against Muscular Dystrophy" campaign.

Until Sunday, customers and vendors can buy a shamrock to help "Jerry's kids," signing their names or stapling business cards to the shamrocks. The shamrocks will then be posted at stores throughout the chain. Cost is \$1 or \$5, and customers can also buy green shamrock lapel pins.

Mella McEwen is a business/oil writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

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★ ★ ★ COOKING ON THE HOME RANGE

By Teresa S. Johnson
Associated Press

WACO, Texas — With its combination of recollections and recipes from perhaps the most famous group of lawmen in the state, "The Authorized Texas Ranger Cookbook" has won the respect of many history buffs as well as cooks.

Now it's also won an award. The cookbook, compiled by Johnny and Cheryl Harris of Hamilton, recently was named Southwestern regional winner of the 1995 Tabasco Community Cookbook Awards competition.

The awards are sponsored each year by the McIlhenny Co. to honor cookbooks that preserve America's local and regional culinary customs while benefiting the community. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum gets a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Ranger Cookbook.

Harris said he thinks the cookbook won because of its different approach.

"We have the history of the Rangers as well as recipes from active and retired Rangers," Harris said.

Those recipes include such colorfully named dishes as Ragin' Cajun Fried Turkey, Bootlegger Bread and Beer in the Rear Chicken (a creative way to roast chicken vertically from retired Ranger Bill Gunn and his wife, Sugar).

The cookbook is also packed with history.

With help from the museum and current and retired Rangers, the book is filled with pictures and history of this group of lawmen that was formed in 1823 by Stephen F. Austin to protect his colony and continues today as a statewide law enforcement agency.

Plus there are many stories from the rangers, themselves.

For example, the following story from retired Ranger Bill Gunn is on page 14:

"A Ranger Captain was down on the Rio Grand with his company of men tracking bandits. They had the gang of bandits spotted and were about to engage them in battle when the Captain asked his men

to kneel in prayer before the battle.

He said, 'Lord, if you'll just stick around for a few minutes you'll see the gold-dangedst fight you ever witnessed. And Lord, if you can't see fit to help us, just please don't help them.'

Such stories interspersed between recipes and historical pictures help the cookbook appeal to both men and women, Harris said.

In fact, one of the contest judges, Jan Turner Hazard, food editor of Ladies' Home Journal, said she like the cookbook because "it shows there is a place in the kitchen for men."

The idea to put together a Texas Ranger cookbook had been floating around for years before Harris happened to ask the right question at the right time.

Harris, who is a Hamilton County pecan grower, was writing a pecan cookbook, when he happened to run into Tom Burks, then curator of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum.

"I asked what happened to the cookbook they were going to do, and he said if you want to do it, here's the stuff," said Harris, a member of the Texas Rangers Association, which he described as a "booster club" and fund-raising group for the Texas Rangers and its annual reunion.

So Harris put aside the pecan cookbook to start gathering recipes from Rangers, which he said was no easy task.

After numerous letters and phone calls, Harris said his wife finally sent handwritten pleas to get the last batch of recipes.

But it was worth it, Harris said. The cookbook so far has raised more than \$3,000 for the museum and he's hopeful the award will spur sales even higher.

The hardcover book, which costs \$18.95, is sold at the gift shop at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum at Interstate 35 and the Brazos River in Waco, Barnes and Noble or by mail by sending \$18.95, plus \$3 shipping and handling and \$1.48 sales tax (for Texas

residents).
to The Authorized Texas Rangers Cookbook, Harris Farms Publishing, P.O. Box 191, Hamilton, Texas 76531.

Following are a couple of recipes that Harris recommends from "The Authorized Texas Ranger Cookbook":

TEXAS RANGER STEW
1 can (28 ounces) peeled whole tomatoes
2 cans (6 to 8 ounces each) sliced mushrooms
1 can beef broth

2 soup cans water
1/2 cup ketchup
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1 small onion, chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground thyme
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/2 pounds lean ground beef
1 cup quick-cooking rice

Brown ground beef and onion; drain fat. Add tomatoes, broth, water, ketchup, Worcestershire sauce, salt, thyme, pepper and mushrooms. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes. Stir in rice, cover and set aside for 5 minutes. Wonderful with cornbread.

— From Sgt. Brantley Foster, Com-

pany B and wife, Suzanne.

STEAK WITH WHISKEY SAUCE

1 large 2-inch thick sirloin steak
1 tablespoon coarsely crushed black peppercorns
2 to 3 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon coarse rock salt
1/2 pound butter
2 tablespoons chopped onion
1 clove garlic, minced
2 tablespoons whiskey
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
Dash hot pepper sauce

Trim excess fat from steak. Press crushed peppercorns and garlic into both sides of steak and let stand at room temperature for 1 hour. Heat a heavy black iron skillet over high heat. Grease the bottom of the hot skillet with a piece of fat you trimmed off the steak.

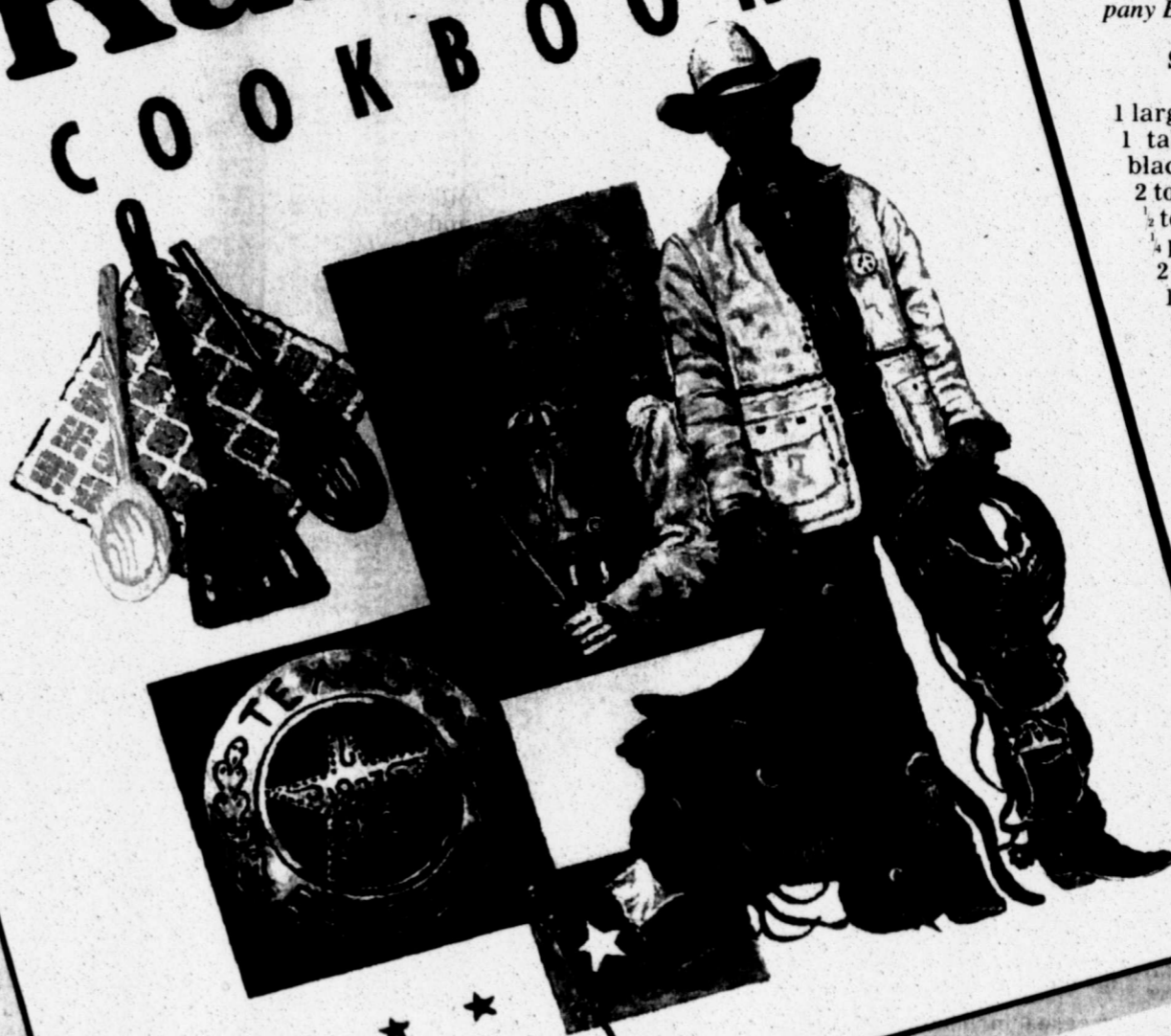
Toss in about half of the rock salt. Sear the steak or steaks quickly on one side, then lift out. Add remaining salt to the skillet, turn the steak and sear on the other side.

Reduce the heat to medium and cook the steaks as

desired. Remove to a warm platter. Pour off any fat from cooking the steak. Melt butter in the same skillet over low heat; add onion and garlic and cook slowly until soft. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for a minute or two. Pour over steaks and serve.

— From Capt. Jack Dean, Company D, and wife, Janie.

The Authorized Texas Ranger COOKBOOK



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WHAT'S COOKING?

Blintzes are special pancakes to couple

By Linda Anderson
Staff Writer

Pancakes come in a lot of different shapes and sizes, and are known under a lot of different names. For David and Ruth Hoff of Midland, the preferred kind of pancake might be blintzes.

Although Hoff and his wife, members of Downtown Lions Club and Lioness Club, respectively, will be hard at work at the annual Downtown Lions Club's Pancake Jamboree and Health Fair (scheduled for 7 a.m.-7 p.m. March 23 at Chaparral Center on the campus of Midland College), making and serving regular pancakes (along with sausage, juice, milk and coffee), blintzes are special pancakes to them.

Blintzes are similar to crepes, Hoff and his wife said, but are made a little differently and are well-known in Jewish cuisine. They also can be difficult to find at restaurants in the area, since the Jewish population is small here. Most people don't know much about blintzes, Hoff said.

That means people who are hungry for blintzes usually have to make them at home, which, while not difficult, can be a major undertaking because of the time and effort involved.

"You make an egg batter, then fill it, then have to roll it up, then you have to fry or bake" the blintzes, Hoff said.

"I've only fried them but baked, I'm sure, are good," Mrs. Hoff added. "What they tell you is to fry them in oil, but I've always made them on a griddle with very little oil."

Mrs. Hoff taught herself to make blintzes — and pretty much every-



David and Ruth Hoff will be cooking regular pancakes at the Downtown Lions Club's Pancake Jamboree and Health Fair March 23, but their favorite type of pancake are blintzes.



Pick your biggest and best salad bowl and toss a Warm Spinach Salad with Figs. The salad is flavored with cheese, onion and herbs. A hot dressing makes the flavors of the ingredients bloom.

Contrasting Flavors, Textures, Temperatures Make a Winning Salad

Associated Press

Grandma called it wilted lettuce salad. Today's chefs call it warm greens. In the following recipe for warm spinach salad with figs, the contrast of temperatures teams with the contrast of sweet and sour flavors, soft and crunchy textures. The hot dressing helps the flavor of the ingredients to bloom and enrobe the spinach.

WARM SPINACH SALAD WITH FIGS

2 quarts chilled, washed, small spinach leaves, or mixed greens or

mesclun
1/2 cup shredded light Jarlsberg, Swiss or feta cheese
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium red or yellow onion, sliced
1/2 cup figs, stems removed, sliced
1/2 cup walnut halves (optional)
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons lemon juice
Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Place spinach and cheese in a large salad bowl. Heat oil in medium to large skil-

let. Add onion and fig slices, walnuts and garlic; saute over medium-high heat until onions are limp. Add vinegar and lemon juice; heat to boiling. Pour over spinach and cheese in large salad bowl; toss to mix well. Season with salt and pepper. Serve warm. Makes 4 main-dish or 8 appetizer servings.

Recipe from: California Fig Advisory Board

For a collection of 10 recipes, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Dept. N, California Fig Advisory Board, Box 709, Fresno, Calif. 93712.

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COOK: Blintzes are couples favorite style of pancakes

(From 10C)

thing else. "I never did any cooking before I was married," she said.

"I experimented on him," she laughed.

She, however, has taught the couple's two daughters to make blintzes. When the girls are home, they whip out a batch of blintzes in no time, assembly-line fashion, their parents said.

"Most are served with apple sauce, sour cream or jelly," Hoff said. All three are best, he grinned.

"As far as I'm concerned, I think I'd rather have blintzes than anything else," Hoff said.

Here are some of the couple's favorite recipes:

BLINTZES

CHEESE:
1 pound cottage cheese (strain liquid or use dry or Ricotta cheese)
3 ounces cream cheese
1 egg
1 tablespoon melted butter or margarine
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon (if desired)

BATTER:
1 egg beaten slightly
Add:
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 to 1 1/2 cups water or milk or combination
1 cup flour

Batter should be very thin. Pour small amount in non-stick fry pan (or brush margarine in small 6- to 8-inch fry pan) and work around until bottom of pan is completely covered. As soon as it sets and is barely golden, turn out on old sheet, cloth or paper sacks. Fill baked side with cheese and roll with sides tucked in. Fry slowly in butter mixed with oil or margarine. Freezes well; can be oven baked with butter or margarine painted on both sides.

Serve with sour cream, cinnamon and sugar, or preserves on top.

FRUIT BLINTZES

1/2 cup skim milk
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 container (1 cup) liquid egg substitute
1/2 cup (about) margarine (may use unsalted if desired)

1 can (16 ounces) sliced peaches, packed in juice, well drained and diced
1/2 cup chopped cooked prunes
Alternately add skim milk and flour to liquid egg substitute, mixing well until combined. Melt 1 teaspoon margarine; use to lightly grease 6-inch skillet. Heat skillet. Pour in thin covering of prepared batter (about 2 tablespoons) just to cover bottom of pan. Tilt pan from side to side to distribute batter evenly. Cook on one side until batter blisters. Turn out onto clean cloth or waxed paper. Repeat with remaining batter to make 16 blintzes, using melted margarine as needed.

For filling, combine peaches and prunes. Place 1 tablespoonful of fruit mixture on each blintz. Fold in sides to form a square. Melt 2 tablespoons margarine in large skillet. Brown squares on both sides; serve hot.

Nutrition information per blintz: 98 calories; 72 mg sodium (41 mg sodium if using unsalted margarine); 4 grams fat.

BAKED BLINTZ

(From "The Happy Cooker" of the Women's Committee of Temple Sinai, Atlanta, Ga.)

BATTER:
1/2 pound diet margarine, melted
2 tablespoons sugar
Sugar substitute to equal 2 tablespoons sugar

2 eggs
Pinch salt
1 cup flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 cup skim milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

FILLING:
2 pounds part-skim milk Ricotta cheese
1/2 pound low-fat cottage cheese
1 tablespoon sugar
Sugar substitute to equal 1 tablespoon sugar
Up to 1/2 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
Juice of 1 lemon

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Spray 9x13-inch baking dish with non-stick release agent. Mix all batter ingredients together and pour half of batter (1 1/2 cups) into baking dish. Mix all filling ingredients together and spoon on top of batter. Pour remaining batter over filling. Bake at 300 degrees for 1 1/2 hours or until top is brown. May be frozen either when finished or after half of baking time and then finished when ready to serve.
Makes 12 servings, 257 calories each.

BAKED BLINTZES

(From "Healthier Jewish Cookery")

4 eggs
1 cup skim milk
1 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
Peanut oil

Beat eggs and milk together. Slowly stir in flour and salt; beat until batter is smooth. Brush 6-inch skillet with peanut oil. Heat and spoon in just enough batter to lightly cover bottom of pan. Cook until batter solidifies and is lightly browned on one side. Turn out onto clean linen or paper towel; continue to make blintzes one at a time, being careful to brush skillet each time with minimum of peanut oil to prevent sticking. When all batter is used up, place 2 tablespoons of filling (recipes below) on browned side of blintz; turn up bottom and turn in sides. Roll up. (At this point the blintzes may be refrigerated to cook later in the day.) Arrange blintzes in greased baking pan and cook at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve hot. Makes about 1 dozen.

APPLE FILLING:
2 apples, chopped
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 tablespoon honey
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Combine chopped apples and walnuts. Stir in honey and cinnamon. Use as filling for blintzes.

BLUEBERRY FILLING:
1 cup blueberries
2 tablespoons sugar
2 teaspoons cornstarch
1 tablespoon grated lemon rind

Combine blueberries and sugar; sprinkle with cornstarch and grated lemon rind and toss slightly to coat well. Use as filling for blintzes.

CHEESE FILLING:
1 1/2 cups cottage cheese, drained
1 egg yolk
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Combine drained cheese with egg yolk. Stir in sugar, cinnamon and vanilla. Use as filling for blintzes.

If you would like to be featured in "What's Cooking?" or know someone you would like to see featured, please send the person's name, address and phone number to Lifestyle editor Elizabeth Edwin, Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701, or call 687-8862. The featured person must be willing to be photographed and share recipes for publication.

DEAR ABBY

Dad talks lightly about heavy weight

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My father has lived with a lady for several years, but he will not marry her because of her weight. (Of course, he has not told her this.)

She is not fat, but she is a little overweight, a size 12 to 14. When we ask Dad why he hasn't proposed yet, he just says, "She's on a diet right now, and as soon as she loses some weight and stays slim for a while, I'll see about it."

Should I tell her she's wasting her time with my dad? It seems to me that he's just waiting for something better to come along. She cooks, cleans house, washes his clothes, everything. I feel he is just using her. He says he "loves" her.

I think if he loves her, he should marry her. What is your opinion? — A SOUTHERNER



Van Buren

DEAR SOUTHERNER: It is not your place to tell the lady anything. When your father asks for your opinion — and not until then — give it to him with both barrels.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single mom looking for a job. Recently I was called for an interview, and it seemed to go very well, as I was called back for a second interview.

The prospective employer told me he would call me next week with a decision. Abby, I waited a whole week without any word, so I decided to call them back. I left a message, and again no response.

Abby, if someone is called in for an interview, wouldn't it be simple, common courtesy for the interviewer to take a few minutes to say, yes, no, or thank you? — SNUBBED, BRAMPTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

DEAR SNUBBED: Yours is a question that I have been asked several times.

Of course you should have been called back (as promised) and told that you did not get the job, so you could feel free to continue your

job search.

DEAR ABBY: My personal frustration with today's impersonal communications systems led me to write the enclosed poem. It was printed in my local newspaper, and is also posted in the library. It gets lots of laughs — and is yours to print if you see fit. — RAE LUDWIG, PLEASANTVILLE, N.J.

DEAR RAE: It's a hoot — and well worth sharing.

DIAL 'F' FOR FRUSTRATION

The frustrating non-communication of today's fax, e-mail and telephone systems leads me to peer into the future:

You have reached your doctor. If it's your head, press 1 NOW. If it's your stomach, press 2 NOW. If it's your heart, press 3 NOW. If you've died while waiting, press 4 NOW and the morgue will be over to pick you up.

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

CONSUMING INTERESTS

'Light' cake is too good to be true

By Linda Anderson

Well, it looked too good to be true — "light" cake mixes and their matching canned frosting that are supposed to be lower in fat, and taste just as good, as regular cake mixes and frosting. How could I resist trying something like that?

Betty Crocker's SuperMoist Light Cake Mix and Betty Crocker's Creamy Deluxe Low-Fat Frosting (you can tell they go together because they have matching purple labels) are said to be lower in fat and calories than other mixes. In fact, right on the box of cake mix the label says "50 percent Less Fat and 8 percent Fewer Calories than Average Regular Cake Mixes." That the frosting's label the claim is that it contains "Only 1/2 gram of fat per serving."

OK, I'm willing to sample nearly anything once (except rice cakes), so I bought a box of the Light yellow cake mix (available in other flavors) and a can of the Low-Fat Frosting in milk chocolate flavor (also available in other flavors). The 1-pound 2.25 ounce box of cake mix cost 89 cents. The 1-pound can (actually, its plastic) of frosting cost 99 cents.

Prepared according to package

directions, all you do is add three eggs and 1 1/2 cups water to the cake mix, stir it up and bake at 350 degrees.

It bakes up just like a regular cake; it even looks and smells just like a regular cake while it's baking.

The frosting, of course, is already prepared — all you have to do is spread it on the cooled cake. The frosting also looks and smells just like ordinary higher-fat canned frosting.

But on the nutrition labels, the difference is in the fat calories. A serving of the cake (one-tenth of the cake, actually), if prepared according to directions, contains 230 calories with 40 of them from fat. Ordinarily, cake mixes have more like 110 calories from fat per serving. The frosting contains 120 calories per two tablespoon serving, with five of them from fat. That also is far fewer calories from fat than ordinary canned frostings.

The taste-test was the key. Removing a lot of fat is just great, but if the product doesn't taste very good, no one will buy it anyway, low-fat or not.

And the taste-test was a complete success. First the young tasters at home sampled it and pronounced it good. Even the young taster who "doesn't like chocolate" (can you imagine?) said it was good and asked for more.

Then the professional tasters at work got to express their opinions — and agreed with the kids: the cake was good.



Anderson

First Baptist Church of Midland will host "At The Name of Jesus," a community Easter celebration, March 28-31 at the church sanctuary, 2104 W. Louisiana.

The 100-members sanctuary choir, orchestra and drama cast, directed by George A. Koehl III, will present a program on the life of Jesus Christ. Performances will be 7:30 p.m. March 28, 29 and 30; and 6:30 p.m. March 31.

The public is invited to attend. Admission is free. Free child care for children aged infant to 3 years will be available.

For more information call 683-0600...

...WEST TEXAS Singles will meet for a dance 8-10:45 p.m. March 15 at the Moose Lodge, 2711 Dixie in Odessa.

The group will meet for a dance 9 p.m. March 16 at the Eagles Lodge, 1301 Brinson in Midland...

...MIDLAND LEGAL Secretaries Association will meet noon March 14 at the Arco Permian Building, Conference Room 245, 600 N. Marientfeld. W. Scott Ryburn of Lynch, Chappell and Alsip will discuss "Wills and Guardianships Pertaining to Alzheimer's Disease." For more information call 688-0263...

...MIDLAND INDEPENDENT School District's bands and orchestras will present the 28th annual Chili Supper and Music Festival 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. March 23 at Lee High School's cafeteria and auditorium. Chili with all the trimmings, dessert and drink will be served. Tickets are \$5 per person; carry-out will be available. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any band or orchestra student, or at the door. Performances from junior high, freshman and high school bands and orchestras will begin at 11 a.m. Schedule of performances is printed on the back of the tickets...

...AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired Persons, Midland chapter 256, will meet 6:30 p.m. March 18 at Midland Senior Center. Potluck supper will be served. Dennis Wolf will present a musical program...

...HOME LANDSCAPE School, presented by Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will be 7 p.m. March 18, 19, 25 and 26 at Confederate Air Force Museum at Midland Air Terminal. Cost will be \$30 per household, which will cover the cost of the information packet for the school. To register or for information call 335-3071 or 687-1351...

...GREEN TREE Country Club Ladies Association will host a luncheon and spring style show by Dillard's on March 26 at the clubhouse. Social time will be 11:30 a.m. with luncheon to follow at noon and style show at 12:30 p.m. Members and their children will be models. Tickets are \$10 per person. Reservations must be made by March 23...

...SMITHSONIAN LECTURE Series will be presented March 21-24 at the Petroleum Museum. Six different lectures and one workshop will be offered. Topics include American car culture, Western photography, the solar system and Native American art. Tickets are \$6 and are available in advance or at the door. For more information call 683-4403...

...PERMIAN BASIN Needle Arts chapter, Embroiderers' Guild of America, will meet March 21 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4901 Maple in Odessa. Stitch-in will begin 5:30 p.m. with meeting to start at 7 p.m. Sandra Redell will lead a demonstration. For information call 520-3250...

...MUSEUM OF the Southwest will offer an art program for preschool children beginning March 19. Three sessions of four classes each have been planned, with a limit of 20 children in each class. Classes are available 10 a.m.-noon Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 12:45-2:45 p.m. Wednesdays.

Stephanie Fender, who has a degree with a concentration in art education and who has taught at the museum during the past year, will be the instructor.

Fees are \$35 for museum members and \$40 for non-members. Supplies are included in the fee. To register call 683-2882, 570-7770 or 685-3469...

...PERMIAN AIMEES will meet 11:30 a.m. March 19 in the Garden Room at Midland Country Club. Jackie Hendricks will give a book report on "Politically Correct Bedtime Stories" by James Fardner. All members and prospective members are welcome...

...UNITED OSTOMY Association will meet 2:30 p.m. March 17 at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center Auditorium. The program will be presented by Susan McInnis, a clinical dietitian at the hospital. Refreshments will be provided by the Midland and Big Spring groups...

...COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, a support group for parents who have suffered the loss of a child at any age, will meet 7:30 p.m. April 1 at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information, call 682-2855...

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Few children born out of wedlock in Japan

By **SHERYL WUDUNN**
N.Y. Times Service

TOKYO — This was a grandchild that Mika's parents did not want.

Mika, then 19, was secretly living with her boyfriend, so her parents were startled when she told them she was eight months pregnant. Her parents met her at the train station, whisked her inside and kept her hidden from the neighbors until they drove her to the hospital for the delivery.

"I made a mistake," said Mika, now 21, who spoke on condition that her last name not be used. "At the time I was ferocious about raising a child. I didn't think it would be so bad for my kid. But now I've cooled down and, as I look back, I think my parents were right."

Mika gave up her baby, and she is not the only one in Japan who thinks that having a baby outside of marriage is a terrible idea. Although the numbers of single young women giving birth is soaring in countries all over the world, Japan is a striking exception.

Only 1.1 percent of births in Japan were to unwed mothers in 1994, the most recent year for which figures are available, compared with 30.1 percent in the United States.

In America the proportion has soared in recent years, fueling a debate over family values. But in Japan it has tumbled — Japanese women are much less likely to become single mothers in the 1990s than in the unsettling years after

World War II, in the late 1940s and 1950s.

In 1994, 14,700 babies were born to unmarried mothers in Japan. (The United States, which has twice Japan's population, recorded 1,240,172 births to unwed mothers in 1993, the latest year for which official figures are available.)

The Japanese figure was a slight increase over the previous years, but it was only about one-tenth of the number of births to single mothers in 1947, the first year for which figures were made available.

Why has Japan not had a surge in single mothers? For a start, it may be that Japanese teen-agers are less active sexually than young people abroad. Moreover, abortions are easily available — and common — for those who become pregnant.

But the most important factor is social pressure. Single mothers face economic and social discrimination. In Japan, having a baby without being married is still a humiliation.

In the United States there is a great debate about whether welfare programs encourage births to unmarried women by creating financial incentives for them to have babies. Such an incentive also exists in Japan, where a single woman who would not get benefits might receive them under certain circumstances if she has a baby.

But even unwed mothers prefer to find work and day care rather than go on welfare, and the result is that less than 7 per-

cent of single-parent households receive benefits.

It is tough to gauge how sexually active Japanese teen-agers are. Certainly many Japanese say that by their standards the young people are very promiscuous.

"I get the impression they have sex very frequently," Kunio Kitamura, who runs a family planning clinic, said of teen-age girls. "Even a 13-year-old once came to me."

But surveys suggest that Japanese teen-agers are much less active sexually than young people in America or Europe.

"I don't want to have sex until I go to college because I'd feel sorry for my parents," said Ayako Kitagawa, a 16-year-old student at an all-girl high school. "I'd feel bad because I'd be lying to them."

"Having sex is just an outrageous thought for us — we don't even have boyfriends. Those girls who supposedly have had sex are flashy bad girls, so I wouldn't pity them if they become pregnant."

When they do get pregnant, Japanese girls often get an abortion. While doctors prefer parental consent from teen-agers for abortions, many perform them without it.

Even if they insist on having the baby, the mothers often end up buckling to family pressure by marrying the fathers or by giving up the baby, as Mika did.

Social pressures are also intense.

Marriage prospects for the children are slimmer, and sometimes even funeral services are affected: in one case relatives refused to enshrine the ashes of a man in the family tomb because he had been born out of wedlock.

There is ubiquitous name-calling and bullying, high schools sometimes turn down the children, and companies often will not hire the parents.

Some older children of single mothers have reported being told by teachers that even if they excel in national examinations they will not get into prominent schools.

And if all these pressures were not enough, official discrimination against single mothers and their children is still overwhelming. Children of single parents, for instance, have weaker inheritance rights and their unusual status is recorded on their family registration, a document the government requires every family to file.

Moreover, tax policies discriminate against women who choose single motherhood. Mothers who were divorced or widowed after having children can take a few thousand dollars in tax deductions against their income.

In contrast, single mothers by choice get none. Not only do they pay more national and local income taxes, but by reporting higher income because they do not get the deductions, single mothers also pay higher public day care fees and, in some areas, health premiums.

Mexican governor resigns after massacre case reopens

CHILPANCINGO, Mexico (AP) — The governor of troubled Guerrero state resigned Tuesday, one week after Mexico's Supreme Court reopened an investigation into the June massacre of 17 leftist peasants by state police.

Gov. Ruben Figueroa Alcocer asked the Guerrero state legislature for "indefinite separation from his post," the equivalent of stepping down, the official Notimex news agency reported.

The massacre on June 28, 1995, took place near Aguas Blancas, an hour north of the Pacific resort of Acapulco. The peasants had been on their way to a political rally when they were stopped at a police roadblock and fired upon.

The case had become the focus of protests against a string of slayings in Guerrero. On Friday, opposition groups laid 99 empty coffins in Mexico City's main square, the Zocalo, each with the name of a victim killed in Guerrero in the past year.

State prosecutors personally appointed by Figueroa launched three investigations into the massacre, leading to charges against 43 people, mostly police.

But human rights groups said investigators ignored evidence that Figueroa and his top security officials ordered police to set up the roadblock. The government's National Human Rights Commission also found that officials covered up evidence of deliberate police action.

Last year, the commission determined that a videotape of the massacre shown to investigators contained several cuts and alterations. The tape, recorded by a state government worker, showed dead peasants holding handguns.

The original tape, obtained and broadcast recently by the private Televisa network showed the dead peasants held no weapons.

Human rights activists were outraged last month when the third investigation cleared Figueroa and other state officials of blame..

Commission President Jorge Madrazo described the unaltered videotape as "just frightful."

Figueroa never explained why a cameraman was present at what purportedly was to have been a routine search.

Later, Maria de la Luz Nunez, the mayor of Atoyac de Alvarez, a town near the massacre site and a member of the leftist opposition Democratic Revolution Party, made public a tape recording of a telephone call received from Figueroa shortly before the shootings.

Figueroa told her the peasants must be stopped from attending the rally "at any cost."

Human rights activists were outraged last month when the third investigation cleared Figueroa and other state officials of blame.

Last week, the Supreme Court reopened the investigation, naming two justices to prosecute those who may have ordered the attack. It was the first time in nearly 50 years that the Mexican government invoked a constitutional provision to enable the court to intervene in a state case.

Figueroa had promised to cooperate with the investigation, saying he felt confident they would show he had complied with the law.

Following Figueroa's resignation, the legislature named Angel Aguirre Rivero, 39, as the new governor.



Flags raised

An Egyptian security police officer raises the Israeli flag at the Sharu El Sheikh Resort Tuesday. The resort is host to the summit on anti-terrorism taking place now.

Thunder storm triggers massive asthma outbreak

Lawrence K. Altman
N.Y. Times Service

Bolts of thunder and lightning struck. Wind gusts scattered grass pollen over a wide area. Many people immediately began wheezing and having difficulty breathing from asthmatic attacks. Emergency rooms were swamped with 10 times the usual number of asthmatics.

For nearly half the victims, it was the first asthmatic attack in their lives. Thirty hours later, it had turned into the largest epidemic of asthma following a thunderstorm.

The severe thunderstorm occurred on a Friday night in London in June 1994, and over that weekend, 640 asthmatics swamped 12 emergency rooms. The British Medical Journal has published two reports of the epidemic and an editorial in its March 9 issue.

The report is one more in a small number of documenting unusually large numbers of asthmatic cases after thunderstorms. One such episode was reported in 1983 in Birmingham, England, and others in Melbourne, Australia, in 1984, 1987 and 1989. In Australia, asthma attacks after thunderstorms have been reported as a recurrent seasonal phenomenon, usually in late spring.

Yet textbooks rarely mention that under certain conditions thunderstorms can touch off asthma attacks. And no such outbreaks seem to have been reported in the United States.

The new reports in The British Medical Journal suggest that people with thunderstorm-related asthma may differ from other patients with asthma in sensitivity to different environmental stimuli. The findings challenge public health workers to determine who is at risk from such episodes.

The report also alerts doctors and health officials to a well-documented but little-known type of emergency that most hospitals are ill prepared to handle.

The unexpected London thunderstorm overwhelmed the medical system. Supplies of critical masks, drugs and other equipment for treating asthmatics were quickly depleted. Doctors treated as many patients as in a plane crash,

bombing, poisoning or other major accident. Yet none of the hospitals put their medical disaster drills into action.

One reason is that the storm's link to asthma went unrecognized until later in the weekend. Dr. Julian Webb, a co-author of one of the reports, said in an interview.

Also, he said, doctors and hospital officials were not prepared to respond to an asthma outbreak as an emergency. Disaster drills generally focus on summoning surgeons and anesthesiologists, but not asthma and other specialists.

The first reaction of doctors on duty, when patients suddenly descended on the emergency rooms that Friday evening, was to call the poison control center to ask if there had been a chemical explosion, Webb said. The poison control center found no evidence that a noxious agent had been released in London that night.

Rather, Webb's team and one headed by Dr. Jane Fothergill of St. Mary's Hospital in London that investigated the epidemic concluded that high grass pollen counts and thunderstorm weather conditions combined to affect allergy-prone people.

Just how pollen can touch off an asthma attack has been somewhat of a mystery because pollen grains are generally larger than five microns, the size that is a barrier to entry into the airways.

But one explanation comes from research by Dr. R. Bruce Knox, a professor of botany at the University of Melbourne, and other Australian scientists. In 1992 and 1993, they reported in two medical journals, The Lancet and Clinical and Experimental Allergy, finding a mechanism through which rye grass pollen can expel asthma-triggering starch particles.

Large numbers of starch granules can be emitted when the grain comes into contact with water through a process called osmotic shock.

Sudden release of starch granules can be set off by atmospheric changes before and during thunderstorms. The granules are small enough to be able to enter the lower airway.

No one suggests that thunderstorms

are a major cause of asthma, a disorder that affects at least 10 million Americans, or 4 percent of the nation's population. Rather, these outbreaks are one small piece in the larger unsolved puzzle.

The number of asthma cases, including deaths, has been rising for unknown reasons in many countries, and doctors are seeking a wider understanding of the respiratory ailment and its prevention. For example, the death rate from asthma has more than doubled since 1978 in the United States.

Asthma seems to be alone among chronic disorders in showing such an increase in this country. Yet experts have asserted that no properly treated asthmatic should die from asthma.

Asthma is known to be exacerbated by viral infections. But controversy swirls around the role of weather conditions, pollen and air pollutants, despite reports suggesting that environmental factors often set off asthma attacks.

Asthma has been linked with environmental factors like atmospheric temperature inversions, fog, rainfall, high humidity, low wind speed, high air pressure and organic dusts. But some findings have been contradictory.

Other studies have linked asthma to exposure to cockroaches and other insects and their droppings, and to occupational or environmental hazards like soybean dust in Barcelona and castor bean dust in Toledo, Ohio.

It is often the first blast of cold air following an extended warm period that raises hospital admissions for asthma attacks, said Laurence S. Kalkstein of the University of Delaware's center for climatic research in Newark.

He and a colleague, Paul F. Jamason, and Dr. Peter Geren of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Md., have found the link between asthma and climate in New York City to be strongest in the fall.

But links between asthma and weather vary from city to city. Buffalo, N.Y., for example, does not have days of higher admissions for asthma in the fall, the Delaware team said.

In the latest asthma epidemic linked to thunderstorms, researchers studied

care sought at 12 emergency departments over an eight-week period that included the storm. The emergency rooms served about a third of the 2.75 million living in the Greater London area. The aim was to compare the usual number of asthmatics treated in emergency rooms with those who went after the thunderstorm.

In the time that the 640 asthmatics sought care, the expected number based on normal conditions would have been 66. And more than half the 640 came in the first 8 hours. They included 368 men and 272 women. More than half were people from 21 to 40 years old.

Most asthmatics went home after treatment in the emergency room. But 104, or 16 percent, were admitted to the hospital, including five admitted to an intensive care unit. They stayed an average of three days. Fifteen patients returned to the same emergency room for recurrence of symptoms within 48 hours.

No deaths were reported. But Webb said the outcome might have been less favorable if the patients had had more severe cases of asthma.

Presumably, many more people suffered asthmatic attacks but did not go to emergency rooms. Webb said his team had debated whether some known asthmatics escaped attacks because they were protected by their regular asthma medications.

Nearly two-thirds of the patients in the London epidemic had suffered from hay fever, a factor noted in similar outbreaks. Many said they had been troubled by hay fever symptoms on the days before the thunderstorm. The researchers said that grass pollen was the most significant allergic factor identified in the period before the thunderstorm.

Pollen released during the days before the thunderstorm would have been deposited on surfaces in the city and could have been resuspended by gusting winds, the researchers said.

The concentration of the air pollutant sulfur dioxide, which also rose the day before the thunderstorm, may have exacerbated the problem.

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The Organizational Meeting for the 1996 Texas Community Development Program is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 19, 1996, in the Conference Room of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission located at 2910 LaForce Boulevard, Midland International Airport. The purpose of this meeting is the development of the "Review Procedures and Scoring Criteria" for the Community Development Fund portion of the 1996 Texas Community Development fund portion of the 1996 participation of small cities (under 50,000 population) and all the counties in the Permian Basin State Planning region.

This program has provided over \$18,000,000 to this region for community development projects such as water improvements, sewer improvements, housing rehabilitation, drainage and street improvements and etc., in the past thirteen program years. Cities and counties are urged to have representatives present at this meeting especially if they are thinking about developing an application for 1996. Regional priorities will be established and local officials comments and concerns are necessary if the priorities are going to reflect the needs of the region.

For additional information, contact Terri Moore, Dana Hill, or Jerry Tschauer at 915/563-1061.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of this organization on April 11, 12, 1996 - Nursing, April 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 1996 - HME. The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission Standards. The Survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission Standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing the he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided for the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Survey Operations and Support Department
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before the survey is completed.

Date Posted: 3-12-96

139 Personals

LOST YOUR PHONE NUMBER! Would the family that wanted a good second income opportunity please call John, Mike or Milton at 685-3435.

After meeting each other, we quickly fell head over heels. Our daughter has brought a special twinkle to our eyes. How we long to share our wonderful life with another child. Please call Kimberly if you are considering adoption. 1 (800) 687-2340.

140 Lost & Found

LOST Friday morning black baby bunny from the 2200 block D street. Call 683-7114.

LOST! 2 Sheppard/ wolf mix dogs, male- tan, brown and black. Female- white, grey, black. Both have white tipped tails. Last seen 3-5-96 by 120 East 80 bridge in Greenwood area. If seen or found please call 686-7390 leave message if not home. REWARD!

LOST!! Diamond Wedding Set. Lost in Target parking lot Tuesday morning. REWARD. 699-1343.

LOST: Female Yorkie mix. 1 year old. "Chiquita" since 3/2/96. West County Rd 120. 570-4744.

LOST: Sheltie mix, 3 months old in vicinity of Dengar & Neely, 3-11-96. Reward! 684-6404.

FOUND small gray toy poodle. Blind. Found on Versailles. Call 520-2405.

FOUND Terrier mix. Male, 2 months, wearing black leather collar. Heeler mix, male 2 1/2 months, wearing red nylon collar. Animal control 685-7420.

FOUND! Dalmatian mix dog! Found near Dennis the Menace park. 570-0063.

FOUND: Red Heeler female, picked up in County. Call Midland Animal Control, 685-7420.

If your pet is lost - even if you live in the county, please check with MIDLAND ANIMAL CONTROL (on Fairgrounds Road) every three days.

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MIDLAND Viations 2000, Inc. will be accepting bids for parking lot and asphalt repairs at the Lakes Apartments. Specification can be picked up at Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference at 518 N. Loop 250 W., Midland, TX 79703 on March 25th, 1996 at 10 am in the clubroom. MBE, WBE, and DBE contractors encouraged to submit bids. Federally determined prevailing wages applicable. Midland Viations 2000, Inc. is an equal housing provider and an equal opportunity employer.

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Midland Masonic Lodge #623
1600 W. Wall
F.C. Degree
Sat. 3/9, 8:30 am
Breakfast 7:30 am.
682-3292
Bill Dormady, W.M.
Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

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Midland Shrine Club, 2019 Trade Dr. 683-1707
Reg. mtg. 3rd Thurs. each mo.
Hosp. 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm. Bus. mtg. 8 pm.
Bob Cain, Pres.
Michael Pipes, Secty.

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CENTENNIAL LODGE #1448
1000 Upland
E.A. Degree
Sat. 3/16, 8:30 am.
Breakfast 7:30 am
Larry Ross, W.M.
Bob Elwood, Secty.

147

Acacia Masonic Lodge
1000 Upland
Stated meeting 2nd & 4th Tue. 7:30 pm
Rodney Wilson, W.M.
Al Talbot, Sec.

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EASTER BUNNY, Easter Chick, Roman Soldiers, Costume Rentals. Call Costumes by Dorothy, 694-7887.

149

HOW I LOST 90 lbs. in 90 days and created a \$10,000 a month income at the same time. For more information and free cassette call: 1-800-653-6307 and ask for Maxwell.

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FACTORY DIRECT Above Ground Pool Sale! Terms and Installation Available. 563-1807.

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Rentals 600

- 600 Rooms For Rent, 601 Hotel Rms - Rent, 603 Rm. mate Wanted, 604 Wanted To Rent, 605 Apts. Furnished, 610 Unfurnished, 615 Furn./Unfurn., 620 Houses Furn., 625 Unfurnished, 630 Furn./Unfurn., 635 Condo/Townhom furnished, 640 Unfurnished, 645 Furn./Unfurn., 650 Mobile Homes: Furnished, 655 Unfurnished, 660 Mobile Home Lots, 665 Bus. Prop./Offices, 667 Comm'l Property, 670 Warehouse/Stor, 675 Rec/Resort, 680 Out of Town, 685 Hunting Leases, 690 Oil/Gas Leases

Real Estate 700

- 700 Mfgr. Homes, 701 Real Estate, 710 Open Houses, 720 Homes For Sale, 725 Condo/Twnhome, 730 Suburban Prop., 735 R.E. Wanted, 740 Out of Area Prop., 750 Lots and Acreage, 760 Farms/Ranches, 770 Resort Property, 780 Business Property, 785 Warehouse/Stor., 790 Investment Prop.

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LINCOLN 1991 TOWNCAR. Alarm, leather, tint, 61K, great condition, \$12,000. 684-5221.

BUICK 1993 Regal Custom. 31K miles. Loaded! Must sell \$10,500. 689-5405.

CHEVROLET 1993 Camaro. Black, 25K miles, warranty. Must sell \$11,500. 689-5405.

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PLYMOUTH 1970 Barracuda Muscle car. 440 magnum engine. \$5,995. Call 699-0132 or 697-5322.

CADILLAC 1977 Seville. Yellow, 39K original miles. Excellent condition. \$4,000. 686-7084 or 694-8192.

CHEVROLET 1959 1/2 Ton Pickup. Very clean, straight, no rust, original motor, perfect to refurbish. Runs good. \$1,995 firm or trade on horses. 915-338-6377 nights.

CHEVROLET 1975 Corvette Convertible. Red. 699-0226.

FORD 1969 Mustang 351 Rebuilt transmission, engine good, needs some body work, great project car \$1900. 687-5036.

Automobiles Imports

1982 MERCEDES 300D Turbo, one owner, serviced by M. B. Dealer only. Loaded, never wrecked. \$7995. or best offer 694-9737.

HONDA 1988 ACCORD LX. 4 door. 86,000 miles. A Very Nice car! \$5,250. Call 683-2830 or 685-3863.

MAZDA 1989 RX-7 GXL. Black, fully loaded. 1 owner, \$5500. 697-4699 or 571-1536.

ACURA 1988 Integra. Very clean, 5 speed, am fm cassette, sun roof, red. \$2,700 negotiable. 520-6239.

ACURA 1988 Legend L. 1 Owner, loaded, leather, sunroof. Excellent. 127K. Major service at 101K. \$5,950. 697-5251.

HONDA 1991 Civic EX. 4 door, power locks, power windows, cassette, automatic. \$9,995. Call Joe 563-2919.

HONDA 1992 Accord LX. Blue. CD, power locks, power window, Super Clean! \$11,995. Call Joe 563-2919.

HONDA 1992 Civic LX. 4 door, automatic, power windows and locks, new tires, 51K miles. \$9000. 697-3654.

HONDA 1993 Accord LX. White exterior/ blue interior, loaded, air bag, 36K miles, \$13,000. Call 334-7334. 694-5893.

1994 Dodge High Rise Van. Loaded, 4 captain's chairs, TV, CD, elect. couch, like new. 40,000 miles, trailer package. Road Ready. Must Sell. \$23,500. 570-8447.

Table with 4 columns and 2 rows of job listings under 'General Help Wanted'.

THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE. COME EXPERIENCE THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE. If you are looking for better job and career opportunities, you should be talking to us.

THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE. An Employee Owned Company. On Thursday, March 14, 1996, 12 Noon-7PM, we will conduct on the spot interviews for our stores in Midland at any Town & Country Food Store.

COME EXPERIENCE THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE. We are looking for individuals that have smiling faces, outgoing personalities, are dependable, ambitious, energetic, able to work in fast paced environment and know what it means to give outstanding customer service.

SINGLE COPY MANAGER. The Midland Reporter-Telegram is taking applications for Single Copy Manager. Must have own transportation. Please apply in person with J.R. Ruiz at 201 E. Illinois.

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FWA DRILLING CO. is looking for EXPERIENCED. Longevity Raises After 1 MONTH \$13.85, 6 MONTH \$11.10, 1 YEAR \$10.95. RIG UP TRUCK DRIVERS \$9.50.

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CLASSIFIED FAX #! 682-6999. Please include the following information: *Full name and address *Billing phone number *Phone number of person placing ad *Start date *Classification.

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Wanted Immediate Opening For 2 SALES PEOPLE. Our 10 sales people sold 118 cars last month, but couldn't handle all the traffic. Great bonus programs, medical insurance, Bi-ligual helpful.

Swing Manager Position Available. McDonald's • College assistance program • McDonald's Training Program • \$6.00 to \$7.00 Hour • Vacation Pay • Uniforms Provided • Meal Provided (Daily)

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CHILD CARE- LVN seeks to keep 2 children in my home ages 0-4. 699-5141. PREKINDER Age, small group, experienced preschool teacher, clean, safe environment, with excellent references. 694-4347.

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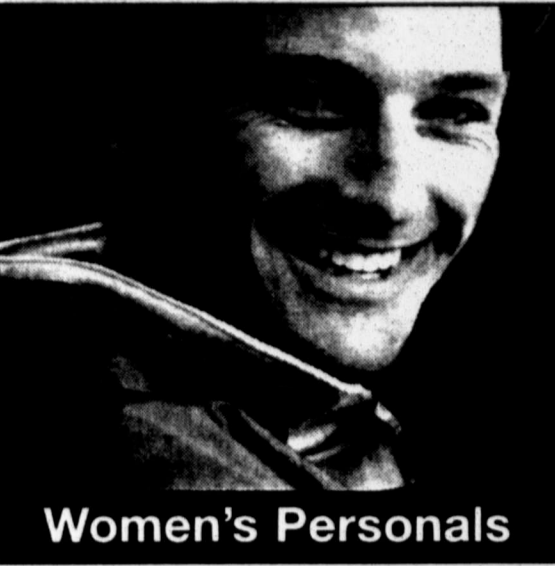
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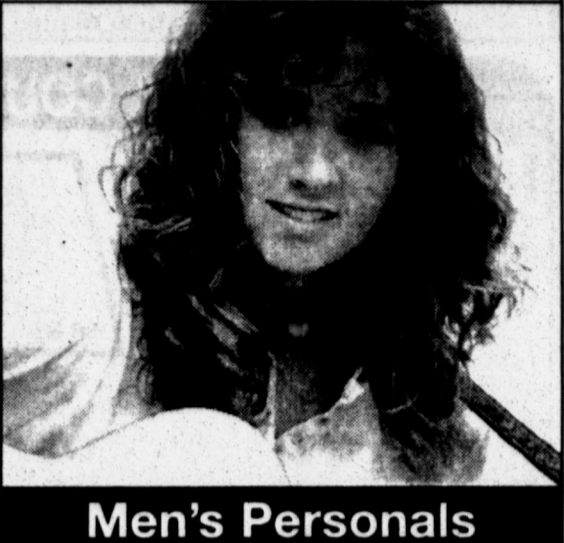


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GOOD GUYS DO... Finish last. Single male, 38, last good guy. Seeks white/Hispanic female...

REAL LADY Slender, blonde, blue-eyed, spunky, good-humored, caring, enjoys movies...

ADVENTUROUSE Divorced white female seeking single white male, 35-50, compassionate, good listener...

Men's Personals SOMEONE SPECIAL Divorced white female, 40, seeks divorced white male, 38-41...

Want Quality not Quantity? Use FastMatch! a feature of PEOPLE meeting People 1-900-230-0042 \$2.19 per min/must be 18

WIDOWED WHITE MALE 57, educated, retired, healthy, honest, moral, not religious, 5'8", medium build...

WHITE MALE, 21 Likes music. Seeking active white or Hispanic female, 21-28, who can talk freely and isn't shy...

ADVENTUROUSE Divorced white female seeking single white male, 35-50, compassionate, good listener, athletic, healthy, with many interests and friends...

SOMEONE SPECIAL Divorced white female, 40, seeks divorced white male, 38-41, no drugs, no drinking...

People Meeting People ads are available to single adults 18 years of age and over seeking personal relationships with other singles...

410 Miscellaneous Sales 430 Household Goods 470 Musical Instruments 480 Cameras & Supplies 490 Computers & Accessories 450 Firewood 450 Sporting Goods 495 For Free 495 For Free 495 For Free

CURIOSITY CORNER RECLINER Yours for only \$50. Call afternoon or evenings, 694-9491. SEARS AM/FM turntable, black stereo with wood speakers \$50 or offer, 697-8376.

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79701 79705 79707 MOVING SALE. Furniture, beds, appliances, clothing, etc. Friday & Saturday 9-2. 1612 W. Pine.

507 Plants, Shrubs & Trees 580 Farm Equipment JOHN DEERE tractors, 6 older, 2 cylinder models, 1958 model 730 diesel...

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