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'The spoiler' finally gives in and a school finance reform plan is approved.

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News Watch

Filming begins

VAN HORN (AP) — Glitzy Hollywood is visiting dusty Van Horn to film "Blue Sky," a film starring Jessica Lange and Tommy Lee Jones.

Shooting began today on the Tony Richardson-directed drama about a military family whose husband and father (Jones) is involved with atomic testing.

Jones, an Emmy winner, and Lange, an Oscar winner, portray Carly and Hank Marshall. Co-stars include Timothy Bottoms, Timothy Scott and Amy Locaine. The film is tentatively scheduled for a Christmas release.

The film crew and technicians arrived Saturday. Production offices are in Van Horn hotels, crews and executives are eating at Van Horn cafes and the sets are pitched at a ranch outside town. Van Horn is about 170 miles southwest of Midland.

Suit pending?

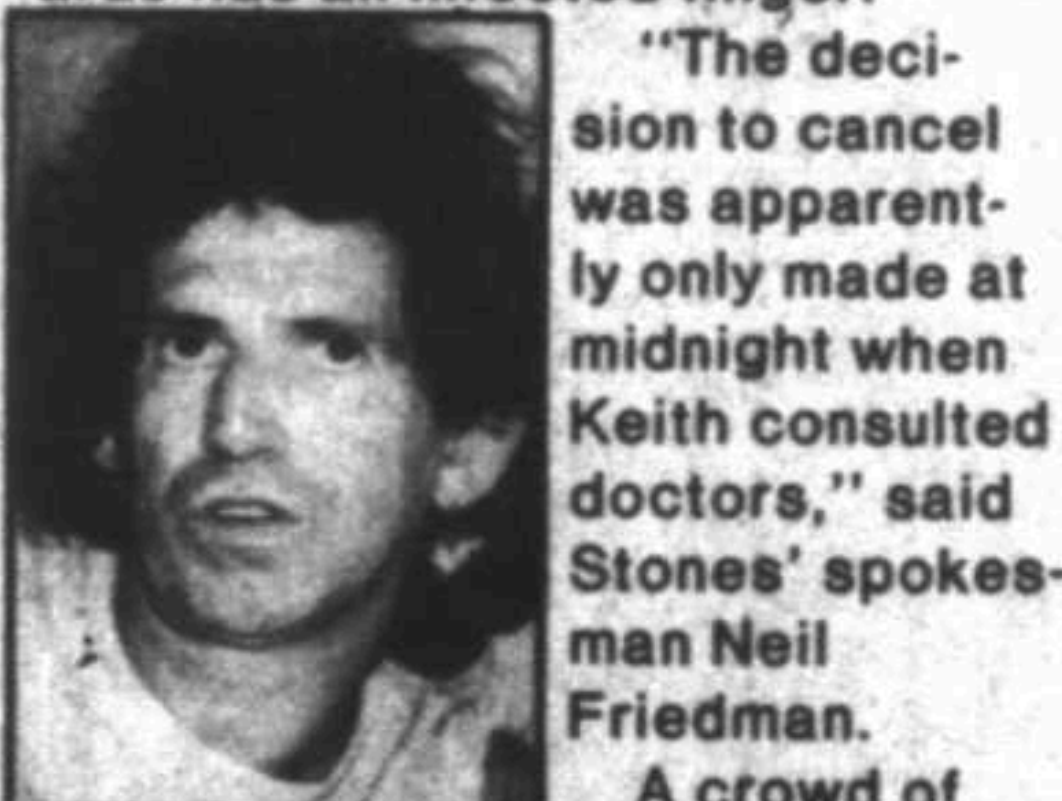
The government is considering filing suit against officers of 1,300 failed savings and loans and banks to recoup misspent funds, and Neil Bush could be among the defendants for his role as former director of Silverado Banking, Savings and Loan Association of Denver.



N. Bush

Concert called

LONDON (AP) — The Rolling Stones canceled a concert in Wales on Wednesday night because lead guitarist Keith Richards has an infected finger.



"The decision to cancel was apparently only made at midnight when Keith consulted doctors," said Stones' spokesman Neil Friedman.

A crowd of 30,000 was expected at Cardiff Arms Park, the city's national rugby stadium.

The guitarist reportedly accidentally cut himself on a knife.

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Weather watch

The best chance of rain in recent weeks is forecast for today. The National Weather Service has put the likelihood of thunderstorms at 40 percent for today, tapering off to 20 percent tonight.

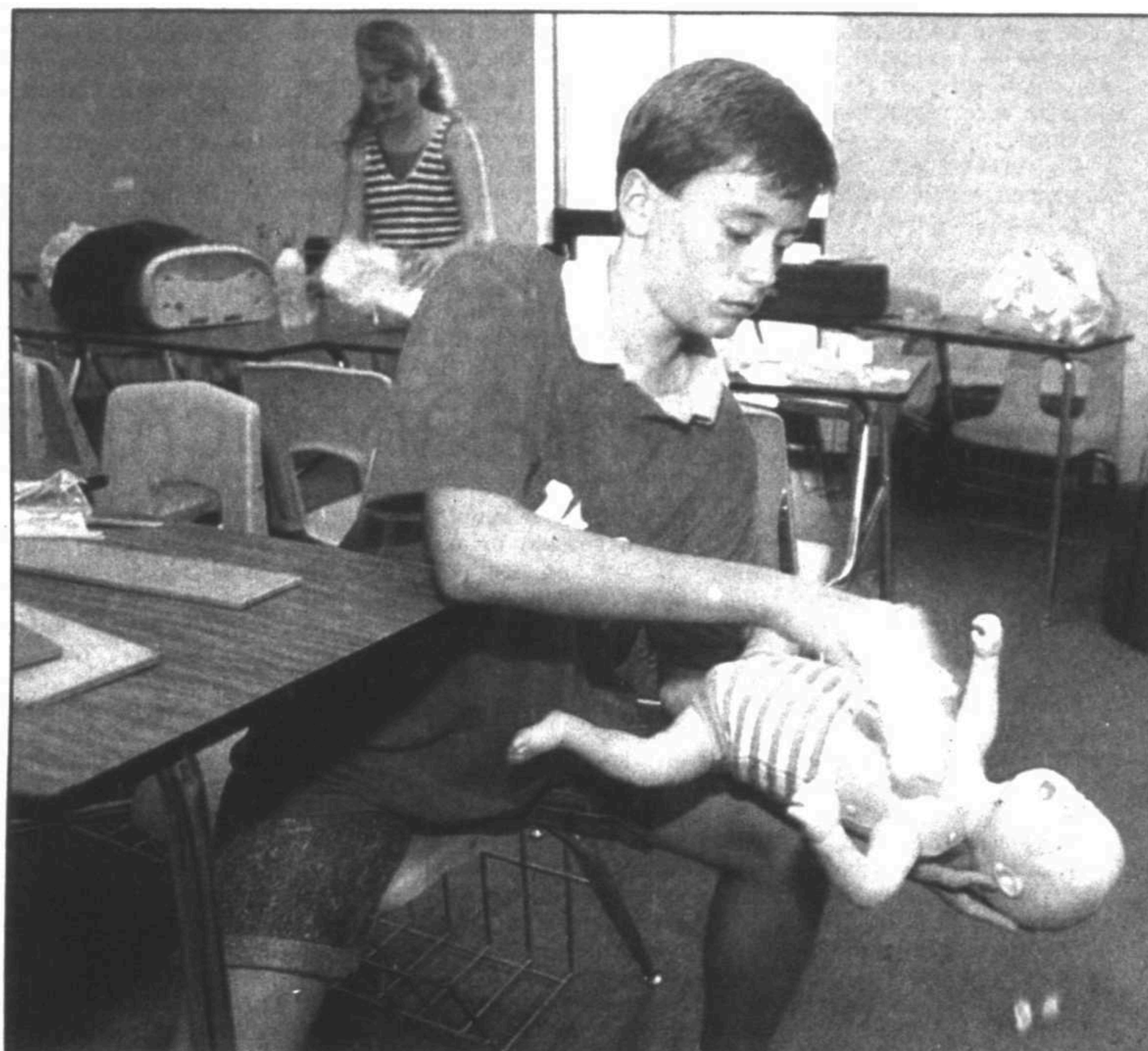
A dissipating cool front is expected to bring cloudy skies and the elevated precipitation probability into the local weather picture.

It has been nearly four weeks since Midland's last officially measurable rainfall — .01 inch on June 15.

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First aid

Fourteen-year-old Nick Lindecke practices his newly learned cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques on an infant dummy. His hands show evidence of earlier first-aid practice by classmates. The CPR class taught by YMCA personnel is part of Kids' College held at Midland College each summer.

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City to begin swabbing out tar pit soon

■ At an estimated cost of \$89,000 and 40 days' work, city officials say they'll begin cleaning up an east Midland tar pit in August.

By Brian Pearson
Staff Writer

It will cost more than \$89,000 and take about 40 days to slurp the black, gooey slop out of a decade-old tar pit in east Midland, Deputy City Manager Mike McGregor said Wednesday.

The city is studying a bid from Jones Bros. Dirt and Paving Contractors Inc. of Odessa to start cleanup operations at the site about Aug. 1, McGregor said.

Before the mop-up can begin at the pit near the intersection of Orchard Lane and Carver Street, the city must submit its plans to Texas Water Commission officials, he said.

"That's basically telling them how we're going to clean it up and when we're going to clean it up," McGregor said. The plan will be filed with the TWC on July 22, he added.

Jones Bros. contractors have said they will heat the pit material, which is mostly asphalt, so that it can be pumped out and recycled, McGregor said.

"We'll probably use it on the road to the city landfill or some other remote area," McGregor said. The material isn't dangerous, but the public probably would prefer it used for projects outside residential areas, he said.

TWC officials in May gave the city 180 days to develop a plan to clean up the pit, which tests have shown contains traces of toxic materials such as lead, chromium, toluene and trichloroethene.

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Summit leaders not 'in lockstep'

■ An economic summit in Houston ends with lots of compromise and little breakthrough on key issues like foreign aid and world trade.

By Matt Quinn

Reporter-Telegram Washington Bureau

HOUSTON — Although President Bush insisted that "there weren't any winners or losers," each leader of the world's richest democracies could claim victory as the so-called Group of Seven wrapped up its 16th annual economic summit Wednesday with a series of face-

saving compromises.

In failing to agree on such key issues as aid to the Soviet Union and China, the leaders gave themselves the green light to go their own way. "We're not urging everybody to march in lockstep," Bush said.

The artful 16-page communique hammered out by the leaders during three days of intensive talks in Bush's sweltering home town reflected the sometimes strained consensus among the Summit Seven on the difficult issues that confront them in the post-Cold War era.

For instance, the communique outlined plans to send a high-powered task force to Moscow to assess the battered Soviet economy as a prelude to possible Group of Seven assistance and called on

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President Mikhail Gorbachev to adopt "more radical steps" for political and economic reform.

That was a victory for the United States.

Bush's dogged opposition to direct and immediate financial aid to Moscow, shared by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, was reflected in the communique. It endorsed the "technical aid" they favor and put off further alliance decisions until after the damage assessment study of the Soviet economy is completed this December.

The communique's call for the Soviets

to stop supporting satellite states in order to improve their chances for economic aid was another item on Bush's agenda. Bush has often complained about the Soviets' \$5 billion in annual aid to Cuba.

The Bush victory spelled a rebuff to West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and French President Francois Mitterrand, who had proposed that the alliance launch a quick \$15 billion aid program for the Soviets to help save Gorbachev and his perestroika economic reform program.

But Kohl could claim credit for the prominence the issue received in Houston. The West German leader also won

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Pay proposal appears to please teacher groups

By Myra Lee Salcedo

Staff Writer

Representatives from several teacher organizations were pleased with the suggested 4.2 percent raise at mid-point for teachers presented at the school district's board meeting Tuesday.

"We basically got what we asked for," said Charles Burbank of Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA). Sam Manning, a Lee High School teacher and president of the Midland Federation of Teachers, agreed.

Both Burbank and Manning were members of a committee, headed by Superintendent Joe Baressi, which developed the proposal.

Midland Independent School District trustees will consider the \$1,140 pay hike for all teachers with a year or more experience.

Baressi said, "I have met with representatives of teacher organizations every year since I have been superintendent. I listen to their ideas, but I have to use my judgment to propose what I think is best for the school district."

Administrators will receive 4 percent salary increases. "We took the additional two-tenths of a percent and transferred it into teacher equity pay," Baressi said. The salary increase will include \$1,140 per teacher plus equity pay for those under 8 percent of the state base, according to Baressi. "It is money well spent," he said.

Don Furgeson, MISD business manager, said "The state has 10 pay steps. With equity we will raise all teachers to 8 percent above base."

Burbank recommended that teachers

receive greater compensation between college degree ranks than outlined in the proposal. The proposal recommended a teacher with no experience and a bachelor's degree start at \$21,000. A person with a master's degree would receive \$21,500, a person with a master's plus 30 hours of higher education annually would receive \$22,000 and a beginner with a doctorate would start at \$22,750.

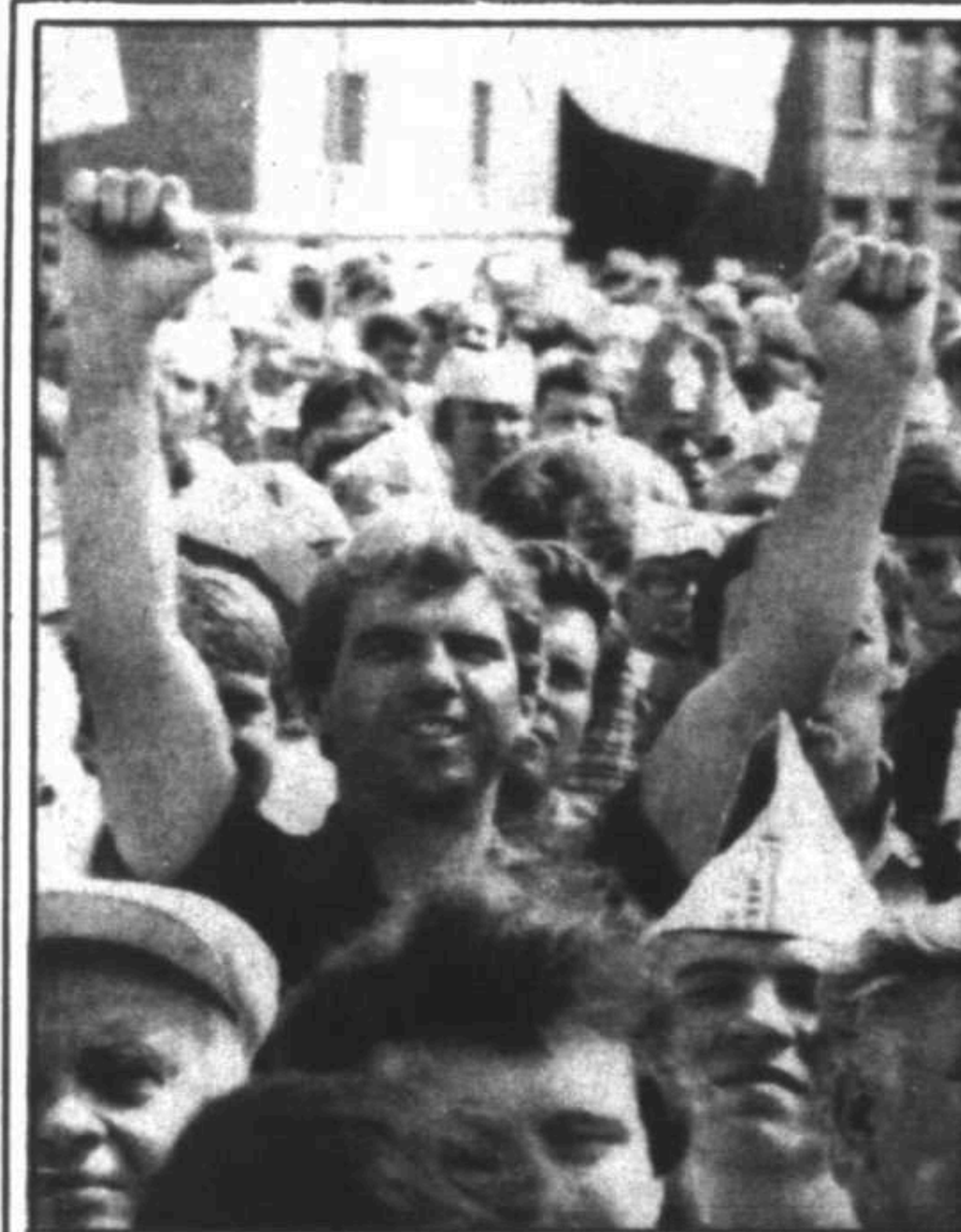
"I would like to see a \$1,000 spread between each step after the bachelor's degree," Burbank said.

The increase is expected to cost the district about \$1.4 million, according to Baressi. "About 6 percent of the increase would result from hiring new employees required by state and federal mandate," he said. Teachers needed include 13 standard classroom teachers, six gifted and talented teachers, six special education teachers, four speech therapists and one diagnostician for special education students.

The school district will remain well above the state salary base, according to Furgeson. State base for teachers new to the field is \$17,000 per year. New teachers hired by MISD will receive \$21,000, 23.5 percent above base. At 15 years experience, the district midpoint, the state requires pay of \$24,980, while MISD will pay \$27,430, 9.8 percent over base.

Baressi also noted that although state law now requires teachers be paid for total teaching experience rather than just continuous experience, the law won't effect MISD. "We have always recognized total teaching experience," he said.

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Soviet miners raise their arms or shake their fists, stressing their support for a 24-hour general strike. Please see related story, Page 9A.

AP Laserphoto

Soviet coal miners walk out

DONETSK, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of coal miners laid down their drills and picks Wednesday to demand that the Communist Party get out of their lives and the Soviet government resign.

"We should kick the party not only out of the Ukraine, but everywhere," mine construction worker Viktor Kitenko declared, speaking at a rally in Donetsk, the center of the eastern Ukraine's Don River coal basin.

Miners walked away from their jobs for 24 hours despite appeals from the Soviet government and party.

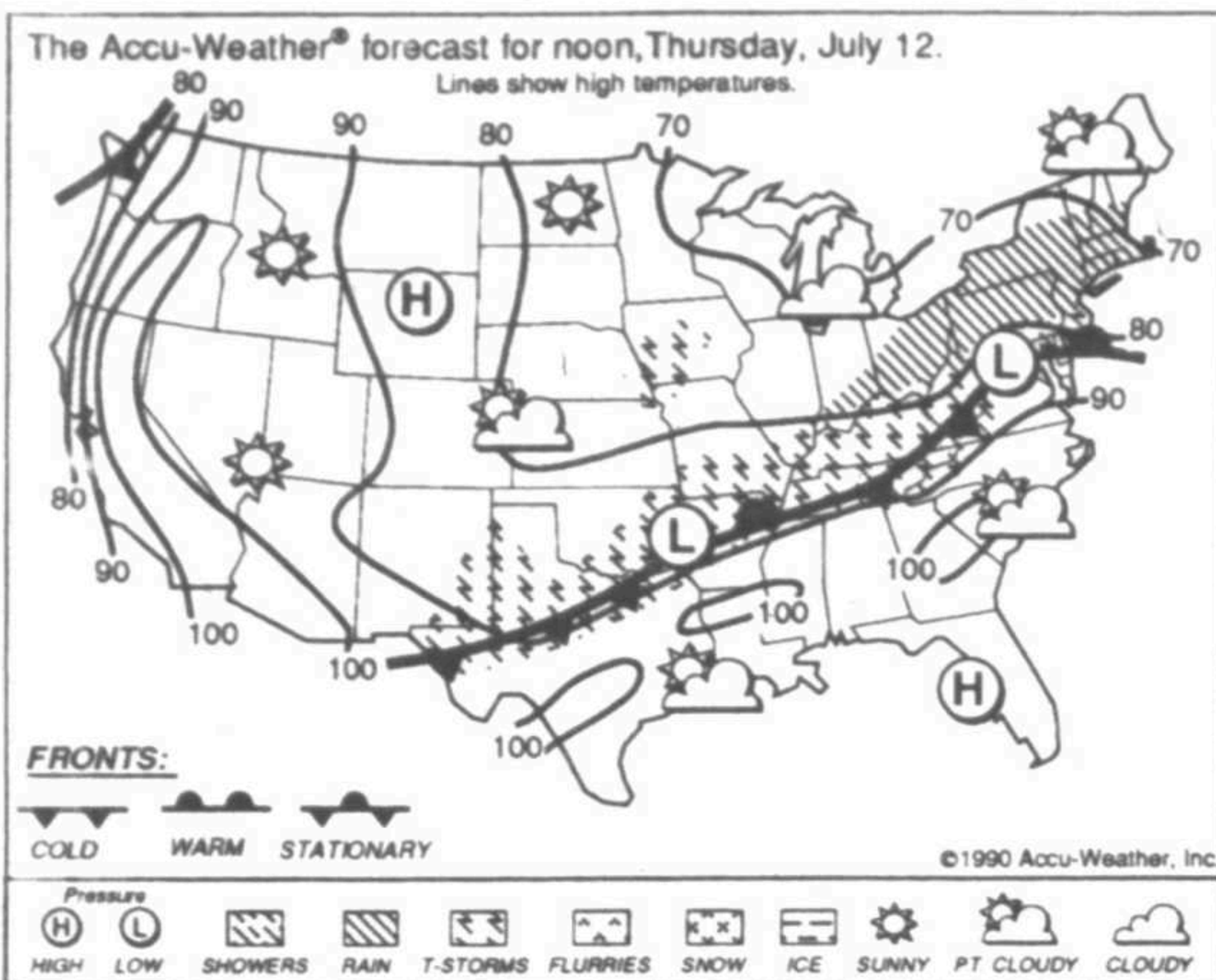
In Donetsk, a rally passed a resolution demanding that the government of Prime Minister Nikolai I. Ryzhkov resign, that party cells be removed from mines, economic enterprises, the KGB, army and police, and that party property be nationalized.

The miners held aloft two large banners saying: "U.S.S.R. Government Resign!" and "Down with Party Committees at Businesses."

The walkout was a repetition of a long and bitter strike coal miners conducted last summer to press the government for better supplies of basic consumer goods, better pay and working conditions. The government acceded to their demands, but has been unable to fulfill its promises.

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Cooler conditions expected

Staff Report

A cool front moving down the Texas Panhandle is expected to reach the Permian Basin and Concho Valley today, bringing cooler temperatures and a slight chance of rain to the area before it dissipates, according to forecasters at the National Weather Service in Midland.

Today's forecast calls for cloudy skies, with a high in the mid 80s, a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms and 10 to 20 mph northeast winds, NWS said.

Tonight is expected to be partly cloudy, with a low in the lower 60s and a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, forecasters said. Friday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies, with a high in the mid 80s, NWS said.

The record high for Wednesday's date was 106 set in 1964. The record low of 55 for today's date was set in 1936, NWS said.

STATE

Strong thunderstorms developed in the South Plains of West Texas on Wednesday behind a weak cold front that was situated across the region.

Other storms were reported along the Red River in North Central Texas and along the lower Texas coast. Heavy rains fell in South Texas. Elsewhere, skies were partly to mostly cloudy.

Winds were generally from the northeast and southeast across West Texas and southerly over the rest of the state, except for East Texas, where winds blew in from the west and southwest.

In most areas, winds were light at speeds of 10 mph and below. Temperatures were in the 70s in the Panhandle and on the upper coast, where rain helped cool the air. Elsewhere, temperatures were mostly in the 90s.

At mid-afternoon, temperatures ranged from 74 at Amarillo to 102 at Wichita Falls.

The National Weather Service forecasts isolated thunderstorms over West Texas and South Texas on Thursday. Highs on Thursday should range from the 80s to lower 90s over North and West Texas, near 103 in the Big Bend, and in the 90s to 100 elsewhere.

NATION

Showers and thunderstorms that lingered in the Ohio Valley posed the threat of more heavy rain, large hail, damaging winds, and flash flooding Wednesday.

Meanwhile, storms extended from New Mexico across Missouri and northern Arkansas to the Middle Atlantic States and southern New England.

A fast-moving storm pelted metropolitan Denver with golf ball-size hail and heavy rain Wednesday, triggering a series of thunderstorm and tornado warnings.

There were reports of dozens of shattered windows and some flooding along the roads.

Hot, humid air in the Southeast produced showers and thunderstorms in Alabama, southern Florida, and the central Gulf Coast region. A thunderstorm in northern Georgia produced high winds which blew a tree onto a house at Tunnel Hill Wednesday afternoon.

Showers were scattered in South Dakota and Minnesota, and a few showers also dotted the Pacific Coast region.

Sunny skies prevailed across the northern Plateau, Great Basin, and the northern and central Rocky Mountains.

Temperatures were generally in the 70s and upper 60s across the north-central Plains and Northeast. But readings were in the 90s from Texas to the southern half of the Atlantic Coast.

Record high temperatures for the date were set Tuesday at Beckley, W. Va., 88, Columbia, S.C., 105, Greensboro, N.C., 99, Raleigh, N.C., 98, Roanoke, Va., 97, Tampa, Fla., 96. Tied for the record were Greenville, S.C. 98, Redding, Calif., 108, and Paducah, Ky., 101.

Temperatures in the West were again into the 90s as far north as Washington state.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Midland statistics

Weather elsewhere

FORECAST			
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Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high in the mid 80s.			
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:			
Yesterday's High: 97 degrees			
Overnight Low: 70 degrees			
Sunset today: 8:57 p.m.			
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:52 a.m.			
Precipitation: Last 24 hours: 0.00 inches			
This month to date: trace inches			
Year to date: 4.87 inches			
LOCAL TEMPERATURES:			
6 a.m.	97	6 a.m.	70
7 p.m.	94	7 a.m.	70
8 p.m.	92	8 a.m.	73
9 p.m.	90	9 a.m.	80
10 p.m.	88	10 a.m.	84
11 p.m.	85	11 a.m.	88
Midnight:	83	noon:	90
1 a.m.	80	1 p.m.	92
2 a.m.	78	2 p.m.	94
3 a.m.	75	3 p.m.	92
4 a.m.	74	4 p.m.	94
5 a.m.	73	5 p.m.	94
		6 p.m.	94

Texas temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Pop.
Abilene	98	78	
Albany	99	73	
Alpine	92	64	
Amesbury	93	70	
Austin	99	74	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	92	75	20
Beville	101	75	
Brownsville	92	75	84
Bryan-College Station	100	74	
Childress	98	75	
Corpus Christi NAS	92	79	
Cotulla	99	73	
Dalhart	94	68	53
Dallas NAS Field	99	80	
Del Rio	98	77	
El Paso	99	70	
Fort Worth Meacham	100	78	
Galveston	98	80	06
Hondo	97	71	
Houston Intercontinental	94	74	
Junction	97	73	
Kingville	98	76	
Laredo	103	75	
Longview	98	74	
Lubbock	95	70	
Lufkin	96	71	45
Marfa	98	69	
McAllen	95	76	
Midland-Odessa	97	70	
Mineral Wells	100	75	
Palacios	92	76	
San Angelo	98	72	
San Antonio	98	78	
Shreveport, La.	98	74	
Stephenville	98	73	
Texasboro, Ark.	95	78	
Victoria	97	75	

County forecasts

Midland, Ector, Glasscock, Upton, Reagan, Crane, Gaines, Andrews, Dawson, Borden, Martin and Howard counties: Thursday, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Cooler with a high in the mid 80s. Northeast wind 10 to 20 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy, a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low in the lower 60s. Friday, partly cloudy. High in the mid 80s.

Starling, Coke, Irion and Tom Green counties: Thursday, mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. Cooler with a high in the mid 80s. Northeast wind 10 to 20 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy, a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low in the lower 60s. Friday, partly cloudy. High in the mid 80s.

SUMMIT: Houston session ends

(From 1A)

approval from his summit partners to proceed with his own \$3 billion loan program for Moscow.

Kohl told reporters that the declaration "provides support for our policy" of aid to Moscow. "This declaration is very satisfactory for us," he added.

Said Thatcher: "There is nothing in the communiqué which prevents people from taking their own action. In the new era, we are still going to give individual aid."

Mitterrand, who lost out in his effort to ensure that the fact-finding mission not wind up as a pretext for delaying Soviet aid, nevertheless claimed victory. He noted that it was on his insistence that the International Monetary Funded damage assessment team was ordered to complete its work by the end of the year. He too will be free to offer French aid to the Soviets.

On world trade, Bush seemed to have won a little and lost a little. As Bush wanted, the summit

seemed to provide a jumpstart to the talks being conducted under the auspices of the 97-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, by urging that the negotiations be given "the highest priority."

The communiqué pledged that the seven governments would make "the difficult political decisions necessary" to ensure the success of the stalled international trade talks. Those decisions would include "substantial progressive reductions" in government subsidies that artificially inflate agricultural prices and inhibit free trade, the document said.

The communiqué also granted Bush's wish for a call for reductions in agricultural subsidies that the European nations want to maintain to keep their system of small farms intact.

But the Europeans won a major point because the document failed to include a longstanding U.S. call for the total elimination of government farm subsidies by the year 2000.

It also included some loopholes favorable to the European side. For example, the communiqué noted that variations among countries on agricultural policies "reflect differences in the social and economic conditions of farming." And it spoke of protecting "food security," a reference to Japan's desire to safeguard its rice producers against imports.

Jacques Delors, president of the 12-nation European Community and the summit's strongest defender of agriculture subsidies, said: "Between friends there is no victory. There is good compromise."

On the environment, the document asserted that global warming is of "key importance," committed all seven leaders to "undertake common efforts to limit the emissions of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide," believed by many scientists to cause the environmental phenomenon and launched a pilot program aimed at saving the Brazilian rain forests that absorb such gases.

In accepting that language, Bush managed to fend off new initiatives to slash the carbon dioxide emissions. He expressed satisfaction that the summit had forged a "reasoned position, not a radical position that is going to throw a lot of American men and women out of jobs."

But he had to swallow language that said the "lack of full scientific certainty is no excuse to postpone actions which are justified in their own right."

Thatcher, who had joined Kohl in pushing for action on global warming, pointed approvingly at that passage. U.S. officials have said any cuts in greenhouse gas emissions should wait until all the scientific evidence is in.

Although Kohl did not get the commitment he sought to slash carbon dioxide emissions, he did persuade his summit partners to adopt his pet program: preserving Brazilian rain forests. "It's compromise we can live with," he said, noting that rain forests absorb carbon dioxide.

MISD: Trustees considering 4.2 percent salary increases

(From 1A)

Ferguson said the total teaching pay law falls under Senate Bill 1, the school reform plan which will fund \$528 million in state aid this year.

Baressi the proposal's suggested salary increase will fit into the current tax levy. "We expect to get \$2.9 million from the state which may be pro-rated, giving us \$600,000 less than that," he said. "Because of this we have estimated it on an average daily attendance of 93 percent."

The superintendent said a 3 percent tax increase over the effective tax rate is necessary to fund renovations of Washington and Houston Elementary schools. "Traditionally the cost of facilities and maintenance is the responsibility of the tax payers," the superintendent said. "We estimated cost of

renovations at about \$1.3 million. The 3 percent increase over the effective tax rate would generate approximately \$1 million to help defray the cost."

Manning said he concurred with the 3 percent tax increase. "In order to get maximum money from the state we must have a certain level of taxation support — 3 percent would be a good start with 2 to 3 percent increments in the next few years."

Baressi said increases for renovations would probably take place over the next 10 years.

Manning said, "The public doesn't always understand that we must have a certain tax rate in order to get funds from the state."

"We have gone up on sales tax and excise taxes, we need to take care of school finance. Article 1, Section VII of the Texas Constitution basically states that all of our

children must receive equal education," he said. "We can no longer depend on the minimum or permanent fund which provided land and oil revenue. We need to protect ourselves, but we don't want to raise taxes so high that it will hurt Midland, either."

In other developments, Manning said a survey will be distributed to teachers in the fall to query them on how they want to be compensated for unused sick days. "Currently they are sent a check for \$20 per day at the end of the year. I'd like teachers to have options to use the funds to upgrade their credentials," he said. "But it would take a substantial number of teachers surveyed to change anything."

Baressi said, "This was just a preliminary proposal. We will make our formal recommendation before the board July 31."

MINERS: Strike staged despite appeal

(From 1A)

In the meantime, miners' demands have become increasingly political.

According to information compiled from strike leaders in Donetsk, the Kuznets Basin of western Siberia and Vorkuta in the Far North, miners at about 200 shafts were on strike throughout the country.

No figures were available on the number of miners who actually walked off their jobs. But judging from the number of mines on strike in the Donetsk region, it appeared that about 100,000 miners stayed away. Strike organizers claimed that about 300,000 miners would halt work in western Siberia alone.

In a telephone interview from the Kuznets Basin coal center of Kemerovo, strike organizer Alexei Solov'yev said 68 of 130 mines were

on strike and that workers from 20 major industrial enterprises joined in.

Viktor Kolesnikov, a strike organizer in the Far North region, said 10 of 13 mines were on strike there.

Andrei Slivka of the Donetsk Workers Strike Committee said 141 mines, slightly more than half the region's total, were on strike. In Karaganda, in northern Kazakhstan, miners' spokesman Vladimir Bondarev said all 26 mines stopped work, but only for two hours.

The Soviet government newspaper Izvestia reported scattered participation elsewhere. Miners in the Novosibirsk region of Siberia and in Uzbekistan did not go along with the strike, but miners in the Far East struck for the first time, it said.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev told the Communist Par-

ty's 28th congress in Moscow that the strike was not of a general nature.

He said participation in western Siberia was minimal. "We feel more understanding from the side of the miners," he said.

But the mood was angry among the several thousand people who gathered in the hot sun in front of Communist Party and government headquarters in Donetsk to voice their grievances.

One widow of a miner who died of black lung disease, a black scarf around her head and her voice cracking, addressed the crowd. "Miners, you all have these lungs," she said. "You breathe what no human being should breathe."

"They promise us everything," lamented 40-year-old miner miner Alexander Zuyevsky, emerging black with coal dust from the October Mine in the Donetsk region.

New drug reduces spinal fractures

BOSTON (AP) — A medicine that strengthens elderly women's fragile bones can cut their risk of spinal fractures in half, significantly reducing the painful and crippling effects of osteoporosis, a study concludes.

The medicine, called etidronate, reverses much of the slow loss of bone that underlies osteoporosis, the brittle-bones disease that afflicts an estimated 15 million to 20 million Americans.

The research shows that etidronate can prevent crushed vertebrae, which are extremely common in old age, especially among women. This fracture is the most frequent consequence of osteoporosis. However, there is no evidence yet that the treatment will stop broken hips, which are a less common but more serious hazard of the disease.

"This is really exciting," said Dr. Nelson B. Watts of Emory University, the principal author of the study. "We can wait until some-

body is already in bad shape and make them better. They won't stand straight or play basketball. But the deterioration will be halted."

Experts believe etidronate will soon join two other prescription drugs — estrogen and calcitonin — for routine treatment of the disease. Because of its apparent advantages, it could become the preferred medicine for many elderly victims.

PIT: Asphalt may be used on roadway

(From 1A)

McGregor said city workers have been dumping asphalt, oil, gasoline, leaded paint, cleaning fluids and other toxic materials in the pit for more than a decade.

City managers, though, did not know about it until a Fort Worth environmental consultant was in town to inspect the city's leaking gasoline storage tanks, he said.

The Carter and Burgess Inc. engineering firm also has been a consultant for the tar pit cleanup, he said.

Carter and Burgess tests conducted in February and April found the toxic substances. Less extensive TWC tests conducted Feb. 22 revealed some of the same materials.

City officials initially estimated it would cost only \$10,000 to mop up the pool, which is about 4 feet deep and measures about 75 feet by 100 feet.

But Carter and Burgess officials in May said it may cost up to \$800,000 to excavate the tar pit materials and transport them to a hazardous waste dump.

Though cleanup costs are not as high as expected, McGregor said an exact figure will not be known until the operation begins. "We won't know until we get all the liquids pulled out of it," he said.

A gravel base may lie at the bottom of the pit, he said. If not, the materials may have seeped 6 to 8 inches into the soil, which also will have to be removed if contaminated, he said.

The city has paid Carter and Burgess about \$17,000 so far for consulting fees, he said. Another \$12,000 to \$15,000 will be paid to that company by summer's end, he said.

Councilman Jose Cuevas said he hopes the excavation project finds only tar.

"There could be some extra costs," Cuevas said. "We won't know until we get into it. We feel comfortable with estimated cost, but we'll never know until we get to the bottom of the pit."

Cuevas said he looks forward to the day when the tar pit is a memory.

"It's very important that we clean it up," he said. "I will be pleased only when it's done right and it's over."

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Judge chides school finance attorneys

By Rick Brown
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AUSTIN — A vexed state district judge chastised attorneys over the slow course of questioning on the third day of a trial to decide whether the state's new school finance system is up to snuff.

"This is just so frustrating for me," Judge Scott McCown announced Wednesday in open court during a lengthy and complex cross-examination by Assistant Attorney General Kevin O'Hanlon, who is defending the new system.

McCown, who wants to wrap up testimony in a two-week time period, said unnecessary delays at the start of the trial will result in his denial of requests for additional time at the end.

He complained that O'Hanlon

took too much time trying to elicit answers from a recalcitrant witness called to support the plaintiff's contention that Texas' new school finance system is still unconstitutional.

Poorer school districts that originally participated in the Edgewood v. Kirby lawsuit now are alleging that the redesigned system lawmakers approved this past month represents no real change at all.

On the stand during McCown's complaints was a former superintendent of Edgewood schools, Jose Cardenas, who as an associate master of the court helped draw the "Robin Hood" plan the judge would have instituted had lawmakers failed.

"You're just wasting my time," McCown said at one point during

O'Hanlon's cross-examination of Cardenas. The witness himself made small effort to help the opposing attorney. "You lost me somewhere back there, Mr. O'Hanlon. I don't know what you're talking about," Cardenas said.

O'Hanlon persisted with his line of questioning, prompting McCown to comment that "all trials are teaching exercises, and you picked the worst witness to teach me with."

Earlier, under direct examination from plaintiffs attorney Al Kauffman, Cardenas testified to the negative effects of the Legislature's failure to design a system in which poorer school districts have as much to spend on student enrichment as the state's wealthiest districts.

He said that poorer districts will

be unable to provide as wide an array of opportunities for their students as the wealthy districts. The poorer districts will be unable to attract good teachers with the higher pay and better working conditions that wealthier systems offer, he said.

O'Hanlon in his cross-examination termed the system the Legislature developed a "self-correcting mechanism" in which lawmakers every two years measure the impact of greater spending by wealthy districts and adjust state aid to poorer ones accordingly.

But Cardenas said that O'Hanlon's characterization "is not a valid assumption."

"I have no guarantee that those corrections are going to be made, and based on history, I doubt the corrections will be made," he said.

PUC may cut El Paso rate request

AUSTIN (AP) — Struggling El Paso Electric Co., hoping to cure financial ills with a \$33.9 million rate increase, may end up getting less than half company officials requested.

Public Utility Commission examiners recommended the utility only be allowed a \$15.3 million rate increase. PUC Administrative Law Judge Katherine Mudge and Examiner Beth Bierman suggested only \$7 million of that increase come from customers this year and the rest be deferred.

Examiners' recommendations are non-binding, but are considered by commissioners who make the final decision.

The three-member PUC is scheduled to consider the recommendations Aug. 1.

El Paso Electric owns 15.8 percent of the Palo Verde nuclear power plant near Phoenix. The utility has said \$41.6 million was needed to cover the cost of operating and maintaining its share of Palo Verde this year. But the examiners trimmed that to \$30.3 million.

The utility is trying to bounce back from several poor non-utility investments that caused the company substantial losses. El Paso Electric has sold off most of those investments to a Chicago investment firm. But problems and shut-

downs at Palo Verde have caused additional losses.

The PUC staff and examiners agreed that El Paso Electric should be allowed to collect a 10.99 percent of profits from its overall investment in the utility. The company had asked to collect 11.22 percent.

The agency said a supplemental examiners' report will be released soon with recommendations about Palo Verde nuclear power plant's performance and proposed changes of accounting procedures.

Those recommendations also are to be considered Aug. 1 by the PUC.

Biology books draw criticism

AUSTIN (AP) — Some textbook critics are unhappy with a proposed list of high school biology books being considered for Texas schools which, for the first time, would include extensive treatment of evolution.

But a civil liberties group and associations representing science teachers praised the biology books, saying they finally signal an end to the religious influence on science books used in Texas schools.

The State Board of Education, which will have final approval over the new books in November, voted last year to require that evolution be explained in biology and other science books.

To appease religious fundamentalists, the board agreed to stipulate that the books include scientific arguments for and against the theory that human beings evolved from lower life forms.

Mel Gabler of Longview was among several witnesses at a state hearing Tuesday who criticized the books for not offering arguments against evolution.



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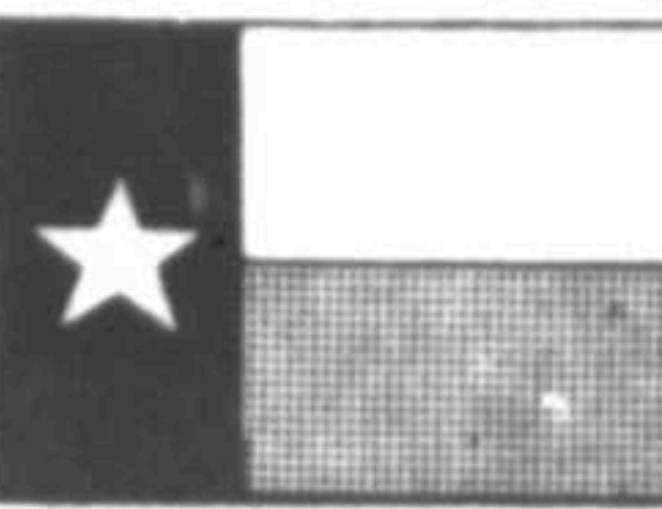
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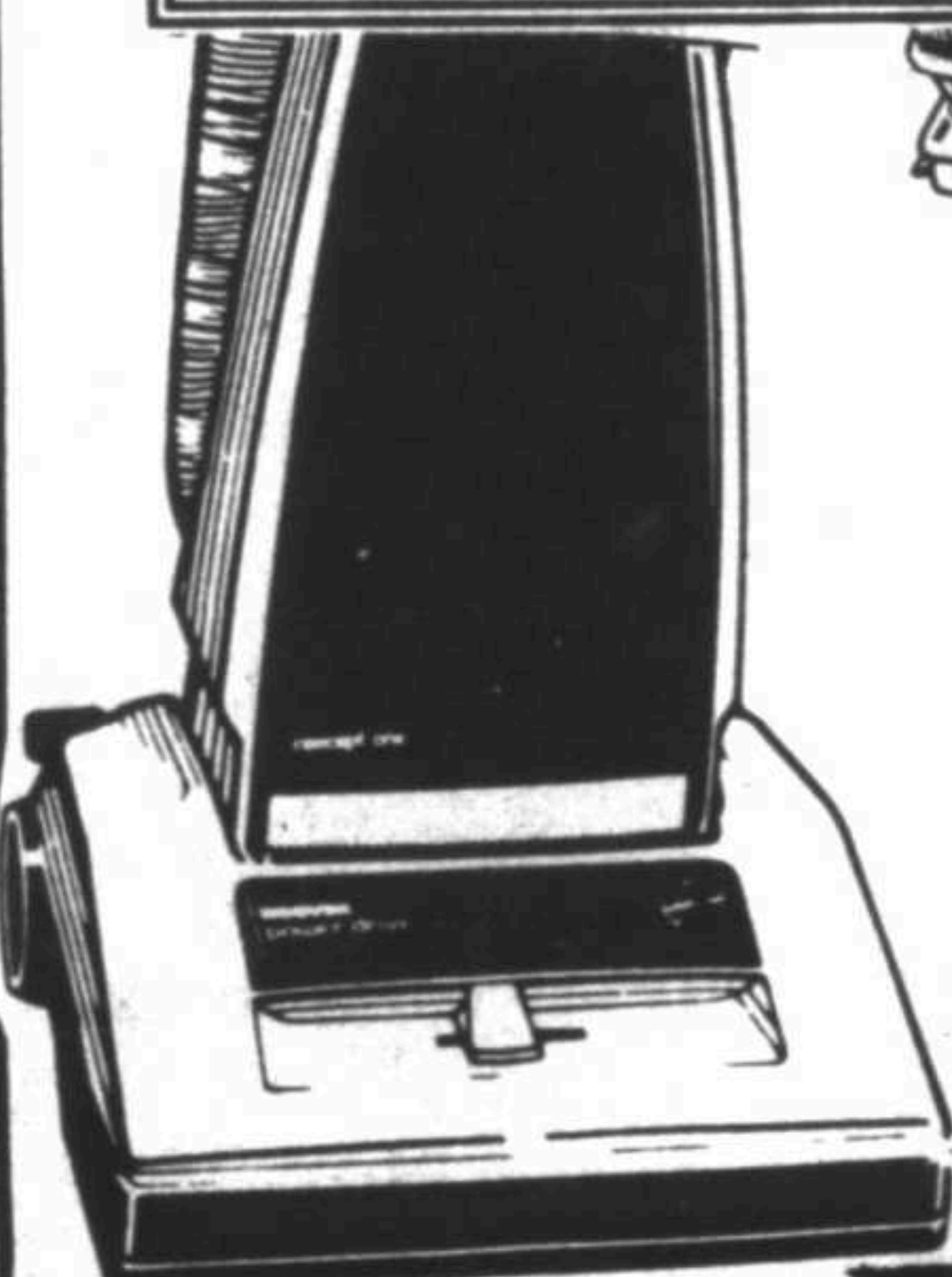
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Father accused of stabbing son

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man accused of setting himself afire and repeatedly stabbing his 6-year-old son was charged Wednesday with injury to a child, authorities said.

Police investigating the case reported that Mike O'Neill, 43, said afterward, "God told me to do it."

O'Neill was in good condition under police guard at Medical Center Hospital. He was charged by proxy with injury to a child. Bond was set at \$75,000.

His son, Michael O'Neill Jr., was in serious condition with 10 stab wounds at Brooke Army Medical Center, officials said.

The incident occurred shortly after 2:30 a.m. in the house the O'Neill family moved into three months ago, neighbors said.

Police reports indicate a woman was awakened by her husband's screaming and found him running through the hallway with his leg on fire. She used a pillow to put out the fire.

Then the man entered his son's room and the woman heard yelling, according to reports. She ran in and found the man stabbing the boy with a knife, reports said.

Karem enjoys freedom

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Television reporter Brian Karem said he was thrilled to wake up out of jail

Wednesday and pledged to work for passage of a shield law to protect journalists concealing confidential sources.

Karem appeared on a radio talk show Wednesday and argued with attorney Mark Stevens, who represents the capital murder defendant Karem interviewed last year for KMOL-TV.

The interview touched off a legal battle that resulted in Karem's jailing. In the interview, defendant Henry David Hernandez told Karem he shot San Antonio police officer Gary Williams in self-defense.

Defense and prosecuting attorneys in the murder trial contended they needed to know who helped arrange the telephone interview to determine whether it was admissible as evidence. Karem refused to reveal a confidential source who helped him and was cited for contempt of court. He was sent to jail June 27.

State District Judge Pat Priest released Karem from the six-month jail term Tuesday when Karem revealed the source after the woman came forward and released Karem from his promise of anonymity. Karem had spent two weeks in jail.

"I'm going to take the rest of the week off and spend it with my family, then go back to work on Monday," Karem said. He covers police news for KMOL-TV.

Karem said when the Texas Legislature convenes in January he will approach lawmakers about passing a shield law for reporters.

Truck runs through house

HOUSTON (AP) — Five people were injured when a tractor-trailer truck went through a house after a front tire blew out.

One of those injured was Dorothy Womack, 60, who was in her kitchen when the 18-wheeler smashed into it Tuesday morning, authorities said. She was listed in guarded condition at Hermann Hospital. Her husband, Leland Womack, 62, also was in the kitchen at the time of the accident.

The truck driver and three of his passengers were treated for cuts and bruises at Ben Taub Hospital and released.

Police accident investigator S.K. Stephens said the truck, which was carrying sheetrock on its trailer, was traveling north when the right front tire blew out.

Ghost hunt planned

WAXAHACHIE (AP) — A restaurant that its owners claim is haunted will be inspected later this month by a veteran ghost hunter.

Ghost hunter Larry Kuehn will inspect the Catfish Plantation restaurant in this Ellis County town south of Dallas on July 21.

Some say the business is haunted by three ghosts, and the restaurant's business has been increased by those curious about the supernatural.

One ghost is believed to be a man who moves around, creating cold spots. Another ghost reportedly is a woman in white who stays near a bay window. The third is a woman who "does a lot of throwing and door slamming," said Melissa Baker, who owns the restaurant with her husband, Tom Baker.

Richards camp calls Williams 'buffoon'

AUSTIN (AP) — At a news conference where Democrat Ann Richards on Wednesday urged Republican gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams to stick to the issues, a top Richards official called the GOP nominee a "buffoon."

A Williams aide said the name-calling demonstrated a "pattern of hypocrisy" by the Democrat's campaign.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, one of three campaign co-chairs appointed Wednesday by Ms. Richards, called Williams the name while comparing the backgrounds of the two candidates.

"Ann is an experienced public official. She has efficiently and economically managed the financial affairs of the state ... Her opponent is a self-proclaimed buffoon," Hobby said.

Ms. Richards had little to say when asked about Hobby's remark, which was made in her presence.

"I think Clayton Williams' actions and behavior speaks for itself. I don't have to embellish that," she replied.

A spokesman for Williams, Bill Kenyon, said the incident "is typical of the way Richards has campaigned" all year.

"She talks about issues ... and then she turns around and her campaign leadership starts making personal quips and slanders. Clayton has stuck to the issues. Then they have a press conference like today," Kenyon said.

After naming Hobby, former San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros and former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan as co-chairs of her campaign, Ms. Richards said she wanted to remind Williams of his earlier promise to stick to the issues during their race.

"We both said this was going to be a campaign that was going to be run on the issues. One more time, I want to reiterate that. I want to urge the Republicans and Clayton Williams to remember that vow," Ms. Richards said.

Both Williams and Ms. Richards won seven-candidate primaries. The Democratic battle was a mud-slinging affair that left one of Ms. Richards' rivals, former Gov. Mark White, vowing never to vote for her.

Recalling that both she and Williams had pledged no-more-mud campaigns, Ms. Richards said an issues-oriented race is important for the state's image.

"We're going to have the eyes of the world on Texas. The fashion in which we conduct this campaign will be examined by the national and international media," she said.

Ms. Richards said it is "in the interests of the people of Texas that we conduct this campaign on the issues because there are a lot of them on which we disagree."

Williams' spokesman, Kenyon, said the Republican has been talking issues. He accused Ms. Richards of saying one thing and doing another.

"She says that Clayton is hiding when Clayton campaigns five or six days a week and she's lucky to get out once a week. She talks about 'issues,' but she has yet to

put a dollar figure on any of her proposals. There's no question it's hypocritical," Kenyon said.

In other political developments: — New York Gov. Mario Cuomo said he would help fellow Democratic gubernatorial candidates Dianne Feinstein of California and Ms. Richards tap the lucrative New York City market for campaign funds. "I like her. I'm going to do a fundraiser with her in September here in New York," Cuomo said of Ms. Richards.

— U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, a Republican seeking re-election this fall, has begun airing a television ad campaign that features some heavy GOP hitters — endorsements from President Bush and former President Reagan and narration by actor Charlton Heston.

— Bob Krueger, Democratic candidate for the Railroad Commission, said he has received financial contributions from a number of Republicans, including Ted Lawson of Odessa, who received some 40 percent of the primary vote against GOP nominee Beau Boulter.

— Vice President Dan Quayle will appear at a San Antonio fundraiser next week for GOP agriculture commissioner candidate Rick Perry. The reception, at a private home, is scheduled for Wednesday. Perry's campaign said.

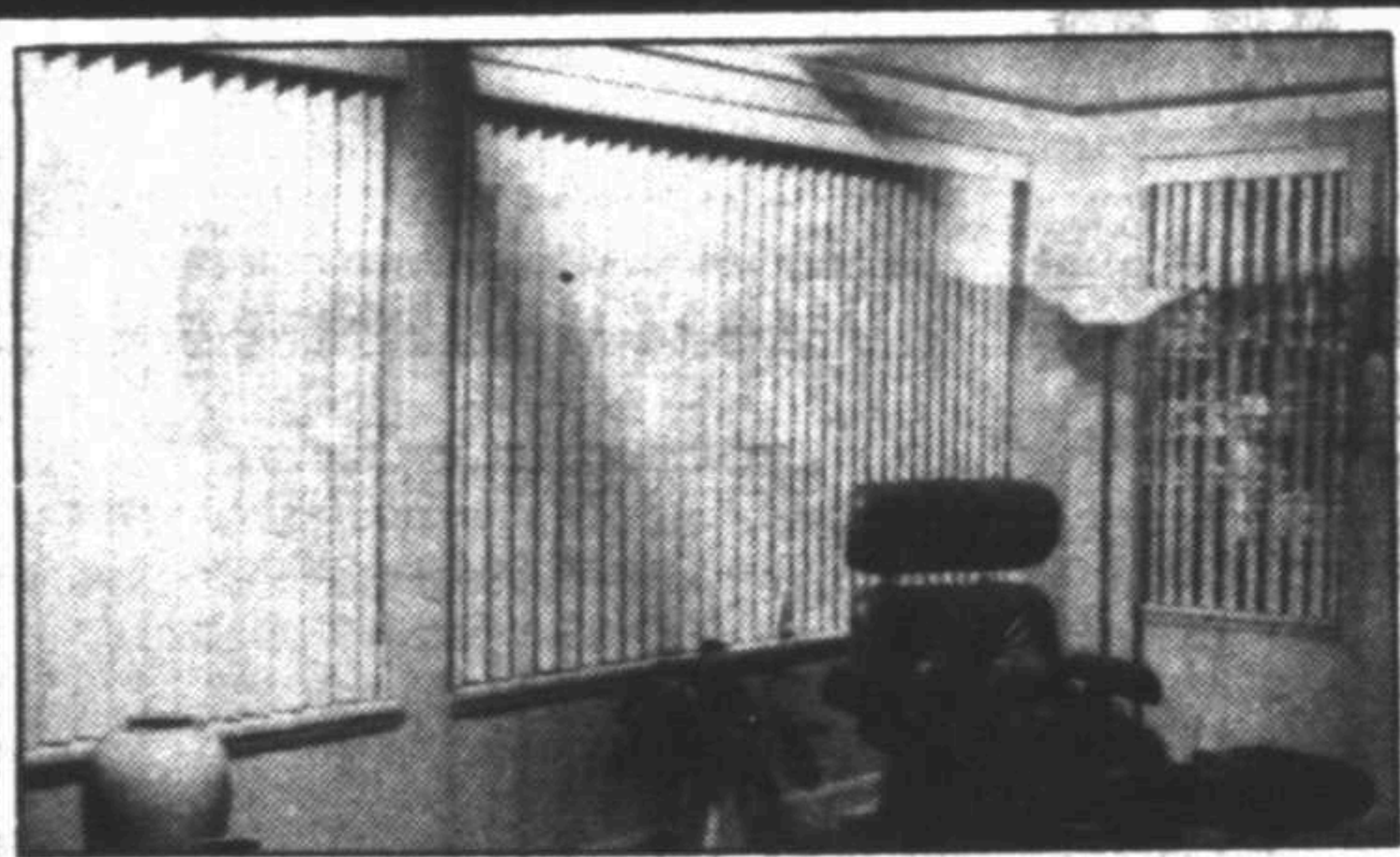
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SUMMIT SPOTLIGHT

Houston says goodbye to all that's GATT

By Alan Bernstein
Hearst News Service

HOUSTON — They came, they saw, they perspired. Now, as we fan away their jet exhaust, we bid farewell to the summit superstars and we ask the burning questions.

What did we learn? How did Houston benefit? Did Margaret Thatcher really sew pieces of lead into her skirt to prevent an untidy encounter with the cold air blower outside Rice University?

We learned that GATT stands for General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, not Good Afternoon, Texas Tourists. And that G-7 means the seven leading industrial democracies, not the jukebox buttons that play the new ZZ Top single.

Perhaps the most important lesson was that Houston's eager and intense effort to look good succeeded. On two levels.

One, the theme that Houston's back from economic hell was indeed adopted by the influential media, from The New York Times to the network TV crews and the foreign press.

Two, when you try so hard to dazzle, the trying hard becomes as much of the message as the dazzle. The big-time media reported, somewhat derisively, how overly accommodating and insecure the city boosters appeared.

Next time around, our cheer-leading squad might want to heed the words of a country-pop song, Come From The Heart: "You got to sing like you don't need the money, love like you'll never get hurt, dance like nobody's watching."

Alas, it was impossible to get word of the Houston resurgence to every corner of the country. Jay Leno, filling in for Johnny Carson on The Tonight Show Tuesday night, contended that having an economic meeting in Houston is "like having an investment seminar in the Trump Tower."

We learned that Rice's stately architecture and serene atmosphere — all so European and so unlike Houston — is a fine, photographic side of our city's face.

We learned that the dynamic leadership of the world's most respected nations is made up of people just like you and me. Except they never have to pay for dinner.

We learned that no matter how much we joke about the heat, the heat is still not a joke in the Hous-



Leaders of the seven industrial democracies applaud President Bush after he delivered the final communique at the economic summit in Houston Wednesday.

ton summer. Our visitors will never forget it. Nor will they forget how cold it was inside all the buildings.

We learned that when foreigners view the space age architecture of downtown Houston, they all wonder the same thing:

"Where are all the people?"

We saw our president, so proud of his adopted hometown, as the advocate of but one important economy. As a result we saw that intelligent, free, prosperous diplomats from abroad don't parrot the American line. They have their

own ideas about how to make the Earth a better place.

We discovered the concept of museum dining. The news media swarmed over a fancy buffet at the Museum of Fine Arts last weekend, and the G-7 supped there a few days later. Houston's art treasures have always looked good, but somehow they looked better from behind a cold beverage and a plate of exotic hors d'oeuvres.

Houston benefited in a ton of ways.

The city showed it can deftly handle a mega-event without a large number of embarrassments and screw-ups. Hail, ye organizers and public officials.

Commuters showed that they are so conditioned to searing heat and clogged roadways that in general they don't go totally gonzoz when the knobs are turned even higher.

The cleaned streets and the freshly planted flowers will continue to make our city a nicer place. Well, at least until things get back to normal.

Houston now becomes part of foreign affairs lexicon. Vague as they were, the diplomatic agree-

ments forever will be called the Houston communique. The Times of London has already referred to the rift about agricultural subsidies as "the Houston gap."

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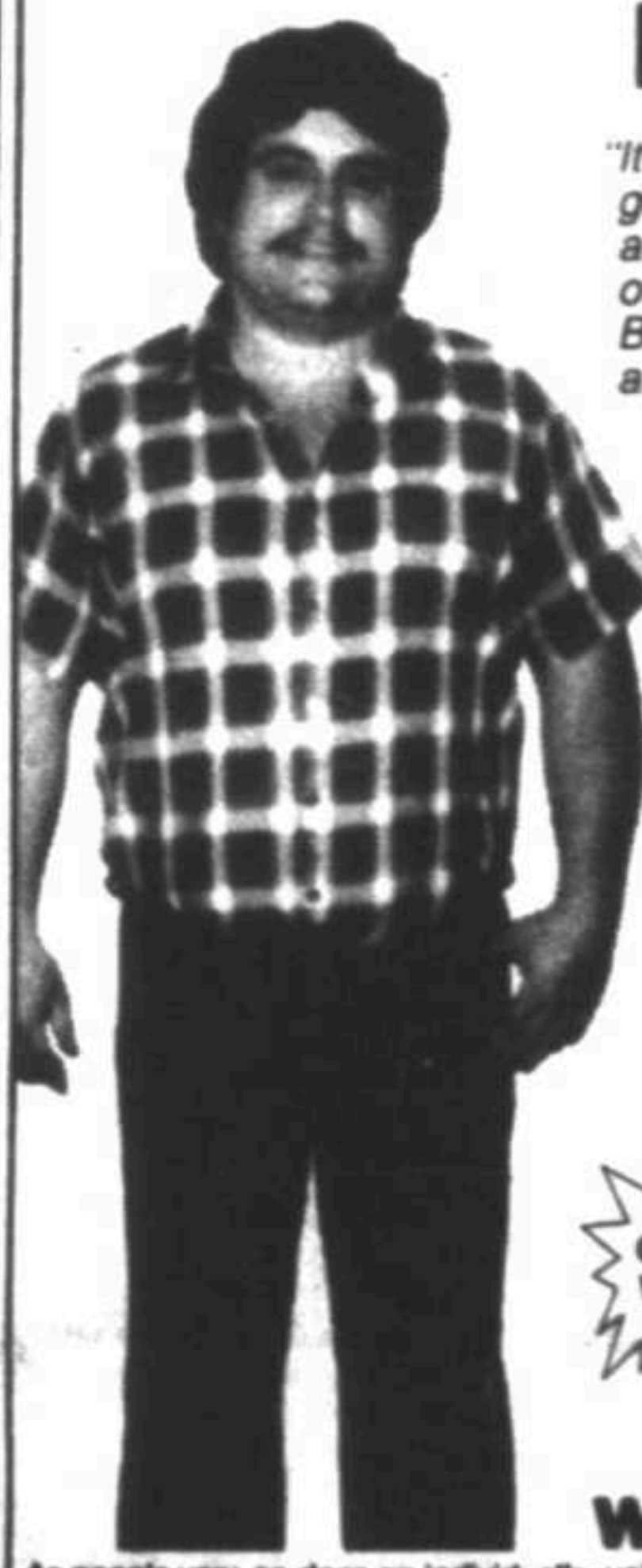
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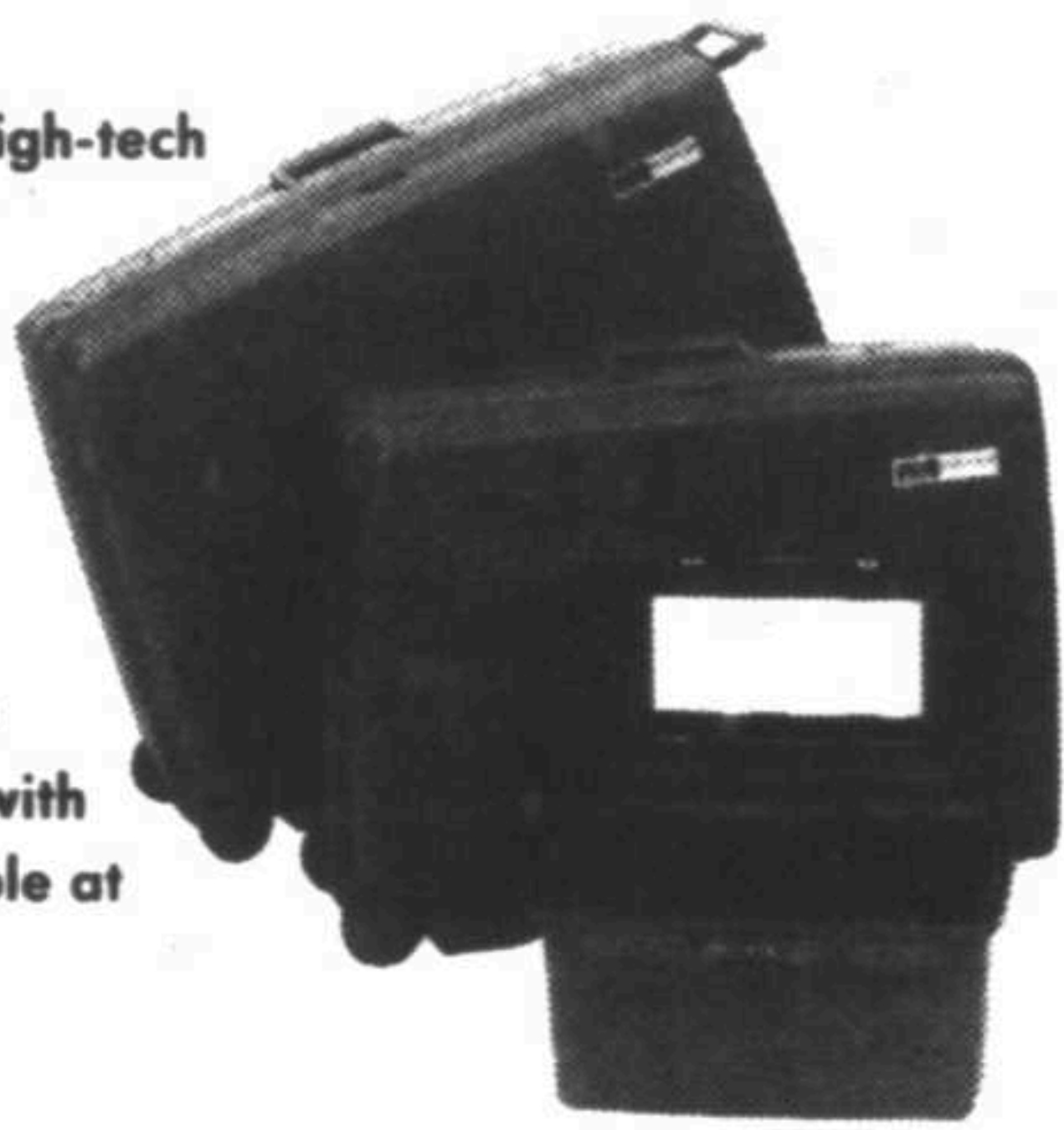
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Summit isn't
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HOUSTON (AP) — "Chow," President Bush said, and he wasn't saying good-bye in Italian.

After presenting the final communique at his economic summit, the president strolled into the giant food hall of Houston's convention center and greeted chefs, waiters and some of the reporters who were eating lunch rather than waiting for his closing news conference.

Walking into the hall, Bush turned to his wife, Barbara, and said, "I heard they had all this fabulous food." He told a waiter he came "to see the chow."

He didn't sit down for lunch.

But Bush shook hands, waved and joked with the crowd which had not gone through the usual tight security for those who have access to the president. And he signed at least one autograph.

Deivra Liberato of the Texas A&M newspaper Battalion extended a piece of paper to Bush, hoping for his autograph. He said, "If I start this, I'll get in trouble," but grabbed it and signed, "G Bush."

A man shouted, "You're a great president."

"We appreciate that," Bush responded, turning and moving into the crowd as people shouted his name.

The vast dining room in the Brown Convention Center was open throughout the summit for reporters and any others able to talk their way past the guards for anything from Japanese rice wrapped in seaweed to individually cooked pasta.

At one of six food lines piled high with free cheeses, meat, fish and vegetables, he shook hands with Joseph Gasaway of Houston, who described himself as a specialty chef. Gasaway said he will be out of work after the summit "because things are a bit slow in Houston now."

Asked if he'd told that to Bush, Gasaway said, "I wish the president had asked me what I am going to do. I would have told him something." But he said it without rancor, and added, smiling, "It felt good to shake his hand, though."

Weapons ban included in newly approved crime bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate approved a broad crime bill Wednesday that stiffens prison terms for savings and loan fraud, bans nine semiautomatic weapons and makes three dozen federal offenses punishable by death.

The election-year measure sailed through the Senate, 94-6, with opposition coming largely from critics of capital punishment.

"This is the toughest and most comprehensive crime bill in our history," said Judiciary Chairman Joseph R. Biden Jr., D-Del. He said the measure could cost up to \$2 billion in 1991 and added the source of the funds was uncertain.

At the last minute, the Senate added \$162.5 million to combat savings and loan fraud and tough prison terms for those convicted in the scandal, including life for "kingpins." Whistle blowers could collect rewards of up to \$300,000 for turning in S&L looters.

The bill would add hundreds of savings and loan fraud investigators and allow the government to seize the assets of S&L looters in the same fashion that it now confiscates those of drug kingpins.

Lawmakers said they have felt distinct pressure from back home to step up prosecution of S&L offenders.

"We need to be cracking down on the orgy of fraud and law-breaking that occurred in the savings and loan crisis," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

Among the provisions settled earlier was the ban on import or domestic manufacture of nine kinds of semiautomatic assault weapons, approved over the fierce opposition of the National Rifle Association.

Senators also had agreed on provisions allowing executions for 34 federal offenses including treason, hostage-taking and presidential assassination. It is already possible under current law to seek capital punishment for drug kingpins who commit murder and terrorists who kill Americans overseas.

Other parts of the crime bill would streamline the appeals system with an eye to ending delays of a decade or more in carrying out executions, tighten money laundering laws and provide for



NATION

Highlights of Senate Crime Bill

Starting with President Bush's May 1989 proposals, the Senate worked for 14 months to produce a far-reaching federal crime bill. The highlights:



Tougher measures against S&L fraud

Would add \$162.5 million to enforcement budget and hire hundreds of additional investigators; toughen prison terms for convicted S&L looters with a maximum of life in prison for "kingpins"; offer rewards up to \$300,000 for whistle-blowers; permit federal investigators to seize personal assets of S&L looters similar to seizures now made of drug kingpins' assets.



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Would add 1,000 new FBI agents, 1,000 new narcotics agents, 500 new Border Patrol officers and 480 additional federal prosecutors nationwide.



Federal death penalty expanded

Would cover 34 more Federal crimes including treason, hostage-taking and presidential assassination (currently limited to drug kingpins and terrorists who kill Americans overseas)

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1,000 new FBI agents, 1,000 narcotics agents, 500 Border Patrol officers and 480 federal prosecutors.

Additional features range from an increase in funding for "boot camp" prisons to tougher penalties for sale of the new drug "ice."

The House currently is fashioning its own version of a comprehensive crime bill.

The Bush administration has been cool to the Senate package, largely because of its gun features. The administration has banned import of a number of "non-sporting" semiautomatic weapons and has urged a limit on the size of ammunition clips, but opposes a ban on semiautomatics manufactured here.

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh issued a statement Wednesday

afternoon, however, saying he wanted to "commend the Senate action" in adopting an amended version of the crime bill with "most of President Bush's proposals to combat crime and institute much needed criminal justice reforms."

The Senate bill started life as President Bush's crime package but over the last year was virtually rewritten on Capitol Hill.

The crime bill being fashioned by the House Judiciary Committee contains only minor firearms provisions. But a gun bill that already has been approved by the panel would outlaw domestic weapons that fail to meet the administration's "sporting purposes" test.

Gun-owner organizations say that bill could be tougher than the one approved by the Senate.

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Barry drug overdose focus of testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — Marion Barry collapsed from a cocaine overdose during a 1987 trip to the Super Bowl and friends helped cover up the cause of his medical treatment, a lawyer testified Wednesday at the mayor's drug and perjury trial.

Lloyd Moore, who also described using drugs with the mayor, said he learned of the cocaine overdose in January 1987 in a telephone conversation with a friend of Barry's who was in Los Angeles with Barry.

Barry's friend, Jeffrey Mitchell, "indicated that they had smoked ... cocaine laced with something," Moore said of the phone call.

Barry was "very sick. ... They thought he was going to die," Moore said Mitchell told him.

Moore was the sixth prosecution witness to describe using drugs with the three-term mayor. He followed to the stand Theresa Southerland, a 27-year-old secretary who said she snorted cocaine repeatedly from 1987 to 1989 at apartments and homes and on two trips to the Bahamas.

Barry is facing 10 counts of cocaine possession, one count of conspiracy and three counts of lying to a grand jury about his alleged involvement with drugs.

Prosecutors are using the testimony of Moore, who was appointed by Barry to the city boxing and arts commissions, to support a charge that Barry conspired to conceal his cocaine use.

Barry was hospitalized for what was officially described as a hiatal hernia in 1987 in Los Angeles, where he had traveled to see the New York Giants play the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl.

In the phone call, Mitchell said he told hospital workers "what he would allow them to do," testified Moore. The hospital "was not allowed to take blood" from the mayor, Moore said Mitchell told him.

Moore, who practices law in Washington, testified he and Bar-

ry used cocaine together at Moore's home about six times from May 1986 to March 1987. Barry used cocaine by himself at Moore's home about three times, Moore said, adding that he gave Barry cocaine "a couple of times," each time in an amount worth about \$50.

"Thirteen times you saw the defendant use or possess cocaine in your home?" asked assistant U.S. attorney Richard Roberts.

"That is correct," replied Moore. Moore was appointed by Barry to the D.C. Boxing Commission and the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

The testimony of Southerland, the second woman to testify about having a romantic relationship with Barry, echoed statements by other witnesses who said they had used drugs with the mayor at Washington homes and in the Bahamas.

"I hit the cocaine and he hit the cocaine," Southerland said of a March 1988 get-together with Barry at the Washington residence of a friend of the mayor.

"I used my fingernail" to snort the cocaine, she said.

FBI tests last month turned up traces of cocaine on Barry's business cards seized Jan. 18 when he was videotaped in a sting operation smoking crack, according to earlier testimony.

Southerland met the mayor at a Washington nightclub, became romantically involved with him and the two started taking drugs in November 1987, she said. They last used drugs last November, she said.

Under cross-examination by Barry's lawyers, Southerland said she and Barry often had "five to eight shots" of liquor each when they used drugs.

She admitted that she had been a cocaine user for about a year before she met Barry and said she often supplied the drugs that the two used.

Pit spit

Sisters Irene Grambow, left, and DeeAnn Henn finished third at the 17th annual Pit Spitting in Okemos, Michigan, Monday. Of the top 10 female finishers, eight were from the Grambow family.

AP Laserphoto



DOE 'drops shoe' with announcement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy Secretary James Watkins said Wednesday his department will take more direct control of the contaminated Hanford Nuclear Reservation as part of a plan to clean up problems at the nation's nuclear weapons program.

"We are changing the way of doing business at one of our major facilities. This is the first of a number of shoes to drop," Watkins said at a news conference.

In addition to taking a greater government role in managing the Hanford site at Washington state, Watkins said the Energy Department will enter a new agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers on Thursday to help clean up radioactive wastes at the nation's nuclear weapons plants.

Watkins said he was "extremely disappointed" with the condition of the nuclear weapons plants when he initiated a 30-year clean-up plan about 18 months ago.

The Hanford site along the Columbia River near Richland, Wash., contains 600,000 cubic yards of radioactive waste, Watkins said.

Disclosures in recent years show that dangerous contaminants were released directly into the air, water and soil.

Watkins said details of the memo of understanding with the Army Corps of Engineers will be made available on Thursday. He said more specific plans for the agreement at Hanford are expected over the next week with other site-specific plans to follow in the future.

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Abortion clinic considers pro-con pairing

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A year after it lost a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision, Reproductive Health Services is talking about letting an anti-abortion counselor work in the clinic.

After quietly discussing the idea sporadically for eight months, B.J. Isaacson-Jones, the clinic's executive director, and Andrew Puzder, a longtime leader in the state's anti-abortion movement, hope to bring in other voices.

They were meeting together Wednesday with leaders from both sides of the abortion debate to get reaction to the idea and determine what to do next.

"This could be a very good idea or it could die tomorrow," Puzder said Wednesday. "What B.J. and I are doing can be killed very easily. We are dealing with very delicate politics."

They hope the meeting will help answer some of the many questions about the counselor idea, which has attracted much curiosity from around the country, including who would pay the counselor, what patients he or she would be allowed to talk with, and what kind of counseling would be provided.

News of Puzder's and Isaacson-Jones' ongoing talks about the counselor idea was disclosed this week.

Puzder, a St. Louis attorney, represented people who sat-in at abortion clinics in the 1970s and '80s. He wrote the restrictive abortion law at the center of last year's landmark Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services Supreme Court decision, which gave states more power to restrict a woman's right to abortion.

Isaacson-Jones has long defended a woman's right to have an abortion. Her clinic performs nearly half the 18,000 abortions performed each year in Missouri and sees women from 10 states.

But both said it was surprisingly easy to get together and talk.

"I was very nervous when I called him, but after we talked I was encouraged and excited," said Isaacson-Jones, who contacted Puzder after a newspaper column he wrote about the need to help women and children.

Puzder said he was glad she called.

"The first thing we did was say, 'I know that I'm not going to convince you to become pro-life, and you know that you can't convince me to become pro-choice,'" he said. "We got that out of the way and were able to talk."

They agreed they could examine together the need for better foster care and for better help for handicapped and hard-to-place children.

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Hostages remain pawns of insanity

What can this be? Is Iran's notice that it will use its influence with Shiite Moslems to attempt to gain release of one of 16 Western hostages held in Lebanon tacit recognition that honey is more pleasing to Moslems than vinegar and violence?

The notice came a couple of weeks after a devastating earthquake hit Iran, flattening buildings and killing thousands of people. In the wake of that disaster, Richard Boucher, deputy State Department spokesman in Washington, said, "We want to be helpful without regard for our political differences with Iran."

That is a notably generous policy for the United States to take in light of past hostilities between the two nations stemming from the 1979 hostage seizure and other vile actions since. But even in a Christian nation such as this where charitable giving to assist the impoverished and downtrodden is spectacular, the limits of good will and Christian charity are stretched to the breaking point with this gesture when all this nation receives in return is hatred and inconsideration. Many Americans may believe the limit has been exceeded. Others, of course, will be more forgiving, realizing that saying "the government of Iran" is not the same as saying "all Iranians" and that human kindness should not be tied to political considerations.

When the Shah of Iran fled his country in the wake of the Islamic revolution and came to the United States seeking medical treatment, this nation allowed him in and gave him medical care although that human kindness evoked hatred on the part of Moslems and eventually led to the seizure of the U.S. Embassy and the 444-day hostage crisis.

Now this nation is extending the hand of compassion to Iran in hopes of easing suffering following the earthquake. That's another act of human kindness, totally void of political considerations. And in return, Iran officials are gracious enough to exert their influence in an attempt to free only one of the Western hostages who have been held for years in direct violation of international law and all standards of human decency!

The sad fact of this decade of insanity is that 16 people from the West remain human pawns in this "theatre of the absurd."

LETTERS

Non-smoker finds ban 'totalitarian'

Midland Memorial Hospital is now a smoke-free zone. The president of the hospital cited statistics that belied the need for this policy. According to all the highly-publicized media reports, a smoker is much more likely to be ill than one who does not smoke. However, if the 30/70 smoker/nonsmoker ratio is correct, it appears that serious hospital confining illnesses strike non-smokers more than twice as often as smokers.

As a non-smoker I resent the restriction being placed on

the rights of others in the name of "public interest."

In the 1960s we laughed at George Orwell's "1984." The scenario is something we thought impossible in the U.S.A., but evidently only the date was in error, as it seems that anyone with any ambition and an axe to grind gets media coverage, policy established, and laws passed — regardless of the rights of the individual. Sounds totalitarian to me.

T. Richard Foster
Midland

Flags added 'glow' to Independence Day

I don't know who conceived the plan. I don't know who funded it, nor do I know who planted all the miniature flags on our Skyline Terrace West lawn the morning of July 4, but I do know that our neighborhood, and perhaps others in Midland, owe this unknown patriot a sincere "thank you."

Seeing all those flags waving brightly in the morning sun

lent a special glow to Independence Day.

There was a name attached to the flagpole — the name Sandy Scott — but I don't even know who that is. So whomever you may be, please accept my thanks for making a wonderful day even more memorable. It was a very nice thing to do!

Skip Barton
Midland

City neighbors failed to clean up, stay safe

After all the Fourth of July celebrating and the shooting of fireworks was over, our city neighbors went back to the city, leaving all their burnt out fireworks, boxes, bags and bottles on our roads in the country. Also, there were many grass fires set without regard to the ex-

treme drought conditions.

I believe if this were in reverse, there would be many unhappy citizens in the city. Patriotism should include taking pride in your country by carrying off your trash and practicing fire safety.

Ervin A. Baumann
Midland County

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, July 12, the 193rd day of 1990. There are 172 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: Three hundred years ago, on July 12, 1690 (New Style; July 1, 1690 Old Style), Protestant forces led by William of Orange defeated the Roman Catholic army of James II at the Battle of the

Boyne, a victory which established Protestant domination in Northern Ireland.

On this date:

In 100 B.C., the Roman Emperor Julius Caesar was born.
In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr, who would outlive him.

JACK ANDERSON

Southeast Asian heroin flows to U.S.

WASHINGTON — While U.S. drug cops continue their hot pursuit of Latin American cocaine kingpins, the heroin bandits of Southeast Asia are taking advantage of the distraction to smuggle record loads into the United States.

The lucrative heroin trade has become big business for Chinese mobs based in Hong Kong. But top drug experts tell us that there are culprits in every Southeast Asian country.

The most notorious heroin peddler is Burma's brash Gen. Kuhn Sa, who once offered to help the United States win the war on heroin by selling all his output to the federal government.



Anderson

Kuhn Sa was indicted by a New York grand jury last December and is now near the top of America's most wanted list. In May, at a secret meeting in Thailand's northern city of Chiang Mai, U.S. and Thai officials huddled about how to capture Kuhn Sa. The United States is not yet willing to stage a Noriega-style capture of Kuhn Sa, who boasts an army of 30,000.

The Bush administration claims Kuhn Sa is difficult to track, constantly changing locations and hideouts. But our associate Jim Lynch traveled to Kuhn Sa country and was told that if the United States really wanted Kuhn Sa, he could be found at home in the border town of Mae Hong Son with his feet propped on the sofa.

Kuhn Sa allegedly burst out laughing when he heard about the New York indictment. And he didn't take to the jungle to hide from the almighty United States.

Like the charismatic drug dealers of Colombia, Kuhn Sa has mastered the art of double-

talk, which he uses to distract the common people of his province from his criminal activities. Instead, they listen to his political talk and have come to believe he really wants a better life for the people of the Shan state of southern Burma.

Kuhn Sa is revered throughout the Golden Triangle of Burma, Laos and Thailand as a romantic outlaw. But the fact is, he is a greedy drug merchant who stands to get richer with this year's bumper crop of Poppies. Justice Department sources say 40 percent of the heroin arriving in America comes from Kuhn Sa's crops.

Kuhn Sa poses as a man of the people. Members of the democratic resistance, suffering under a repressive Burmese government, wish that Kuhn Sa and his considerable army would join their rebel cause. He publicly claims he will, once he is sure they have a fighting chance. But privately, many sources told us, Kuhn Sa is tight with the government and benefits by having the current regime stay in power. Burma stopped all heroin interdiction efforts two years ago.

Most of Kuhn Sa's crop is smuggled across China and out to the world through Hong Kong. In May, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration officials in Hong Kong arrested four key members of Kuhn Sa's drug syndicate after they had allegedly arranged for 21 kilos of heroin, worth \$30 million, to be sent to New York.

Thailand is the United States' best ally in the Golden Triangle drug war, but a dubious ally at that. The Thai government refuses to spray poppy fields, preferring to dig the poppies up plant by plant. It is hard for rural Thais to understand why the United States is so fired up about drugs. Any tourist who treks to the village of a northern Thailand hill tribe will be invited to join the villagers in smoking opium. It's the hospitable thing to do.

The DEA, with the exception of Hong Kong, has not beefed up its staff of drug warriors in Southeast Asia. Instead it concentrates on cocaine country in Latin America.

Jack Anderson's and Dale Van Atta's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.



ART BUCHWALD

Ideal position includes golden parachute

The dream of every good executive is to have a golden parachute, so that if his company is ever sold or merged, he can bail out for a soft landing.

The finest golden parachute company is located in Wilmington, Del. A visit there gave me an insight into the American business safety net system.

Norman Bradford, the manager of the plant, took me on a tour.

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"It's remarkable what silk and strings will do for someone who has run his company into the ground."

Norman said, "I wish you had put it some other way. With our golden parachutes we are making it possible for the average executive to have a little security in an age where sharks

are eating dolphins, and Wall Street yuppies are tearing the heads off chickens. Without parachutes, the American landscape would be littered with the bodies of executives who lost their life's savings in junk bonds."

"I'm not saying that you don't provide a service," I told Norman. "But it seems to me that many executives are more interested in getting fitted for a golden parachute than they are in running their companies."

"Perhaps, but that isn't our worry. We don't ask what the condition of their business is. We might assume that anyone ordering a golden parachute is not as secure about his business as he would like to be. At the same time, we believe that such a parachute is as important to the financial health of this country as a sushi bar is to Rockefeller Center."

"There's a glass-enclosed booth over there with a gorgeous parachute inside. Who is that for?"

Norman whispered, "That's for our chairman of the board."

"He's having one made for himself?"

"Of course. The RJR-Nabisco people have been sniffing around for the past week, and our chairman isn't taking any chances."

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GEORGE WILL

Who remembers 'wizard of vicarious?'

WASHINGTON — At midday, when Washingtonians are unshowered from their galley oars and allowed to wander off in search of lunch, many of the currently mighty go to The Palm restaurant. The experience should be chastening as well as nourishing.

The Palm's walls are covered with caricatures of famous faces from a few years ago. Almost all are unknown to almost everyone today.

That is the subject of a slender, melancholy novel on the sociology of celebrity, that renewable resource of a throwaway culture. The author is Michael Herr. The title is "Walter Winchell" and if that name rings a bell, you are getting on.

Winchell was a terrible person and a grotesque social phenomenon. In the 1940s, he was at the apogee of a career that went from ripeness to putrescence with a speed satisfying because appropriate. He dealt in ephemera, and such he proved to be. But for awhile he prospered by feeding — and by feeding, enlarging — the nation's appetite for gossip which is the democratic voyeurism of the masses.

He was America's most widely read journalist, serving up six columns a week to more than 1,000 newspapers, and his weekly radio broadcast was heard by more people than the 50 million who read him, one-third of Ameri-

ca's population then. Herr captures (so well you want to take a shower) the rawness of the man who sat at table 50 in the Stork Club on Manhattan's East 53rd Street, hanging out with Hemingway and Damon Runyon and low-lives who were producers as well as producers of America's burgeoning publicity industry.

Herr calls Winchell "the architect and the inventor of the end of private life" and the "endless river of facts and distractions and gossip" with which we are inundated.

Winchell, says Herr, was "the wizard of the American vicarious," and "if passing time has obliterated him, it has also given him the status of a forgotten ancestor. If people go around today treating themselves like celebrities because not to be a celebrity is just too awful, we may have Walter Winchell to thank."

No thanks. Do not confuse symptoms with cause. Thank — blame — democracy, and the Graphic Revolution, and human nature.

Democracy — equality before the law — may be an irritant provoking an itch for distinction, even the derivative distinction of knowing the inside skinny about the ersatz distinguished — people who are all exterior. Perhaps affluence, too, contributes to contemporary restlessness and the sad desire to be star-struck. When urgent material wants are satisfied, celebrity becomes especially tantalizing. Magically, it can be mass-produced, yet seem scarce. And it is democratic — available to anyone — because it is unconnected with merit: Al Capone, one of America's first superstars, was applauded at the ballpark.

In 1961, 11 years before Winchell died in obscurity, Daniel Boorstin published "The Im-

age: A Guide to Pseudo-Events in America." A pseudo-event is something manufactured to seem significant. Celebrities are human pseudo-events.

What Boorstin calls the Graphic Revolution, from photography to television, created novel powers for making people famous, and thus made "fame" a problematic word. Today our overpopulated consciousness is chock-full of celebrities, people well-known for being well-known. Celebrity, says Boorstin, is a new kind of eminence, a reflection of the audience's emptiness, a receptacle into which people pour their purposelessness.

Time was when people felt themselves made better by herpes who made themselves. But celebrities are made democratically, by the people, and thus have no power other than to amuse.

Boorstin notes that people with real fame enter a nation's consciousness slowly, and inhabit its past. Celebrities exist only in the moment. And for a moment.

The agency that makes celebrities — publicity — unmakes them, depriving them of all they had: novelty. Round-the-clock media begets saturation journalism (broadly defined), which wears out subjects quicker than you can say "Trump!" (Who?)

"News," said one of Hearst's first editors, "is anything that makes a reader say, 'Gee whiz!'" It is impossible to exaggerate the unimportance of most things that make people say that.

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WORLD



A Mohawk warrior raises his weapon as he stands on an overturned police car blocking a highway bordering the Kahnatesake Reserve near Oka, Quebec.

Policeman slain as Mohawks trade gunfire in land dispute

OKA, Quebec (AP) — About 200 armed Mohawk Indians wearing war paint fought off a police assault Wednesday in a dispute over plans to expand a private golf course surrounded by tribal land. One officer was killed.

Provincial police officers in helmets, fatigues and gas masks exchanged hundreds of rounds of bullets with the Indians and fired tear gas and stun grenades during a battle over several hours.

Police later retreated and both sides remained behind barricades in a standoff. The Indians patrolled the edge of the disputed golf course in stolen cars in preparation for another attack. On Tuesday, Oka Mayor Jean Ouellette had asked police to intervene to enforce a court injunction ordering the removal of a Mohawk barricade set up three months ago on the access road to the disputed land.

"The reason we moved was because the Mohawks were breaking the law," police spokesman Richard Bourdon said. "They were blocking a public road and this is a criminal act."

Mohawk tribe members reacted angrily to the police attack. "I find it awful that police would attack our people," said tribe member Eleanor Montour, 67.

"We're not savages, we're proud to be Mohawks. We were pushed around for centuries and we're being pushed again and we're getting awfully tired of it."

The dispute centers on land owned by the town of Oka since 1947. The Indians have always maintained it is their land, and their Kahnatesake settlement surrounds it.

Oka, 18 miles west of Montreal, rents the land to the operators of the private nine-hole course. The operators say they want to cut down the white pine forest on the land and expand the course to 18 holes.

Gorbachev protege wins No. 2 job

MOSCOW (AP) — A Ukrainian protege of Mikhail S. Gorbachev was elected Wednesday to be his right-hand man in the Communist Party, the Tass news agency reported, in a stinging rebuff to the party's leading traditionalist.

Vladimir Ivashko, the man Gorbachev picked to run the Ukrainian republic last fall, was elected to the post of deputy general secretary of the Communist Party by delegates to the 28th party congress, Tass reported, citing "trustworthy sources."

Ivashko defeated Politburo conservative Yegor K. Ligachev, who has been Gorbachev's most vocal hard-line critic. Ivashko has been a member of the party's ruling Politburo since December.

In its brief report, Tass did not give any vote totals from the secret ballot held Wednesday night. The results were to be officially announced on Thursday at the congress.

Ivashko, a 58-year-old economist and engineer, will run the party's day-to-day affairs. Gorbachev, who was re-elected as party leader

on Tuesday, had sought a protege to handle those tasks while he concentrates on his presidential duties.

Ivashko's election gave Gorbachev a further triumph at the congress. It showed his personal strength at a congress that has been dominated the past nine days by conservatives who have criticized his reforms.

It was also a personal repudiation of Ligachev. On Tuesday, Moscow party boss Yuri Prokofiev told reporters that he thought Ligachev's political career was over.

Meanwhile, about 500 anti-Communist demonstrators rallied on the edge of Red Square, and shook their fists in the face of departing delegates. One man spat at a delegate, and police had to hold back many of the protesters, who whistled derisively or shouted "Shame!" and "Resign!"

"Communism, go away!" said Maya Ivanova, who described herself as a supporter of Boris N. Yeltsin, the reform president of the Russian republic.

Medellin cartel leader again evades arrest

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Security forces nearly captured Pablo Escobar, reputed leader of the Medellin cocaine cartel, but the billionaire fugitive escaped into the jungle, police said Wednesday.

During a widespread drug raid Tuesday in northeastern Colombia, police closed in on Escobar, Colombia's most wanted man, a national police spokesman told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

He spoke on condition of anonymity in accordance with police policy.

Police said that during the raid they arrested 11 employees of the Medellin drug cartel, all of whom are reportedly close associates of Escobar.

But the drug lord, aided by about 15 bodyguards, fled into the jungle near Puerto Triunfo, about 75 miles east of Bogota, the police spokesman said.

A police spokeswoman blamed a television station for blowing the cover on the supposedly confidential raid.

Attempting to explain how Escobar had eluded capture once again, she said Colombia's TV Hoy had disclosed the raid.

"This has hurt us. It has taken the element of surprise from the operation," she said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The raid was the latest attack in the government's 11-month-old war on drug traffickers. It began last August when traffickers were blamed for the assassination of



leading presidential hopeful Luis Carlos Galan.

Since then, the traffickers have retaliated with a terror campaign of car bombings, massacres and police assassinations, and hundreds of people have been killed.

About 600 army troops and policemen participated in the raid, a presidential press spokesman told The AP. He also spoke on condition of anonymity.

Some of the officers who directed the operation were trained by the British and Canadian armies, the police spokesman said.

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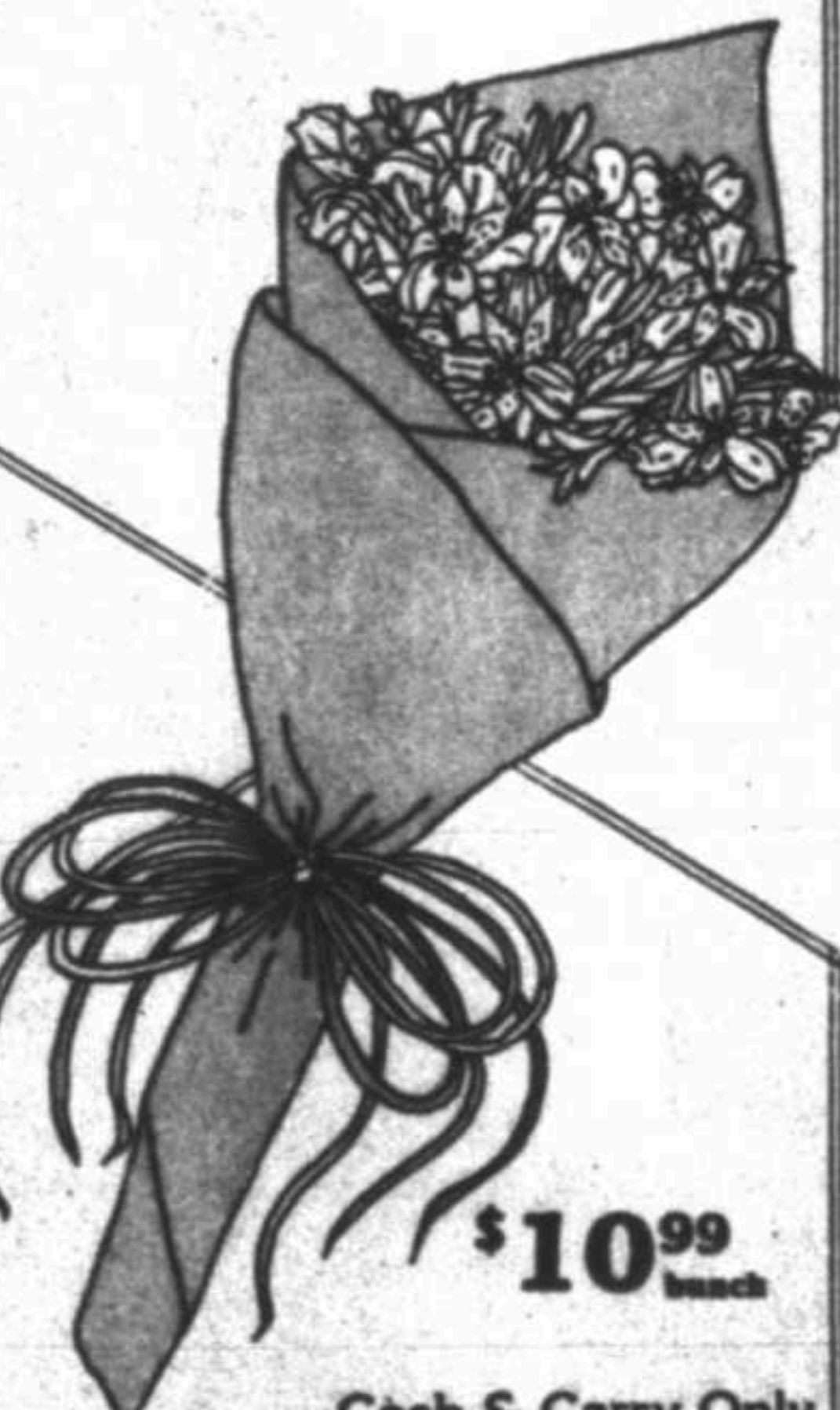
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WORLD IN BRIEF

Air raids inhibit hostage efforts

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — The Syrian foreign minister said Wednesday that Israeli air raids into Lebanon had complicated negotiations for the release of one of the 16 Western hostages held by Lebanese Moslem groups.

In Lebanon, a senior Hezbollah official called for the release of all Western hostages and Lebanese detainees held by Israel, reiterating the pro-Iranian group's standard posture that it is not involved in kidnappings.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa was the first official to confirm a weekend report by Iran's official news agency that a hostage, most likely a European, might be freed soon. Syria is the main powerbroker in Lebanon.

Most of the six American and 10 European hostages are believed held by pro-Iranian zealots operating under the umbrella of Hezbollah, or Party of God.

Strike talks continue

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Pro-Sandinista organizers told strikers Wednesday to ease their stranglehold on Managua but demanded the government of President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro reopen talks within hours.

No specific answer came from the 10-week-old government, although it indicated willingness to negotiate a settlement.

Signs of discord continued, meanwhile, in the fragile and fractious 14-party coalition that brought Mrs. Chamorro to power.

A few barricades came down. The gunfire that had crackled across the capital ended in the morning, but strikers still occupied most government ministries and some state-run industries.

Air traffic controllers went back to work Wednesday and said the international airport was open, although no flights were arriving or departing.

Labor truce ends

ROME (AP) — A more than monthlong labor truce declared during the soccer World Cup end-

ed Wednesday with strikes at airports and gasoline pumps.

The strike by the technicians who approve plane takeoffs and landings stranded thousands of travelers at Italian airports. Unions had called a six-hour strike but the action was called off after 4½ hours when the government agreed to consider their demands, the Transport Ministry said.

Strikers want increased overtime pay and more money for increases in productivity.

Union officials said they allowed planes running short of fuel to make their scheduled landings, and regular service continued between the mainland and the islands of Sicily and Sardinia.

Jewelry store robbed

HONG KONG (AP) — Five people robbed a downtown shop of gold ornaments and jewelry worth about \$3.2 million, police reported.

The robbery occurred shortly before lunchtime Friday when a shop employee opened the door for a woman, who was posing as a customer, police said.

Once the door was opened, the woman ran away and four men rushed into the shop, police said.

The robbers, two of whom were armed with pistols, locked up five employees in a strong room in the basement and forced another employee to open all the showcases before tying her with a chain, police said.

Cubans join vigil

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — Seven more Cubans took refuge Wednesday at Prague's embassy in Havana, the Czechoslovak news agency CTK reported, bringing the number of Cuban asylum-seekers to 14.

Czechoslovakia accused Cuba of failing to keep additional Cubans out, as promised. Cuba assailed the embassy staff and said the refugees must quit the embassy at once.

Five Cuban opposition activists sought refuge in the embassy on Monday, walking through the main door apparently without incident, Czechoslovak officials said earlier in Prague.

Ferry charts course for Albania



AP

ROME (AP) — An Italian-chartered ferry left Wednesday for Albania to pick up many of the 4,000 asylum-seekers who fled to foreign embassies to escape hard-line Communist rule.

Another Italian ship and a Yugoslav ferry chartered by France also are expected to reach Albania in coming days as part of the operation, arranged with United Nations assistance.

"The Albanians have reserved for themselves the right to decide at the last minute" what time the ships will arrive at the Adriatic city of Durres, an Italian Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

He said authorities were afraid that if they released the details, other Albanians would rush to get on board and "it would be a thing of biblical proportions."

The ferry operation was expected to defuse a crisis that has shaken Albania's hard-line Communist government and stalled its recent efforts to reach out to the West.

The rush to the embassies, and a series of accompanying demonstrations, were the biggest challenge to the government in decades.

One Italian-chartered ship, the Appia, left Venice on Wednesday afternoon carrying nine nurses and three doctors from the Red Cross, said Lino De Rosa, a director of the Societa Adriatica Navigazione, the ships' owners.

Another vessel, the Espresso Grecia, was to leave Thursday from the southern Italian city of Brindisi, he said. The ships were to wait in the Durres harbor until the Albanians decide to let them dock, expected late Thursday or early Friday.

The first ship will bring refugees back to Brindisi Friday morning, an Italian interior ministry spokesman said.

The French-chartered ship, the Yugoslav ferry Orient Star, was to sail early Thursday from the Greek port of Patras for Durres,

Patras port authority spokesman Frangiscos Vomvras said.

He said two French diplomats and 15 doctors carrying 3½ tons of medical supplies were expected to sail with the ship.

The ship was scheduled to arrive off of Durres Thursday morning and leave with its load of refugees the following day for the French port of Marseilles, he said.

The first Italian ship to return will probably carry many of the Albanians who have packed the West German Embassy, since they are in the worst condition, the Foreign Ministry official said, speaking on the usual ground rule of anonymity.

Scores of Albanians began entering the embassies on June 28 to escape Europe's last Stalinist regime. Some dodged bullets as they scrambled over embassy walls.

About 4,000 to 5,000 Albanians are believed in the embassies, including 2,200 in the West German mission.

Captured coast guard vessels fire on Liberian capital's port

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Two captured coast guard vessels flying the scarlet rebel flag fired on the capital's port early Wednesday before being driven off by rocket and machine-gun fire.

A cannon installed at President Samuel Doe's fortified cliff-top executive mansion a mile from the port fired two rounds at the rebels and missed.

Insurgents captured two of this West African country's coast guard cutters last week. According to the 1989-90 edition of The Statesmen's Yearbook, Liberia's navy consists of three cutters, three patrol boats and one aircraft.

A rebel delegation was due in Freetown, Sierra Leone, to attend a new round of peace negotiations in the 6-month-old conflict. President Ibrahim Babangida of Nigeria, whose government was believed to have sent supplies to Doe, was to meet Ivorian President Fe-

lix Houphouet-Boigny in Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast.

The Nigerians reportedly have backed introduction of a peace-keeping force in Liberia, pending holding of new elections. Rebel leader Charles Taylor has condemned the peacekeeping plan and said his men will fight any such effort.

Doe's army has been flying men and equipment up to Grand Gedeh County, his native region. Liberians close to Doe, speaking on condition of anonymity, say if forced to leave Monrovia, Doe may prefer to go there than leave the country.

The military situation around Monrovia was confused, but it was clear no cease-fire was in place.

Heavy firing broke out in northern and eastern suburbs Tuesday afternoon and evening, rattling house windows in the center of town.

The army fired about 10 rockets from a BM-21 "Stalin organ" multi-

ple rocket launcher at a large rebel force in the eastern suburb of Paynesville on Tuesday.

The recently appointed chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Charles Julu, returned to Monrovia. It had been reported that Julu had resigned and fled.

Julu, formerly chief of Doe's executive mansion guard, was appointed last week to replace Lt. Gen. Henry Dubar, who fled abroad two weeks earlier.

Associates said Julu left to buy more arms and in particular ammunition, which is running short.

But they say neighboring Guinea refused to supply arms to avoid compromising its position as a mediator in peace talks.

The atmosphere in the Liberian capital remained extremely tense. Residents are weary of shortages, the curfew, and the nightly gunfire in the blacked-out city. Food, water and fuel were in short supply.

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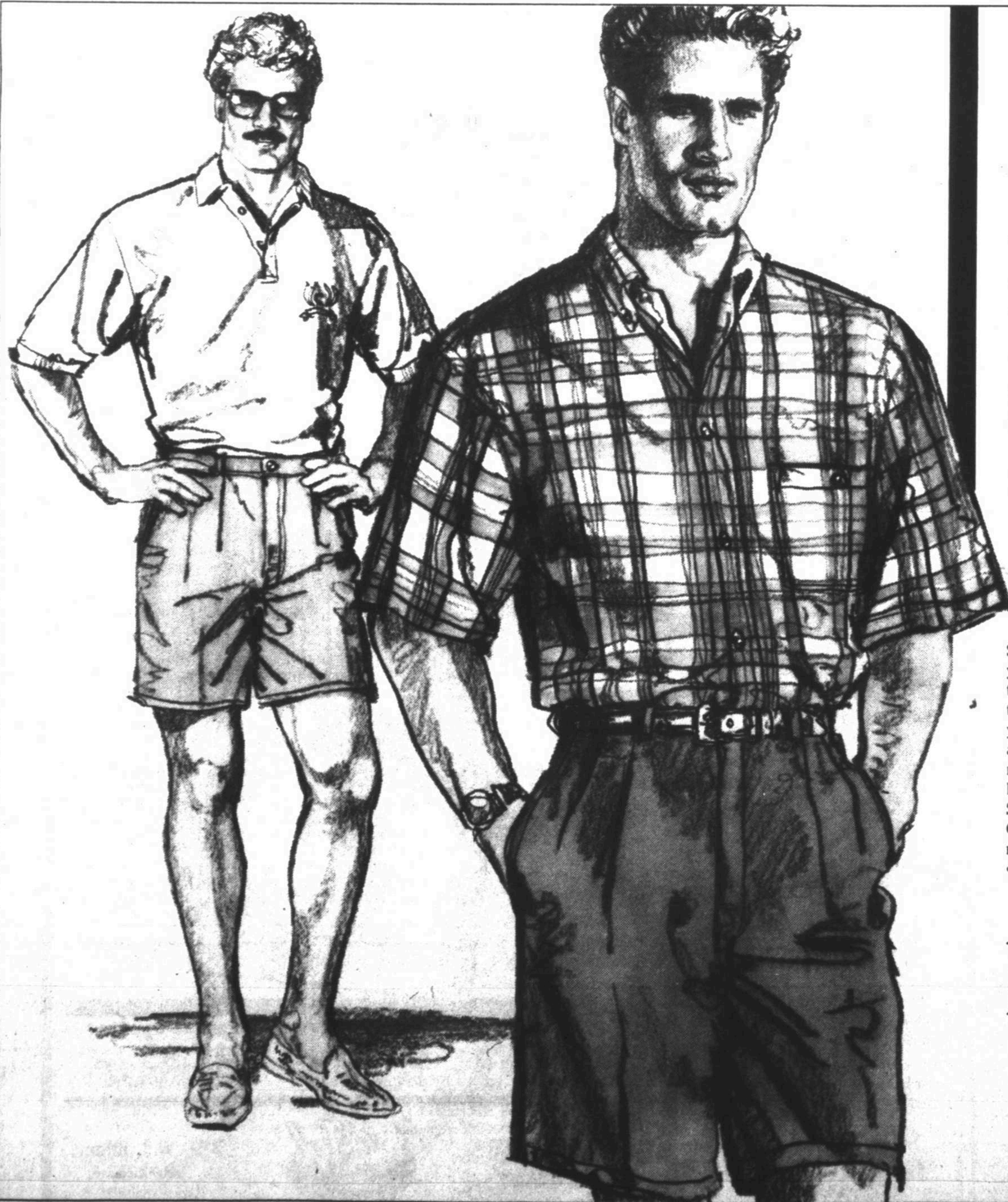


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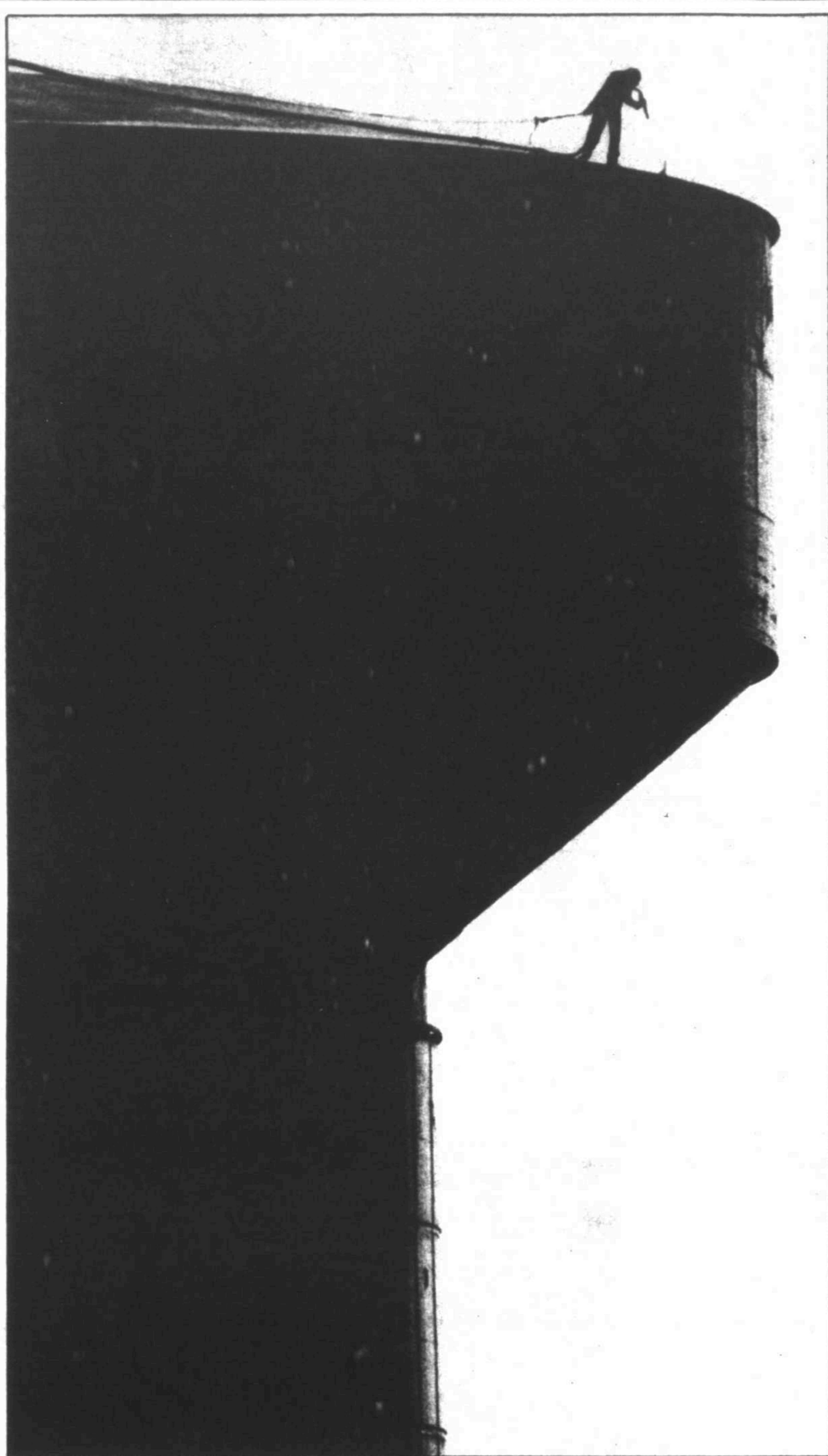
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Sandblasting atop new water tower

An unidentified construction worker is silhouetted against the West Texas sky adjacent to Hogan Park, which will hold 2 million gallons of water when filled. atop the city's new 140-foot water tower

Vietnam War veterans will muster this weekend at Moss Creek Lake

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — Vietnam War veterans from the Southwest are to gather this weekend at Moss Creek Lake for Stand-Down No. 2, a second annual R&R (rest and recreation) and reunion of veterans.

"It's for veterans to get back together, so we can take a break from the normal way of life, to get away from the fast city life — the hustle and bustle," said Buster Hill, who is helping organize the two-day outing.

Last year's Stand-Down attracted about 25 veterans. This year, Hill expects 200 to show

up for the event. "We talk about Vietnam," Hill said, "and we talk about what has happened between then and now and what goals we have set for the future."

Hill said that "a lot of the veterans felt it (the war) could have had a different outcome," said Hill, a 40-year-old ex-Marine and Midland landscaper who still wears his POW-MIA (prisoner-of-war and missing-in-action) medal that proclaims "You are not forgotten."

Hill and fellow Vietnam veteran Jerry Wall of Midland organized Stand-Down No. 1 at the lake about 50 miles east of Midland.

The lake, which is away from "the noise and traffic of the city," is about five miles south of Interstate Highway 20 and just east of Big Spring.

The veterans are to begin gathering at the lake Friday night.

"There will be a lot of singing and carrying on," said Hill. "There will be a lot of fishing ... and sitting around the campfire, shooting the bull. People will find other people they haven't seen in years. It will be a renewing of old friendships."

The reunion will be for "everybody that was there — in-country," Hill said. "It's show time."

'Wheels Then and Now' parade will highlight Martin County Reunion

■ Committee members have ordered a cool spell for the weekend, to help boost attendance at Saturday events including a parade, games, tours, and an outdoor country and western dance.

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

STANTON — Old-time West Texans and newcomers will gather Saturday for the 57th annual rendition of the Martin County Old Settlers Day Reunion with the theme "Wheels Then and Now."

"I think it's going to be a real good one if the (hot) weather doesn't run everybody off," said H.D. "Butch" Howard, president Reunion committee and Martin County treasurer.

"I've got a cool spell ordered for that weekend," he quipped. Howard is forecasting temperatures between 90 and 95 degrees, which would be a respite from the scorching summer-time days when temperatures rose above 100 degrees. "That will be half as good

as a rain," Howard said of cooler weather.

The reunion will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday with a downtown parade of horse-drawn carriages, antique cars, floats, mounted riders, the traditional "mystery rider," Old Fort Concho buffalo soldiers, and the Stanton High School marching band. Activities will wind down with an outdoor country and western dance featuring Michael Payne & The Western Stars at the Martin County Community Center.

Reunion events will include:
■ 10 a.m.: The parade. Grand parade marshals are John and Maurice Connell, sons of Martin County old settlers Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Connell. The Penny Stroud family has been selected as the day's honored pioneer family.

■ 11 a.m.: Downtown games of cow-chip throwing, old-clothes race, Jell-O-eating contest, water-balloon toss, egg toss, bubble-gum blowing and tobacco-spitting.

■ 11 a.m.: Tours of the Connell Home, one of the oldest houses in the county which was recently acquired by the Martin County Historical Museum.

■ Noon: Antique cars on exhibit at the Martin County Community Center.

■ 2 p.m.: Roping at the Martin County Arena.

■ 6 p.m.: Games for children at the north-side City Park.

■ 7 p.m.: Barbecue supper at the park.

■ 8 p.m.: Old Settlers program and memorial services at the park. The Courtney Community Reunion will be held in the Cap Rock Electric Cooperative Auditorium following the Saturday parade. Several Stanton and Courtney class reunions are scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

The old rock Martin County Jail, the Martin County Historical Museum, and the Old Convent will be open for tours following the parade, according to Leza Smith, publicity chairman for the Old Settlers Reunion.

"This year, the Martin County Historical Museum will hold tours of the Old Connell Home, which was built by the Carmelite priests around the year 1882," said Ms. Smith. The house contains many of the Connell family furnishings and memorabilia. Ms. Smith said. Some of the furniture was made by Connell and his sons.

In the 1880s, what is now Stanton was known as Marienfeld for "field of Mary."

"The Old Settlers Reunion is just synonymous with Stanton," said Martin County Judge Bob Deavenport. "It's a nice time to see old friends."

Plea bargains don't include probation

■ Indictments and arrests were part of a two-month undercover operation in this area.

By David Morris
Staff Writer

Probation was not on the menu for the 12 drug dealers and users indicted in February who opted to

plea bargain their cases in state district court, Assistant District Attorney Robin Sams said Wednesday.

"We did not offer probation on a single delivery case," Ms. Sams said.

The 12 were among 28 indicted on either possession or delivery of cocaine charges. They received sentences ranging from two to 45 years in state prison, documents

released by the Midland County District Attorney's office show.

Several of those indicted were arrested in a March sweep by federal and local law enforcement officers of the 200 block of North Lee Street.

The indictments and arrests were part of a roundup culminating a two-month undercover oper-

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City, county tax receipts up slightly

By Erin Blair
Staff Writer

City and county finance officials are tempering their enthusiasm for this month's slightly increased sales tax rebates with the realization that the figures are unlikely to stay stable.

The city of Midland received a \$579,566 check from the state comptroller's office, a 1.8 percent increase over July 1989's \$569,137 figure.

Midland County's \$340,222 rebate reflected a 15.7 percent increase over last July's \$294,188 check.

"It's looking better every month," said county auditor Floyd Jarnigan, "but you can't bet the farm on it."

"I can't believe it will continue 12 more months with that kind of increase," he said. "Maybe this is just a catch-up."

City finance director Troy Gifford echoed Jarnigan's restraint. "I'm encouraged by the figures, but \$579,000 is not much different from \$569,000," he said.

"It's a small increase and holding steady."

Gifford believes August's rebate will be a more significant indica-

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Purge of Midland County rolls may prevent some from voting

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

Six thousand names are in danger of being purged from the Midland County voters rolls.

Last November the Elections Administrator Office in Midland mailed out 52,000 voter registration cards.

"We had 7,700 returned by the post office because people no longer lived at the address furnished," Bettye Calvert, elections administrator, said, adding that about 1,700 of those people have notified the office since then.

"If someone does not have a salmon (pink-orange) and white card they need to get it replaced or get one," Calvert said.

According to state law, voter registration will be cancelled for anyone who changes residence and does not notify the office by Aug. 16.

Calvert urges everyone who wants to vote and has changed their address to contact her office. "People are suppose to notify us 30 days after moving," she said.

Voters who move and don't contact the office are not unusual though, Calvert said. "It happens every two years," when registration cards expire, she said.

Of the 6,000 people subject to having their registration cancelled, Calvert estimated that about half still reside in Midland.

To help get those people registered, the Elections Administrator Office is sending out 3,500 postcards forwarded to new addresses. The reason the postcards are being sent out is because voter registration cards cannot legally be forwarded to new addresses, Calvert said.

This is the first year postcards will be mailed out in an effort to notify people because of available time and funds, Calvert said.

Some people who change residence and don't notify the office get upset when they find out on election day they can't vote, Calvert said.

"You have to vote in the precinct that you reside," she said.

Anyone who has moved should go by the office at 709 W. Washing-

ton Ave. or call 688-1222 if they have any questions.

The next scheduled election is the general election in November, Calvert said, unless a special election is called before then.

ED TODD

Plowing through a lot of words may not get the job done



Todd
"I'm fixing to."

It has been said, and must be true, that "You can't plow a field by turning it over in your mind."

But everyday, people plow in their upstairs belfry.

"I'm gonna."

"Don't rush me."

"Next week."

"Tomorrow ... I'm busy today (ruminating)."

Most every writer or would-be writer who views his gifts through rose-colored glasses has dreamt of writing "The Great American Novel" which, presumably, would ensure a comfortable income and a bit of immortality if that can be bought with printer's ink and multiple editions of the work.

But the thing about writing that novel or plowing that field is that both require work, good old-fashioned hard work, sweat on the brain and flesh, and occasional heartaches.

Action. Fantasizing doesn't cut the mustard unless, of course, that mind-ful day-dreaming conjures up salable fairy tales.

This fixing-to business has caused many an old man death-

bed grief.

"Why didn't I?" folks have lamented for not trying — maybe desperately — to fulfill dreams or, as mythologist Joseph Campbell put it, to "follow your bliss."

Committee meetings devoid of action have the same effect as nagging. Words are spilled all over the place, time is consumed by the block and nothing much is accomplished outside of "spending a day at the office."

Doing nothing is a killer.

Toned muscles become flabby.

Old age, become older.

The brilliant mind becomes less than it ought to.

Living loses purpose.

Weeds overtake grassland.

Homesteads weather.

Ideas wither.

Dancing feet become clumsy. The preacher reads old sermons, and professors pull out yellowed lectures and notes.

Explorers camp out and cease to venture.

Fields grow up in weeds.

Youth asks "Why go on?"

And who can envy a retired person who has nothing much to do but squander time and await the arrival of the hearse?

The thing to do is to plow. If the row ain't straight. Plow again.

Ed Todd is a writer for The Midland Reporter-Telegram.

DEATHS

Quirino Castellon

ORANGE GROVE — Prayer services for former Midlander Quirino Hernandez Castellon, 78, father of Oralia Corrales, are set for 5 p.m. today at the Assembly of God Church in Orange Grove. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church. Burial will follow at Casa Blanca Cemetery in Orange Grove, under the direction of Robinson Funeral Home of Alice.



Castellon

He died Wednesday at an Alice hospital after a brief illness. He was an Orange Grove resident.

He was born May 5, 1912, in San Angelo. He married Adela Davila in Stonewall, and the couple lived in Midland from 1930 to 1950 before moving to Fresno, Calif., where he farmed until 1970, when he retired to Orange Grove. His wife preceded him in death.

Survivors include: four daughters, Dora Castillo and Oralia Corrales, both of Midland, Louisa Davila of Jacksonville, Fla., and Margarita Castellon of Wisconsin; two sons, Jose Castellon of Midland and Celestino Castellon of Fresno, Calif.; one brother, Demasio Castellon of Fort Worth; 20 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Melvin H. Johnson

LUBBOCK — Melvin H. Johnson, 80, died July 10 at a Midland hospital.

Services will be held in Lubbock at 2 p.m. today in the Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. D.E. Buchanan officiating. Burial will be in the Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of the Resthaven Funeral Home.

Johnson was born in Ellington, Mo., in 1910. He was a retired civil service employee, working for 29 years at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock in maintenance and supply.

He married Rosa B. Clayton on Jan. 14, 1941, and the couple lived in Lubbock until they moved to Midland in 1987. He was a member of the Christian Life Assembly of God Church in Lubbock.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa B. Clayton Johnson of Midland; one son, Mackie Lawrence Johnson of Austin; two daughters, Myrna Cook of Lubbock and Sue Martinez of Midland; two brothers, Winfred Johnson and David Johnson, both of Missouri; three sisters, Hazel Ellis of Salem, Mo., Hattie Hallbrook of Kansas City, Mo., and Wanda Blythe of Houston; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Larry A. Porter

Funeral services for Larry A. Porter, 42, of Midland are set for 11 a.m. Friday at Greater St. Luke's A.M.E. Church with the Rev. John Mitchell of Mount Carmel Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday at a local hospital after a brief illness.

He was born May 1, 1948, in Navarro County. He lived in Midland most of his life.

Survivors include his parents, Robert and Etta Porter of Midland; three brothers, Milton Porter and Leonard Porter, both of Midland and Kenneth Porter of Los Angeles; and two sisters Cathy Tyson of Austin and Patricia Griffin of Midland.

Martha B. Zachry

Services for Martha B. Zachry of Midland are set for 3 p.m. Thursday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Dale Kitchens officiating and Dwayne Dobbs assisting. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Monday at a local hospital.

Pallbearers will be Tommy Zachry, Mike Zachry, Jimmy Zachry, Howard Zachry, Roger Nixon and John Merritt.

Randell L. Mallow

Graveside services for Randell Lynn Mallow, 27, are set for 4 p.m. Friday at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Services are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday at his home.

He was born April 10, 1963 in

Odessa. He grew up and attended school in Midland, where he was later employed as a roofer. His mother, Bernice Mallow, preceded him in death in November 1979.

Survivors include: his father, Randell Mallow of Midland; one brother, Glen Mallow of Tuscola; two sisters, Teresa Ann Jones of Midland and Kimberly Ann Hastings of Tuscola; three nieces and one nephew.

Ed Cline

BIG SPRING — Ed Cline, 88, of Garden City died Tuesday morning at his residence following an illness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Lyman Mereness, Garden City Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial will be in Garden City Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 5, 1902 in Runnels County. He was married to Fannie Zuehlke Nov. 10, 1926 in Ballinger. She died on Feb. 6, 1960. He and his family moved from Ballinger to Glasscock County in 1943. He had worked on the Glass Ranch south of Garden City for a number of years. He then moved into Garden City and started to work with Glasscock County as a maintainer operator for 32 years, retiring in 1980.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. R.C. Schafer of Garden City and Mrs. Leroy Pattillo of Mt. Belview; three sons, Frank Cline of Midland, Troy Cline of Wake Village, and John Cline of Big Spring; 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Millie A. R. Horn

ANDREWS — Millie Alice Roberts Horn, 77, died Tuesday at her Andrews home following a lengthy illness.

Services are set for 2 p.m. today at Means Memorial United Methodist Church in Andrews with the Revs. Russ Smith and David Treat officiating.

Mrs. Horn was born Sept. 6, 1912 in Lockhart.

She married Andy Alexander Horn on June 23, 1934, in Floresville. He preceded her in death July 23, 1977. She was a homemaker and a resident of Andrews for 45 years.

Survivors include: one son, Gerald W. Horn of Stillwater, Okla.; a daughter, Marilyn Horn of Andrews; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Horn of Midland; a brother Carl Roberts of Lockhart; and five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Velva S. Ridenour

Graveside services for Velva Sue Ridenour of Midland are set for 2 p.m. Friday at Resthaven Memorial Park with Frank Johnson officiating. Services are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday at a local hospital.

She was born Jan. 21, 1937, in Oklahoma City, where she was raised and married Jerry Ridenour on March 30, 1963, in Oklahoma City. They lived in Austin and El Paso before moving to Midland in 1985. She was a member of Kelview Heights Baptist Church.

Survivors include: her husband, Jerry D. Ridenour of Midland; two sons, Kip R. Ridenour and Ricky S. Ridenour, both of Midland; her mother, Hazel N. Shepherd of Oklahoma City; one sister, Daria J. Magness of Oklahoma City; two grandchildren and one niece.

Memorials should be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

Woodrow A. Paul

Services for Woodrow A. "Woody" Paul, 77, of Midland have been set for 11 a.m. Thursday at Ellis Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday at a local hospital.

He was born Jan. 4, 1913, in Kaufman County and was reared in Colorado City. He married Alma Viva Lou Morrow in Cuthbert on June 15, 1935. In 1963, the couple moved to Midland where Mr. Paul owned and operated the Hi-Lo Service Station at the intersection of Marshall and Florida streets. He retired in January of 1987. Mrs. Paul preceded him in death in April.

Survivors include: one son, Ricky Paul of Midland; two daughters, Sandra Guralson of Hewitt and Carla Paul of Midland; one sister, Alice Grimes of San Angelo; and five grandchildren.

Fall of slab at WIPP will be reviewed

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A 100-ton slab of salt rock that fell from the ceiling of a Waste Isolation Pilot Plant test chamber last month raised safety concerns that have prompted the Department of Energy to review the incident.

Jim Bickel, assistant manager for energy and special programs at the DOE's Albuquerque office, said a review panel will address workers' concerns over the slab's fall June 19 and will issue a report on its findings within the next several days.

The DOE said the expected fall of the 50-foot-long slab indicated the WIPP storage caverns behave as expected, but the incident made for some uneasy feelings among employees who work at the underground repository southeast of Carlsbad.

"It's kind of sobering when a person works in the underground and sees a 100-ton slab on the floor," Bickel said. "It started peo-

ple thinking about their safety and well-being. It was appropriate to stop, pause and reflect on what we're doing down there and make sure we're doing everything we can."

Sue Kuntz, WIPP's manager of public and technical communications, said Wednesday the review is sound management practice.

"Anxieties are raised and it's prudent to review any incident like this, and it's been a good exercise to go through," she said.

But Bickel also pointed out WIPP's safety record and said the site has logged more than 1 million hours without an accident that caused an employee to lose work time.

"That's almost unheard of in the mining industry," he said.

WIPP is a DOE project to store plutonium-contaminated waste from the nation's defense facilities in rooms carved out of ancient salt beds 2,150 feet below ground.

Energy Secretary James Watkins said last month WIPP will not receive any radioactive waste until at least January under a proposed five-year testing timetable.

The DOE initially told a scientific watchdog group that oversees WIPP that no one had been in the test chamber during the three months before the slab fell.

But Bickel said the information was given to the independent Environmental Evaluation Group without first checking a log that shows when an employee last entered the room. As it turned out, a Westinghouse Corp. underground technician made an inspection in the room on June 1, just 18 days before the slab fell.

EEG director Robert Neill was not available for comment Wednesday, but he told The Albuquerque Tribune no one should have been allowed in the room that recently.

"DOE had informed me they

considered that room unstable and that they had closed it off to prevent access," he said.

James Channell, EEG's senior environmental engineer, said Wednesday the slab posed a potential safety hazard to any employee entering the room.

Channell said the EEG, which performs technical analyses of WIPP, does not plan to conduct its own review of the incident.

Bickel said a letter correcting the information was sent to the EEG this week.

"We gave out incorrect information," he said. "The correct information is that the log did show there was entry into that room on June 1."

The test chamber had been closed off as an experimental area last year after indications of instability were observed, the department said.

PLEAS: Only 2 of 28 indicted have had jury trials

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ation in which narcotics officers made drug buys in the area.

Of the 28 indicted, 16 have had their day in court, records show. Vickie Suggs, 28, and Emmett Maxwell, 22, received probation after pleading guilty to delivery of cocaine. No plea agreement was made in either case, Ms. Sams said.

Meanwhile, only two of the cases have had jury trials. Charles "Bo" Bridges was sentenced to 23 years in state prison on five counts of cocaine delivery. Ronald McCoy, 31, was sentenced to seven years in state prison for cocaine delivery. He was sentenced to an additional seven years after plea bargaining on another cocaine delivery count.

Those making plea agreements on cocaine delivery charges include:

■ Jerry L. Dedrick, 27, two counts, sentenced to 10 years in

state prison.

■ Louis Duque Jr., one count, sentenced to five years in state prison.

■ Edwin Dunson, 30, three counts, sentenced to 23 years in state prison.

■ Roger D. Holloway, 24, two counts, sentenced to seven years in state prison.

■ Robert M. Johnson, 25, four counts, sentenced to 25 years in state prison.

■ Tommie Lee Jones, 43, one count, sentenced to five years in state prison.

■ Leroy Modkins, 37, two counts, sentenced to 45 years in state prison.

■ James V. Starks, 25, one count, sentenced to five years in state prison.

■ Robert Ramirez, age unavailable, one count, sentenced to 15 years in state prison.

■ Larry Green, 20, one count,

sentenced to five years in state prison.

Meanwhile, 41-year-old Alice Baldwin received two years in prison on each of two cocaine possession counts.

One case was dismissed to protect the identity of a confidential informant, Ms. Sams said.

She said plea bargains have advantages for prosecutors, defendants and taxpayers alike.

"The plea advantage to the defendant is that he usually pleads for somewhat less than the maximum sentence," she said, adding that the maximum sentence for cocaine delivery is 99 years or life.

Unlike jury trials, plea bargains guarantee prison time for offenders.

"In the case of people who are eligible for probation, it is sure pen time," she said.

Finally, plea bargains save time and money.

"I've got at least two narcotics officers and a chemist I've got to call every time I try one of these cases," Ms. Sams said. "There's no way the prosecutor's office could try every single case."

Plea bargains are offered based on prosecutors' knowledge of what punishment a jury would be likely to assess in a similar case, Ms. Sams said. Factors such as the defendant's prior convictions and the seriousness of the crime are taken into consideration.

She credited quality police work for the smoothness with which pleadings have proceeded thus far.

"The police did an excellent job," she said. "It's such a pleasure to try these undercover cases because the evidence is so certain," she said. "The quality of work that the police have done in this undercover operation facilitates all these pleas. There's really no defense."

TAXES: County has seen five straight months of increases

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tor of economic health in the area because it is based on purchases made in June.

"This next month will reflect the softening in oil prices. If we see more than \$975,000 in rebates I'll breathe a sigh of relief," he said.

The August rebates are historically larger than those of June or July because they mark the end of a quarter. Many smaller retailers mail in their receipts quarterly, while large retailers mail theirs in monthly.

Year-to-date payments show little change over last year's figures. The city has received \$4.8 million since the beginning of 1990, compared to \$4.6 million received by July 1989. The numbers reflect a 4.2 percent increase.

The county's sales tax rebates have totaled \$2.7 million from January through July 1990, compared to \$2.4 million received last year by this time, a 10.6 percent increase over 1989 figures.

Jarnigan said he has seen five straight months of increases in the county's rebate checks and is waiting for a slow-down.

"I don't know what's causing it and I will not project it at the same rate, maybe half that rate," he said.

He said he would not recommend adjusting the county budget to incorporate the increases. "But we need all the help we can get," Jarnigan said. "This will help this year's and next year's budget."

Rebate checks go into the city and county's general funds.

Midland residents pay 7 1/2 cents in sales tax on each dollar in pur-

chases. The state retains 6 1/2 cents of the tax and returns 1 1/2 cents to local entities; one cent to the city and half a cent to the county. Texas allows a maximum of 8 1/2 cents in sales tax to be levied in a community.

Had the city or hospital district decided to put issues requiring the last available half cent of sales tax on the ballot, the winner would have received rebates equivalent to the amount the county receives.

Odessa, which has an 7 1/2 cent sales tax rate, got a \$482,541 check from the comptroller, a 1.6 percent increase from July 1989's \$474,755 figure. Odessa has received \$4.3 million in sales tax returns from January to June 1990, up 10.4 percent from 1989's year-to-date sum of \$3.9 million.

Ector County does not collect a sales tax.

Statewide, tax rebates to cities totaled \$75.4 million, up 9.6 per-

cent from last July's payments. The comptroller has paid out \$628.1 million to cities from January to July, an increase of 8.1 percent from 1989's year-to-date payments of \$581.3 million.

Rebate checks to counties totaled \$8.7 million, up 25.3 percent from July 1989. Counties have received \$64.8 million since January, an 18 percent increase from 1989's \$54.9 million payments for the year-to-date.

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Allergies change scene
MIDLOTHIAN (AP) — The president of the American Paint Horse Association has to keep his distance from the nearly three dozen horses that he and his wife own. That is because Bill Brashears is allergic to horses and hay. Brashears keeps his distance when his wife, Annette, tends to the horses on their farm in this town about 20 miles southwest of downtown Dallas.

HEALTH

Surgery surprisingly effective in treating seizures

N.Y. Times News Service

The family could laugh when 12-year-old Steve smeared a jelly sandwich on his parents' bedspread. But it wasn't funny when he rode his bicycle into a lake. And nobody was laughing when Steve casually unlatched his seat belt, opened the car door and started to step out — at 45 mph.

Steve has partial complex seizure disorder, a common form of epilepsy that is both psychologically devastating and often extremely difficult to control. The boy seemed doomed to a life of erratic behavior until surgeons removed part of his temporal lobe, the portion of his brain that caused the seizures. Although such epilepsy surgery is remarkably safe and effective, it is infrequently performed in this country.

An advisory panel of the National Institutes of Health concluded recently that up to 5,000 epilepsy patients a year in the United States could benefit from such surgery — a figure that is 10 times the number who currently undergo it.

Many epilepsy patients don't get the surgery, quite simply, because few primary physicians and neurologists recommend it. At the Scripps Clinic in San Diego, Dr. Thomas Waltz, head of neurosurgery, has performed 65 such surgeries since 1982, including that of Steve. But this is only a fraction of the number that could be performed, Waltz said.

"There are hundreds of thousands of patients having seizures. Undoubtedly less than 10 percent are candidates for epilepsy surgery. But probably only 2 percent to 3 percent of those are even worked up. That leaves an awful lot of people who are not benefiting," he said.

Attitude explains the reluctance to recommend the surgery. Among physicians there is a natural, almost reflexive aversion to removing part of the brain. Furthermore, many physicians regard epilepsy as an intermittent problem that doesn't warrant such an extensive measure.

Social handicap

"The belief is that the patient may have seizures, but in between those seizures he is OK. So why take out a piece of brain for what is really a functional and intermittent problem of the brain?" Waltz said. "But the facts are somewhat different. Even having one or two seizures a year can seriously interfere with function and can significantly impair living life in the society in which we find ourselves."

Steve is a case in point. By the time he was re-

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— Dr. Thomas Waltz, head of neurosurgery, Scripps Clinic, San Diego, Calif.

ferred to Waltz for a surgical evaluation, his seizures had continued for about a year. In that time, his family had watched him walk in front of a moving school bus, brandish a knife at the dinner table, obsessively shred paper and wring his hands. He had wandered off from school so many times that his parents finally had him tutored at home.

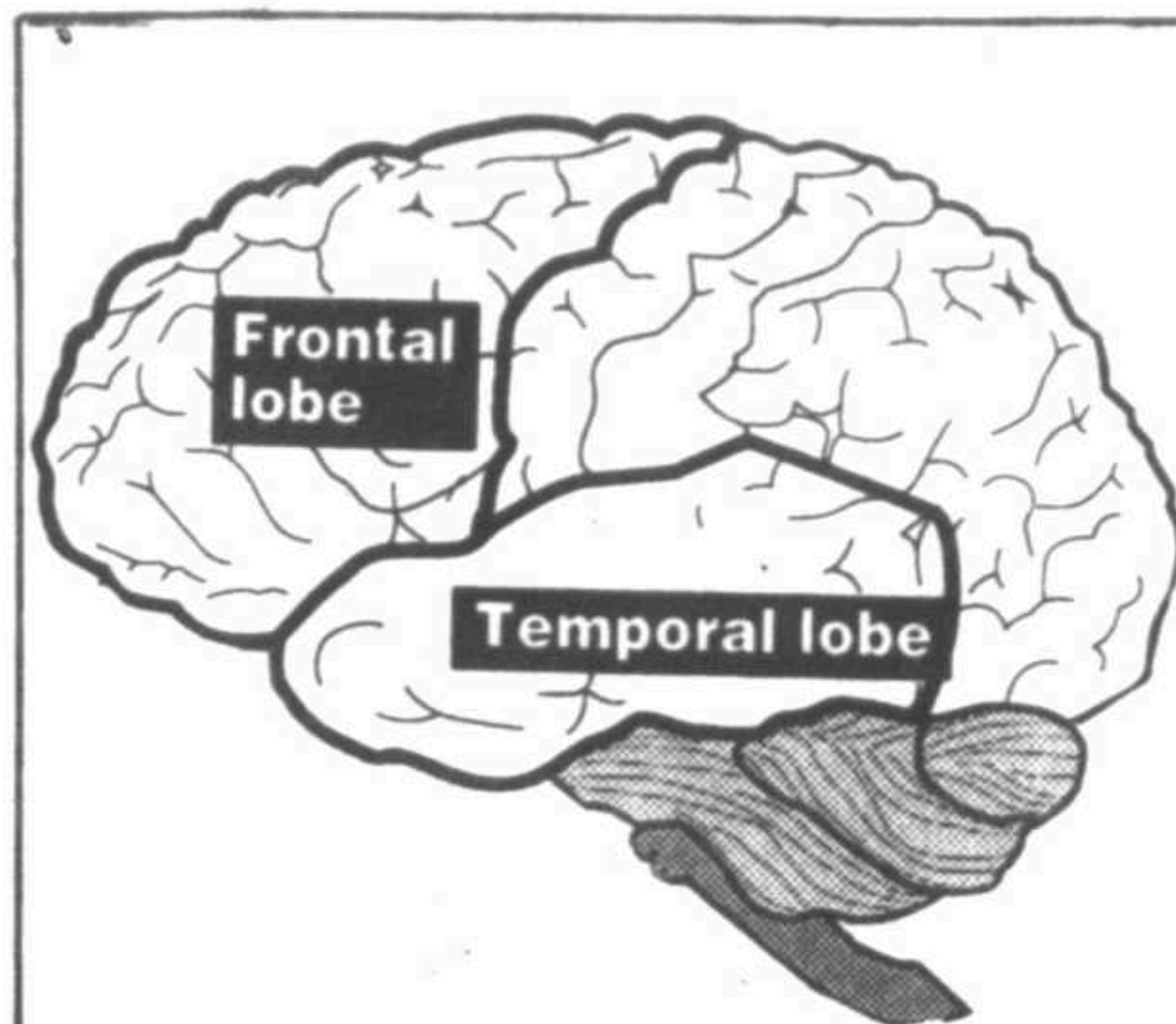
His pediatrician tried numerous medications in various combinations, but still the seizures continued. As a side effect of such huge doses of drugs, Steve had trouble staying awake and difficulty concentrating and learning. Like Steve, a third of patients with partial complex disorder do not respond to drugs, according to NIH estimates.

The social handicap of epilepsy is only part of the problem. Uncontrolled seizures can be progressive. Partial complex disorder, like other epilepsies, is the result of electrical storms in the brain: abnormal, excessive firing of neurons in the central nervous system. Partial complex seizures commonly arise from a single focus or area of the brain — often from one of the temporal lobes.

When the neurons in the focus misfire, the impulses spread to other areas of the brain. In time, the normal areas can pick up the abnormality and they, too, may begin misfiring. Eventually, these new abnormal areas can become independent of the primary focus, spurring additional seizures.

For this reason, people from early adolescence to early adulthood are good candidates for surgery. The goal is to intervene early to prevent additional damage and to allow a more typical lifestyle. Because seizures sometimes disappear in children, many physicians wait until adolescence to intervene.

Surgery for epilepsy has been tried with mixed



The National Institute of Health says people suffering from a common form of epilepsy could benefit from surgical removal of the temporal lobe of the brain — that portion of the brain which causes the seizures.

results for more than 50 years. But now surgeons are better able to pick proper candidates and to pinpoint the damaged area of the brain. The NIH panel reported that success rates for epilepsy surgery range from 55 percent to 70 percent when success is defined as no seizures. Another 20 percent to 25 percent of patients are significantly improved. About 8 percent to 10 percent continue to have uncontrolled seizures after surgery.

The complication rate of surgery is less than 1 percent, Waltz said. Cognitive skills, memory and speech are not affected. Neurological testing on patients after surgery rarely reveals any loss of function. Occasionally, function actually improves after surgery. Some patients' IQs increase and their moods elevate.

Candidate selection is extremely important in epilepsy surgery. Waltz explained that patients must meet two major criteria: Seizures must originate in the same area of the brain the majority of the time, and they must come from a part of the brain not responsible for specific function, such as speech or motor function.

To determine these criteria, prospective candidates undergo monitoring via electrodes placed on the scalp. These electrodes pick up electrical signals from within the brain and record them on an instrument called an electroencephalograph. If the brain-wave patterns point to a single temporal lobe as the source of trouble, physicians often will run more tests to confirm the diagnosis. These may include internal electrodes inserted deeper into the brain's temporal lobe.

Streamlined approach

In the past, such preliminary testing continued for weeks or even months as physicians collected reams of EEG readings. This belabored, experimental approach isn't required, Waltz said. At Scripps Clinic, he has insisted on a more streamlined approach. Monitoring is done to pinpoint the problem, not to gather further information on seizures.

"One of the biggest things we have done is to approach it as you would approach a patient with a ruptured disk. You find the source of the problem and you remove it. Although we're not opposed to learning, we're not approaching this as a scientific study. We tackle it with the primary purpose of dealing with the patient's problem."

The average hospital stay is five to 15 days with some of the preliminary testing done beforehand on an outpatient basis. The surgery itself takes two to three hours, beginning with cutting through the skull to expose the brain. An EEG of the exposed brain helps to localize the seizure focus further and helps ensure that only damaged tissue is removed. After the damaged area is cut away, another EEG is taken to make certain that the procedure has been successfully completed.

At Scripps Clinic, epilepsy surgery has allowed a commercial airline pilot to resume flying.

As for Steve, he went home the day after his surgery. He soon started back to school and will shortly get his bicycle privileges back. He has had no seizures since the operation, and the unpredictable behavior is but a memory.

Steve's operation, his mother believes, has been a lifesaver.

"I was looking at him the other day and I noticed that one eyebrow was a bit lower than the other. And this is the only thing (bad) out of this major brain surgery. I have nothing but good to say about it. Now he's just normal and everything is the same as before. Nothing has been taken away."

YOUR FOOD PHARMACY

Latest studies show olive oil may inhibit cholesterol

By Jean Carper

The most dramatic evidence yet of olive oil's potential to fight heart disease is just in.

Olive oil is known to lower cholesterol. Now a scientific team, led by Dr. Daniel Steinberg, of the University of California in San Diego, suggests olive oil can do much more than that. It may actually keep cholesterol from becoming a threat to arteries, thus, blocking heart disease at an early stage.

According to new theory, normal LDL-cholesterol is not dangerous. Only when it is altered or oxidized does so-called bad-type LDL enter into the awful process that leads to clogged and stiffened arteries and heart attacks.

But Dr. Steinberg has found that oleic acid, the main mono-unsaturated fat in olive oil, severely retards the oxidation of LDL-cholesterol, thereby keeping it relatively harmless.

In tests, LDL-cholesterol from rabbits fed oil rich in oleic acid was oxidized only one-third to one-fourth as fast as LDL-cholesterol from rabbits on a low oleic-acid diet. Further, the artery-clogging process involving LDL from rabbits fed oleic acid came

to a virtual halt.

Tests are needed to see if the oil performs the same way in human arteries, says Dr. Steinberg.

Closing in on the cranberry

There's new reason to drink cranberry juice if you have urinary tract infections.

For at least a century, many doctors have prescribed a glass or two of cranberry juice a day to help ward off or cure such infections. The theory was that cranberries made urine more acid, destroying bacteria.

But new research from Israel shows that cranberries exert more than a mere antibiotic effect. Mysterious medicinal agents in cranberries seem to "inactivate" certain bacteria so they can't attach to the lining of the urinary tract. Unable to stick, the bacteria are washed away without a chance to cause infections.

Researchers at Tel Aviv University found two constituents in cranberry juice that kept E. coli germs from sticking to urinary tract cells. Orange and pineapple juice did not work, they said. E. coli is the germ most incriminated in such infections, say experts.

Spurred by the new findings, Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., a producer of cranberry products, has begun tests to determine exactly how well Cranberry Juice Cocktail prevents urinary tract infections in

people.

Thanks, Dr. Vanderslice

True or false? Vegetables lose more vitamin C when cooked in lots of water than in a little water.

That's a longstanding dispute among cooks and experts. Now Dr. Joseph T. Vanderslice, a research chemist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, says it makes no difference. In lab tests, he found that a stalk of broccoli retained the same amount of vitamin C when cooked in 1/2 cup of water or in four cups of water. In both cases the broccoli lost about half its vitamin C.

Best way to save vitamin C, he says is to eat vege-

tables raw or cooked in a microwave. Microwaved broccoli lost a mere 15 percent of its vitamin C.

Other good news: Broccoli has about 20 percent more vitamin C than previously thought. The floret contains about 60 percent more vitamin C than the stalk.

Also, choose the freshest, deepest dark-green broccoli. Such broccoli contains up to 40 percent more vitamin C. And eat it soon, advises Dr. Vanderslice. After five days in a refrigerator, broccoli loses 20 percent to 30 percent of its vitamin C.

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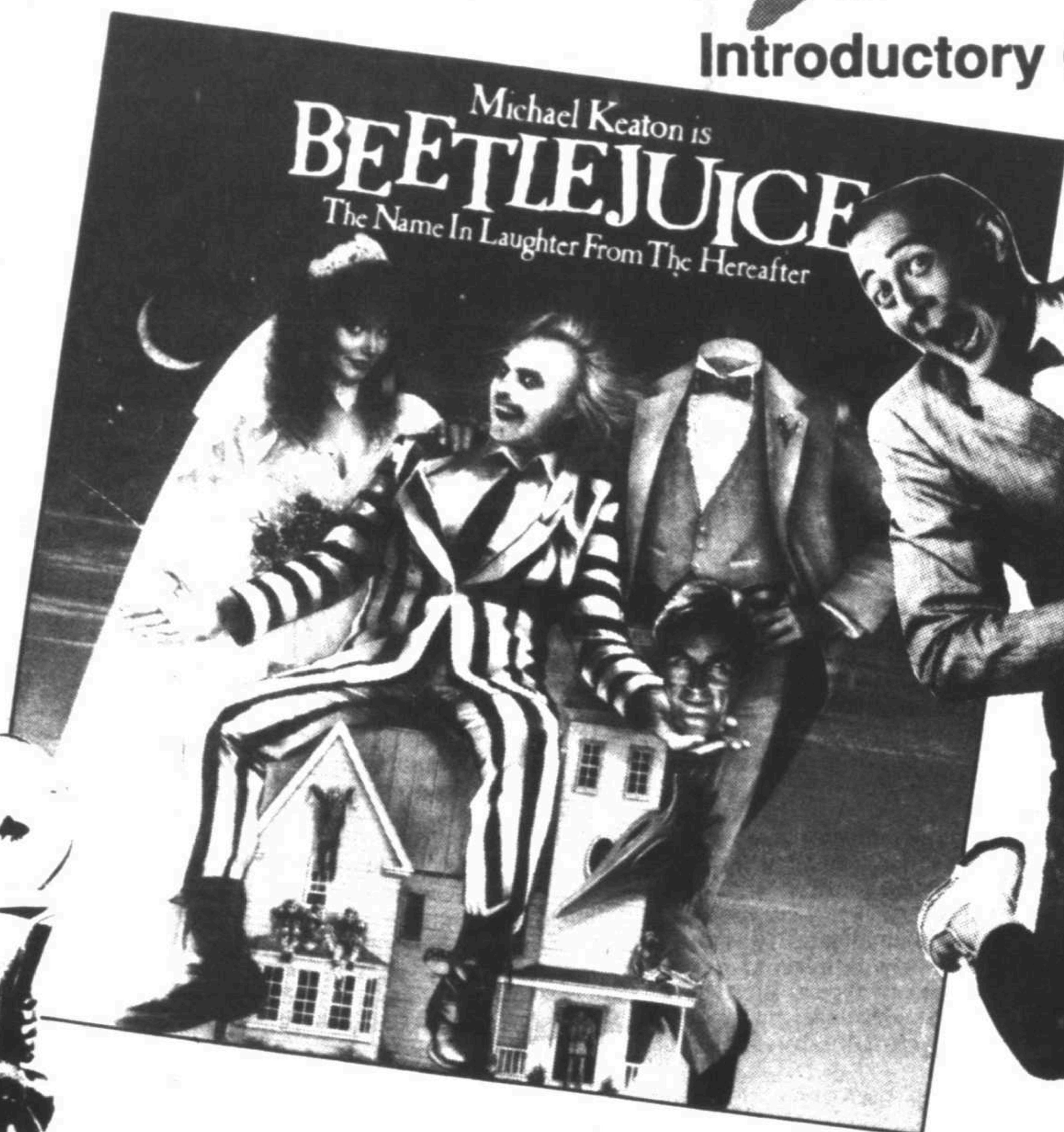
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The L'Esperance quintuplets, back row, Raymond, Danielle, Veronica, Erica; and foreground center, Alexandria, shown in a 1988 file photo, are now 2½ years old. Fi-

nances have been tight for the family, since their mother's three nieces came to live with the family, which includes three older brothers in addition to the quints.

Quintuplet's family grows to 11 children

DAVISBURG, Mich. (AP) — Welcome to the L'Esperance home, where kids will be kids will be kids will be kids. And that's just the quintuplets, the nation's first test-tube set.

Besides the 2½-year-old quints, Michele and Raymond L'Esperance have three sons from previous marriages and now are caring for three nieces at their home about 30 miles north of Detroit. That's 11 kids, if you're counting.

It hasn't been easy. Food costs \$350 weekly, the telephone was briefly cut off last month for non-payment, the couple worried their electricity was next and handed their limousine, the only vehicle that could carry all the kids, back to the finance company. Ray-

mond, 29, is a Macomb County Jail guard, bringing in \$26,000 yearly; his wife, 36, works at a shelter for battered women.

Recent publicity over the couple's tight finances upset the family, Mrs. L'Esperance said. She says they can care for their children, but needed a foster-home license — and the increased state aid it would bring — to care for her sister's brood.

"Why take them from family?" she said in a terse interview outside the family's two-story colonial home, as she held one of the two horses they keep on their 10-acre spread.

Oakland County Probate Judge Barry Grant was angered at a hearing last week on the license requested five weeks ago. He ordered the state De-

partment of Social Services to explain why it hasn't acted on the couple's request to waive rules that normally exclude a family with eight or more children from being a foster home.

"This is government bureaucracy at its worst," Grant said. Chuck Peller, a spokesman for the department, said the foster-home license decision was delayed because the family only recently filled out the needed paperwork.

As foster parents, the L'Esperances would receive about \$1,000 monthly for their nieces rather than \$295 in welfare they now get.

The L'Esperances told Grant that private donations will let them keep their nieces regardless of the government's decision. Outside court, they won't

talk about money. "I'd rather let sleeping dogs lie," Mrs. L'Esperance said.

The couple apparently once expected that commercial endorsements would offset the sudden costs of Erica, Veronica, Danielle, Alexandria and Raymond Jr., born 10 weeks premature in January 1988.

"No endorsements occurred. Multiple births had become a lot more common," said attorney Thomas Plunkett, who was hired to negotiate contracts.

Last year, Mrs. L'Esperance's nieces, ages 6, 10 and 13, moved in. Their parents, who are unemployed, told the court last week that they would receive alcoholism treatment, said Grant's clerk, John Chamberlain.

Rival teacher unions talking

WASHINGTON (AP) — With cold wars thawing everywhere, even America's two long-feuding teacher unions are talking peace.

The rival American Federation of Teachers and National Education Association lately have been aiming not at each other, but at the Bush administration and the nation's governors for failing to advance much-heralded national education goals announced in February.

"What's so frustrating," said

NEA president Keith Geiger, "is that over the last six months, we've heard how we have to allocate \$50 billion to bail out savings and loans. But I find it interesting that nobody said we have to allocate another \$7.4 billion so we could fully fund Head Start."

Such criticisms likely will set the tone when delegates of the 750,000-member AFT meet in Boston beginning Monday, and the 2 million-member NEA gathers in Kansas City later this week.

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Midway through year, experts predict voter disillusionment

WASHINGTON (AP) — In tiny Bancroft, Maine, they gave an election and nobody came.

In Texas, a hot primary campaign for governor drew 15 percent of the voters.

In California, about 40 percent went to the polls on primary day, but that still was close to the record low established in 1986 for the state.

Midway through the election year, experts are predicting 1990 will bring a continuation of a 30-year downward trend in voter participation.

Analysts, politicians and voters interviewed around the country said voter frustration and disillusionment and the increasing complexity and stress of life seem to be at least partly to blame.

"I don't know anybody who was in a 10-minute traffic jam going to work 10 years ago who is not in a 45-minute traffic jam going to work now, and it doesn't matter who gets elected," said Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate. The private group tracks voter participation.

In 1960, the year John F. Kennedy was elected president, 62.8 percent of registered voters cast ballots.

By 1988, when George Bush was elected, turnout had dropped to 50.16 percent.

In 1986, the most recent non-presidential general election year, only 37 percent made it to the polls.

Edward J. Rollins, director of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, recently predicted turnout this year could go below 30 percent.

"I think part of it just has to do with folks just

generally giving up on all of us," said Al La Pierre, executive director of the Democratic party in Alabama. In his state, the turnout of 750,000 voters in the June 5 primary was down by about 200,000 from 1986.

"They just don't see any need to go do it any more, which is sad," La Pierre said.

Toni Grygo, who runs a hair styling parlor in Pittsburgh, said, "The feedback that I get is that they are disillusioned. This is the main thing I hear from the women and some of the men that I do."

In Bancroft, a rural community in northern Maine with 61 residents and 35 registered voters, Deputy Town Clerk Mary Irish said two or three people usually come out to vote in off-year elections. In presidential years, she said, turnout gets up to 14.

In the June 12 Maine primary, nobody voted in Bancroft. Voting statewide appeared low, but final turnout figures had not been tabulated.

"It was a beautiful day and there should have been greater interest," said Keron Kerr, the state Democratic chairman.

Alan Heslop, professor of government at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, Calif., said part of the problem is population growth. After the 1991 redistricting, California is expected to have legislative districts of 750,000 people, three times what they were in 1950.

"People feel powerless," said Heslop. "It is hard to convince oneself that one vote is going to make a difference in these enormous, giant districts."

Ex-Klan chief campaigns for Senate

Hearst News Service

LAFAYETTE, La. — "Duke! Duke! Duke!" came the all-white crowd's chant as the ex-Ku Klux Klan chief confidently strode to a rally podium to share his vision of America.

Against a backdrop of flags and posters, Duke — now a Louisiana state representative — characterized his bid for the U.S. Senate as "the cutting edge of a new revolution in politics."

"We're talking about things people talk about behind closed doors."

Duke, 40, who has raised nearly \$1 million in his Senate campaign, reeled off campaign promises that included calls for "greater equality" and "less racial discrimination" and a return to the "principles and ideals of our forefathers."

He called for an end to affirmative action, cuts in welfare, reduced incentives for births among the poor and the eviction of drug abusers from housing projects. The crowd of 150 loved it.

ant past."

"At least I had the courage to act and speak out on my convictions," Duke said. "Most people in public life are afraid to take a stand."

Duke, running as a Republican despite embarrassment to the state party, is seeking the seat of 18-year veteran Democrat J. Bennett Johnston. A third candidate, state Sen. Ben Bagert of New Orleans, also is running as a Republican.

Four months before the Oct. 6 primary, polls show Duke with 30 percent of the vote. In Louisiana, failing a clear majority winner, the two top primary vote-getters face one another in the general election, regardless of their party affiliation.

Duke's critics believe he represents a dangerous attempt to return to the South's racist past, that his campaign is coded rhetoric designed to play to an undercurrent of racial prejudices and tensions among frustrated white Louisiana voters.

"It's the old South only with new clothes on," said Louisiana state Rep. Melvin Holden, D-Baton Rouge, a black lawmaker who walked out in protest when Duke was sworn in as a Louisiana

legislator.

Despite claims Duke has garnered support only among blue-collar voters, the campaign may have caught on with middle-class and college-educated whites, observers say.

A recent Gannett poll showed that 27 percent of Louisiana voters under the age of 21 support Duke.

"They (the young voters) are at an age when they are beginning to form their political consciousness," said Lawrence Powell, a Tulane University historian. "The Duke campaign represents a problem that will last beyond the October election."

Lance Hill, a member of the Louisiana Coalition Against Racism and Nazism, said Duke's success should not be judged by whether he wins this year. Instead, Hill said Duke would be a success if he continues to gain support from growing numbers of frustrated, intolerant citizens isolated from or rejected by the political mainstream.

Duke, throughout his campaign, has said, "I despise Nazism, communism or any form of racism."

But others disagree, claiming Duke just refuses to state his true views publicly.

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Sprightly clothes for cruise, career

By Bernadine Morris
N.Y. Times News Service

It is difficult for some European designers to understand the range of what is known in this country as the resort-cruise season.

Indigenous to the U.S. retailing trade, the season used to refer to clothes for warm climates offered by the stores here in midwinter.

Because Europeans traditionally favor ski vacations in winter, French and Italian designers have been somewhat mystified in the past by what was required for wear under the sun. Some still are. At worst, the clothes recall what was worn by royalty in playgrounds like Biarritz or Deauville, as seen in 1930s movies and fashion magazines.

In the United States, however, the resort concept has broken out of its traditional boundaries. The "season" from November to February or beyond now refers to clothes that can be worn to holiday parties — north or south — clothes that can be worn to work in the Sunbelt and clothes that women can put away to wear later. Stores welcome new collections as an opportunity to draw women when business generally is sluggish.

Among European designers who have attempted to tune into the resort mode in the last few years, Emanuel Ungaro is one of the most successful. His collection is as extensive as those for spring and fall and his clothes have a sprightly charm.

UNGARO OFFERS enough change to make new clothes interesting but not so much as to make old styles obsolete. His strong point is prints, especially florals, that are airy, delicate and totally refreshing. He is relaxing his once-tortured drapery, though his clothes remain snug and sexy.

The combination of a silk dress printed with brightly colored flowers on a white background and a crisply tailored jacket in a

strong color like hot pink or black and white checks is something he has made his own.

There are many separates with the same look, including surplice sweaters and blouses, shorts and colored leather skirts. Even a blouse printed with delicately colored flowers has a wonderful freshness that would enliven a wardrobe in any season.

White ground prints are fragile, while dense, junglelike patterns on black silk have a sultry charm. Still, Ungaro does some effective solid-color clothes, including purple pants suits, a neat pink jacket with its waistline shirred in back for a close fit and gently wrapped coats. Ungaro knows what he is about.

Jean Muir's scale is smaller. She offers small groups of separates in silk paisley prints, polka dots or her all-time favorite, matte jersey.

WHAT IS most interesting for this world-class British designer who specializes in black and navy is the emphasis she has given to color. There are mad jungle prints, jersey pieces in teal, red or yellow and knitted cashmere cardigans divided into color blocks.

With his first resort collection for Christian Dior, Gianfranco Ferré offers very elaborate fare, epitomized by his use of jeweled embroidery on sweaters and swimsuits. This is, of course, the opulent decoration that couturiers employ to decorate sumptuous evening dresses. It practically guarantees that the one-piece neatly shaped swimsuit it embellishes will never go near the pool.

Suits for city dressing are detailed with organza collars and cuffs, blouses have big organza sleeves and the slim trousers for which the designer is known are varied by fuller, easier styles.

Pink is the hot color of the collection, appearing in pale shell shades and vibrant fuchsia. Black crepe styles have a formidable formality.

The most effective styles are the

casual pieces that have a throw-away charm: pink and white striped tank tops, a pink cashmere scoop-neck sweater, a pink blazer decorated with silver buttons.

Valentino Garavani offers two distinct resort collections. Boutique emphasizes day clothes; Night is clearly dressier fare.

THIS ROME designer is at his best with daytime suits. Simple and snappy jackets fit neatly and are shown with decorative sculptured leather belts, rather than any more elaborate accessories.

A one-button suit in what looks like red denim is an example of beautifully tailored clothes that can be worn for work or play. Valentino likes long tops pulled over pleated skirts as an alternative to suits.

Karl Lagerfeld presents a new suit shape in his Fendi collection. Something of a hybrid, the jacket has one straight front panel and one curved panel. The asymmetric look works well in red wool over a squiggly print silk dress and with a matching skirt in houndstooth checks. Loose jackets over soft dresses are another attractive resort idea.

Hubert de Givenchy is a master of the resort season, having produced a collection for close to 20 years. His approach is so sophisticated that he now calls the collection pre-spring, because it will be in the stores starting in November, before the bona fide spring styles arrive.

Lively aqua, green and raspberry shades give a lift to tailored clothes that are always beautifully but traditionally cut.



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A flower-printed poplin skirt worn with a sleeveless decollete silk blouse created by Emmanuel Ungaro is perfect for cruise season.

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Well put together man rates second glance

By FRANCES PARNES
Associated Press

Clothes may not make the man, but they sure help him catch a woman's eye.

And if a man wants the once-over more than once, what he wears must be well kept, feel good to the touch, imply a sense of self-assurance — and be draped on a trim body.

"I don't think there's a mating code of fashion," says Gerald Rothberg, editor of Men's Guide to Fashion magazine, "but a man who dresses comfortably, not faddish, exudes a sense of himself and attracts women."

However, women today expect men to have a selection of clothes because there are many more fashion options, says Gerald Mathews, executive vice president of Saks Fifth Avenue.

"Women," he says, "appreciate men who possess other dimensions of style besides simply standing on the train platform each morning in a black suit with an attache case."

Women also appreciate men who dress in a way that is complementary to them, says Sami Dinar,

a Beverly Hills, Calif., haberdasher. "That shows they're talking the same language."

In other words, if she's in Chanel, he shouldn't show up wearing The Gap.

Nancy S. Martin, editor of Playgirl magazine, says it isn't just the clothes that count, but what women associate with them.

"Take tuxedos, for example," she says. "Every man looks elegant in a tux because it's part of the whole fantasy of limousines, champagne, dancing till dawn and Tom Cruise at the Oscars."

Uniforms — police blues, Yankee pinstripes, doctor's whites — fall into the same category. Not only do they create an aura, they're pre-packaged, so the look is foolproof.

Men who are in good shape are the lucky ones. They have more clothing options and in a pinch can pair jeans with almost anything. According to Martin, that's a plus.

"A woman's favorite look on a man — hands-down, without question — is tight blue jeans," she says. "I get tons of letters from readers whenever we do a jeans pictorial."

Why jeans?

"Women like to look at men going away," she says. "It's one of their favorite body parts."

"Unfortunately, you only get to look at the rear view after they've left."

Activewear also attracts the female eye. "When a man wears a pair of hot-looking shorts," she says, "it evokes the image of athletic vitality. Look at Andre Agassi, the tennis player who was voted one of the 10 sexiest men in the world (the magazine's poll). Even though he's not the absolute best-looking, his shorts reinforce the fantasy."

This look works only if he has the build.

"A washboard stomach is even more important than a Giorgio Armani custom-made suit," says Helen Gurley Brown, editor of Cosmopolitan magazine.

Yet men of a certain girth should not despair. They have options, too, thanks to the current relaxed, fluid look in menswear.

"A man should look stylish, and that means that his clothes should be loose, almost drapery," says Chip Tolbert, fashion director of the Men's Fashion Association in New

York.

"Based on my experience talking with female fashion editors — not to mention my wife who has very definite opinions," he says, "men's clothes should skim the body."

Grace Mirabella, editor of a fashion magazine bearing her name, likes navy blazer and gray flannels.

"American men who dress in a classic way have an awful lot of dash," she says. "It's pure and low-keyed, superbly tailored, not gimmicky, no excessive design."

"It was once called an English type of dressing and now is done by designers such as Ralph Lauren."

When men keep the basics simple, they can highlight style with the accessories, says Mirabella.

"I once saw a film in which an army was lined up in blue denim shirts and pants, and all their belts were yellow," she recalls. "That little piece of yellow made all the difference."

"Likewise, if you see a man's sock unexpectedly peeking out from his pants — that kind of bite of something else is very interesting."

Miss West Texas to compete in Miss Texas America pageant

Darcy Rushing of Odessa left the Permian Basin Saturday headed for Fort Worth to compete in the annual Miss Texas America Pageant. The week of pageant activities and rehearsals will culminate 8 p.m. Saturday in the final competition which can be seen on KTX-TV.

Miss Rushing was the winner of the Miss West Texas Pageant sponsored by the Odessa Jaycees. The group has raised about \$7,000 to sponsor her in the pageant.

The June graduate of Permian High School will compete with 71 other contestants from across the state in interview, evening gown, swimsuit and talent competition. Miss Rushing, who was an award-winning choir student and a member of the select singing group Black Magic at PHS, will sing Barbra Streisand's "Don't Rain on My Parade" in the talent portion of competition.

The winner of the pageant will represent Texas in the Miss



Darcy Rushing

America Pageant. Accompanying Miss Rushing, 18, to the pageant will be her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Rushing, and Odessa Jaycees pageant representatives Tim and Theresa Edgmon.

At Wit's End

Kid's version of home not parents' paradise

By Erma Bombeck

For years, it's been a standard greeting: "Hi, Honey, I'm home." Only nowadays, a kid answers.

According to national real-estate marketing research, children of the two-income, two-career family have inherited the role of prime occupants of the house.

They didn't pick out the house or design it. They don't even pay for it, but most of them spend more time in it than their parents. The obvious question is, Why don't children have more input into where they live than they do? The obvious answer is, Have you seen the way kids live when there are no adults around?

First, their choice of a house would be one humongous room built in a tree with a rope ladder. Anyone gaining entrance would have to have the secret code word. The entire house would have only two appliances: a television covering one wall, and a microwave covering the other wall (replacing Phyllis Diller's fantasy: an oven that flushes). Basketball hoops would be positioned over wastebaskets, clothes hampers, the kitchen sink, towel racks and clothes hooks. There would be no beds — only pillows on the floor in front of the Nintendo library.

The bathroom would be self-cleaning, with a water heater the size of an active crater. Every child would have a plug implant so that wherever he is in the house, he could plug in a stereo, a radio or a hair dryer. A cellular phone would be regarded as apparel.

They would live in a disposable world. Disposable underwear, disposable towels, disposable clothes, disposable dishes and containers. The center of the floor would have a campfire so their friends could sit around and play with matches and toast marshmallows.

Off on one small tree branch would be a separate room the size of a broom closet. This would be for Mom and Dad. When they didn't pay attention or messed up, they would be made to go there without television, dinner or human sounds. The tree house would have a small patch of grass at the bottom of the tree, which the parents would be required to cut with scissors every two days. (More often if it grew fast.)

Parents wouldn't spend a lot of time in their room, as they would have chores and be sent on errands to pick up videocassettes every night. Yet, they would have to clean it every 15 minutes.

Pure fantasy, you say with a laugh. Don't be too sure. I have just described my son's apartment.



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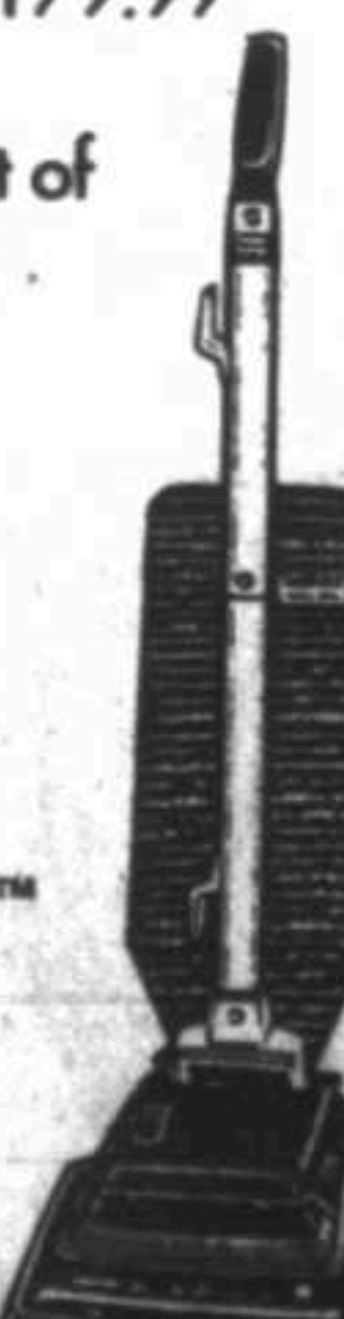
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TV Sports

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GOLF — LPGA U.S. Open, 3 p.m., ESPN.

BASEBALL — Expos vs. Braves, 6:36 p.m., WTBS.

Dodgers vs. Cubs, 7 p.m., WGN.

Phillies vs. Astros, 7:30 p.m., HSE.

FESTIVAL — U.S. Olympic Festival, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.

Sports Today

BIG LEAGUE PLAYOFFS — Loser's bracket at 2 p.m. Winner's bracket at 5 p.m., both at Simon Field in Hogan Park.

SENIOR LEAGUE PLAYOFFS — Loser's bracket, 2 p.m., Redfern Field. Winner's bracket, 8 p.m., Simon Field in Hogan Park.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAYOFFS — Loser's bracket games, 5 and 8 p.m., Redfern Field in Hogan Park.

TEXAS LEAGUE — Shreveport Captains vs. Midland Angels, 7 p.m., Angel Stadium, KCRS (550 AM) Radio.

Sports facts

Pairs of brothers in the NBA

Horace (Chicago) and Harvey (Washington) Grant
Vinnie (Detroit) and Eric (Utah) Johnson
Caldwell (San Antonio) and Charles (Washington) Jones
John (Chicago) and Jim (Boston) Paxton
Jay (Lakers) and Sam (Orlando) Vincent
Dominique (Atlanta) and Gerald (N.Y.) Wilkins

SOURCE: Philadelphia Inquirer

KRTN Infographics

Run for seats

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones seems to be borrowing a page out of the history of his neighboring state, Oklahoma, to sell tickets this year.

At 5 p.m. on Thursday, he plans to have a seat scramble at Texas Stadium that will greatly resemble the great Oklahoma land rush of 1889.

Jones said potential buyers will be able to go into the stadium, then make a mad dash for any unsold seats available for the upcoming season. Squatter's rights will prevail, with season tickets being sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Players will be available for autographs after the scramble and highlight film from last year's 1-15 season will be shown.

Cry for money

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas pitching coach who helped develop the arms of several major league pitchers, including the Boston Red Sox's Roger Clemens and Greg Swindell of the Cleveland Indians, is resigning because he can't make more than \$18,200 a year.

Clint Thomas, 36, resigned Tuesday after 12 years with the Longhorns. He helped send eight current pitchers to the major leagues.

"I'm leaving because of the money," said Thomas, who doesn't have another job lined up.

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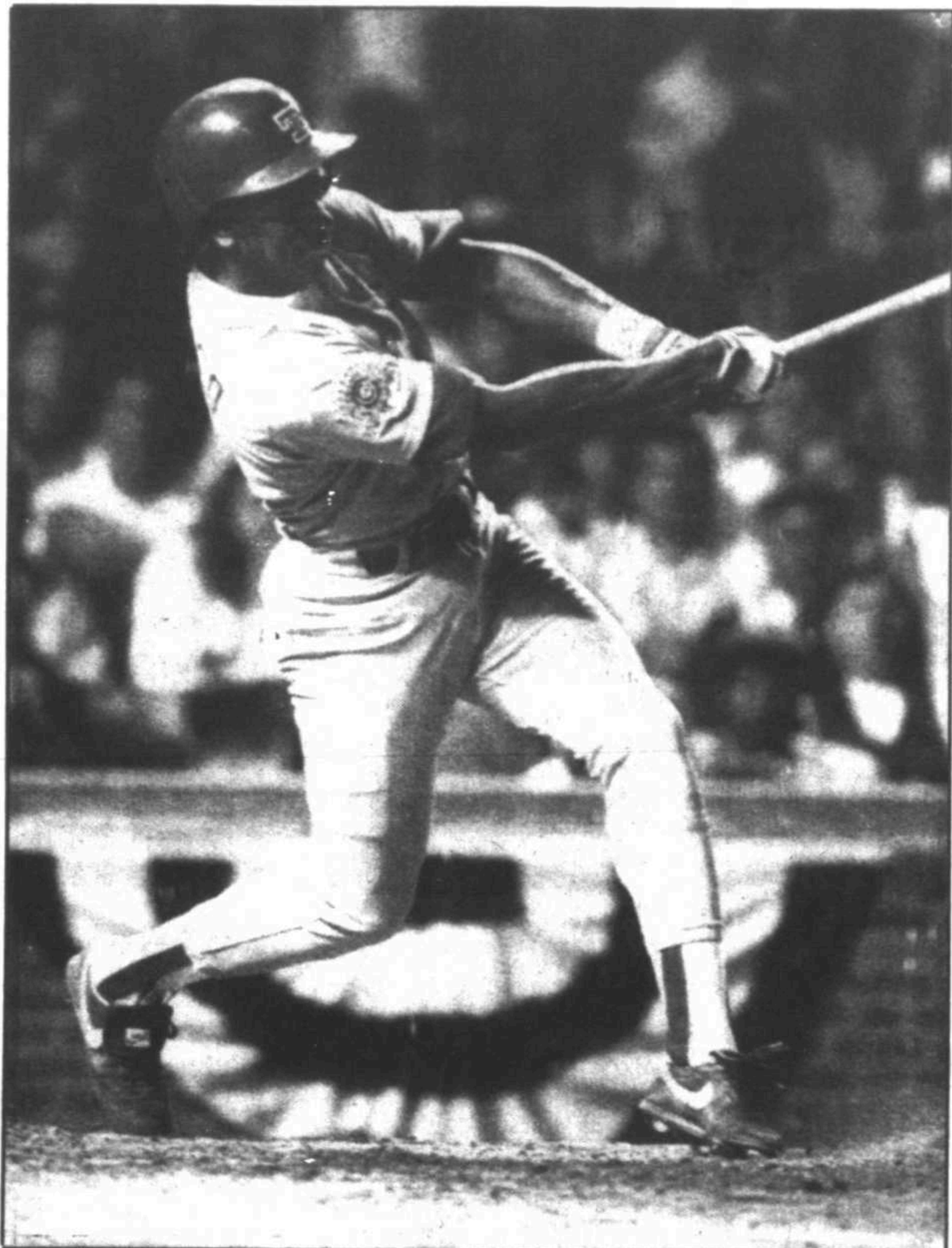
Trivia Teaser

Thursday's Question — What university was the first to play men's basketball?

Wednesday's Answer — San Diego's Gaylord Perry, at 40 years old in 1978, was the oldest player to win the Cy Young Award.

INSIDE SPORTS

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Texas Ranger Julio Franco hits a two-run double Tuesday to become the 1990 All-Star MVP in Chicago. It was the only two runs in the game.

AP Laserphoto

Being Star MVP 'just happened'

■ Julio Franco had the key hit in Tuesday's All-Star game to become the Texas Rangers' first All-Star MVP.

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Being an All-Star was important to Julio Franco. Being the All-Star Most Valuable Player was just something that happened.

Franco, Texas' "Lone Ranger" in the American League lineup, drove in the game's only two runs with a double in the seventh inning on an 0-2 fastball from Cincinnati's Rob Dibble.

It was just the type of pitch Franco was looking for but just what Dibble didn't want to throw.

"I knew he was going to throw something hard and I was looking to go to right field with the pitch," Franco said.

Which is exactly what he did, shooting the gap in right-center to score Cleveland's Sandy Alomar and California's Lance Parrish.

"It was a fastball," Dibble said. "It was right down the middle of the plate, right down Broadway."

Dibble said he discussed what he wanted to do with catcher Mike Scioscia of Los Angeles.

"It was a mutual agreement I was going to throw a pitch up and in, but I threw it right down the middle of the plate," Dibble said. "I have no excuses. I

threw the pitch and the guy got the hit."

Franco, who went into the game as a pinch-hitter in the fifth inning and remained as the second baseman, had plenty of time to think about his at-bat.

Play was halted because of rain just as Franco came to the plate, with no outs, Alomar on third and Parrish at first. It was an hour and 8 minutes before play resumed.

When the field was being prepared to play again, Franco knew he would be facing the hard-throwing Dibble.

"I had never seen him before," Franco said. "When he was warming up, I concentrated on his body motion. Everybody told me he threw hard."

Dibble got two quick strikes on Franco, clocking 99 mph on the radar gun. NL manager Roger Craig of San Francisco decided to go with Dibble after the rain delay because Jeff Brantley had stiffened while waiting. Sitting next to Chicago Cubs manager Don Zimmer in the dugout, Craig wasn't surprised when Dibble tried to get by with the 0-2 pitch.

"Once the count got to 0-and-2, I turned to Zimmer and said, 'He's a power pitcher and when it's 0-and-2, a power pitcher usually throws it over the plate.' I no sooner got the words out of my mouth than Franco hit the double."

Franco became the first Ranger to ever win the MVP award and only the second second baseman to do it, following Cincinnati's Joe Morgan in 1972.

He was elected as a starter in 1989 but was runner-up to the New York Yankees' Steve Sax in this year's fan voting. He had no complaints.

FRONT ROW SEAT

Softball turns money for economy

■ Softball is a summer thrill for thousands of Texans, but it also means an additional \$2 million to the Midland economy.

By Bill Grimes
Staff Writer

Summer is becoming known as softball tournament time in Midland. It's also big money time for local motels, restaurants and other retail businesses.

Beginning this weekend, the Midland Softball Association will host four softball tournaments before Labor Day. That's not taking into account last weekend's District 26 tournament, nor this weekend's United Girls Softball national tourney at Ulmer Park.

It is estimated that at least 190 teams will visit Midland as a result of the four tournaments, bringing in at least \$2 million to the local economy.

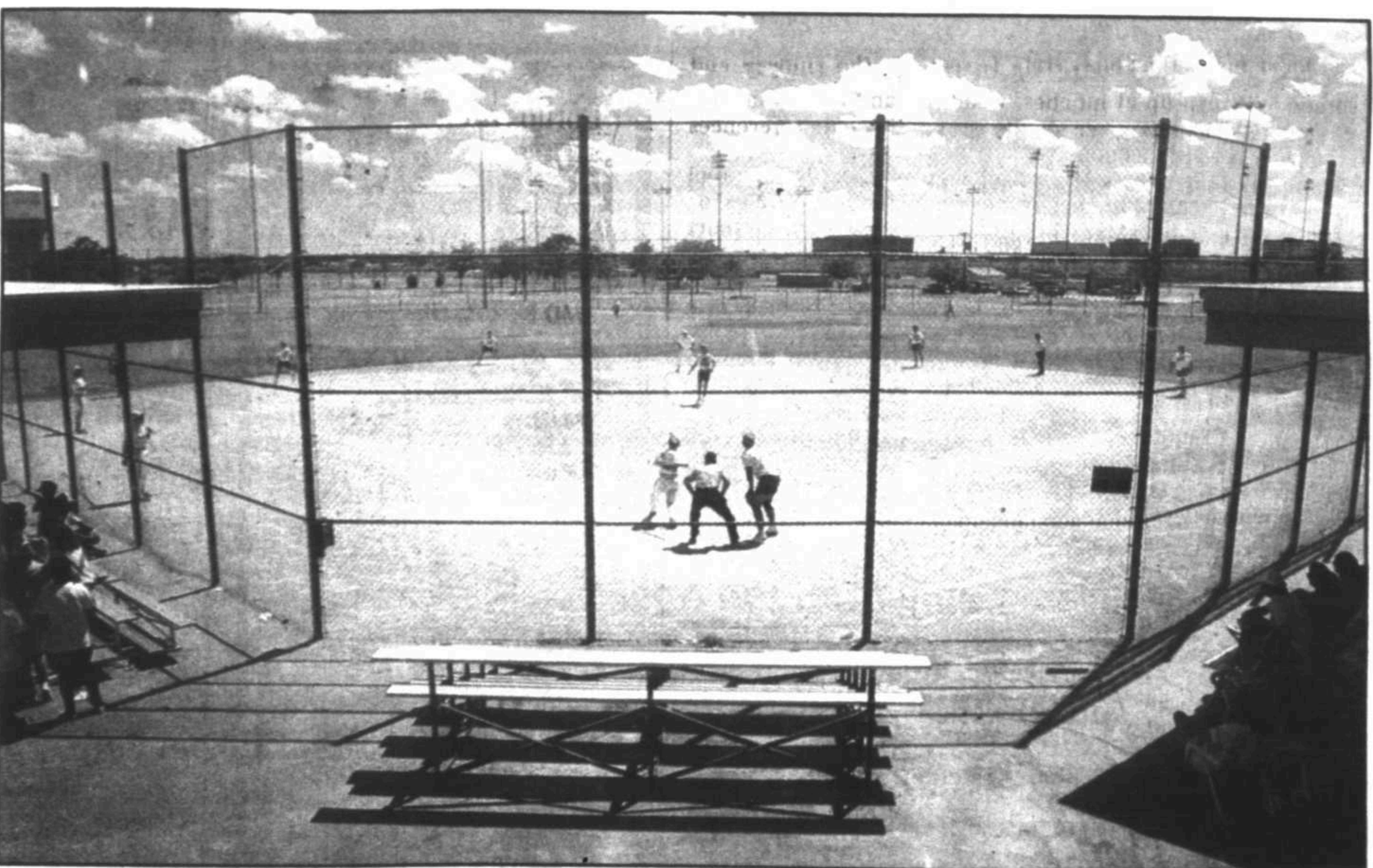
Not only may that \$2 million figure be a conservative estimate, but it doesn't reflect what economic analysts call "turnover rate," or the number of times a dollar is circulated through the community.

"Each dollar will turn over three times in the community," says Suzy Lundy, Convention and Visitors Bureau director.

Here is a list of upcoming tournaments and the number of teams listed:

■ United Girls Softball national tournament, Friday through Sunday, 51 teams.

■ State fast-pitch tournament for girls under 16 and under 18, Friday through Sunday, 20 to 30 teams.



Beverly Shilling/Reporter-Telegram

The Bill Williams Softball Complex in Hogan Park has given Midland an attractive facility for landing

state and national tournaments that bring in thousands of dollars to the Midland economy each year.

■ Men's Class C slow-pitch state tournament, Aug. 10-12, 85-100 teams.

■ Women's Class B fast-pitch national tournament, Aug. 17-19, 30 teams.

■ Women's Class A Industrial slow-pitch national tournament, Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 35-40 teams.

On the surface, maybe that doesn't seem like a whole lot of positive economic impact. But consider

the mind-set of many of the players who attend these tournaments, often with family in tow.

"For many of these people, this is a family vacation," Lundy said. "For them to spend \$75 a day during these tournaments is not unusual."

Say there are 85 teams in a tournament. That adds up to more than 1,000 players. Coaches and families may boost the total head count to

2,000.

Since many double and triple up in the motel, Lundy estimated that 500 motel rooms may be needed by a tournament of this magnitude. And, since there are 2,200 motel rooms available in Midland, that means 20 percent of available lodging is being used.

Please see **SOFTBALL/6C**

San Diego Padres replace McKeon with Riddoch

■ Jack McKeon's resignation as San Diego Padres manager was expected, but his replacement, Greg Riddoch, was the surprise.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — As expected, Jack McKeon stepped down as manager to concentrate on running the San Diego Padres' front office. Not expected though was the timing or the replacement, bench coach Greg Riddoch.

In his fourth season with the Padres, Riddoch, 44, will manage in the major leagues for the first time.

"I have signed a contract through the end of this year. I am the manager, I'm

not the interim manager, and I'm going to make it as hard on these people as it can conceivably be to get rid of me," Riddoch said.

McKeon, who recently said he planned to step down as manager at the end of the season, remains vice president of baseball operations for the Padres.

"I just felt two jobs was too much. I was really getting burdened. I didn't have the time to devote to both jobs. I was cheating the organization and I was cheating myself," McKeon said.

"Now I can go out and analyze the situation and try to get Greg some better players. I still think we have the nucleus to have an outstanding ballclub here in the future, and we're going to work to try to fill the holes in the very near future."

The Padres are struggling at 37-43 and

lost 12 of their 15 games before the All-Star break. They start the second half of the season at Pittsburgh on Thursday in fourth place in the NL West, 13½ games behind the Cincinnati Reds.

"I know the club has been an under-achieving club," McKeon said. "We expected great things out of the players, but it hasn't happened. I haven't gotten the job done, maybe Greg can do it."

"I had hoped I could bring some kind of continuity to the club, but I did not intend to make a career out of managing."

McKeon, the fourth managerial change in the NL this season, recommended Riddoch as his successor when he and new Padres owner Tom Werner spoke Tuesday. Riddoch was offered the job after meeting that night with Werner.

"I'm probably as surprised as you might be," Riddoch said at a news conference.

His first move as manager was firing batting coach Amos Otis. He said two new coaches will be joining the Padres, but declined to name either one because he hadn't yet spoken with them.

Riddoch, who becomes the Padres' 13th manager and the fourth in five seasons, said he isn't worried about catching the Reds.

"I want to try what I feel is to refocus what our effort is going to be instead of looking ahead to Cincinnati like we've been thinking about since the season started," Riddoch said.

"It would be very unrealistic to think we can catch the Reds at this point in the year with the type of team that they have."

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PEOPLE

Deaf woman excited by pageant

CARTHAGE, N.Y. (AP) — The sound of music is a silent one for Audrey Stevenson, but that won't stop her from singing her kind of music at the Miss New York State Pageant this week.

The 20-year-old Stevenson is the first deaf contestant ever in the Miss New York State Pageant. She is one of 17 women vying to become the successor to the reigning Miss New York, Lisa Molella, Saturday night in Watertown.

Stevenson, a civilian postal clerk at the U.S. Army's Fort Drum, enters the state pageant as Miss Thousand Island, a title she won in part by singing in sign language.

Stevenson turned down an opportunity to compete in the preliminaries for the Miss Deaf America pageant for a chance at the Miss New York crown.

Stevenson has been deaf since she had meningitis when she was 18 months old.

The 5-foot-7, 112-pound contestant has blue-green eyes and sandy brown hair. One of her dreams has always been to compete in a pageant.

The national pageant had its first deaf contestant last year, Jennifer Wall, Miss Washington, said Bill Caligari, stage producer for the Atlantic City extravaganza. She was one of the 10 finalists.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Ella Fitzgerald was nearly recovered from exhaustion Wednesday but still needs several more days of rest in a hospital before returning to the United States, a spokesman said.

The 72-year-old jazz great was taken to Bronx Hospital Monday after becoming ill in her hotel room. She was treated for exhaustion and dehydration.

"Her condition has improved much over yesterday. She's sitting up in her bed and eating and drinking normally," said Dr. Clifford Booker, a physician and friend traveling with her.

Miss Fitzgerald wears a pacemaker but her heart was not affected, according to Booker.

Her health problems forced cancellation of her European tour, which was to begin Wednesday night at a gala in her honor at the North Sea Jazz Festival in The Hague, and with appearances in Montreux, Switzerland, and Antibes, France.

Miss Fitzgerald's release date from the hospital had not been set, according to Booker, who said she would then return to her Los Angeles home.

ROME (AP) — Rock star Madonna's "Blond Ambition" tour arrived in Italy to a less-than-sellout crowd after weeks of protests against her by Roman Catholic organizations.

And she canceled a second planned performance in Rome because of low ticket sales and a threatened general strike by labor unions.

The show has angered the church and pro-family groups that object to the lingerie-clad Madonna using a crucifix and other Christian symbols during her sexually suggestive performance.

Madonna, an Italian-American, tried to win over the concert crowd Tuesday night by donning the No. 15 jersey of Italian soccer star Roberto Baggio and by occasionally speaking Italian during the show.

Scalpers sold tickets at cost or less. Police estimate there were 30,000 people at Flaminio stadium, which has a capacity of 32,000.

NEW YORK (AP) — The intriguing scar on the chin of movie star Harrison Ford came from a mundane mishap. Years ago Ford smashed his car into a pole as he reached for the seat belt while driving to his job in a department store in Santa Ana, Calif.

"I hit the steering wheel, I think," Ford, 48, said in an interview in the current issue of Vanity Fair.

He said he crawled from the wreck and stood bleeding from his chin. Other motorists "would just creep around me at 5 miles an hour and keep on going."

Someone finally stopped and took him to a hospital, where he received "not a very good job," he said.

In a love scene with Melanie Griffith in "Working Girl," the Ford character first says the scar came from knife fight, then says he fainted while piercing his earlobe and banged his chin on the toilet.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Prince, known for songs such as "U Got The Look," will offer his look for sale in clothing and accessories in a shop he plans to open in September.

See-through shirts, hip-hugger pants and one shoulder Lycra jumpsuits are hot items in Prince's present wardrobe.

The apparel to be sold in the shop in the Heaven & Earth night club will be "designed by his wardrobe department and influenced by him. We haven't worked out the details — like whether the clothing will be in stock or custom-ordered," said Jill Willis, Prince's spokeswoman.

Willis also said that a line of official Prince merchandise — including T-shirts, sweatshirts, "love symbol" jewelry, photo badges, calendars and posters — may become available in department stores.

That project is still in its preliminary stages, "which is characteristic of this organization," said Jim Shearon, head of the workroom in the wardrobe division of Paisley Park Enterprises in Chanhassen, a Minneapolis suburb where Prince lives and has his recording studio.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

THURSDAY JULY 12, 1990

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	KMID Cable 3	KOSA Cable 8	KTPX Cable 9	KPEJ Cable 14	FAM Cable 4	WTBS Cable 7	SIN Cable 10	WGN Cable 11	ESPN Cable 12	KOCV Cable 13	HSE Cable 20
7:00	Good Morning America	This Morning	Today	Menace Muppets	Worship Mapletown	Gilligan Bewitched	Los Ninos Los Ninos	Bozo	Nation's Bus. SportsCenter	Body Electric 3-2-1 Contact	
8:00	"	"	"	Flintstones C.O.P.S.	Our House	Hillbillies Andy Griffith	Movie: "Otra Primavera"	Bugs Bunny Beaver	Dr. Racing: Spring Nat.	Sesame Street	
9:00	Sally Jessy Raphael	Family Food Wheel-Fortune	Let's Make D. Concentr.	Airwolf	700 Club	Movie: "The Comeback"	"	Robert Tilton	Tractor Pull Champ.	Mister Rogers Reading	
10:00	Home	Price Is Right	Golden Girls Marsha W.	Robert Tilton	Heart to Heart Scott Ross	Kid	El Extranio Retorno	Joan Rivers	Getting Fit Basic Training	Wall St. Week Computer	
11:00	Joan Rivers	Young and the Restless	3rd Degree Generations	Dick Van Dyke Bob Newhart	Master's Wok Healthy Kids	CHiPs	La Indomable	Geraldo	In Motion Bodyshaping	Strip Quilting W. Alexander	
12:00	All My Children	Everyday Bold, Bea	Days of Our Lives	Benson It's a Living	Let's Eat! Chefs	Movie: "At the Earth's Core"	Agua Viva	News	U.S. Olympic Festival	Master Chef's Voyage-Miami	
1:00	One Life to Live	As the World Turns	Another World	Brady Bunch B. Hillbillies	Campbell's	"	Cantare Para Ti	Abbott Bob Newhart	PBA Bowling	The '90s	
2:00	General Hospital	Guiding Light	Santa Barbara	700 Club	Father Knows Father Knows	Tom & Jerry	TV Mujer	Day at a Time Kotter	Hammer Senior Open	Masterpiece Theatre	
3:00	Geraldo	Oprah Winfrey	Magnum, P.I.	Chipmunks DuckTales	Funtown Dinosaucers	Flintstones Brady Bunch	Cars	Yogi Bear DuckTales	LPGA Golf: U.S. Open	Secret City Mister Rogers	
4:00	Donahue	Growing Pains Dill. Stokes	The Judge People's Court	Chip 'n' Dale Jetsons	Batman Batman	Munsters Good Times	Cristina	Chip 'n' Dale Fun House	Reading Sesame Street	Weight Room Motor Traxx	
5:00	Cosby Show ABC News	News NBC News	News NBC News	Highway to Heaven	Hardcastle	B. Hillbillies Andy Griffith	Cocina de J. Noticias Uni.	Jeffersons Newhart	Th. Broads SportsLook	European	Body by Janis Rodeo Road
6:00	News Wheel-Fortune	News Defacto	News Current Affair	Mama's F. Andy Griffith	Scarecrow and Mrs. King	Jeffersons Major League	Amanda Sabater	Andy Griffith Bewitched	SportsCenter U.S. Olympic	MacNeil/Lehrer	Salt Angler Texas Fishing
7:00	Father Dowling Mysteries	48 Hours	Cosby Show Div. World	Movie: "An Officer and a Gentleman"	George Washington	Baseball: Montreal Expos at	Amandote II	Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Chicago	Festival Video	American Jazz Video	Sports Talk Baseball: Philadelphia Phil.
8:00	Young Riders	Wings	Cheers Grand	Gentleman	"	Atlanta Braves	Simplemente Maria	Angels at Chicago	"	Mystery: Holmes	Baseball: Philadelphia Phil.
9:00	Primetime Live	Northern Exposure	L.A. Law	Hunter	700 Club	Movie: "The Untouchables"	Fame-Fortune Noticiero Uni.	Cubs	"	Alive On Ctr. Trying Times	lies at Houston Astros
10:00	News Cheers	News Defacto	News Tonight Show	Arsenio Hall	Batman George Washington	Killer Elite	Movie: "Otra Primavera"	News Magnum, P.I.	Baseball SportsCenter	Bookmark World of Ideas	PGA Golf
11:00	Wealth With Ent. Tonight	Stingray	David Letterman	Movie: "Midas"	Love Connect	Ington	"	"Daughter of the Jungle"	Motorcycle Racing	Government Telecourse	CART Week This Week in
12:00	Nightline Hard Copy	The Prisoner	man Wealth With	"	Paid Program	"	Movie: "Brannigan"	Fame-Fortune Noticiero Uni.	Auto Racing: SCCA	Sign-Off	NASCAR Indy Wld.

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7:00	Movie: "Three Men and a Cradle"	Movie: "Hollywood Squares"	Donald Duck Umbrella Tree	Movie: "The First Time"	Wilder Babar	VideoMorning	Jack Carter on press	Heathcliff Pinwheel	Hemingway	Melody Mt. Harmon	Popeye Hour Fraggle Rock
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10:00	"	"	Electrical Parade	"	Wimbledon Tennis	"	Land of the Giants	Elephant Penner's	Movie: "Russian Roulette"	K. Copeland Laverne Tripp	"
11:00	Movie: "Allen From L.A."	Movie: "Assassination"	Lunch Box Music Box	Movie: "The 5,000 Fingers of Dr. T."	Movie: "Fast Food"	American Magazine	Music Name Tune	David-Gnome Little Koala	"	Hal Lindsey Ron Cottle	Movie: "Always Leave a Little Love"
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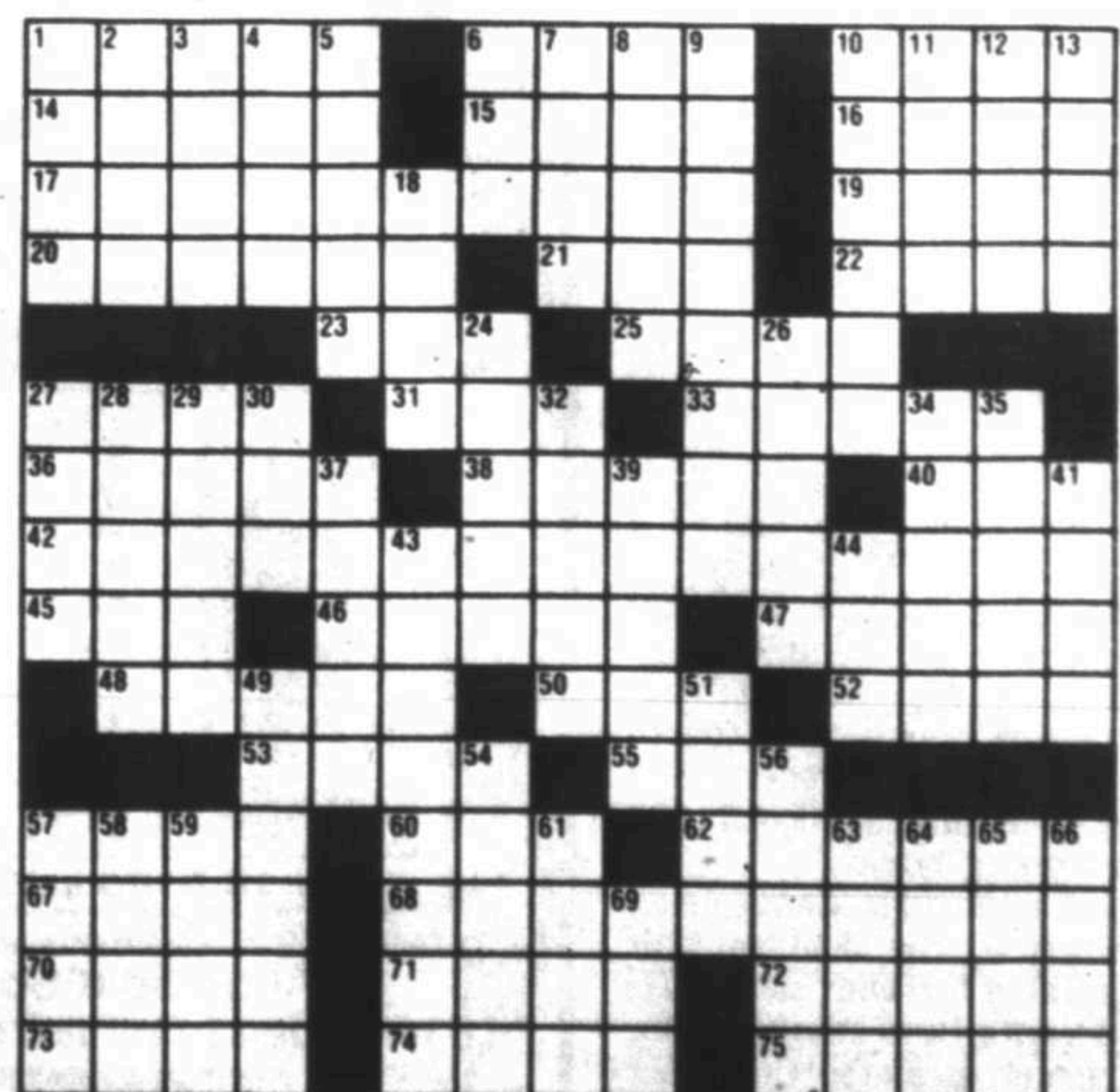
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Trouble arises in Dolphinland

MIAMI (AP) — The widow of Miami Dolphins founder Joe Robbie said Wednesday a family feud led two of her sons to fire their brother as executive vice president of Robbie Stadium Corp.

"The family situation has deteriorated," Elizabeth Robbie said. "I'm very hurt, very saddened."

She said the dispute, surfacing six months after Joe Robbie's death, stems partly from the family's sale in March of 15 percent of the team and 50 percent of Joe Robbie Stadium to

Blockbuster Entertainment Corp. chairman H. Wayne Huizenga.

The trustees Monday fired Mike Robbie, who had been chosen by his father last year to manage the stadium.

Mike Robbie said he was called into a meeting with Tim and Dan Robbie and dismissed. "There really wasn't any reason given," he said. "I've been working since 1971 for the organization, so naturally it was a surprise. My dad wanted me to be working there."

Women's Open produces wide open field

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Pick a name. Any name.

How about defending champion Betsy King? Or leading money-winner Patty Sheehan? Pat Bradley? Nancy Lopez?

"It's very hard to pick a winner," said Amy Alcott, herself a strong choice to win this weekend's U.S. Women's Open, which begins Thursday. "There's so much depth on the tour now. The players are so much stronger."

Alcott has struggled this year, is playing better lately and has won the Open before.

"I'm 30 something on the money list, but I'd pick myself as a definite favorite," said the 33-year-old Alcott, 33rd on the money list with \$65,691, including a second place finish two weeks ago. "But, you have to go with the people who are playing well like Pat Bradley, Pat-

ty Sheehan and Betsy King. Still, you never know."

Bradley and Sheehan are three-time winners on the LPGA tour this year and King is fourth on the money list at \$276,431.

The field of 156 includes 25 amateurs who compete over the 6,298-yard, par 72 Riverside Course at the Atlanta Athletic Club.

Alcott, who won the Open in 1980, has four major titles among her 28 LPGA victories, two shy of gaining entrance to the Hall of Fame.

"Getting into the Hall is important," she said. "It's tough getting into because it's not like baseball where you're voted in. You have to get those 30 victories. It's kind of controversial. Some say it's too hard."

"But to my way of thinking, I'm in the Hall of Fame regardless if I hit a golf ball again."

But I'd like to do it officially.

"It's not something I think about every day or every week, but I do think about it."

"I've got three already this year," the 39-year-old Bradley said. "Maybe I can get one or two more this year and one or two next year. It's a motivational point. It kind of makes it more fun."

As for capturing another Open, Bradley is upbeat despite a slight back injury last week.

"I've been a little tentative, but I think I'll hold my own," she said.

As for a favorite, she likes Sheehan, King or Beth Daniel.

"You have to focus on Patty Sheehan, who has been playing very well or Betsy King. Beth has also been playing very well," said Bradley.

SOFTBALL: Tournaments boost economy

(From 1C)

ing used during a tournament of this size.

Add food, incidentals and any kind of shopping that may be done, and it's easy to see that nearly a half-million dollars could be spent over the course of one tournament weekend.

In fact, Lundy estimated that softball tournaments could provide local merchants with about one-quarter of an estimated \$8 million in convention income this year.

In 1989, there were 91 local conventions — not counting softball tournaments — that hosted about 100,000 delegates and pumped about \$6 million into the local economy, Lundy said the pace is similar this year.

One thing that sets a softball tournament apart from other conventions is the wide demographic range among the visitors.

"When you have a convention of petroleum engineers, you're getting people of about the same age and interests," Lundy said. "With a softball tournament, you have a wide range of (consumer) needs."

While restaurants and motels are the most obvious beneficiaries, other retail merchants also benefit from the influx of softballers.

"One player bought a T-shirt from a particular shop, and soon the whole team had T-shirts from this shop," Lundy said. "This year, the owners want to know when the big tournaments are."

Excepting the UGS tourney, which is held at Ulmer Park, Midland's big softball tourneys are held at the Bill Williams Softball Complex in Hogan Park, which was built in 1984 to accommodate the growing demand for softball.

But bids to these big tournaments don't just fall from the sky. Bidding is an involved process requiring a lot of preparation and personality.

Bids are taken in the fall at both the state and national meetings of the Amateur Softball Association. Midland Softball Association Executive Director Karl Reagan said MSA officials set up a booth at the annual meetings, often alongside sporting goods manufacturers.

Reagan admits that "Midland has been fortunate" in its ability to draw the top tourneys.

The skill involved is in getting them to come back. Reagan said there's two major reasons why the Midland group is successful in that aspect.

"They come back for ... the facilities and the host and hostess assigned to each team," he said. "We also have sufficient lodging."

District 26 commissioner Freddie Ezell said the longevity of key Midland softball officials is another factor in MSA's ability to receive repeated bids.

"It's the elbows you rub and people you get to know," Ezell said. "The longer you're involved in it, the more people you know," Ezell said.

Based on longevity alone, both Ezell and Reagan should know most everyone they need to. Ezell recently earned his 20-year pin from the ASA for his service as District 26 commissioner, while Reagan, a graphic artist by trade,

has been involved in Midland softball since his arrival here in 1964.

Reagan took his current position after retiring from Petroleum Information, where he was Director of Graphic Arts and Communication. Ezell, a crew foreman for TU Electric, has lived in Midland since 1957 — the year slow-pitch softball started in Midland.

Don't think Reagan has retired to a life of luxury, especially during tournament season. Eighteen-to-20 hour days are the norm on a big tourney weekend, he said.

"We'll get here about an hour before the first game, and stay about an hour after the last game is over," Reagan said.

And the tournament is really just the culmination of all the preparatory work," he added.

"After we receive the bid, we have to verify the entries, set up

the brackets and call the teams.

For national tournaments, there's a draw (usually at a pre-tourney luncheon), but for the state tournaments, we set the brackets," Reagan explained.

MSA will bid up to \$20,000 on a tournament, though most bids are from \$10,000 to \$15,000, but Reagan said the organization recovers its bid money on gate receipts, T-shirt and beer sales (on adult non-church tourneys).

Youth tournaments bring larger bids because more out-of-towners generally attend, making them more lucrative for the sponsoring association.

Tourneys are big business because people like to play and watch slow-pitch softball, Reagan said.

"Slow-pitch got going in the early 60s because it wasn't as competi-

tive as fast-pitch," Reagan said.

Not that it's all fun and games. The Major, or top ASA division is comprised of many outstanding athletes, many with power to hit a home run nearly every time up.

But other divisions are comprised of weekend athletes.

"It is a sport for everybody," Reagan said. "We've got people in their 50s and 60s playing in our local leagues."

Slow-pitch appeals to the fans, too. While fast-pitch is often dominated by pitching, slow-pitch often features high scoring and flashy defensive play.

"People like the action," Reagan concluded.

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Falcons make McCants rich

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Keith McCants couldn't wait any longer. He pushed his attorney to reach a contract agreement with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and signed a five-year deal on Wednesday.

Terms of the contract were not disclosed, but the Mobile (Ala.) Press-Register reported the former Alabama star — the fourth player drafted — will receive \$7.4 million, including a record \$2.5 million signing bonus.

Lance Luchnick, McCants' attorney, described the deal as "fair and equitable for both sides." He said talks with Bucs administrator Phil Krueger escalated this week after McCants told him he wouldn't be satisfied to merely sign before the Bucs open training camp on July 20.

McCants, who left Alabama after his junior year, was considered the top prospect in the draft.

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Stocks soar

The stock market climbed to a new high Wednesday, rebounding from a setback Tuesday. Analysts say the advance was propelled by program trading engaged in multiple strategies involving stock-index options and futures.

A steady market was seen as the biggest plus among analysts as the market held steady in the face of a succession of disappointments as companies begin to make known second quarter earnings.

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Oil higher

NEW YORK (AP) — Energy futures prices ended higher Wednesday, boosted by an OPEC resolve to rein in production, a favorable report on energy stocks and rumor of earthquake damage to Alaska oil installations, traders said.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, the contract for August delivery of West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark U.S. crude oil, rose 53 cents to \$17.47 a 42-gallon barrel, following a 36-cent rise Tuesday. Later contract months climbed by lesser amounts.

Gasoline prices also rose. The August contract for wholesale unleaded gasoline settled .14 cent higher at 56 cents a gallon, following a 1.01-cent rise Tuesday. Later contract months rose by greater amounts.

The market's tone was set by a weekly report from the American Petroleum Institute, released after the market closed Tuesday, that showed a drop in stocks of crude oil and gasoline from the previous week, traders said.

A moderate earthquake shook parts of southeast Alaska and the southwest corner of the Yukon early Wednesday, but no damage or injuries were reported. However, a rumor swept the energy markets that oil operations were harmed, helping to boost prices, Lewis said.

In natural gas trading, the August contract was unchanged from Tuesday at \$1.600 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Dollar up

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar rebounded modestly Wednesday, but foreign exchange dealers predicted the U.S. currency would resume its downward course in short order.

Gold prices were mixed, moving higher overseas but falling in later New York trading.

The dollar picked up more than 2 cents against the British pound and more than 1 pfennig against the West German mark in New York trading. Dealers attributed Wednesday's gains to profit-taking as traders sold other currencies that have soared in recent weeks against the dollar.

Gold bullion prices rose overseas after falling \$4 Tuesday on reports that between 10 and 15 tons of the metal had been unloaded by Middle East sources. But gold was lower in domestic trading.



Former Sunbelt chairman indicted

■ The former chairman of Sunbelt Savings, Edwin T. McBirney III, has been indicted on federal fraud charges, a month after the indictment of another high-flying S&L owner, Don Dixon of Vernon Savings.

By John A. Bolt

DALLAS (AP) — Edwin T. McBirney III, whose Sunbelt Savings Association earned the nickname "Gunbelt Savings" during his 4-year ownership, was indicted Wednesday on federal fraud charges stemming from a \$700 million real estate deal in California.

FBI agent Pat Dorsey said the deal was one of the reasons Sunbelt collapsed in 1988 in a \$2.5 billion federal bailout that ranks as one of the largest on record.

The indictment, announced jointly in Washington and Dallas, comes just one month after the indictment of former Vernon Savings & Loan chairman Don-

ald R. Dixon.

Dixon, along with other former high-profile thrift executives, have been much sought after by regulators cleaning up after the failures of savings and loans.

In Washington, Attorney General Dick Thornburgh called the indictment "another milestone in our crackdown on fraud in the thrift industry, a case involving a cost of more than \$2 billion to the taxpayers."

U.S. Attorney Marvin Collins of Dallas, also in Washington, said the indictment charged that McBirney participated in

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GE creates new synthetic diamond

■ General Electric has announced the creation of a new synthetic diamond that can better transmit heat and light, which could lead to major advances in microchip design and laser applications.

By Malcolm W. Browne
N.Y. Times News Service

General Electric Co. has announced that it had created a new form of diamond with an enhanced ability to transmit heat and light.

Company spokesmen said it could lead to important advances in microchip design and new applications for lasers.

GE said that the synthetic diamond conducts heat 50 percent better than natural diamond, which hitherto was the best known heat conductor.

In addition, the new diamond is highly transparent.

It can absorb 10 times more laser light than a natural diamond before sustaining damage.

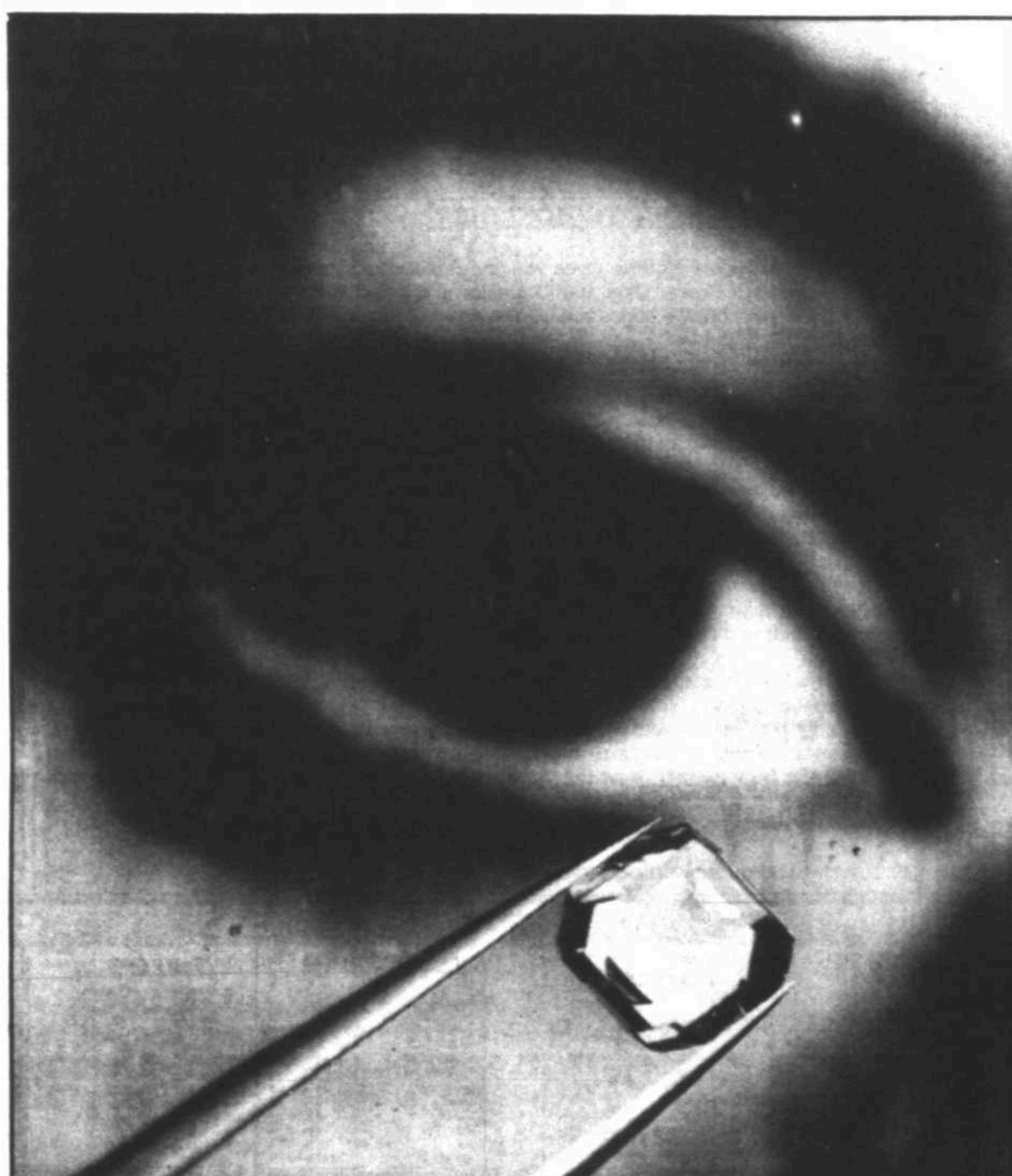
Applications are expected to include the microelectronic signal boosters installed in optical-fiber communication cables laid across ocean floors, where replacing chips that fail because of overheating would be difficult or impossible.

GE also expects the new diamonds, used in conjunction with other materials, to encourage the design of more powerful and faster computers, by enabling microchip designers to pack components of the chips closer together without the danger of overheating.

The new diamond's supertransparency to laser light means that it can be used to make laser-cutting tools more efficient and laser-measurement devices more accurate, GE said.

It may also allow designers to use lasers in new semiconductor fabrication techniques.

GE said that the potential initial market for the new diamonds was from \$50 million to \$100 million and that the discovery was "an enabling technology" that should allow other companies to develop a range of applications not yet foreseen.



GE's new synthetic diamond, able to better transmit heat and light, is displayed.

GE said it planned, by the end of the month, to establish the price for the new diamond and to begin building an inventory for its initial sales push this fall, said Edward J. Russell, vice president and general manager of GE's superabrasives group.

GE is the dominant producer of synthetic diamonds for a wide range of industrial uses, with diamond revenues of about \$300 million — about half the world market.

The new diamond would compete with natural diamonds and some synthetic crystals made by companies like Sumitomo of Japan, Russell said.

The announcement was hailed as a major scientific achievement by executives and diamond researchers, but

most said the technological impact might be limited unless the diamond could be inexpensively manufactured and made available in a variety of shapes and forms.

"It's a tremendous technological achievement, but we still have to find out a lot of things" about its practical applications, said Neil Henderson, vice president in charge of Norton Co.'s diamond film programs.

Dr. Rustum Roy, head of the Diamond and Related Materials Center at Pennsylvania State University, said creation of the diamond showed the United States was still capable of important technological discoveries.

Natura Energy being revived

By John Paul Pitts
Business & Oil Editor

Some Midland stockholders could be in for a pleasant surprise if plans to revive a bankrupt Midland corporation goes through.

Midland stockbroker Glenn Little says he has brought the corporate shell of Natura Energy Corp. out of Chapter 11 and is in hopes of finding enough of the former stock holders to make it a viable shell.

Once it has been established as a viable shell, Little says he hopes to sell it to a company who will load it with assets and go public. That could give stockholders some, although small, value to a stock that had previously been written.

"There was previously no hope at all for this stock," said Little, "now there is some hope."

Following an exchange of stock for debt and funds supplied by Little & Co., Natura Energy could exit bankruptcy within the next 90 days. Little says there are about 3,000 stockholders and that approximately 1,000 reside in Midland.

Formed in the early 1980s, Natura rode the crest of the Denver penny stock market, exploding from 10 cents per share to over \$1.40. "It then went South in a

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Government recovering S&L funds

■ Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. chairman L. William Seidman said the government is recovering millions in misspent S&L funds, and says the government is considering suing officers of 1,300 failed thrifts, including Neil Bush.

By Dave Skidmore

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is recovering misspent funds from the officers and directors of failed savings institutions and banks at a rate better than \$1 million a day, a top regulator said Wednesday.

L. William Seidman, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., said his agency was investigating whether to file suit against the officers of 1,300 failed thrifts and banks and has already filed suit against officials of 500 institutions.

Approximately \$100 million was recovered last year and more than \$200 million in the first half of this year, he said.

"That is in excess of \$1 million per day in recoveries" in 1990, he said.

President Bush's son, Neil, could be among the defendants in a suit. He served as a director of Silverado Banking, Savings and Loan Association, Denver, which collapsed in December 1988 at an estimated cost to taxpayers of \$1 billion.

Seidman, who appeared with administration officials before the House Judiciary subcommittee on criminal justice, declined to comment on when a decision would be made on the Silverado case. Agency officials have said they are considering a suit to recover losses from Silverado directors.

Administration officials have been increasingly hammered by Democrats to demonstrate that they are doing enough to prosecute fraud and recover S&L losses. The S&L problem is emerging as a hot issue in this year's congressional races.



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SCOTT BURNS

Seeking higher rates can cause problems

By Scott Burns

Q. I would like to take my pension of \$214,000 out because I want to get more interest than 8 percent on the money. But at the same time I don't want to pay federal and state tax. Do you have any advice on where to put the money? — J.M., Ramsey, N.J.

A. If your pension has already gone into an IRA rollover you can transfer it to another trustee that offers different investment options. Suppose, for instance, that your IRA rollover is with a bank and your nestegg is committed to CDs — you didn't tell me so I have to guess — then you are limited to choosing between CD offerings. Recently, Bankquote Online (a New York-based service that tracks CD yields nationwide) shows that CD rates,



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on average, varied from 7.49 percent for three months to 8.11 percent for five years.

In fact, while you can do a good deal of hunting for higher rate CDs, it's difficult to do a whole lot better. Moving the money to a mutual fund trustee may not provide you with the return you want, either.

Why?

Because returns that are much higher than 8 percent involve significantly higher levels of risk. Let me give you some examples from Fidelity Investments, the largest mutual fund company:

Fidelity Spartan Money Market — 8.59 percent. One reason this fund is at the top of the government money market yield list is that the firm isn't charging the full management fee.

Fidelity Government Securities — 8.43 percent.

Fidelity GNMA fund — 8.77 percent.

Fidelity Short Term Bond fund — 9.07 percent.

And that's about as good as it gets.

Invest your money so that you average a return of, say, 8.50 percent and you will increase your income by just over \$1,000 a year without a significant increase in risk. While yields vary from investment company to investment company, they are representative of yields in funds that invest in similar assets. Offerings from Dreyfus, Scudder, T. Rowe Price, and Vanguard would be similar.

You could, of course, increase your income to 13.3 percent by investing in something like Fidelity's High Income (junk bond) fund. Unfortunately, the total return of that fund was MINUS 3.22 percent in 1989 and MINUS 1.76 percent in the first five months of this year.

In other words, reach for high yields and you could get your hands cut off.

My suggestion is that you diversify your retirement fund over a number of maturities so that your income is relatively stable and then concentrate on living within the income that is

produced.

Q. In a recent column you mentioned mutual fund companies that specialize in, or offer, funds that invest in U.S. Treasuries or GNMA securities. Could you provide a listing of their 800 telephone numbers? — L.O., San Antonio, Texas.

A. Certainly. Here they are, along with their home state:
Dreyfus (N.Y.) 800-221-4062
Fidelity (Mass.) 800-544-6666
T. Rowe Price (Md.) 800-638-5660
Scudder (Mass.) 800-225-2470
Vanguard (Pa.) 800-662-7447

According to the Investment Company Institute, an industry group that provides information on mutual fund sales and redemptions, most fund categories are enjoying strong net sales this year. In fixed income funds only government funds and high yield funds are in net redemption. I suspect redemptions in the first group are concentrated in those funds that promised investors they

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INVESTORS' GUIDE

Library has quarterly stock performances

By Bill Doyle

I have a deferred compensation plan at work to supplement my pension. The insurance company managing the plan sends me a statement every calendar quarter. The statement for January 1 through March 31 showed a loss on my investment in stocks, all of which are quality blue chips.

I follow the stock market and, to the best of my knowledge, stocks did not do bad in that period. Where can I find statistics on how stocks performed in the first quarter of this year?

A. Visit just about any public library, where you will find microfilm records of newspapers and financial magazines. Right after the end of each quarter, most newspapers mention how well or badly the market did during the preceding three months. Financial magazines do the same thing — some in more detail, some in less.

If you want to check the quarter's performance of individual stocks, just turn the microfilm dials to newspaper stock tables dated January 1 and April 1.

I'll save you some of that time and effort, if you will be satisfied with a report of first quarter general stock market performance. Your recollection is faulty. That period was a market bummer.

In this year's first quarter, the Dow Jones Average of 30 Industrial Stocks, the most widely followed measurement of stock market movements, went from 2,758.20 to 2,707.21, a loss of 1.67 percent. Over the same time span, the Standard & Poor's Index of 500 Stocks fell 3.81 percent and the New York Stock Exchange Composite Index of all stocks listed on the Big Board dropped 4.20 percent.

It's possible the stocks in your deferred compensation plan did better than the popular averages. More likely, however, the prices of your stocks slipped along with the general market.

Q. Twice in the past year, we have had occasion to sell stocks. Last summer, we contracted through a local brokerage firm

to sell 200 shares of as of that day "at the market." After numerous inquiries, culminating in a phone call to the brokerage office manager, we finally received a check — four weeks later.

In early April, we sent certificates to a different brokerage, with instructions to sell some of the shares and transfer the rest. Again, after several calls, we still have not received the money or the transferred shares.

Other people we know are getting the same runaround. Are these people using our money? Is there a better way to sell? Years ago, one could just walk into a local bank with the certificate of shares to be sold. The bank would send the sell order to a broker and the check was back in about five days.

A. That can still be done, assuming you have a good relationship with the bank. Many banks will handle that for customers. Just be prepared to pay a bank service fee, in addition to the broker's commission. If all goes smoothly, you should have your check after five business days. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays lengthen that "settlement" period. Brokers often are likely to speed payments through banks, from which they get more business, than from individuals who sell or buy occasionally.

The answer to your two questions is "yes." Since you obviously made "good delivery" of endorsed certificates in transferable form, those brokerages received payment by the fifth day after your sales. Until the checks they finally send you are cashed and cleared, the brokerages have the use of your money.

You can beat that dodge in the future either by selling through a bank that will accommodate you or through a broker and making it clear you want your check on the fifth day after the sale — even if you have to go to the brokerage office to get it.

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REVIVE: Efforts not easy

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hurry," said Little, who has been working for the past two years to bring the corporation out of Chapter 7. He said the bankruptcy court was prepared to cancel the charter and write it off. "Everyone had just walked away from Natura. There was no interest in it at all."

He said there was great benefit to a firm that buys a ready made corporate shell. "It gives them the ability to go public immediately. All they have to do is add assets, elect officers and go."

He noted that one of the more

successful oil companies today Sage Energy, originally started with only a corporate shell. "It can take as much as \$250,000 and hours of legal hassles to create a public corporation," he said.

Little has not been without his own hassles. He said it took some persuasion for the judge to bring it out of Chapter 7 and a bitter fight with the New York transfer agent, before they would release corporate records.

Little says he is looking to call a stockholders meeting in the near future. Natura stockholders interested in pursuing their options should contact Little & Co. in Midland.

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

TRC DISTRICT 8

ANDREWS COUNTY

Martin (Tubb) Oryx Energy Co. No. 14 Nellie C. Martin; 2100 fwi, 750 fwi, sec 17, blk A-41, PSL, 14 SW Andrews; TD 7450.

Oryx Energy Co. No. 18 Nellie C. Martin; 1980 fwi, 680 fwi, sec 17, blk A-41, PSL, 14 SW Andrews; TD 7450.

Oryx Energy Co. No. 20 Nellie C. Martin; 680 fwi, 1980 fwi, sec 17, blk A-41, PSL, 17 SW Andrews; TD 7450.

Martin (Tubb) 6164, Martin (Wichita) 6710 Oryx Energy Co. No. 22 Nellie C. Martin; 487 fwi, 3180 fwi, sec 17, blk A-41, PSL, 19 NW Andrews; TD 7450.

Martin, West (Fusselman) Oryx Energy Co. No. 23 Nellie C. Martin; 450 fwi, 330 fwi, sec 17, blk A-41, PSL, 14 SW Andrews; TD 7450.

Parker, (Penn) 6,837, Andrews, N (Devon) 12,662, Andrews, N (Ellenburger) 12,662.

Union Oil Co. of California No. 3 Daddford Unit; 680 fwi, 680 fwi, sec 8, blk A-44, PSL, 1 S Andrews; TD 12,662.

HOWARD COUNTY

Howard Glasscock (Gloria) 2900 Conoco, Inc. No. 3 WNLAR Read; 900 fwi, 341 fwi, sec 142, blk 29, WNW, 8 E Forean; TD 3011.

MARTIN COUNTY

Exxon Energy Corp. No. 27 Broadview "B"; 154 fwi, 208 fwi, lab 54, lge 258, Briscoe CSL, 3 SW Patricia; TD 12,600.

PECOS COUNTY

Lycio (Cherry Canyon) "Triple 'N' Well Service, Inc. No. 1 Branderburg; 1880 fwi, 2000 fwi, sec 44, blk 6, H&GN, 8 NE Coyones; TD 6800.

COMPLETIONS

TRC DISTRICT 8

ANDREWS COUNTY

Dollarhide (Clearfork) Union Oil Co. of California No. 9054C Dollarhide Unit; 904 fwi, 1280 fwi, sec 16, blk A-52, PSL, 31 SW Andrews; Elev 3174 GR, TD 7680, PB 7634, Completed 5/25/90, Potentialized 6/29/90 pumping 20 bopd, 28 MCF, 19 bopd, 39.2 API, 1400:1 GOR, Casing 4.5 at 9000, Perforations: 8361-8816, Top of pay 8561.

STERLING COUNTY

Sugg Ranch (Canyon) IP Petroleum Co. Inc. No. 5 Bailey "32"; 660 fwi, 1630 fwi, sec 32, blk 7, H&TC, 13 SW Sterling City; Elev 2528 GR, TD 7825, PB 7748, Completed 6/15/90, Potentialized 6/29/90, flowing 108 bopd, 1100 MCF, 96 bopd, 48 API, 10,185:1 GOR, 16 5/8 inch choke, 1020 FTP, 1350 cp, Casing 4.5 at 7795, Perforations: 7441-7635, Acid: 1947 gals 15 percent mud acid, Frac: 188,330 lbs 20/40 Ottawa sand, 97,500 gals gel, Formation tops: Spraberry 4685, Dean 5945, Wolfcamp 6130, Canyon Sand 7440, Top of pay 7440.

WINKLER COUNTY

Halley J.C. Thomas No. 35 E.W. Cowden; 660 fwi, 660 fwi, sec 2, blk B-12, PSL, 3 E Wink, Elev 2807 DF, TD 3703, PB 3479, Completed 6/12/90, Potentialized 6/17/90, pumping 12 bopd, 1 MCF, 64 bopd, 83:1 GOR, Casing 7 at 9641, Perforations: 7234-7332, Acid: 3000 gals 15 percent NEFE, Formation tops: Penn 8641, Devonian 9654, Clear Fork 7260.

MARTIN COUNTY

Mabee Teaco Producing Inc. No. 70 Mabee Foundation A NCT-4, 640 fwi, 1159 fwi, sec 19, blk 39, T-2N, G&MBSA, 34.70 NW Stanton; Elev 2903 KB, TD 4787, PB 4785, Completed 6/20/90, Potentialized 6/24/90, pumping 32 bopd, 13 MCF, 149 bopd, 32 API, 406:3 GOR, Casing 5.5 at 4787, Perforations: 4682-4746, Acid: 5000 gals 28 percent NEFE, Formation tops: 4682, Top of pay 4682.

Phoenix (Grayburg) Beach Exploration Inc. No. 25 South Phoenix (Grayburg) Unit; 754 fwi, 1976 fwi, sec 1, blk 37, T-2N, T&P, 6 N Lanorah; Elev 2848 G, GL, TD 4164, PB 4118, Completed 6/21/90, Potentialized 7/2/90, pumping 8 bopd, 110 bopd, 36.7 API, Casing 4.5 at 4156, Perforations: 4096-4100, Acid: 500 gals 10 percent NEFE, Frac: 15,000 gals gelled water, 22,000 lbs 20/40 sand, Formation tops: Grayburg 4096, Top of pay 4106.

Spraberry (Trend Area) Spraberry & Parley, LTD No. 1 Dove "R"; 910 fwi, 660 fwi, lab 18, lge 324, LaSalle CSL, 13 SW Tarzan; TD 9700, PB 9682, Completed 6/12/90, Potentialized 7/3/90, pumping 45 bopd, 45 MCF, 180 bopd, 39.1 API, 1000:1 GOR, Casing 4.5 at 9700, Perforations: 8076-9645, Acid: 5000 gals 15 percent HCL, Frac: 451,000 lbs 20/40 sand, Formation tops: Upper Spraberry 8072, Top Lower Spraberry 8592, Top Dean 9372, Base Dean 9552, Top of pay 8076.

COCHRAN COUNTY

ATAPCO (Midland) No. 4 Miller Wright; 1067 fwi, 270 fwi, lab 16, lge 97, Brewster CSL, 6 W Whiteface; TD 5020, Pumping 202 bopd, 163 bopd, 29 API, 609:1 GOR, Casing 5.5 at 5025, Perforations: 4888-4926.

GARZA COUNTY

Post (Gloria) Bill C. Burns (Midland) No. 1-A Exxon; 330 fwi, 330 fwi, sec 6, blk 6, H&GN, 3 E Justicewell; TD 2653, Pumping 10 bopd, 107 bopd, 38 API, 1400:1 GOR, Casing 4.5 at 2641, Perforations: 2507-2552.

WILDCAT Texaco Producing Inc. (Midland) No. 2-A K. Stoker; 859 fwi, 572 fwi, sec 944, blk 97, H&TC, 9 SE Post; TD 5128, PB 4750, Pumping 50 bopd, 147 bopd, 32.5 API, 20:1 GOR, Casing 5.5 at 5128, Perforations: 4294-4311, Acid: 1800, Frac: 25,000 gals, 40,500 lbs sand, Formation tops: Gloria 3100, Clearfork 3290, Spraberry 4234.

HOCKLEY COUNTY

Texaco Inc. (Midland) No. 76 Ira P. DeLoache; 1293 fwi, 1296 fwi, lab 23, lge 78, Reeves CSL, 3.5 S Pettit; TD 4870, Pumping 113 bopd, 58 bopd, 32:1 API, 531:1 GOR, Casing 5.5 at 4870.

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MIDLAND COUNTY

Spraberry (Trend Area Dean Wolfcamp) Mobil Producing TX & NM Inc. No. 39 Sam R. Preston; 2000 fwi, 2700 fwi, sec 31, blk 37, T-4-S, T&P, 24 SE Midland; Elev 2750 KB, TD 9000, PB 8920, Completed 2/21/90, Potentialized 6/29/90 pumping 20 bopd, 28 MCF, 19 bopd, 39.2 API, 1400:1 GOR, Casing 4.5 at 9000, Perforations: 8361-8816, Top of pay 8561.

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KENT COUNTY

Maben (Cisco) Sojourner Drilling Corp. (Abilene) No. 2-A Maben; 1925 fwi, 1925 fwi, sec 141, blk 1, H&GN, 16 W Girard; TD 5800, Pumping 40 bopd, 20 bopd, 38 API, Perforations: 5617-5637.

TRC DISTRICT 7C

REAGAN COUNTY

Spraberry (Trend Area) John L. Cox (Midland) No. 20 J.F. Nunn "A"; 660 fwi, 660 fwi, sec 18, blk B, L&SV, Abat 924, 30 NW Big Lake; TD 8260, PB 8250, Pumping 22 bopd, 40 bopd, 38 API, 1045:1 GOR, Casing 4.5 at 8260, Perforations: 8035-8184, Frac: 60,000 gals gel, 120,000 lbs sand.

UPTON COUNTY

Willrode Kerr-McGee Corp. (Houston) No. 4 Darby; 254 fwi, 2032 fwi, sec 140, blk ME, CCSOARGO, Abat 1053, TD 10,350, PB 9170, Pumping 2.8 bopd, 0 bopd, 39.1 API, 4642:1 GOR, Casing 4.5 at 10,350, Perforations: 7468-7612, Acid: 7400 gals, Formation tops: Lower Leonard 7431, Dean 8102, Wolfcamp 8265, Cisco 8810, Strawn 9510, Bend 10,111, Top of pay 7468.

NEW MEXICO

EDDY COUNTY

Grayburg-Jackson Marbob Energy Corp. No. 43 M. Dodd "A"; 330 fwi, 1650 fwi, sec 14, T17s, R29e, Elev 3807.4, TD 4555, PB 4523, Completed 4/24/90, Potentialized 4/27/90, pumping 28 bopd, 60 MCF, 60 bopd, Casing 5 1/2 inches at 4533, Perforations 2754 to 3334, Acid: 400 gals 10 percent NEFE, Frac: 80,000 gals gel, 200 sacks 20/40 sand, 500 sacks 12/20 sand, 500 sacks 8/16 sand, Formation tops: Salt 405, Base Salt 680, Grayburg 2250, Metex 2430, San Andres 2516, Lovington 2610, Top of pay 2754.

Jalmit Texaco Producing Inc. No. 88 Eugene Coats; 1880 fwi, 1980 fwi, sec 3, T24s, R36e, Elev 3287, TD 3245, PB 3240, Completed 5/15/90, Potentialized 5/19/90, flowing 3.6 Mmcf, Casing 5 1/2 inches at 3245, Perforations 2950 to 3200, Acid: 6500 gals, 7.5 percent NEFE, Frac: 105,000 gals gel, 372,500 lbs sand, Formation tops: Anhydrite 1310, Salt 1440, Base Salt 2876, Yates 3082, Top of pay 2950.

Red Lake Oryx Energy Co. No. 1 Scoggins Draw "C"; State Com. 1980 fwi, 1980 fwi, sec 16, T18s, R29e, Elev 3432.8, TD 9910, PB 9818, Completed 3/24/90, CAOF 790 MCF, 18 5/8 inch choke, FTP 390 psi, Casing 4 1/2 inches at 9910, Perforations 9542 to 9593, Formation tops: Queen 887, Grayburg 1420, San Andres 1672, Gloria 3210, Aba 5210, Wolfcamp 6160, Pennsylvania 7996, Canyon 8100, Strawn 8604, Atoka 9174, Morrow 9304, Top of pay 9542.

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Schoolcraft has low-cost substitute

EDITOR'S NOTE: In this five-part serialization of a special report, San Antonio Light reporter Mike Tolson examines the long road to a school finance reform compromise. In Part Five, 'the spoiler' finally gives in.

By Mike Tolson
Hearst News Service

AUSTIN — The conservatives' last legislative stand took place on May 9. The Senate had passed again essentially the same bill that Gov. Bill Clements had vetoed, and the House Public Education committee was recommending House members do likewise. Both had snubbed their noses at "his bill," a Republican wish list sponsored in the House by Austin's Terral Smith, who wasn't too sure what was in it, and in the Senate by John Leedom of Dallas, who was not even present to offer it when his colleagues voted.

Rep. Alan Schoolcraft again was ready with his low-cost substitute, which had been expanded to three years. Realizing he could not hope to pass a plan labeled as the Republican alternative, Schoolcraft had recruited some of the Democrats who had supported him a month earlier to lead the charge, among them the amiable Tom Uher from Bay City.

"The vote taken last week was not indicative of the mood of the House," said Uher, who then fired a broadside at the large urban districts.

"We're no longer able to let one school district operate at one level (of taxation) and another one at a different level," he said.

Schoolcraft had made much of the fact that wealthier urban districts taxed at a rate lower than the state average. What he had not pointed out was that many of the rural districts who taxed at a higher rate did so because much of the property in their jurisdictions received agricultural exemptions, which meant it was taxed on what it produced rather than its market value. Thus, the tax rate on a rural landowner's property was higher than it would be in the city, but not necessarily his tax bill.

Schoolcraft said he was so committed to the concept that he was willing to sacrifice the interests of his own House district, which he said stood to lose \$14 million. That was the first-year loss to North East School District, part of which is in his district. But there was something else he chose not to emphasize: the effect his plan would have on his own Judson School District.

In the third year of his plan, Judson's state aid would be 28.8 percent higher than the current level. By contrast, state aid to San Antonio School District, with a higher tax rate and a wealth-per-student almost \$60,000 lower, would increase by only 17.2 percent. Rep. Paul Colbert accused Schoolcraft of manipulating the formulas for selfish interest, just as Schoolcraft had often said Colbert had done.

Schoolcraft's big problem was not fending off Colbert, however, but regaining his 13 defecting Republicans while not losing many of the conservative Democrats who had supported him the first time. He met with them in small groups, explained the proposal in depth, and stressed the advantages of having a funding formula that redirected some of the money now going to urban districts and one which would keep future spending increases at a minimum.

"It was a natural coalition: conservative Democrats from lower wealth districts that don't have a lot of special students and Republicans who want a more conservative approach to funding," explained Bob Hunter, a pleasant, moderate Republican from Abilene. As Hunter watched Republican support swell behind the bill, he noticed some Democrats leaving. He was far less confident than Schoolcraft that it was possible to get 75 votes.

The vehement debate went on for almost two hours. When it was over, Glossbrenner's motion to table passed, 75-68. True to his prediction, Schoolcraft had gotten heavy partisan backing; only three Republicans voted against the bill. But he lost eight Democrats who had previously supported him. House Speaker Gib Lewis, who had promised to give the conservatives a free run, cast no vote, but privately, some said not-so-privately, he opposed the plan.

THE SPOILER
With the failure of the conservatives to make inroads into the crafting of the final education bill, Clements was left again with only the veto as leverage. But that was enough to provoke serious discussions as legislative leaders raced to beat the June 1 deadline.

They viewed the date as serious, even though Judge Scott McCown said he would not implement the master's plan until June 21. There was always the possibility that the minority representatives would like the master's plan so much

they would support it in lieu of SB1, which would be bad for the Legislature's image and for the state's position in court even if their opposition did not imperil final passage.

For two anxious weeks, Clements' negotiators and their counterparts from the House and Senate — principally Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, speaker Lewis, Sen. Kent Caperton, Sen. Carl Parker and Rep. Ernestine Glossbrenner — met behind closed doors. Mike Toomey, Clements' chief of staff, got some significant concessions, such as a potential \$2 billion decrease in the long-term cost of the bill, and some that seemed to indicate how desperate legislators were to make a deal. At one point, they agreed to Clements' request for a provision allowing voters to approve all future local school tax increases — a measure that provoked instant nausea from their colleagues and local school boards.

Every time a deal seemed imminent, it fell apart. Rumors of a total breakdown in talks surfaced every day. Late in the afternoon of May 21, with a veto reported to be imminent, dozens of reporters gathered for a death watch in the governor's public reception room. The room grew hotter with the crowd and the glare of television lights. The wait stretched to an hour, then an hour and a half.

Finally, Rossanna Salazar, Clements' press secretary, emerged to say no veto was coming and Clements was on his way out the back door.

A wild, camera-banging dash to catch him ensued. The first group of reporters cornered him as he got into his station wagon and bargained him with questions about the bill's status.

"They didn't want me to veto it," Clements said. "They want to redo it. We'll talk about it tomorrow."

Nearly on the Capitol steps, several Democratic legislators stood watching the show.

"Speech! Speech!" Rep. Mark

Stiles yelled at Clements. Later, he said the protracted negotiations were part of the governor's strategy.

"I've known Toomey a long time, and he always bargains down to the last minute," the Beaumont representative said.

Some legislators, their nerves frayed, were starting to believe no agreement would ever be reached because the disagreement was no longer over education.

"Who is going to take the blame — that's the issue," said Libby Linbarger, a Democrat from Hays County and one of the bill's strongest House supporters. "Is the governor and the Republicans voting with him or the Legislature going to be responsible for the court taking over?"

House and Senate negotiators would not give on the matter of first year cost, \$500-600 million, or weights in the equalization tier or a sales tax increase. They had to keep reminding Toomey that the House Republicans had lost; at one point, Caperton even requested that Schoolcraft no longer be a party to the discussions because of the bad appearance of negotiating with a beaten foe.

Clements and Toomey were convinced they could do a little better and decided to press to the limit. On May 22, the governor played his trump card.

Although a veto override seemed inevitable in the Senate, they were confident the House would back them. They asked for and got pledges of support, then crossed their fingers that the pledges would stick.

The Senate overcame a momentary snag when Hispanic members balked over the lowered equity figure, then reversed itself on May 23 and voted to override.

Six days later, Lewis tried to get the House to do the same. He pushed hard to get the votes, though no one complained of being threatened.

After a lengthy series of speeches, the drama of the third session

ended with an override vote that fell eight votes short, 92-55. Eight Democrats voted against the override and 11 Republicans for it. In all, 10 of 36 committee chairmen voted to sustain the veto, which caused observers to ponder whether Lewis, so often praised as a "member's Speaker," no longer had the muscle to win a big fight.

CLEMENTS GIVES IN
Bill Clements was about as happy as a Republican politician who'd just agreed to a tax bill and was now standing in 100-degree heat to talk about it could be. June 1 had come, and with it the master's plan, but in the course of a few minutes Clements had rendered it moot.

"This bill beats the master to the punch," he said with an air of triumph before touting the bill's reforms and its benefits for poor schools.

The fourth and final special session proved quick and easy. Clements said he was not truly happy with the bill because it contained a tax increase. But when he signed it June 7, he boasted the day would long be remembered as the one in which he and the House and Senate leaders who stood behind him "all got straight A's in public education."

But had he won? Most of the reforms in Senate Bill 1 had been there, in one form or another, since the beginning and most had the support of all parties. He had in the last days gotten a little more deregulation, in that high-performing districts would be automatically exempted from most state rules, and could, upon request, possibly be exempted from the 22-1 class size restriction in grades 1-4.

He had knocked the equity standard down to the 90th percentile, which makes the bill less expen-

sive (down to an estimated \$5 billion to \$6 billion) though a little more vulnerable in court, and he put a dent in the weights, though how much of a dent remains to be seen.

He got the appointment of the commissioner, which he considered important, though few legislators seemed to care about it.

He got explicit language saying future legislatures would not be bound by the methods used in the bill to achieve equity, which is another way of saying what is already in the state constitution.

He got yet another test to measure the achievement of Texas students.

And he got a quarter-cent less of an increase in the sales tax than he might have. On the list of compromises put out by the governor's staff, this was first.

As for Parker, Caperton, Glossbrenner, Colbert and the other supporters of the bill, they got something more important — a plan that pumps \$528 million more into the schools next year and that may, over time, correct past failures. The lead plaintiff in the lawsuit that forced the special ses-

sions, San Antonio's Edgewood School District, in five years could have an additional \$28 million in state revenue, more than half its current budget, if it raises its tax rate to get maximum equalization.

When talk is of the future, however, and the subject is school funding, the tense to use is conditional. It depends on whether the Legislature lives up to its commitment. Already there is talk among conservatives of taking on the issue next January, when there may be more Republicans in the House.

Said Caperton: "The failure of House Bill 72 was that we didn't continue to follow the course that we set. We set a basic cost for educating kids, a basic allotment, and then we said we didn't have enough money to pay for it. We didn't have the courage. When we had the momentum, we should have seized upon it, and if we'd done that, Edgewood vs. Kirby never would have happened."

But it did. And may again. Before the ink was dry on the final version of Senate Bill 1, attorney Al Kauffman and the plaintiffs were getting ready to challenge it.



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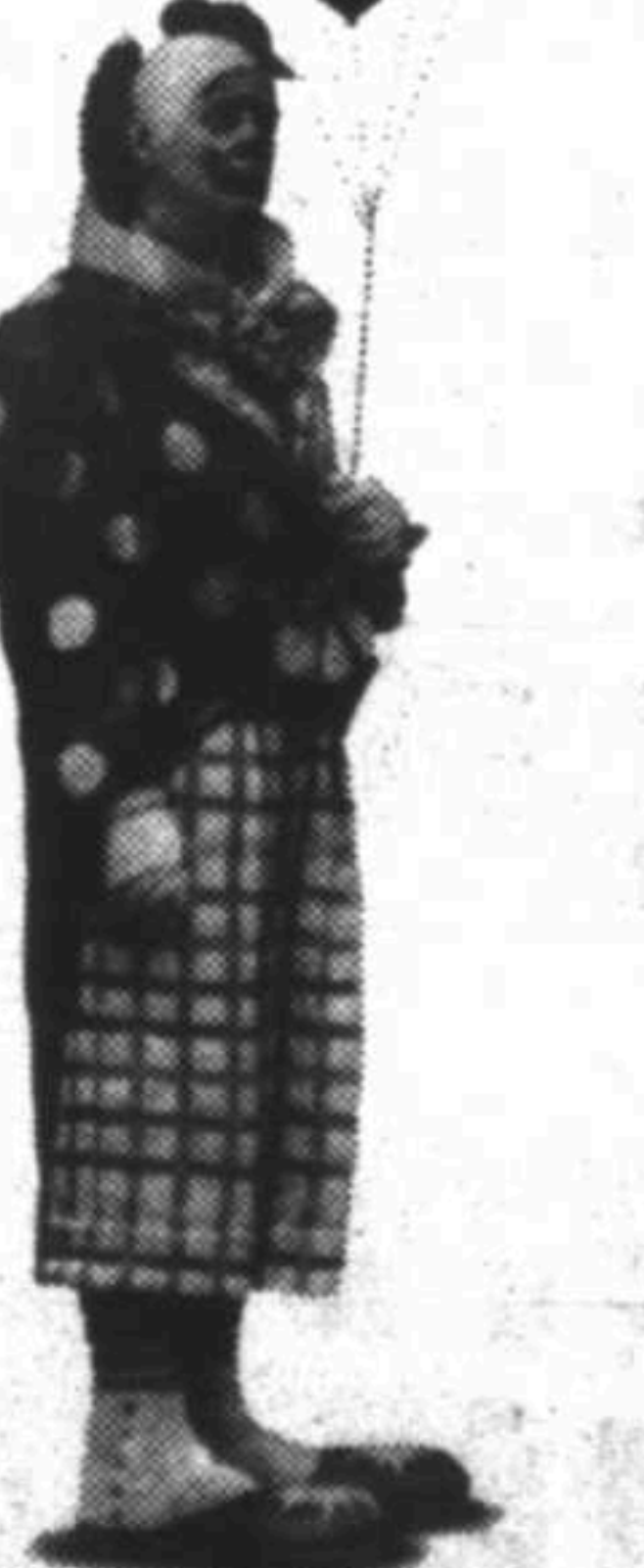
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Author says world should focus on saving environment

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) — Perched on a bicycle seat, Norman Ford has had a front-row seat for some of life's most profound lessons. He has seen humanity at its most intriguing, has seen some of nature's most spectacular beauty and has witnessed the steady decline of the world environment.

Ford says he would like nothing more than a "reunited planet" focused on saving the environment in his lifetime.

"I'm not very patriotic," said Ford, who holds dual citizenship in the United States and England. He says national borders may be preventing people from working together to solve serious world problems.

Ford has an expanded concept of duties for the armed forces freed by improving East-West relations.

"What we really need an Army for is to go to East Africa and prevent people from destroying the elephants, or to go to Brazil and stop people from burning down the rain forests. It would be cheaper to pay the workers there for not burning down any more trees."

than it will be to pay for the consequences of environmental destruction, he says.

As the author of more than three dozen books, many dealing with quality of life, Ford speaks knowledgeably about what he considers a deteriorating quality of life. His statements are sprinkled with facts obtained during research for his books as well as his own personal memories of a quiet yet memorable childhood in the British Isles.

Ford grew up in Wales, in the coastal town of Tywyn, where his father was an auditor for the railroad. "It was a complete paradise," Ford recalled, "with mountains on one side of the village, salt marshes leading to the sea on the other, sand dunes, a beach a quarter-mile wide and estuaries filled with bird life." Nearby were salmon rivers, he recalled.

"My parents and I had a better quality of life than I do now, he added, "even though we had no cars, no appliances, no modern conveniences. We also had no crime, no litigation and no divorce," he remarked.

Ford said the idyllic setting provided a growing youngster with many opportunities for adventure. "Today, kids can't go anywhere because their mobility has been destroyed by the automobile. It isn't safe anymore for a kid to be out exploring the world on a bicycle," he said, recalling his own youth when, as a teenager, he rode 25 miles a day in the area surrounding his home town.

The mild climate of the British Isles played a major role in fostering Ford's lifelong love of the outdoors. Wales' northern latitude provided long summer twilights, with outdoor activities possible until 11 p.m. In winter, when darkness fell at 4:30 p.m., Ford and his parents took long walks on the beach, he recalled, because even though it was dark they felt totally safe.

Following six years of service in the Royal Navy during World War II, Ford married an American and moved to the United States in 1947.

He drew on his knowledge of ships and sailing and wrote "The Ship Passenger's Guide" soon

thereafter. The book led to a job offer from a magazine publisher, and he became editor of "Ships and the Sea" magazine.

Meanwhile, he was hard at work on a second book, "Where to Retire on a Small Income," scheduled for publication in January of 1951. Then, a piece of luck. The United States government in-

creased Social Security benefits to senior citizens at that time, and his book became an instant hit. He

quit his magazine job and turned to book writing full time.

Workers search seashore for endangered sea turtles

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A summer-long search is on at Padre Island National Seashore for signs that the world's most endangered sea turtle has returned to lay eggs.

The drive to help the Kemp's ridley sea turtle began in 1978, when officials decided to try to expand the creatures' dwindling nesting grounds.

Seashore workers with the help of some U.S. Marines from the area will be looking over the next several months for "any indication that our efforts have been successful," said John Hunter, seashore superintendent.

That indication would come with the return of one of the 15,000 Kemp's ridleys hatched in the warm Padre Island sand under the program designed to bolster the endangered species' survival chances.

"If we can find one turtle that has come ashore because of our efforts, that will be a big success story," Hunter told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

Until now, the turtles' only known nesting site is a stretch of beach near Rancho Nuevo, in the Mexican state of Tamaulipas. Nesting turtles there have suffered a steady decline.

At one time, an estimated 40,000 turtles nested at that beach. Officials found about 700 in 1988 and 650 last year.

Under the turtle-assistance program which ended in 1986, turtle eggs were gathered in plastic bags from a laying turtle at the Mexico site, then transferred to plastic-foam boxes filled with Padre Island sand.

The boxes were then transferred to Padre Island, the eggs

hatched and the newly hatched turtles allowed to scamper down the beach and into the surf before being captured.

Officials hope the turtles will be "imprinted" to return to the Texas site and return as adults to lay eggs at Padre Island.

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Big Apple to host Democrats in '92

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor David Dinkins told the Democratic Party on Wednesday it won't be disappointed it chose his city for its 1992 national convention.

"We won't let you down," Dinkins told Democratic National Chairman Ronald Brown, an old friend. "New York is a great convention town."

Brown came to New York after announcing in Washington that his hometown was chosen as the convention site. The gathering should bring 35,000 delegates, guests and journalists to town and pump an estimated \$100 million into the city's economy.

"Democrats will nominate the next president of the United States two years from now this week in America's most dynamic city and in one of the world's greatest cities — New York, the Big Apple," Brown said.

The race to be that nominee is wide open, but one possibility — Gov. Mario Cuomo — was on hand for the hoopla at City Hall. Cuomo added his signature to a contract signed by Dinkins and Brown, then parried reporters' questions about national office.

"I have no plans to run for president," Cuomo said. "I have no plans to make plans," he continued, adding with a laugh, "You guys don't believe me. It's too bad."

Political experts say New York's selection as host would help a Cuomo candidacy only in the unlikely event the convention is contested.

'We must not ask honest borrowers and businesses to bail out the savings and loan stockholders, the big depositors....'

— Mayor David Dinkins, on \$500 billion bailout of the S&L industry

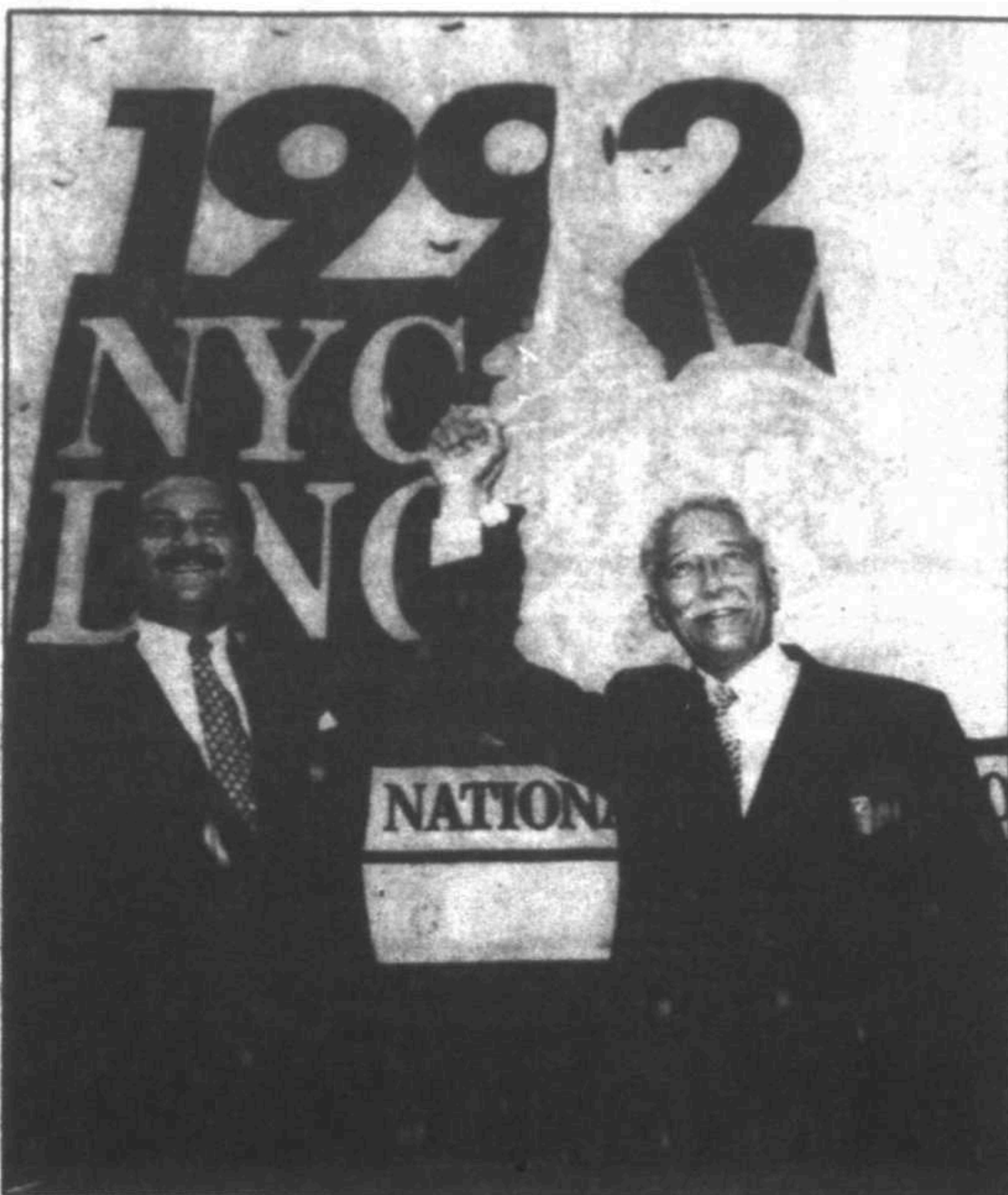
"I don't think it matters where the convention is because that's the end of the process," said former Iowa Democratic Party Chairwoman Bonnie Campbell. "Certainly it makes it easier for the governor if he's our nominee. He won't have to travel as far."

The two men engaged in some Republican-bashing, stressing the savings and loan bailout.

Dinkins said \$500 billion was being spent to bail out the ailing thrifts, adding: "We must not ask honest borrowers and businesses to bail out the savings and loan stockholders, the big depositors and, in many cases, the same crooks and thieves who caused this mess in the first place."

He said he hoped the '92 convention would be "a time to renew America's progressive values and principles."

Brown said the S&L crisis lay in the laps of President Bush



Ron Brown, left, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, joins hands with New York City Mayor David Dinkins after announcing the city as the site of the 1992 Democratic National Convention.

and former President Reagan. "It happened on their watch," he said. "It's the fox and the chicken coop with no prosecution of the thieves."

The site selection committee had narrowed its search to New

York and New Orleans. Brown said New Orleans' chances were hurt by the Louisiana Legislature's passage of strong anti-abortion legislation, but said that was not the deciding factor.

Conservative's Liebman reveals homosexuality

WASHINGTON (AP) — Marvin Liebman, a founder of the modern conservative movement, said Wednesday he decided to announce he's gay because he sees signs that the political right is becoming dangerously bigoted.

Liebman, 66, revealed his homosexuality this month in the pages of William F. Buckley's conservative National Review and The Advocate, a Los Angeles-based gay magazine.

In an interview Wednesday, Liebman said the National Review was a logical place because its readers are the people he most wanted to reach. "The primary impact I wanted to have in this whole coming out was on the conservative community. Just to sort of alert them to the dangers of homophobia and all that comes with it," he said.

Liebman also gave an interview to The Advocate — which he said he had never before read — in the hope he could set an example for other people who are living secret gay lives.

"The main thing I want to do within the gay community is to help people come out — to not go through all ... I did for 60 years," he said. "And I just want to let them know it's not that bad. It's not only not that bad, it's good. It takes such a load off you, you just feel really released."

Liebman first made his revelation in a letter to Buckley, whom he describes as his best friend.

"Why have I chosen this moment to go public with that part of my life that had been so private for all these years?" he wrote in the July 9 issue of the National Review. "Because I fear that our cause might sink back into the ooze in which so much of it rested in (pre-National Review) days. In that dark age the American Right was heavily, perhaps dominantly, made up of bigots. ..."

Buckley — who once suggested that gay people with AIDS be tattooed on the buttocks and called Gore Vidal a "queer" on national television — responded by asking if people should "submerge convictions having to do with that which we deem to be normal, and healthy?"

Saying he understood Liebman's "pain," Buckley cited the "Judeo-Christian tradition," which he said teaches that homosexuality is unnatural.

Liebman said Wednesday he feels no rancor toward Buckley even though they disagree on whether homosexuality is moral or normal.

"There is nothing that Bill Buckley could say that would offend me or make me feel bad," Liebman said. "This is just the way the man thinks."

Liebman is a man of contradictions, and his revelation in two radically different publications follows a lifelong pattern of seeming ambivalence.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Liebman was a Jew until age 55, when he converted to Roman Catholicism. Buckley was his godfather.

At 15, Liebman had joined the Young Communist League and for years was active in other communist front groups. He served two years in the Army Air Corps but was discharged in 1944 for being homosexual — a fact he kept secret until coming out this month.



Summit-ready

The Rev. Jesse Jackson on Wednesday called on President Bush to hold a summit meeting aimed at racial, economic and gender justice in the United States, during a speech before the 81st annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Los Angeles.

Seventh-Day Adventists vote against ordination of women

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The ruling body of the Seventh-day Adventist Church voted Wednesday against allowing the ordination of women. Delegates to the church's 55th world conference voted along geographical lines, 1,173-377, to accept a commission's report that ordaining women would be disruptive to the world church and should not be allowed.

The greatest support came from delegations from Europe and North America. Leaders from Africa, Asia and South America overwhelmingly opposed letting women preach the gospel.

Before the vote, retiring church President Neal C. Wilson of Burtonsville, Md., assured the delegates that three different commissions had carefully studied the issue and decided the church was not ready to ordain women.

"If we are saying the church is immoral if it does not ordain women to the gospel ministries, then the same charge would have to be leveled against our Lord and savior for his choice of the apostles," Wilson said.

He rejected some delegates' suggestions that each geographical division within the church should set its own ordination policy.

"The church up to this point has concluded that ordination should be something that is universal throughout the Seventh-day Adventist Church and we should not fragment the church," he said.

The report, by the church's Role of Women Commission, said letting women preach the gospel would threaten church unity. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is separated into 11 geographical divisions encompassing 190 countries and 6.2 million members.

"In several divisions there is little or no acceptance of women in the role of pastors, ordained or otherwise," the report says. "In other divisions some unions would accept women as pastors, but indications are that the majority of unions do not find this acceptable."

The delegates' vote against ordaining women is binding on all congregations within the church.

A vote to close off the debate Wednesday morning prevented 45 delegates from taking their turns at the microphone.

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David L. Smith
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Grady I.S.D. of Llaneros, Texas is now accepting bids for milk for the 1990-91 school year. Grady I.S.D. is also accepting bids for milk for the 1990-91 school year. Bids will be opened at the regular board meeting August 13, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. in the Grady Board Room. Grady I.S.D. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. July 11, 1990.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
FIRST BANKERS TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION
MIDLAND, TEXAS

The Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision of the United States determined on June 8, 1990 that First Bankers Trust and Savings Association of Midland, Texas was insolvent and appointed the Receiver Trust Corporation Receiver of such institution.

Pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1821 (d) (3) (B) and (C), the creditors of such institution are notified to present their claims, together with proof, to the Receiver by September 6, 1990 which date is not less than 90 days after the initial publication of this Notice, or such claim may be disallowed by the Receiver.

Claims should be filed by presenting a Proof of Claim to the Receiver at the following address:

Claims Agent
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Receiver of First Bankers Trust and Savings Association
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DATED: June 8, 1990
June 12, 1990, August 12, 1990

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Texasco Production, Inc. has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject CO2 into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject CO2 into the San Andres (Formation), J.E. Mabae - A - NCT-1 (Lease), Wells Number 250, 352, 485, 486. The proposed injection well is located 23 miles S.E. of Andrews (Direction) / Miles to Nearest Town in the Mabae Field, Andrews & Midland Counties. CO2 will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4642 to 4762 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas, Chapter 12957, (Capital Station, Austin, Texas, 78711) (Telephone 512-445-1379).

July 12, 1990

Lodge Notices

The Midland Shrine Club, 2019 Trade Drive, 682-5509. Regular stated meeting third Thursday each month. Hospitality 6:30 p.m. Catered dinner 7 p.m. Business meeting 8 p.m. All members and their ladies invited. Jerry Knott, President. Gayle Plapp, Secretary.

Midland Lodge 623, AF/AM, 1600 W. Wall, 682-3292. Monday July 9th, work in EA Degree, 7:30 PM. Thursday, July 12th, reg. stated meeting 8 PM. Price Robinson, W.M. Tommy Flud, Sec.

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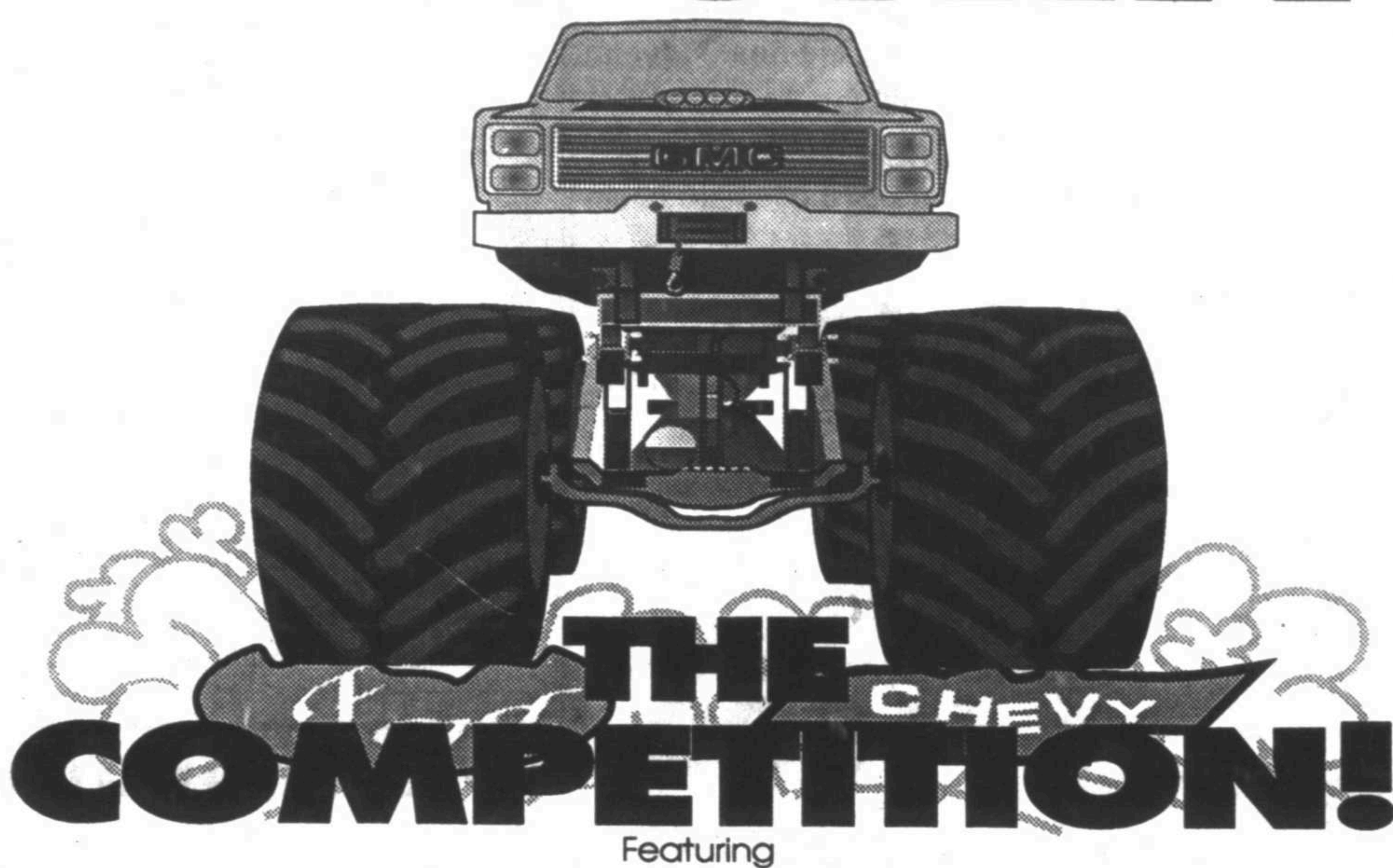
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- Meet The Truck (Truck Department)
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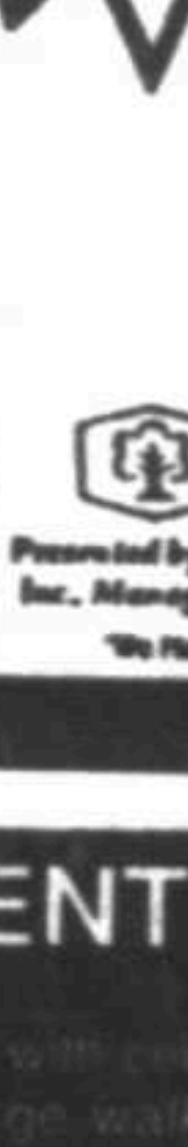
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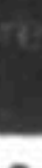
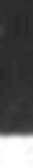
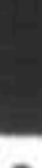
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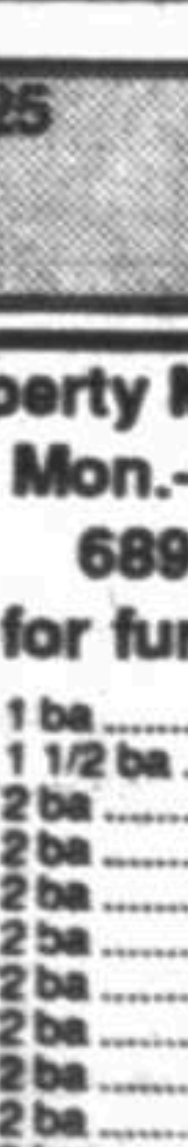
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Summer is perfect time to focus in on environment

Metro News Service

The sensations of summer are among the sweetest we ever experience: the sun drying saltwater on skin after a swim in the ocean; the feel of cool clean sheets on a hot sun-tanned face; or a cold daiquiri sliding down a parched throat. Our needs are pared down in the summer — no overcoat, no hat or gloves, just keys and a beach towel. We stop cursing the elements and begin to worship them instead.

When sitting peacefully in the sand, contemplating the ocean, one is struck by the eternal quality of the waves, the breadth and depth of the water. Nature seems both placid and unconquerable. But, for the first time in history, it isn't.

Thanks to the media's recent attention to the environment, we have begun to realize that the earth itself is like a living organism with complex and delicate systems not unlike our own.

So in the summer, when nature is friendly to us, the least we can do is to respect it. We can all take steps in our private lives for the good of the world and make each summer that comes as sweet as the one before.

■ **Recycle everything.** Take newspapers and glass bottles to a recycling center (while you're there, ask what other materials they accept). In some states you can make a little spare change instead of tossing out your soda cans. Buy stationery and greeting cards made from recycled paper.

■ **When possible, buy products which are biodegradable and non-toxic.** Insist on paper bags at the supermarket, or better yet, bring your own bags from home when you shop.

■ **Conserve water.** If you can't overcome the temptation to hop in the shower every time you feel sticky or sweaty, at least make a commitment to take shorter showers. Consider installing an appliance on your shower head that reduces the water flow. Also, keep a pitcher of cold water in the refrigerator so you won't have to run water from the faucet until it's cold enough to suit you.

■ **Don't litter.** Campgrounds and beaches would stay beautiful if visitors left them as they were when they arrived.

■ **Summer meals are already lighter,** but many environmentalists suggest that eating lower on the food chain (including more fruits, vegetables, grains and legumes in your diet) helps the environment and also keeps you cool and energetic.

■ **Enjoy nature!** Only contact with the environment can inspire appreciation and respect for it.



Family members of all ages enjoy easy summertime living at an RV campground, the ideal vacation destination for those who want to

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Camping is the popular choice for family summer vacation fun

Metro News Service

Planning the perfect vacation is a seasonal ritual for American families, a third of whom travel in the summer. What are some of the most common vacation fantasies, and could they be yours?

A recent survey by American Express World Travel News ranks camping, road trips and wilderness adventures among the top ten vacation choices. For many, a camping trip in a recreation vehicle (RV) brings all these experiences together for the best summer vacation a family can take.

Regardless of age or physical condition, any family member can enjoy outdoor living on an RV camping vacation. Many of today's campgrounds offer not only the traditional hiking, fishing and nature studies, but also swimming pools, recreation centers, activity programs, snack bars and evening entertainment — ideal for those who want to spend time with nature without leaving civilization completely behind.

Some RV resorts even offer amenities that rival luxury hotels for a fraction of the cost, such as golf courses, hot tubs, tennis courts and night clubs.

The nation's 20,000 campgrounds are located near virtually every popular destination, including theme parks, scenic areas, historical sites, beaches and moun-

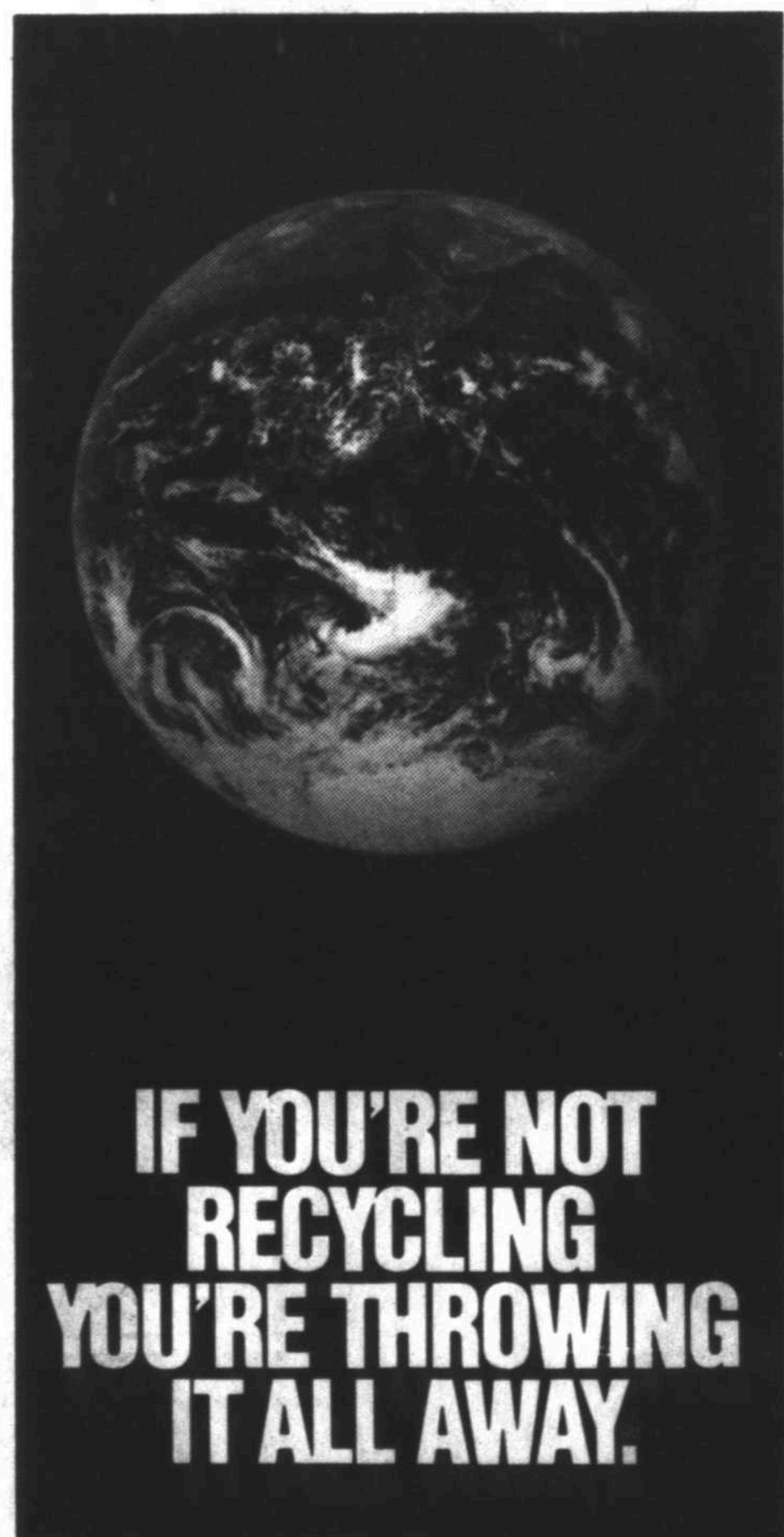
tain resorts. Whatever the destination, traveling and camping in an RV adds comfort and convenience for the entire family, and makes the trip to the campground part of the fun.

Comfortable sleeping quarters, fully-equipped kitchens, dining areas and bathrooms are readily accessible, eliminating the need to look for rest stops and restaurants while on the road. High-tech electronic extras like television sets, VCRs, stereo systems and microwave ovens help keep everyone entertained and well-fed on the road or at the campground.

With the rising cost of family vacations, RV excursions provide an economical alternative. A re-

cent vacation cost comparison study conducted by the international accounting firm Pannell Kerr Forster, revealed that RV camping vacations for a family of four cost half to three-quarters less than trips by car, bus, train or plane that involve staying in hotels and eating in restaurants.

RVs come in a variety of prices to meet every family's needs and budget. Financing is readily available and loan interest is tax-deductible for most RVs. An RV can cost as little as \$2,000 for a folding camping trailer. Other towable camping units average in price from \$8,000 for a truck camper or \$12,600 for a travel trailer.



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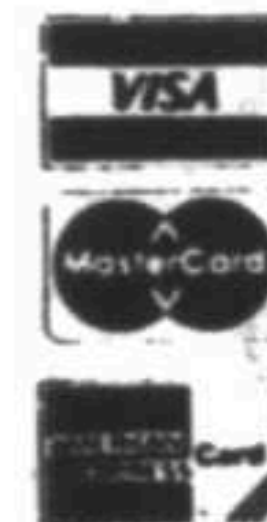
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It was World War II leader Sir Winston Churchill who named the struggle the Battle of Britain even before it began.

As it was being fought in the summer of 1940, he said of the few hundred Royal Air Force pilots from 19 nations who clashed head-on with hordes of German bombers and their protecting fighters: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

From April to October this year, exhibitions and air displays will recall that summer when the Hurricanes and Spitfires met the enemy air fleets pouring in from airfields in newly conquered northeast France.

The biggest ground effort marking the 50th anniversary of the four months' combat in the sky is the "Battle of Britain Experience" at the Royal Air Force Museum, April 11-Oct. 31.

The museum at historic Hendon airfield in north London can be reached from Colindale Underground station (Northern line) or Mill Hill train station. Buses will shuttle from the two stations to the museum throughout the summer.

Sound recordings made in 1940 of air raid sirens, the whine of aircraft and the distant crackle of machine guns usher visitors to the museum into a labyrinth of relics, photographs, an entire operations control room as it was at the height of the battle, and the aircraft that took part.

"Besides a Hurricane and a Spitfire, we have the best collection of German aircraft in the world," said spokesman Michael Tagg.

"Visitors can see the Messerschmitt 109 and 110 fighters, the Heinkel 111 and Junkers 87 and 88 bombers and even an Italian Fiat C.R. 42, which made a forced landing during the only raid by the Italian air force."

The biggest anniversary in the air is Sept. 15, when Queen Elizabeth II will be on the Buckingham Palace balcony as a 12-mile column of 163 veteran and modern aircraft flies above. Survivors of "The Few" will

line up in front of the palace. Here are some other places to go:

At London's Imperial War Museum is Spitfire R6915, which shot down two German aircraft in the battle; plans of the German invasion that never took place, the story of radar, flying equipment and medals and, in the bookshop, a dossier of reproduced documents selling for about \$14.

Visitors giving notice the day before can browse in the library among scores of books about the battle and British and German records of it.

Don't miss Paul Nash's painting of a typical scene in the battle — contrails over the English countryside.

At Duxford, a battle airfield near Cambridge and 56 miles northwest of London, is the Imperial War Museum's huge collection of aircraft of both world wars, including Spitfires and Hurricanes.

"The whole place is an exhibit," said Tagg. "We restored it exactly as it was on Sept. 19, 1940, and visitors can see how its squadrons were controlled."

Duxford will stage an airshow of fighter planes July 8.

The Cabinet War Rooms in London, built underground for protection from air raids close to the prime minister's official residence in Downing Street, displays 21 historic rooms that served as headquarters for Churchill, the war Cabinet and the chiefs of staff, with desks, bunks, maps, telephones and files just as they were at the war's end in 1945.

Close by is Westminster Abbey with its Battle of Britain Chapel, its wall still marked by German bomb shrapnel.

At the port of Dover, the battle's front line, a complex of tunnels in the chalk cliffs is being opened to show operations rooms and where townspeople sheltered from raids.

Less than 10 miles from Dover is Folkestone, and nearby is Hawkinge airfield, an RAF base during the battle. It has a museum of British and German aircraft relics, mementoes of such aces as Robert Stanford Tuck and Al Deere, all the weapons used in the battle by both sides, and equipment and uniforms donated by British and German pilots.

Visitors interested in buying relics can attend two auctions: on Sept. 13 at Bentley Priory in

Stanmore, northwest London, headquarters of the British commander, Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding (the only time the building will open the public) and on Sept. 15 at the RAF Museum in Hendon.

Dowding's statue is in London outside St. Clement Danes, the RAF headquarters church.

Americans can make a pilgrimage to aptly named Gravesend, 25 miles east of London, to see the grave of Detroit-born Hugh Reiley, shot down in his Spitfire by German ace Werner Moelders.

Reiley was one of a handful of Americans to get into the battle when the United States was still neutral.

All the airmen in the battle are commemorated in a memorial at Rannymede, 21 miles west of London, where memorials to Magna Carta and U.S. President John F. Kennedy are also located.

The Battle of Britain resulted from Hitler's determination to force the country to surrender. Luftwaffe chief Hermann Goering told him he could force Britain to its knees: his fighters would shoot the Royal Air Force out of the sky while his bombers would destroy RAF airfields, aircraft production factories, and docks.

But although the RAF was outnumbered 4 to 1 in aircraft, it was fighting close to its bases, it could rescue more pilots and salvage more planes than the Germans, the German codes had been broken and the radar early warning system pinpointed the location of the approaching enemy air fleets.

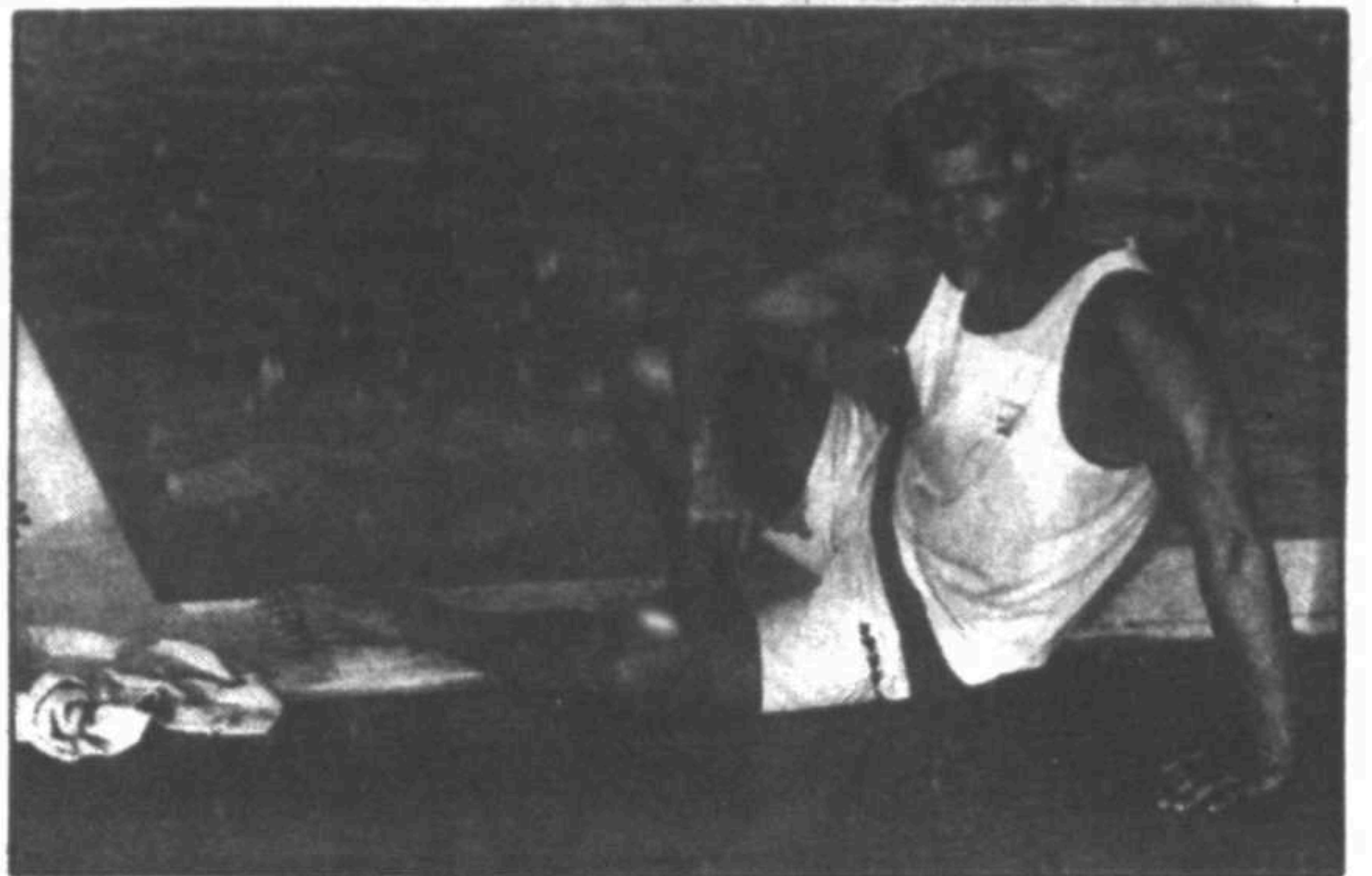
The RAF came close to defeat, but the Germans did not know that, and German losses in aircraft and men in the daylight battles were so unexpected that the Luftwaffe turned to night bomber raids on British cities.

According to the comprehensive account in the book, "The Battle of Britain Then and Now," the Luftwaffe lost 2,662 airmen killed and 1,887 aircraft, while the RAF lost 537 airmen killed and 1,023 aircraft.

There are many books on the battle. Recommended are "Fighter" by thriller-writer Len Deighton and "The Narrow Margin" by Derek Wood and Derek Dempster.

The British Tourist Authority can supply a list of main events of the anniversary year.

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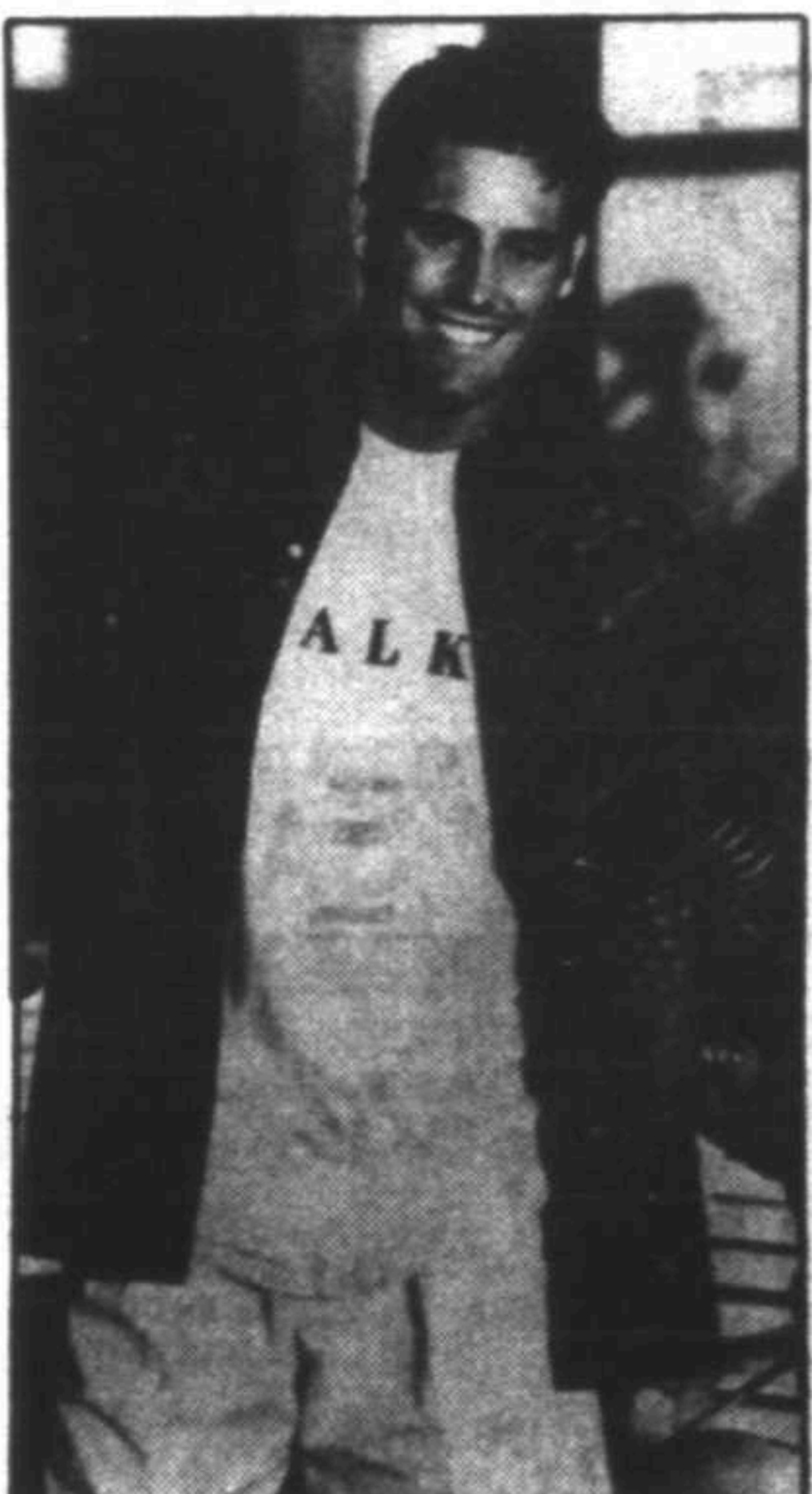
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Lawn mowing clippings add to landfill problems

Associated Press

Environmental researchers are seeking new answers to the question of what to do with grass clippings from mowing the lawn. According to estimates of the Environmental Protection Agency, grass clippings and leaves account for more than 18 percent of household waste sent to landfills, most of it grass clippings.

Most homeowners bag the clippings, but a "Don't Bag It" study from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service says that lawns actually become healthier when the grass clippings are left there.

In the test, 150 Fort Worth, Texas, homeowners spent the summer of 1989 mowing their lawns with identical side-discharge Toro lawnmowers. At the end of the summer, participants rated their lawns 30 percent healthier than when they were bagging clippings.

According to Bill Knoop, turf-grass specialist for the extension service, Tampa, Fla., Minneapolis and Los Angeles are among cities trying similar programs.

Another test program was begun last May to compare the benefits of a mulching mower to bagging behind a walk-behind mower.

The continuing tests are being conducted by Garden Way Inc. and the Rodale Research Center in Kutztown, Pa. In the testing, two identical grass-covered plots will be mowed on a weekly basis, one with a Bolens walk-behind mulching mower and the other with a

Bolens walk-behind rear bagging model.

The grass on each plot will be cut the same way each week, at 2- to 3-inch heights. Soil cores will be taken before and after each growing season, then analyzed by the research center staff and Pennsylvania State University.

The experiment is being conducted "because the disposal of grass clippings has become a major environmental concern for communities all across the country," says David Lessard, vice president of product and brand management for Garden Way. "We believe a mulching mower can offer a very viable and effective solution, and we wanted to objectively and quantitatively verify previous assertions that mulching returns increased nitrogen and nutrients to the soil, making chemical fertilizer unnecessary."

— Mow every five or six days and don't remove more than one-third of the grass blade.

— Use a recycling lawnmower, which has a special deck that cuts and recuts clippings and forces them back into the lawn.

— Fertilize only so grass grows at a reasonable rate; use a slow-release fertilizer.

— Aerate each spring to open up soil and allow greater movement of water, fertilizer and air; this increases the speed of grass clipping decomposition.

— Don't over-water. During the driest period of summer, lawns require one inch of water every five to six days.

Cruise ship undergoes largest-ever expansion

Associated Press

The m.s. Westerdam was launched in March after a \$65 million makeover transforming her into the largest cruise ship ever in Holland America's fleet.

The ship, formerly the Homeric, is namesake of one of the best-known passenger ships of the post-World War II era.

Capacity has been increased from 1,000 to 1,494 passengers with the insertion of a 130-foot section at mid-ship. The company says the expansion, carried out at the Meyer Werft shipyard in Papenburg, West Germany, is the largest ever for a passenger ship.

The ship's interior has been redone, including the addition of an 800-seat two-deck show lounge, expanded restaurant and meeting facilities, and a new sports and sunbathing area on the topmost deck. A collection of 17th and 18th century art evoking Dutch world exploration, valued at more than \$1 million, is part of the ship's decor.

First cruises were scheduled for Bermuda and the Caribbean. A Panama cruise, featuring a day-light passage through the Canal, will depart from New York in May and call at Ft. Lauderdale, St. Thomas, V.I.; Castries, St. Lucia; Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela; Willemstad, Curacao; Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; Los Angeles; San Francisco; and Vancouver. From Vancouver, the ship will offer summer cruises to Alaska's Inside Passage.

As the Homeric, the ship was acquired by Holland America in 1968. She was rechristened after the four-month transformation which began last fall. The first Westerdam had an eventful history, being sunk in Scheidam Harbor three times during World War II, first during an Allied attack on the Nazi-held city in 1940 and twice in 1944 by Dutch Resistance fighters to thwart her wartime use by the enemy occupiers. The original Westerdam was raised after the

war and made her maiden transatlantic crossing to New York in 1946. She was retired and scrapped in 1964.

The choice of air travel to Grenada will be wider for U.S. travelers with the inauguration of American Airlines' daily service to St. George's via its San Juan hub, beginning in late June. Traffic will be handled through a new terminal being completed this spring at Point Salines International Airport.

BWIA-International, the only other carrier with flights from the U.S. to Grenada, also has added new schedules to Aruba, Curacao and Martinique. The Caribbean-based airline operates 51 weekly flights to the area from New York, Baltimore-Washington, Miami and Toronto.

British Rail isn't part of the Eurailpass system, but for travelers who want to visit both England and France, it has introduced the BritFrance Railpass. This single pass is good for travel on the entire British and French rail network, available for any five days out of 15 or 10 days of a month. Prices start at \$199. The railroad also has inaugurated its InterCity 225 with a link between London and the Midlands city of Leeds. It travels at speeds of up to 140 mph and is the fastest train in Britain.

You don't have to sacrifice a tour guide's help while driving yourself around the British Isles. The Silver Service package from Kenning Car Rental includes a cassette which can be inserted into the rental car's tape deck to point out the sights as you drive. Tapes cover tours of London and the South; Manchester, the Midlands and the North; and Scotland. The company also supplies road maps and a directory of Tourist Information Centres around the country, where the motorist can get local tourist information or accommodation booking help.



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New travel books solve language problems

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"Veuillez changer ma commande pour un petit déjeuner français." ("Please change my order to a Continental breakfast.")

"Réveillez-moi quand il arrivera." ("Wake me when it arrives.")

Suppose you want to use a smart tip in a foreign language. Now you have help from a pair of phrasebooks from Workman Publishing — "Wicked French for the Traveler," and "Wicked Italian for the Traveler," both by Howard Tomb.

The pocket-sized books have aggressively clever remarks for all travel occasions — booking hotels, ordering food or wine, or hiring a taxi. The author says travelers shouldn't be intimidated by rude people in the host country.

Another example, for overcoming your terror of taxis in Italy: "Signore, se veramente vuole morire, la accontento." ("Sir, if you truly have a death wish, I'll be happy to oblige you.")

Food is a major attraction of France, and gourmets and gourmands alike will find "The Food Lover's Guide to Paris" and "A Food Lover's Guide to France" by Patricia Welles (Workman Publishing) helpful in locating restaurants, pastry, cheese, chocolate and wine shops, bakeries and spe-

cialty shops all over France. The book also includes recipes from recommended food sources, as well as tips about tips, credit cards, and booking.

Also from Workman is "Made in Italy," by Annie Brody and Patricia Schultz, to tell you all about where and what to shop for in Florence, Milan, Rome and Venice.

"New York on \$1,000 a Day (Before Lunch)" by Ferne Kadish and Shelley Clark (Passport Books) is a high-end compendium on the best New York City has to offer in shopping, food, galleries, hotels and transportation.

From a Japanese publisher comes a comprehensive guide, "Gateway to Japan," (Kodansha International) by June Kinoshita and Nicholas Palevsky.

Entries about Japanese culture, language, religion, history, architecture, art, theater, and social mores are interspersed with travel information. The authors have packed an immense amount of detail in the 542-page paperback, including maps and transit diagrams; phones, addresses, price ranges and hours of restaurants, hotels and sites; practical information about coping with most situations a traveler might encounter; and a one-hour Japanese lesson.

The authors, fluent in both English and Japanese, personally visited nearly every site listed in the

book.

Hikers who appreciate the heights can get helpful hints from Sierra Club soft-cover books, "Trekkling in Pakistan and India" and "Trekkling in Nepal, West Tibet, and Bhutan." The guides are written by Hugh Swift and include information on pre-trip preparation as well as tips on physical conditioning and route planning.

The travel guide series, Berlitz Blueprint, launched in 1989, this year adds Blueprint Greece and Blueprint Spain. The slick paperback books feature excellent color photographs along with basic sightseeing information by region, city maps, and other practical information.

Berlitz describes the books as "designed for today's more independent traveler."

One of the new Berlitz pocket country guides is "Algeria."

Another new Berlitz guide is "Handbook to Skiing the Alps," with information on 100 resorts in France, Germany, Austria, Italy and Switzerland.

City travel kits, by Carole and William Halden, are selective 96-page guides to London, Paris, and Venice. Along with information on tours and sites, each guidebook contains a color map of the city, with street names, and is packaged in a plastic carrying case. — Pocket-sized "quick and easy"

guides from Bantam include 1990 versions of "Miami" and "Hawaii."

The "Ambience Vacation Guide: Hawaii," published by Robert Erdmann, details hotels, condominiums and restaurants with "an emphasis on the important but usually ignored subject of ambience."

For that modern breed, the frequent flyer, a new book aimed at sorting out the field is available from Pegasus Books (and co-published by Bonus Books): "Official Frequent Flyer Guide 1990." Author Randy Peterson has compiled an updated sourcebook tracking current programs and offers advice about maximizing mileage points and minimizing travel costs.

Arthur Frommer, who has been producing travel guidebooks for 30 years, has a 1990 edition of "New World of Travel," in which he says he seeks "to turn a spotlight on a host of little-known travel programs and organizations that surface each year, usually to benefit only the smallest portion of our population."

Frommer says he hopes each new edition of the guide will introduce those travel companies with "novel travel ideas: new themes of travel, new travel methods, new programs, new vacation possibilities, new and better ways of visiting old destinations, new destinations."

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