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Clinton urged overnight visits

White House memos place president at front-end of fund-raising blitz

■ Clinton's written approval landed some big party donors a night in Lincoln Bedroom.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the worried days after the Democrats' 1994 election losses, President Clinton scrawled his personal approval on a plan to invite big party donors into the White House and suggested some be given overnight stays "right away."

For the first time, internal White House memos released Tuesday placed Clinton at the front-end planning of a Democratic fund-raising blitz that landed some major donors a night in the Lincoln Bedroom and eventually ensnared the party in controversy.

The White House also released the identities of 938 overnight guests during Clinton's first term, ranging from entertainer Barbra Streisand and evangelist Billy Graham to six-figure donors and obscure family friends.

"Ready to start overnights right away," the president wrote in a January 1995 note that specified he be given the names of the party's \$50,000 and \$100,000-plus donors.

Clinton also sanctioned a top campaign aide's memo to use coffees to bring big donors into the White House. That memo identified "our top 10 supporters" — four of whom got overnight stays.

Hours before the release of the papers, Clinton acknowledged he encouraged the overnight stays but insisted most of the guests were personal friends.

"I didn't have any strangers here. The Lincoln Bedroom was never sold," Clinton told reporters.

When the controversy first began growing, Clinton placed most of the blame on a wayward Democratic Party, but in recent weeks he has said he deserved some for not better supervising White House participation in fund raising.

The White House said that despite all of the discussion of fund raising in the documents, there is no evidence that anyone was ever asked for a donation at the executive mansion or that anyone was given a set price for a visit.

In all, the White House released 500 pages of documents that former deputy chief of staff Harold Ickes took with him when he left his job but recently turned over to House investigators.



"I didn't have any strangers here. The Lincoln Bedroom was never sold." —President Clinton

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TODAY
Chance of rain, high near 50.
Weather on 4A



Diluted drugs

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — After patients complained of excruciating pain on the operating table, a hospital suspected there was a problem with the anesthesia and sent two intravenous drug bags to the laboratory for analysis. The mixtures, prepared by Dr. Frank Ruhl Peterson, were found to contain only trace amounts of painkillers. The anesthesiologist, it turned out, was shortchanging the patients and diluting the medication to feed his own drug habit.

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Shooting deaths

Police continue to investigate the shooting deaths of Rankin Powers Duvall, 51, and his wife, Lou Ann Duvall, 42, at 3503 Woodhaven Drive. Mrs. Duvall had at least six gunshot wounds and Duvall appears to have died as a result of a single bullet wound to the head, police said. They were found by their 10-year-old daughter early Monday morning. Preliminary autopsy results are expected today.

Pipeline alliance

Refining operations in the Permian Basin is expected to be strengthened by a pipeline alliance that will bring needed supplies of gasoline and diesel to a larger part of the growing Southwest. Fina Inc. of Dallas and Holly Corp. of Artesia, N.M., announced Tuesday that they would develop a pipeline system to supply the total fuel demand growth of West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona markets for the next five years.

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C-SPAN exhibit makes pit stop in Midland

"The primary objective of the C-SPAN bus is to demonstrate to teachers and students of all levels — especially at the high school level — how to use C-SPAN programming and educational materials in the classroom."

President Clinton, Bob Dole, Ross Perot and the late Tip O'Neill rolled through Midland Tuesday, and while they weren't actually here, their roles in a video demonstration proved that viable, unfiltered cable television programming is alive and well not only inside the Washington Beltway but in the nation's heartland.

The C-SPAN School Bus, one of two buses on a continuing nationwide tour, gives communities and schoolchildren a glimpse at how political history-makers are presented on the Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network, while at the same time recording vignettes of news from selected cities in the country.

C-SPAN and C-SPAN 2 were created by the cable industry in 1979 as a public service to provide unedited, balanced access to the political process.

"The primary objective of the C-SPAN bus is to

demonstrate to teachers and students of all levels — especially at the high school level — how to use C-SPAN programming and educational materials in the classroom," according to Sara Sundberg, a representative affiliate and community relations spokeswoman for the network.

Local public high school students, participating in the first day of the three-day TAAS test, were unable to tour the bus, but students from Trinity School did attend the demonstration on the bus that was parked at Midland Center.

The bus is equipped to not only produce a live television broadcast — and does so on almost a monthly basis — but also serves as a sort of tutorial on wheels for people.

At left, Matthew McGuire, production specialist for the C-SPAN bus, shown above, talks to Trinity students who toured the bus Tuesday morning.

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Story by Jimmy Patterson

Photos by Curt Wilcott

Authorities arrest Midland Republic of Texas member

■ Police charge local man with evading arrest after trying to pull him over for having suspicious vehicle registration sticker.

By Joe Gaines
Staff Writer

A local member of the Republic of Texas was arrested early Tuesday morning after he allegedly evaded arrest.

Thomas David Gipson, 43, was spotted by a Midland police officer in the 3400 block of Cuthbert Avenue around 2 a.m. Tuesday driving a pickup with a suspicious vehicle registration sticker, Tina Sanders, public information officer said.

The sticker was allegedly fictitious because it showed that the vehicle was registered with the Republic of Texas and it was wrong, Ms. Sanders said.

"The sticker showed that the vehicle was supposed to be a Jeep, not a pickup," Ms. Sanders said.

With the patrol car's flashing lights on, the officer attempted to pull Gipson over. However, Gipson drove on to his residence at 4700 Country Club Drive, about half-a-mile away.

At his residence, with an officer yelling at him to stop, Gipson got out of his pickup, opened his garage door, entered and closed the door behind him, police

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Sheriff takes stand in whistle-blower lawsuit

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter took the stand Tuesday in the lawsuit that a former clerk brought against the Sheriff's Office under the federal whistle-blower act.

Statutes in this act are designed to protect those people who report wrongdoing and Lisa Benefield claims she was punished and wrongfully terminated from her job after she reported to state investigators that sheriff's department staff were improperly using state and national computer networks to do background criminal checks for private companies.

Ms. Benefield worked at the Midland County Sheriff's Office from May 1995 to July 1996. On Jan. 26 of last year, Ms. Benefield testified that she was doing some work at home when her husband noticed she was completing paperwork

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Slick road conditions were thought to have contributed to a two-vehicle accident Tuesday on the overpass of Highways 191 and 158. The drivers of the van and a car were transported to Memorial Hospital and Medical Center.



Curt Wilcott
Reporter-Telegram

Temperatures to climb out of 30s today

By Joe Gaines
Staff Writer

Tuesday was another wet and dreary day as temperatures hovered near freezing.

The combination of the low temperatures and a misty rain made traveling treacherous for motorists Tuesday morning.

Midland police and the Texas Department of Public Safety reported several weather-related accidents, but no serious injuries.

"The number of reports were average for a day like today," Tina Sanders, public information officer, said.

One weather-related accident on State Highway 191 left a minivan on a guardrail and the driver rattled Tuesday morning.

The driver was westbound on State Highway 191, when she lost control of her van at the top of an overpass. The icy conditions caused the van to slide across the center median and into the eastbound lane, DPS Trooper Brian Rippee, said.

The van was then hit broadside by another vehicle traveling east, pushing the van onto the guardrail, Rippee said.

Both drivers reported minor injuries, Rippee said.

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Deng's successor says farewell, looks to challenges ahead

■ With the mourning period now over, China's new leader must confront his country's problems.

Associated Press

BELJING — With China's elite standing silently behind him at the funeral, Communist Party leader Jiang Zemin looked firmly in charge Tuesday as he bid a final and tearful farewell to his departed mentor.

But Deng Xiaoping's death ushers in a year filled with potential stumbling blocks for Jiang. A trip at any hurdle could weaken his control or hand useful ammunition to rivals.

The challenges start Saturday, when China's legislature convenes its annual session. Observers are sure to scrutinize the meeting for any sign of the political infighting some expect to sharpen in the absence of Deng, who often mediated leadership squabbles.

The official six-day mourning period for Deng ended with Tuesday's memorial, an austere affair honoring Deng's wish for a simple ceremony. His ashes were placed in a casket cloaked by the red Communist Party flag with its gold hammer and sickle, amid white flowers and evergreens.

After, crowds were allowed to swarm Tiananmen Square's vast plaza and lay flowers on the Monument to the People's Heroes.

But the mourning for Deng will give way quickly to the problems of running present-day China.

On July 1, China recovers sovereignty of Hong Kong. A mismanaged handover could upset relations with the United States and other countries with large investments in the British colony.

A Communist Party congress later this year could open doors for politically ambitious party members in the reshuffling of key posts.

And Deng died leaving some matters unresolved: State-run enterprises ooze red ink but cannot go bankrupt because too many workers would be laid off. The gap between rich and poor is growing, and so is corruption. And there is Taiwan, the island province that wants a greater international profile.

Ethnic tensions also are becoming more problematic. A bomb exploded Tuesday in Xinjiang province, a northwestern Chinese

■ News analysis

region recently shaken by violence as majority Muslims pursue a campaign for independence.

The explosion, which killed at least two people and injured 21, came just hours after Jiang eulogized his predecessor before 10,000 high-ranking Communists packed into the Great Hall of the People at Tiananmen Square.

Perhaps trickiest of all for Jiang will be managing the Chinese people's rising expectations for richer times ahead — expectations awakened by Deng's economic revolution.

There is no doubt, however, that 70-year-old Jiang is in charge.

Once a deputy director of food and soap factories, and a former Shanghai mayor, Jiang was Deng's surprise choice in 1989 to lead a Communist Party divided over the army's assault on unarmed pro-democracy protesters on Tiananmen Square that

summer.

Since then, Jiang has consolidated power by taking over China's presidency and leadership of its 3 million-member armed forces, the world's largest. Promotions of proteges from Shanghai have helped shore up his position.

In the last months of Deng's life, Jiang sought to step out of his mentor's shadow by championing campaigns against crime and for honest living. The campaigns were aimed at wooing Communist Party conservatives and ordinary Chinese concerned about lawlessness and corruption that have accompanied economic growth.

Jiang made several high-profile visits to poorer families in recent months. A rotund man with thick-rimmed square glasses and greased-back hair, Jiang made pointed use of a handkerchief to dab his eyes during his farewell to Deng — suggesting a common touch absent in other leaders.

Regardless, Jiang lacks the authority and all-important con-

nections Deng accrued during seven decades as a Communist Party member and as one of the founders of the People's Republic in 1949.

To rule effectively, Jiang must wring consensus from the collective leadership he heads. He also must keep the armed forces, a major powerbroker, happy by not conceding to Taiwan's demands for more breathing space — demands Chinese generals view as a prelude to Taiwanese independence.

Deng's death robbed Jiang of his most influential backer. But it gave him an opportunity to reap fresh pledges of loyalty from the army and his colleagues, as well as publicize his position as China's most powerful man.

Reams of eulogies, hours of stirring broadcasts and scores of tributes to Deng gushed from state-run media during the official mourning period — and none of it missed an opportunity to promote Jiang.

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Under U.S. pressure Mexico cleans house to meet drug deadline

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico said Tuesday that it would overhaul its federal police force and prosecutor's office, an acknowledgment that corruption in its anti-drug forces is hurting prospects for U.S. aid.

Attorney General Jorge Madrazo promised "top-to-bottom" reforms of the attorney general's office and the federal police to address "the worst crisis in the history of the Mexican justice system."

He said the changes were not directly linked to a Saturday deadline for the United States to recertify Mexico as an ally in the war on drugs.

But he said an overhaul was needed so the country could combat drug trafficking and organized crime. The arrest last week of Mexico's drug czar on charges of taking bribes from a drug lord threw into doubt recertification by

the United States.

Madrazo said the reforms would include better training, recruitment and human rights instruction for officers, and a revision of investigation procedures. He also said Mexico would improve intelligence gathering and cooperate more closely with foreign governments.

"This is a commitment we will carry out in the shortest time possible," he said.

Before the arrest of Mexico's drug czar, Gen. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, the Clinton administration had been ready to recertify Mexico for the State Department aid program that assists foreign governments in fighting drugs.

But the United States will be reluctant to describe Mexico as an ally when its top drug enforcement official is in jail for alleged taking bribes from Amado Carrillo Fuentes, the country's most

wanted drug trafficker.

President Clinton, in outlining a \$16 billion anti-drug strategy Tuesday, did not directly address Mexico's recertification. He said decisions would be made after Secretary of State Madeleine Albright returned from a trip overseas.

Albright suggested this week-end that the Clinton administration might officially decertify Mexico but continue the aid on grounds of U.S. national security interests.

Mexican Foreign Secretary Jose Angel Gurría suggested this week that any withdrawal of U.S. drug-fighting aid could harm an excellent relationship. He called the process unilateral and unjust.

President Ernesto Zedillo, apparently fearful of punishment, promised strong measures on Sunday to surmount the crisis, although he didn't say what they

would be.

The firings of 35 workers in the national anti-narcotics agency who had contact with the ousted drug czar, announced Monday, appeared to be a first step. Madrazo hinted that there would be more firings. "This is not the final count," he said.

Federal agents said Monday night that on Saturday they had scoured the Mexico City apartment block where the ousted drug czar and found signs that a neighboring apartment had been inhabited by Carrillo Fuentes, the drug lord.

The government said the evidence seized included an AK-47 assault rifle, cellular phones with scrambling devices, \$10,000 in cash and a small tequila keg emblazoned with the name "Amado Carrillo."

Photographs of the keg — which bore the engraved image of a

sleeping peasant wearing a sombrero — were published in Mexican newspapers Tuesday along

with images of the luxury apartment, which featured a giant pool table.

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Minister: Russian government to change

MOSCOW (AP) — Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin says a government shakeup is in the works — but he's not ready to say who will stay and who will go.

"We are preparing changes, and they will not be merely cosmetic," Chernomyrdin told reporters Tuesday.

He refused to mention names, saying only that he had in mind appointing people "who want to carry out reforms and know how to do that."

A government spokesman said the premier is likely to make public some of his plans at a special March 6 government meeting.

On Monday, President Boris Yeltsin reprimanded Chernomyrdin for the government's failure to pay wage and pension debts to millions of Russians. His remarks were broadcast on nationwide newscasts.

Kremlin officials have denied Chernomyrdin might be removed, but there have been rumors the jobs of several Cabinet members could be in jeopardy.

The government's inability to collect taxes has left it desperately short of money needed to make wage and pension payments.

Chernomyrdin said Tuesday the pension payments would be made on a timely basis beginning this month and arrears soon would be cleared up. But he has made similar promises in the past, and it's not clear where the government will get the money.

Yeltsin, who has been away from the Kremlin for most of the past eight months with heart problems and pneumonia, is looking increasingly healthy and appears ready to resume a more active role.

He met Tuesday with Moldovan President Petru Lucinschi at the Kremlin for discussions on the presence of several thousand Russian troops in the former Soviet republic.

Moldovan officials have become increasingly impatient with Russia dragging its feet on the long-promised pullout.

"Of course, we should make a decision on the group of Russian troops, as the Moldovan constitution doesn't allow the presence of foreign troops," Yeltsin said after the meeting.

The Russian forces were deployed in Moldova in 1992 as peacekeepers following a war between Moldova's central government and separatists from the eastern region of Trans-Dniester.

North Korean defector dies after shooting

Lee Hanyoung died in Seoul ten days after being shot in the head by unknown assailants.

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A prominent North Korean defector died Tuesday, 10 days after being shot in the head in the South Korean capital by an unidentified assailant.

Police initially had said they thought North Korean agents were behind the attack on Lee Hanyoung, 36, who was shot by one of two assailants as he entered a friend's apartment on Feb. 15.

That theory was buttressed by police who quoted witnesses as saying Lee's last words before losing consciousness were "Spy, spy." But police later backed off and, without quite abandoning the North Korea theory, suggested the shooting may have resulted from a failed business deal or a personal dispute.

Lee reportedly had amassed large debts in various business activities.

Lee, who was the nephew of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il's former wife, defected in 1982. But his arrival in South Korea had been kept secret until last year, when his mother also defected.

The shooting came after Hwang Jang Yop, a former tutor of the North Korean leader, went to Seoul's embassy in Beijing earlier this month and sought asylum in South Korea.

North Korea initially claimed that Hwang, ranked 24th in the communist country's power hierarchy, had been kidnapped and vowed to retaliate. Hwang's defection has posed diplomatic problems for China, a longtime ally of North Korea and a trading partner of the South.

The Korean peninsula was divided into the communist North and the capitalist South in 1945, and the two sides fought bitterly during the 1950-1953 Korean War.

Anti-mafia raids net mobsters in Southern Italy

REGGIO CALABRIA, Italy (AP) — A police sweep Tuesday in southern Italy netted 17 suspected mobsters wanted in connection with about 30 murders and attempted killings in the past few years.

The suspects arrested allegedly belong to three clans of the 'ndrangheta, as the crime syndicate is called in Calabria, the region in the toe of the Italian boot. They also are accused of robbery, extortion and loansharking.

Five suspects remain free, including an alleged clan leader, police said.

Mobsters who turned informants after being arrested in a major 1995 operation against the 'ndrangheta helped make the sweep possible, police said.

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HYSTERECTOMY

Hysterectomy is one of the most common major surgical procedures currently performed on women, with as many as one-third of women undergoing the surgery before age 65. As much as there is some question about the necessity of undergoing a hysterectomy in certain cases, there are some situations for which the procedure is clearly indicated. Hysterectomy is necessary in such potentially life-threatening situations as uterine rupture during childbirth, uterine cancer, or uncontrollable vaginal bleeding. In most other situations, for which hysterectomy may be indicated, it is not the only choice for addressing the problem. With this in mind, women should explore other options whenever possible, such as drug therapy or less invasive procedures that may spare the uterus.

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One dead after Israeli soldiers open fire

■ Three other Palestinians were wounded during clashes in the West Bank village of Hizme.

Associated Press

HIZME, West Bank — Israeli soldiers in civilian clothing opened fire in a West Bank village Tuesday, killing one Palestinian and wounding three. Troops used tear gas to quell later clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians.

The army said the shooting occurred during a confrontation between soldiers and villagers in Hizme, just north of Jerusalem, an area that is under joint Israeli and Palestinian control.

It heightened fears of a new wave of violence in the West Bank, which is already tense because of Israel's plan to build a new Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem. Palestinians, who hope to establish a capital in east

Jerusalem, warn the construction could derail the peace process.

Witnesses said the shooters were dressed in civilian clothes and Israel TV said they were from an elite undercover unit.

Ali Salah a-Din, who was hospitalized with a wound in his leg, said he thought the three young men who entered his village armed with handguns and speaking Hebrew were Jewish settlers.

They walked up to his house, grabbed his nephew and "hit him with the butts of their guns," he said. When confronted by family members, the men opened fire, he said. Soldiers posted at a nearby checkpoint refused to help and an army jeep entered the village and left with the gunmen, he said.

Yossi Shoval, spokesman for Jerusalem's Hadassah hospital, identified the dead man as Mohammed Abdel Aziz Abu Hallowi, 56. He said Hallowi was wounded in the knee and was

dead on arrival.

An army statement said the Israeli troops had been attacked by Palestinian residents and fired.

"From the shots, one Palestinian was killed, another was injured seriously, and two others lightly," the statement said, stressing that "it was a shooting by Israeli soldiers and not a shooting by civilians."

Afterwards, Palestinians began throwing stones at the Israeli soldiers and police deployed in the area.

The Israelis responded with tear gas and tried several times to storm the village, drawing a hail of large rocks each time. After an hour, the area was declared a closed military zone and the clashes died down. No further injuries were reported.

Gabi Ofir, Israel's top commander in the area, indicated he had only a partial idea of what had happened.

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Conservatives plan to sell off London 'tube'

LONDON (AP) — The government plans to sell off London's run-down subway system if it wins national elections in the spring.

"I believe the private sector will be able to deliver the results that passengers want, but more efficiently," Transportation Secretary Sir George Young told the House of Commons on Tuesday.

But he didn't say whether the government intended to sell the 243-mile system in one piece, break it into operating companies or offer franchises. Those details will be announced in the summer, he said.

By then, Britain may have a new government. A national election must be held by May 1, and the opposition Labor Party has maintained a substantial lead in opinion polls.

Andrew Smith, responding for the Labor Party after Young's announcement, said selling the system would be "bad for London, bad for passengers and bad for taxpayers."

"What makes you think it is going to work when you cannot even tell us how you are going to do it?" Smith said.

London's Underground rail system is the world's oldest, begun in the 1850s, and one of the busiest. It handled 784 million passenger journeys in 1995-96.

73-year-old to take driver's test No. 18

BUINERVEEN, Netherlands (AP) — If at first you don't succeed, drive, drive again.

After failing his driver's test 17 times and driving illegally for three decades, a 73-year-old Dutchman says he will give it one last try.

Jan Boekholt was caught driving his Opel Corsa without a license last month in this northern Dutch village. If police catch him driving illegally again, his car will be confiscated.

Boekholt recently started driving lessons again, but said if he fails, he plans to buy a special "invalid auto" — a low-powered vehicle that can go just 28 mph and doesn't require a license.

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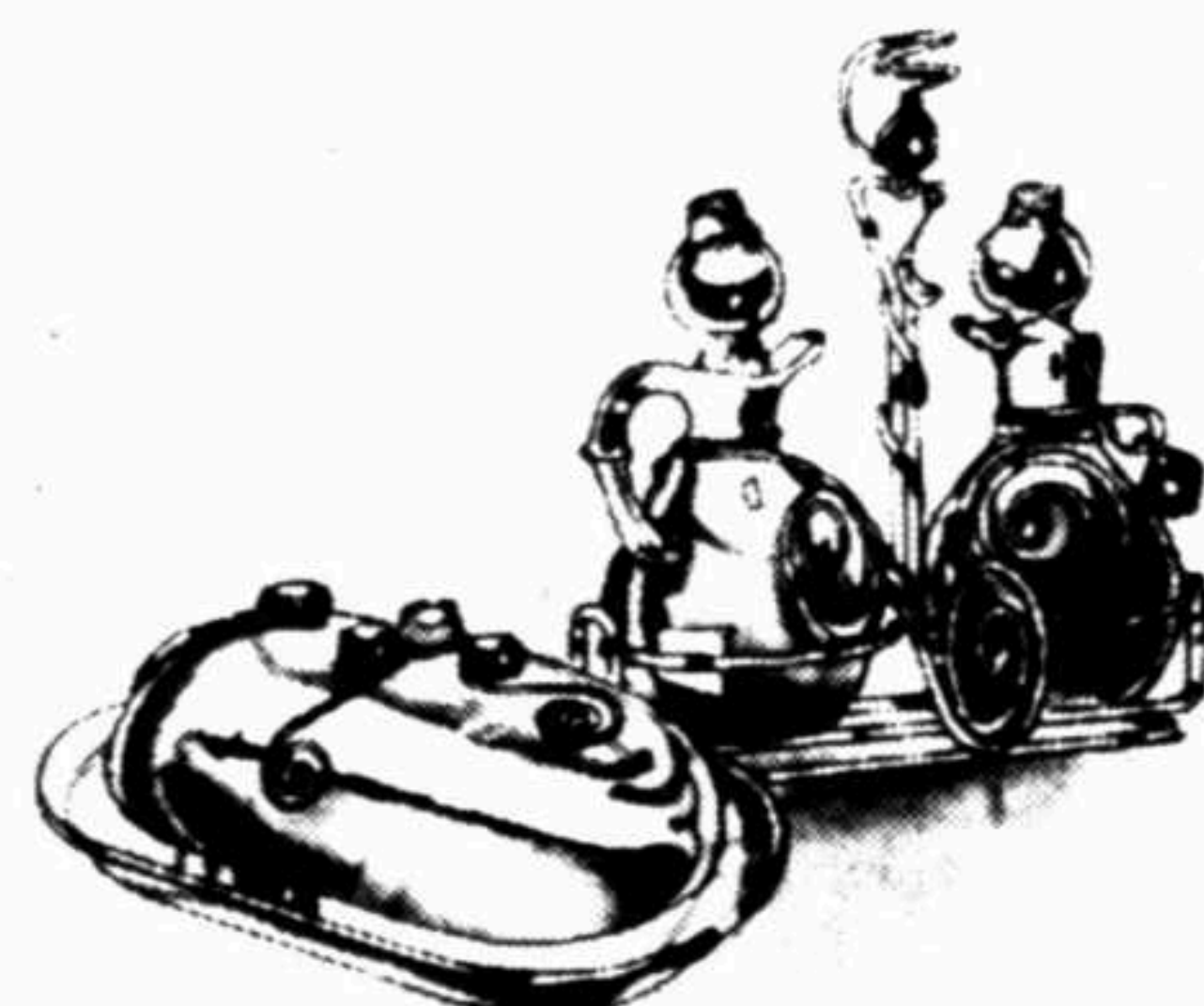
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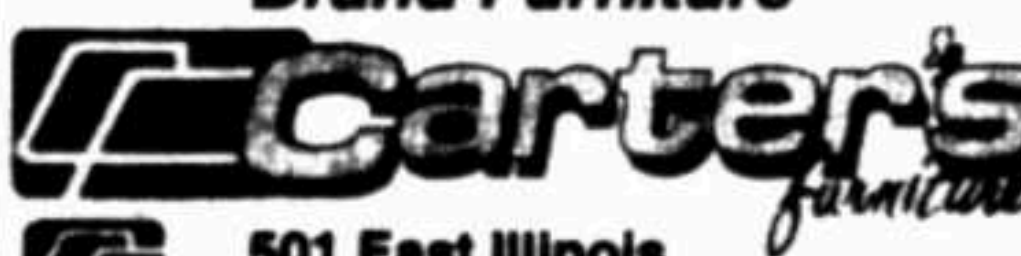


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War-torn Sarajevo attracts new breed of morbid tourists

Shades of the city's worst wartime atrocities are becoming favored stopping points for travelers.

N. Y. Times Service

Sarajevo has had a succession of strange visitors in its past turbulent years.

Some have been unwelcome, such as the Bosnian Serb army which tried to smash the city into surrender.

Others have been more benign, like the United Nations and NATO troops who tried to restore peace to tragic Bosnia-Herzegovina.

But now Sarajevans have been astonished by an invasion of war tourists coming to the capital to gaze at the sites of some of the worst horrors of the conflict.

The new breed of tourist, arriving on organized tours or making his or her own way to Sarajevo, has provoked mixed feelings among the city's inhabitants.

Many Sarajevans are outraged

by what they see as a macabre form of voyeurism. But others feel that the tours will help visitors learn more about the city's suffering and a war which claimed 200,000 civilian lives.

Tours of the city typically start at notorious Snipers' Alley, the main street where many civilians died. They then take in Markale market, where 69 people were killed by a single mortar explosion in February 1994, and the site near the Catholic cathedral where 21 people queuing for bread were killed by a shell lobbed by the Bosnian Serb besiegers.

The guides show shell-scarred Begova Džamija mosque, the charred skeleton of the Zetra Olympic Stadium and the ruins of a library destroyed, along with its priceless collection of ancient texts, by fire.

The tourists, following signs pointing the way to sites of note, thread their way along what, until just a year ago, were front-line confrontation spots near the

"It has given me admiration for the people here. I hope they can rebuild."

— Yasuhiro Kume, Japanese student.

Vrbanje bridge, and suburbs such as Grbavica and Vraca and the Jewish cemetery.

Tourists can take photographs of each other near the statue of a lion that gives its name to the vast cemetery which became the last resting place for hundreds of casualties.

It spills over into a nearby park strewn with thousands of graves which, like all the city's open spaces, was pressed into service when the cemeteries became full.

Some of the most respectful of the war visitors are those from countries which themselves experienced war.

Hideaki Ueno, a Japanese student, was rounding off a day's exploration of the city by browsing through the war souvenirs for sale at the dozens of wooden shops lining the cobbled streets of Bascarsija in the old town, itself the site of shelling.

Bullets, shells and shrapnel which showered Sarajevo during the siege have become the raw material of bizarre mementoes. One of the most popular is an ash-tray which, the vendors say, is forged from enemy shells.

Ueno, 23, travelling through central Asia and Europe for a year, explained why he wanted to visit a city that had been pulverized by a 44-month siege.

He said: "I don't know much about the history here. The main reason for my visit was to meet the people, and I have been surprised by them. I have been through many countries, and the people in Sarajevo are the kindest."

His friend, Yasuhiro Kume, said: "I suppose for the Japanese

there are similarities with our country from 50 years ago, but I, too, came to meet Bosnians. I have found them unbelievably friendly to foreigners.

"I can see that most of the buildings are damaged and there are still plenty of land mines, but what has struck me most is how much has been rebuilt already."

"It has given me admiration for the people here. I hope they can rebuild like Japan did."

But local people complain that

all tourists are not as respectful as the two Japanese students. They say that busloads from western Europe come to see what Sarajevans contemptuously dub the "Massacre Trail."

Igor Velimirovic is one of many Sarajevans who questions their motives.

"Anyone is welcome here, but they have come for the right reasons," said Velimirovic, who served as a soldier in the war.

Dutch city advertises for marijuana shop owners

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Wanted: marijuana merchants to open new drug cafes. Restaurant experience and respect for the law required. Discretion a plus. Apply to City Hall.

Officials in Purmerend are seeking entrepreneurs to run the city's two new drug shops, and said Tuesday they will run newspaper advertisements to find them.

Unlike the nearby Dutch capital of Amsterdam, where nearly 400 privately owned coffee shops openly sell marijuana and hashish, Purmerend has an underground drug network in which a telephone hot line dispatches a courier to make pickups.

"We want to put a halt to that kind of trading," said City Hall spokesman Fred Beijert. The aim of the new shops, he said, is to tighten control and prevent sales to minors.

In the Netherlands, soft drugs such as hashish and marijuana are technically illegal, but authorities allow privately owned "coffee shops" to sell small amounts for personal use without fear of prosecution.

Authorities claim such coffee shops keep drug sales out in the open where police can better monitor and control the trade.

Beijert wouldn't say where the drug will come from, and he

stressed that the city will not get involved with the supply side of the business.

He said ads announcing the application process for the shops in Purmerend, nine miles north of Amsterdam, would be placed in regional and local newspapers on Thursday.

Applicants must have a "plan of action" to minimize the noise and nuisance that usually comes with coffee shops, Beijert said.

They also must specify what kind of information they will provide customers on the health hazards of drug use, and restaurant experience is required.

Beijert said a special selection committee will be established and the chosen entrepreneurs will receive an official letter from the mayor permitting them to set up shop.

Other than the two stores, the city will not authorize any other drug outlets.

Known for its tolerant drug policy, the Netherlands has been experimenting with unorthodox ways to keep users off the streets and away from dealers peddling hard drugs like heroin and cocaine.

Several other Dutch towns gained notoriety recently by opening City Hall-sponsored marijuana cafes.

Germany will not deport ex-Red Army deserters

BONN, Germany (AP) — Germany's federal government will not seek to deport former Soviet soldiers who deserted their east German bases after the Cold War, government sources said Tuesday.

The policy reversal is a victory for hundreds of desperate defectors who feared deportation and long jail terms back in their homelands.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that politicians decided Tuesday in a closed-door meeting that Germany's 16 states — not the federal government — should decide whether to extradite deserters.

Most of the states are governed by the left-leaning Social Democrats, some of whom said this month the deserters should be permitted to stay.

"I am thrilled by this news," said Rik Akhmetganyev, a former Red Army tank commander who fled

his base near the Polish border in 1991.

Akhmetganyev heads a group of 60 deserters, called "Hope," who have campaigned vigorously against deportation. He said fellow defectors from across Germany called him Tuesday after hearing the news.

"The wives of two comrades called me in tears because they were so happy," he said from his home near Hamburg. "I can't believe it."

Some 340,000 Red Army soldiers were stationed in former East Germany during the Cold War. The last of them went home in August 1994. But in the four years before the bases closed, as many as 600 men deserted — some alleging their superiors had attempted to coerce them into helping peddle stolen weapons.

Vatican: No sex for Catholics who divorce, remarry

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Divorced Catholics who remarry should be urged to stop living in a "state of sin" — meaning no sex in the new relationship, the Vatican said Tuesday in issuing guidelines on the subject for priests.

Priests also should counsel those who have not remarried to remain faithful to their original vows and not enter into other unions, according to the guidelines, issued by the Pontifical Council on the Family.

The council released its recommendations after a meeting last month devoted to divorced but remarried Catholics.

It told priests to show compassion for Catholics whose marriages have failed, and noted that Pope John Paul II has said the divorced who remarry still belong to the church.

But the church "must not express any sign, public or private, that could appear to be a legitimization of the new union," the document said.

Priests should invite such couples "to recognize their irregular situation, which involves a state of sin, and ask God for the grace of a true conversion." Vatican officials said that means couples should abstain from sex.

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Quality Document Solutions - the Xerox link

Partners Carol and Ben Renfro and Tommy McCrury began Quality Document Solutions in 1995, when the Xerox Corporation enhanced the direct sales organization by expanding the Xerox Authorized Sales Agent coverage.

Carol's experience is in sales, marketing and management; Ben's is in technical and management, and McCrury's background is in office supply and equipment.

With more than 35 combined years of experience with Xerox, and already established as experts in finding ways to best meet the document needs of the community, they felt there was need for growth and expansion of Xerox in the Permian Basin, and they took the leap to become Xerox Authorized Sales Agents and begin their own business - Quality Document Solutions, Inc.

Their plan was to develop the business gradually, with an emphasis in the continuing excellence of sales and service they had been accustomed to giving with Xerox, and eventually expand to provide products and services other than Xerox's.

In 1996, the company added

facsimile products to their line, and added service agents to service their line of smaller copiers and products, and to augment the direct service force that service larger Xerox copiers and products. There are 24 Xerox technicians in total to serve the needs of the Permian Basin, six of whom report directly to Ben Renfro and are responsible for the maintenance of smaller copiers and facsimile machines.

And this year, Quality Document Solutions will begin offering the final component to help offices become more productive and efficient: storage and retrieval products.

Carol Renfro explained that the partners had seen their customers' offices becoming more and more crowded with the proliferation of paper.

"Now everybody can make copies and they fax copies, which results in paper everywhere. Our customers have storage buildings with boxes of documents that they sometimes don't know how to maintain effectively. We're trying to help them streamline their document management process and close the cycle. The document cycle consists of



creation, distribution, storage and retrieval. Quality Document Solutions provides options in all those areas."

Ms. Renfro said uppermost in their criteria for the storage and retrieval product was to continue to maintain the excellence their clients were accustomed to with Xerox and Quality Document Solutions.

"We did extensive research, and finally found a company called BitWise Designs, Inc., which manufactures the DocSTAR (Document Storage and Retrieval) imaging and filing

system. The DocSTAR scan a document electronically, images it, and does full text editing, so that the document can be retrieved based on any word on the page.

"That becomes very important in a company from a productivity aspect," she said.

The DocSTAR systems store the documents on optical disks with a capacity of approximately 25,000 pages - an amount that would fill two and a half four-drawer file cabinets. Other options the company will offer include a jukebox optical storage

peripheral providing on-line access to as many as 1.2 million pages of information, and software for importing documents directly from Windows application programs running on networked PCs.

Other plans in the works for Quality Document Solutions include the continued investment in training and development required to keep pace with Xerox's continued high standards.

Community involvement is important to Quality Document Solutions also. All employees are encouraged to participate in volunteer efforts for various nonprofit organizations, where they often work side by side with their customers for common goals.

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Crude and its products rebounded Tuesday from recent lows in futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange after white-collar workers in Nigeria's oil industry threatened to strike.

Crude oil for April delivery rose 29 cents to \$21 a barrel.

Natural gas futures also rebounded, with April rising 5 cents to \$1.865 for each 1,000 cubic feet.

A Nigerian oil workers' white-collar trade union said it will strike Friday if January and February back salaries aren't paid. Nigeria exports slightly more than 2 million barrels of oil a day and about half of that goes to the U.S. market.

Even with Iraq's recent return to world oil markets, any disruption from Nigeria could cause short-term supply tightness, said analyst Tim Evans at Pegasus Econometric Group.

Gasoline futures saw some support on the New York Mercantile Exchange from heavy refiner buying of reformulated gasoline.

The American Petroleum Institute's report, released after trading had ended, confirmed gasoline supply tightness. The industry group reported stocks fell 3.166 million barrels, compared to expectations of a rise of 1.5 million barrels.

NGPA meeting

Paul H. Pause will be the guest speaker at Thursday's meeting of the Natural Gas Producers Association. The meeting will be at the Petroleum Club beginning at 11:45 a.m.

His topic will be "Introduction to Oil and Gas Resources on the Internet." Reservations can be made by calling 915/495-3198.

Dollar slumps

NEW YORK — The dollar ended slightly lower against the yen and mark Tuesday after an early rally faded on concern about the uncertain impact of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's scheduled congressional testimony.

In late New York trading, the dollar cost 121.60 yen, down from 122.18 yen Monday. The dollar cost 1.6719 marks, down from 1.6732. The pound cost \$1.6350, down from \$1.6359.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with Monday: 1.4605 Swiss francs, up from 1.4580; 5.6385 French francs, unchanged; 1,668.00 Italian lire, up from 1,660.00; 1.3605 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3628.

Stocks climb

NEW YORK — Bargain hunters looking for deals ignited a burst of late-day buying Tuesday, erasing a 35-point loss and sending stocks higher for a third straight session.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 29.63 to 7,037.83, led by strength in shares of 3M, J.P. Morgan and IBM. The finish is second only to the all-time high of 7,067.46 set a week earlier.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 5-to-4 margin on the New York Stock Exchange where volume totaled 527.43 million shares.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock list rose 1.82 to 812.10, the NYSE composite index rose 1.04 to 425.52 and the American Stock Exchange composite index rose 1.92 to 599.99.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 2.61 to 1,347.69, despite some weakness in a number of technology shares, including computer networking leader Cisco Systems, down 2 1/2 to 56 1/2.

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Fina-Holly deal to boost gas supplies

■ New pipeline system to supply fuel demand growth in West Texas, Southwest.

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Refining operations in the Permian Basin is expected to be strengthened by a pipeline alliance that will bring needed supplies of gasoline and diesel to a larger part of the growing Southwest.

Fina Inc. of Dallas and Holly Corp. of Artesia, N.M., announced Tuesday that the two companies would develop a pipeline system to supply the total fuel demand growth of West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona markets for the next five years.

The pipeline project, which will require conversion of one pipeline and construction of two extensions, will link Fina's Big Spring and Port Arthur refineries with Holly's Navajo refinery at Artesia to create a capacity of 155,000 barrels a day of finished fuel products. The Port Arthur refinery will contribute 50,000 barrels daily, the Big Spring refinery 45,000 and the Navajo refinery 60,000 barrels.

The system will be constructed by converting Fina's Amdel Pipeline from crude oil to bring in fuel products from the Gulf Coast. There is to be a 50-mile extension from the Amdel Pipeline at Wink, to Holly's pipeline station at Orla, which would allow Fina to transport up to 20,000 barrels a day on Holly's newly expanded 12-inch pipeline from Artesia to El Paso.

A similar pipeline system, which would have converted an Exxon crude oil pipeline from Midland to the Gulf Coast to bring Gulf Coast gasoline into the basin and points further west, was previously proposed by Longhorn Pipeline Partners.

"We think this is a better alternative, but if Longhorn goes forward with their pipeline plans we are prepared to compete with them," said Jeff Morris, vice president of Fina's Southwest Business Unit.

To take products further west in New Mexico, Holly will construct a 50-mile

FINA/HOLLY PIPELINE ALLIANCE

The Fina-Holly alliance will bring needed fuel supplies to the Permian Basin to help fuel demand growth in the Southwest. The company recently acquired a 41 percent interest in Southwest Convenience Stores, the largest convenience store franchise in the United States.



CREATING A NEW NETWORK

The newly created 155,000 barrel a day pipeline network will bring fuel products into the Permian Basin for distribution as far away as Arizona, El Paso, Albuquerque, the Four Corners area of New Mexico, Wichita Falls and Duncan, Okla.

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Proposed Lines

Fina's Amdel crude oil pipeline

← Pipelines Holly owns or leases

← Pipelines Fina owns or will use

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connection from Artesia to a recently leased Mapco pipeline into the Albuquerque and Four Corners area.

Morris, former manager of Fina's Big Spring refinery, said the pipeline system would provide the supply needed to fully utilize sufficient supply to all existing common carrier pipelines shipping product from El Paso. It will also bring needed supplies to Fina's expanded retail business in West Texas and New Mexico.

"With our recent acquisition of a 34 percent interest in Southwest Convenience Stores, the nation's largest 7-Eleven franchisee, our West Texas and New

Mexico market share is approaching 20 percent, making Fina one of the largest branded marketers in the region," Morris said.

In addition to supplying current needs, Morris said the pipeline alliance would also allow Fina to provide for future growth.

"I don't think the alliance will have much impact on pricing or supply in the Midland-Odessa market one way or the other, but it will allow Fina to service locations farther to the west."

Morris said the alliance would ensure the longevity of Fina's Big Spring refin-

ery and may even lead to its expansion.

"I would expect it would do the same for Holly," Morris added.

Matt Clifton, president of Holly Corp., noted that the Fina alliance would give Holly new distribution capabilities for its Artesia refinery and added transportation revenues. The company, which distributes refined products in Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas and Montana, recently formed a venture with Amoco to transport butane and propane to Juarez, Mexico.

SEC proposes changes in fund disclosure

■ Revisions to mutual fund disclosure requirements would make choosing fund easier.

Associated Press

BOSTON — Federal regulators are proposing sweeping revisions to lengthy, sometimes indecipherable disclosure requirements that would make it easier for investors to understand the risks when choosing a mutual fund.

The rules would allow mutual funds to be sold for the first time without first giving investors the traditional prospectus. Investors would get a shorter summary profile outlining a fund's risks, performance and investment style.

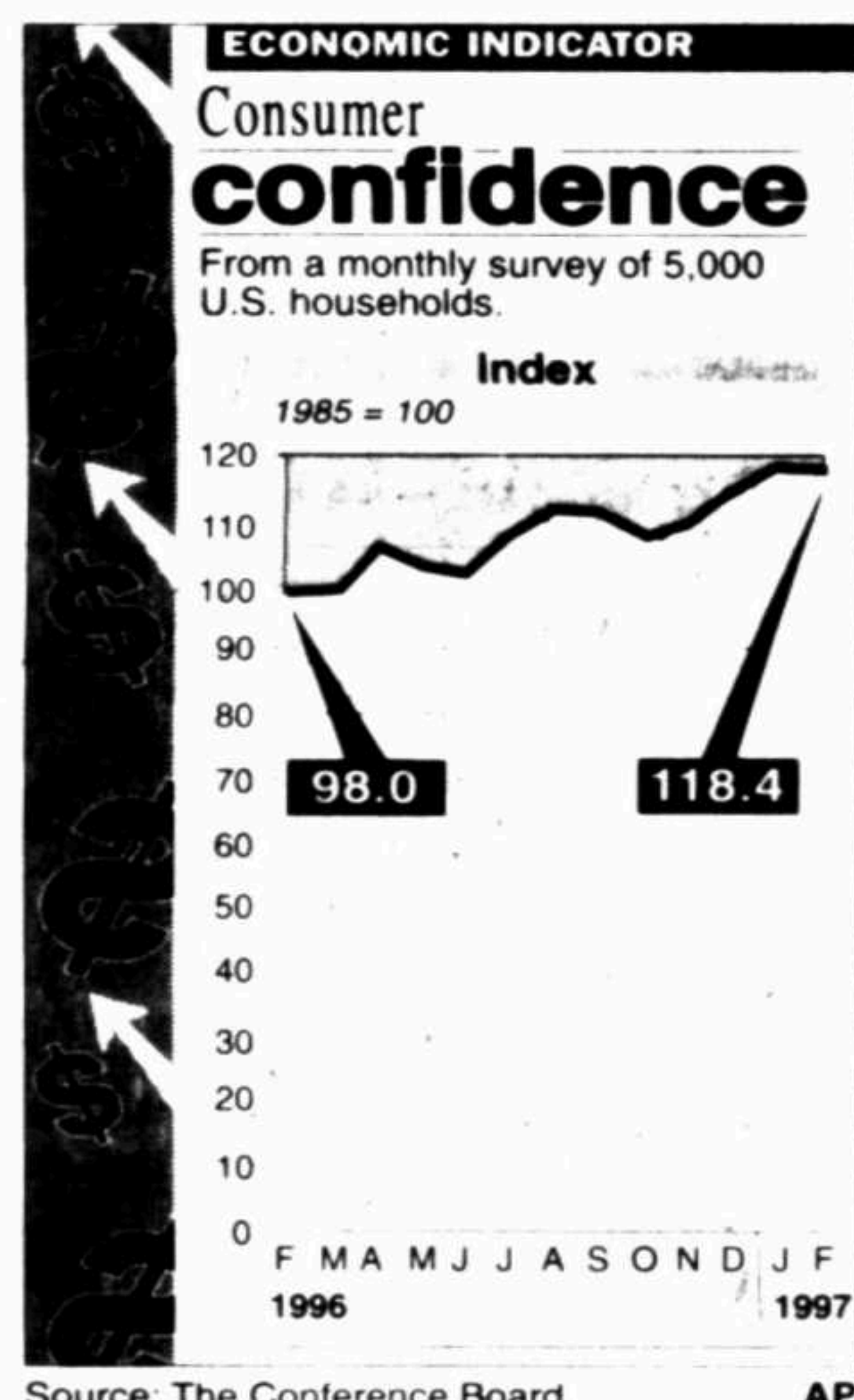
SEC Chairman Arthur Levitt Jr. outlined the plans Tuesday in a Boston speech. He said prospectuses are bogged by legal and technical minutiae that obscure information that's essential to investors.

"In our view, prospectuses, whether long or short, should provide investors with useful, accurate and relevant information in language that they can understand," Levitt said in his prepared remarks at a public forum.

An estimated 63 million Americans now invest in more than 6,270 mutual funds, which had combined assets of \$3.54 trillion in December. Levitt said many investors tend to scorn prospectuses when choosing a mutual fund.

A survey by the Investment Company Institute last year found that only half of fund shareholders consulted a prospectus before making an investment. A separate survey by the SEC and the Comptroller of the Currency found investors viewed prospectuses as the fifth-best source of information.

"These new rules may not represent the Holy Grail — but they will make prospectuses simpler, clearer, more useful, and, we hope, more used," Levitt said.



Source: The Conference Board AP

Confidence inches lower

NEW YORK (AP) — A dramatic upward revision of January's consumer confidence figures translated into a slight drop for February's consumer sentiments, the Conference Board said Tuesday.

The measure, a sign of consumers' willingness to spend, was 118.4 in February, down from a revised 118.7 in January, the board said. Initially, the board had reported a surprisingly strong 2.6 point gain to 116.8 in January.

The overall index remained at seven-year highs and consumers' estimation of their current situation was the highest in nearly three decades.

"Consumers haven't had it this good in 27 years," said John Ryding, senior economist at Bear, Stearns & Co. "The numbers pretty much speak for themselves."

Consumer sentiment reflects the strength of the economy, Ryding said, and that sentiment will last "as long as the good economic performance lasts. There's no sign of an end to this expansion."

In fact, Tuesday's numbers were higher than economists had forecast, even with the decline in February from the revised January figures.

Financial markets had little reaction to the consumer confidence figures.

"It didn't change the story. We knew consumer confidence was high," said Marilyn C. Schaja, money market economist at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette. She added that investors are reluctant to bet too heavily on consumer confidence numbers, which can drop rapidly at the first sign of economic weakness.

Consumers were more upbeat about the current condition of the economy, with that measure rising 2 points in February to 143.4, the Conference Board said. But the expectations for the next six months slipped to 101.7 from 103.8.

Consumers were slightly more confident about the job market, with 32 percent of those surveyed by the Conference Board saying jobs are now plentiful, up from 31 percent in January.

Just less than half of those surveyed said jobs aren't so plentiful and 18.5 percent said jobs were hard to get.

AT&T unveils wireless service for local calls

Associated Press

NEW YORK — AT&T on Tuesday detailed plans to tie its wireless phone network directly to millions of home phone lines, offering consumers a unique way to make local calls and speed access to the Internet.

Customers would still use their home phones. But instead of traveling across a copper-wire network, calls would be routed to a pizza-size box mounted on the side of a home. This radio transceiver box would transmit voice and data to a base station and then route it across AT&T's wireless system of switches and transmission lines to other phones.

While still in the test stage, the new technology could turn AT&T's vast wireless network into a potent weapon in its battle with the regional Bell companies for local phone customers.

AT&T said it will begin testing the service in Chicago this year, first with its

employees and then with consumers. Based on the results, the company will determine how and when to roll it out in other markets.

Unlike mobile phone callers, people using the new service can't travel outside the home to make calls. But down the road, AT&T plans to sell another service that will enable people to use their cellular phones like a home cordless model, paying local rates when calling inside the home instead of pricier mobile-phone fees.

For consumers, the new service ultimately could lower local phone rates as entrenched carriers vie with AT&T for local customers, said Dawn Honeyman, an Okla.-based consultant with TeleChoice Inc.

"This truly gives people another option" for local service, Honeyman said.

AT&T executives said they will wait for test market results before setting prices, but that they won't charge customers for the service's electronic box. The company said it was too early to comment on a report Monday that it could charge as little as \$10 a month for the local phone service.

The new service gives AT&T an important wedge to penetrate local phone markets as it vies for the tens of millions of customers now served by the regional Bells, GTE Corp. and other local companies.

AT&T executives said the wireless system would provide speedier data transmission than traditional copper wires, which were built to carry voices, not data. It will provide two phone lines to each home and the capability for high-speed access to the Internet at speeds up to 10 times faster than most computer modems.

BUSINESS SCENE

Off-price retailer Stein Mart opens Midland location

By Mella McEwen

Opening its doors Thursday in North Park Shopping Center, 4706 N. Midkiff Road, is STEIN MART.

Based in Jacksonville, Fla., Stein Mart is an off-price retailer of designer and famous name clothing for men, women and children, with items priced at 25 to 60 percent below regular retail prices. Also offered are accessories, linens and gift items.

General Manager is Charles Netherland and the 36,000-square-foot store employs between 75 and 90 full- and part-time employees.

The Midland store is the 124th in the 96-year-old chain, founded in 1905 by Sam Stein in Greenville, Miss. Today

the chain, operated by the founder's grandson, Jay Stein, operates in 21 states and has 22 stores in Texas. In addition to the Midland store, Stein Mart will open stores in Waco, Lewisville and San Antonio this spring and nine stores will open in nine other states.

Two retailers will be open in Midland Park Mall through March. WIN-SUN AIR BRUSH will be located in front of Payless Shoes through March 23.

VITESSE, selling multi-vitamins and Vitamin C will be open in front of Athletic Supply beginning Thursday through March 9.

The mall will host WORLD OF ART through Sunday, offering paintings, drawings and other fine art.

The customer service center will be selling general admission tickets for the Texas Toe-Down presented by Ballet Midland through Saturday.

The Westside Lions Club will be oper-

ating the train, now located in store next to Oshman's Friday through Sunday.

Open in a new location is THE CRAZY STAMPER, which has moved to her own location in Plaza Oaks Shopping Center.

Owner Judi Guttormsen was located inside the Lynn-Marie's Gift Shop at 11 Meta Drive in the Village Shopping Center.

She sells decorative art rubber stamps used to create cards, gift tags and wrap and on fabric or wood. She also sells supplies such as ink pads, specialty papers, flocking and glitter and embossing powders.

Classes are also being offered in cardmaking and stamping on wood and fabric.

On the move is PREFERRED PERSONNEL, which is relocating to the North Park Executive Center, 731 W. Wadley Ave., Building "O" in Suite 130.

The company will be open in its new offices March 3.

The Permian Basin Make-A-Wish Foundation is seeking gold and silver sponsors for its golf tournament, scheduled for July 26-27 at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links in Odessa.

The Midland County Extension Office at 2445 E. Business Loop 20 has expanded its hours and is now open during the noon hour.

In celebration of its 90th anniversary, Blue Bell Creameries has introduced its first new flavor of the year, Peach Amaretto Pecan. The ice cream includes peach slices and pecans in an amaretto-peach ice cream and will be available in Midland grocery stores through April.

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Ray deserves new tests on rifle

Is the rifle belonging to James Earl Ray, the man who has spent nearly three decades in prison for killing civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr., really the murder weapon?

That's an interesting question and one that may be answered if a Tennessee judge's ruling on Ray's request to have the rifle tested is granted by a Tennessee appeals court.

Ray contends that his rifle is not the one that killed King. Judge Joe Brown approved Ray's request for new tests on the rifle in 1994 but was overturned by the appeals court.

Brown believes the rifle should be subjected to new tests. "All I'm trying to say is there appears to be scientific methodology that has a reasonable likelihood or is capable ... of resolving this issue," the judge noted.

Coretta Scott King, widow of the slain civil rights leader, agrees that Ray's rifle should be subjected to the tests. "Even if no new light is shed on the facts concerning my husband's assassination," she said, "at least we and the nation can have the satisfaction of knowing that justice has run its course in this tragedy."

That is the point in the case of James Earl Ray, isn't it? Justice. Shortly after pleading guilty to the murder of King, Ray reversed himself and has been seeking a new trial. Ray now is suffering from serious liver disease which his lawyers say is terminal.

It is only logical to permit the new tests on the rifle of James Earl Ray to help answer the question of whether it was the weapon that killed King. The people of this nation deserve that much and Ray certainly deserves that degree of justice.

JACK ANDERSON

Mega questions surround Mega Center

WASHINGTON — The contractor troubles at the Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency, which we detailed in December, turn out to be even deeper than we first reported.

This agency, which was launched during the Nixon administration as a way of helping small, disadvantaged firms get off the ground, has become a haven of political patronage. Some agency money that's supposed to be helping minority businesses has instead filled the pockets of a small group of politically well-connected individuals.

Last fall we reported on the travel habits of the MBDA's director, Joan Parrott-Fonseca, who jetted off on overseas jaunts at a time when more than half the headquarters staff was being laid off.

Later, we reported that the agency awarded a \$3.2 million grant to a politically connected Los Angeles firm — Cordoba Corp. — even though another firm had scored much higher in the competitive bidding process. Cordoba was supposed to use the money to operate the so-called Mega Center, a one-stop shop in Los Angeles designed to help minority companies in every phase of their business, from finding start-up financing to locating export opportunities.

Several agency officials warned against giving the grant to Cordoba, in part because of the company's shaky financial history. And sure enough, Cordoba bungled the contract badly, forcing Commerce officials to close down the Mega Center a year after it was launched. Later, the department paid \$141,000 to the Internal Revenue Service to settle a tax lien on Cordoba's behalf — even though an audit report alleged that Cordoba still owed money to the government.

What we didn't report then is that George Pla, the president of Cordoba, subcontracted a portion of Mega Center grant to a company called Telacu (The East Los Angeles Community Union) Industries, which is run by David Lizarraga. Lizarraga and his wife, Yvonne, are very active politically, having given \$148,500 to

various political organizations in the last five years. Telacu has given an additional \$75,000 over the same time period.

Once Telacu received its contract, Lizarraga turned around and subcontracted the actual small-business consulting work — again without competition — to a firm called Capital Formation Partners. The firm was headed by Alfred Villalobos, a renowned Republican fund-raiser who's also the former deputy mayor of Los Angeles. Villalobos' company was hired to find business capital for minority firms that couldn't find it elsewhere.

An internal Commerce Department review of the CFP's performance, obtained by our associate Kathryn Wallace, shows that only five clients obtained funding during the 14-month period that was reviewed. One of those firms, the documents show, was Magic Johnson Enterprises, a development company run by basketball great Earvin "Magic" Johnson. Villalobos claims credit for obtaining \$50 million in capital for Johnson's company.

Gavin Chen, formerly a senior manager of

capital development programs at the Commerce Department, said Alfred Villalobos was paid \$200 per hour because he claimed to have entree to the largest capital providers in California.

"I didn't see that the \$200 was warranted, and he didn't have the access he claimed," Chen told us. "The bulk of the contract fees went to Al Villalobos instead of to the project."

Alfred Villalobos wasn't the only one in his family who benefited from the contract. His son, Eric, is listed in documents as a \$72,000 per year employee of the CFP project — even though his resume consists of three years of military service, no college degree, and employment with his father's company.

Reached by telephone, Eric Villalobos refused to answer questions about Telacu, Capital Formation Partners or any work he performed on the project. Alfred Villalobos failed to return our repeated phone calls.

Jack Anderson and Jan Moller's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.



WILLIAM SAFIRE

Clinton's database resembles Big Brother's

WASHINGTON — You've long heard about "Emily's List" — a legitimate fund-raising operation created to elect women.

You'll soon be hearing more about "Hillary's List" — an unprecedented abuse of federal power in political fund-raising. Officially called the White House Data Base (WhoDB), this computerized list of 355,000 names was compiled over the past four years at taxpayer expense to help the Clintons raise money to stay in power.

This political cybercorruption was directed from the top: "Both the President and the First Lady have asked me to make this my top priority," wrote White House aide Marsha Scott on Dec. 7, 1993. "Bruce (Lindsey) will be kept fully informed."

Fifteen months later, Mrs. Clinton's personal involvement in building her list-base is documented in a staff memo to Ms. Scott: "During the demo the First Lady mentioned that she would like to see the Miles Rubin rapid response list in the database."

Everybody who got favors or gave money was included. Lincoln bedroom overnighters, Democratic National Committee fat cats in the Kennedy Center box, private guests at radio talks — all are still going in at the rate of 10,000

a month, many with children's names, dietary restrictions, special interests, and almost all with Social Security numbers and addresses.

Never has technology been married to power greed to produce such political gain. Despite an early planner's assurance that the data base was "government property and cannot be given to or used by a campaign entity," its central purpose has been fund-raising, and it has been wrongfully used by DNC-paid White House "volunteers" to get payment for Clinton favors bestowed.

Rep. David McIntosh told NBC's Lisa Myers "the taxpayer was fleeced"; his committee will focus on how Erskine Bowles built the Mailing List From Hell. But misappropriating \$1.5 million to match donors with favors is not all. What has gone unremarked is the rape of individual privacy.

Coded notations on thousands of files indicate whether somebody on the WhoDB is black, Jewish, Catholic, Hispanic, of Ukrainian or Chinese or other ethnic descent. You want a printout of Italian Jews from California who are gay and got a Clinton holiday greeting? Just click on the demographic icon and cross the religious and ethnicity fields.

If you are in her data base, you may think that surely your file, containing private information about race and religion that universities and companies are prohibited from collecting about you, will be denied to anybody outside the White House.

You may be mistaken. Clinton lawyers have written Congress repeatedly that "the Privacy Act 1/85 U.S.C. 552a) does not apply" to the White House Office.

Unless successfully challenged, that means that the data will go on to the Clinton Library in 2001. There it will be available to all.

Think about that. Maybe you don't want everybody to know you're a Buddhist, or that you were in Washington on a certain weekend, or that you could afford a \$100,000 night in Lincoln's bed. Too bad: Hillary's list was created by public money and is a public record.

Think further. Suppose some unscrupulous Republican is elected president next time. He would have, by modern to the library, a vast and instantly retrievable "enemies list" — and know whom not to invite to a state dinner, or whom to solicit for how much to "get well" with him.

Ah, but maybe some upright archivist will insist the vulnerable half-million listees be protected from scholars, journalists, reformers and right-wing kooks.

Too late: I'll bet Hillary's list data already have been copied to other CD-ROM's. And some mean hacker is getting set to attack the White House data base to download all the dossiers to the Internet's webhubs.

If you're on Hillary's list, at best you'll be getting legal defense fund solicitations and offers to buy Clinton memoirs at irresistible discounts. At worst you'll be harassed by global telemarketers who'll know your political inclinations, children's nicknames and donor history.

Enjoy it. You'll know which first lady to thank.

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

ANOTHER VIEW

Abortion pill could make step too easy

With a wide range of choices of abortion methods already available, the abortion pill RU-486 may now be on its way to a drug store near you.

We can think of nothing worse than making abortion on demand even more available than it already is.

RU-486 must still receive final approval from the Food and Drug Administration, but the FDA (has) already declared the pill to be safe and effective.

Safe is a relative term, depend-

ing on whether it's from the perspective of the woman taking the pill, or the baby it will destroy.

Already in this country, about a million and a half abortions are performed every year.

With the introduction of RU-486, that number could soar as women facing hard choices will now have yet another option for ending their pregnancies.

— The Daily Times
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 26th, the 57th day of 1997. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 26th, 1919, Congress established Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

On this date: In 1966, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and author Robert Penn Warren was named the first poet laureate of the United States by Librarian of Congress Daniel J.

Boorstin.

Five years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that sexually harassed students may sue to collect monetary damages from their schools and school officials.

One year ago: President Clinton moved to step up economic sanctions on Cuba in response to Cuba's downing of two unarmed airplanes belonging to the Cuban-American exile group Brothers to the Rescue.



Safire

Anesthesiologist gets prison over stolen painkillers

■ Dr. Frank Ruhl Peterson was sentenced to 10 to 23 months in prison for withholding painkilling narcotics to feed his own drug habit.

By Pamela Sampson
Associated Press

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — After patients complained of excruciating pain on the operating table, a hospital suspected there was a problem with the anesthesia and sent two intravenous drug bags to the laboratory for analysis.

The mixtures, prepared by Dr. Frank Ruhl Peterson, were found to contain only trace amounts of painkillers.

The anesthesiologist, it turned out, was shortchanging the patients and diluting the medication to feed his own drug habit.

On Tuesday, Peterson, 45, was sentenced to 10 to 23 months in prison.

"You violated their trust in the system. How will any of these patients go to the hospital again?" Common Pleas Judge Michael Conahan said.

Peterson could have received up to 54 years for assault and other offenses for his role in 12 operations at Hazleton-St. Joseph Medical Center.

Among the victims was Barbara Skasko, whose cervical biopsy in

July left her in so much pain that she had to return to the hospital three days after she went home.

"Mr. Peterson has not felt the pain I face today. He's only felt the pinch," she said at the sentencing. "I just want you to know I'm suffering because of you today."

Peterson was assigned to anesthesiology more than 200 patients while working at hospital from June to August.

"When I asked him how many of his patients he shortchanged on the drugs, he said, 'Everybody.' When I asked him how many patients he gave proper medications to, he said, 'None.'" Detective Edward Harry said. "When the doctors began, since the patients were under no anesthetic, they could actually feel the scalpel cutting them, and the operations had to be stopped."

A woman undergoing spinal surgery suffered pain so severe she "prayed for a happy death," court papers said.

The repeated complaints

'We found a used pharmacy in his house.'

— Detective Edward Harry, on the search of Peterson's home

amused suspicions, and hospital officials found Peterson had failed to account for drugs he had

signed out and ordered more narcotics than other doctors. Police said Peterson's medication charts showed he tried to write over or erase some entries, a violation of hospital policy.

When the hospital sent the IV bags to be tested, it also ordered Peterson to submit to a urine test. He tested positive for Sufenta — a highly addictive narcotic — methadone and Prozac.

He was suspended from the hospital in August but used an unreturned key to sneak in and steal medications. He was arrested the following week and pleaded guilty Jan. 30 to burglary, theft, assault and obtaining illegal drugs.

In addition to what he took directly from his patients, Peterson stole \$4,022 worth of narcotics from hospital shelves.

"These are drugs with tremendous abuse potential, much more so than heroin. They are much

more potent," said Edward P. Krenzelok, director of the Pittsburgh Poison Center.

Police who searched Peterson's home found prescriptions, bottled medications, needles and syringes, and IV bags tossed about in the kitchen, the bathroom and the bedroom. The inventory report of all the drugs and paraphernalia is three pages long.

"We found a used pharmacy in his house," Harry said.

Peterson's criminal record reaches to other states. According to the judge at his arraignment, he admitted he had been arrested in Massachusetts, California, New York and Ohio for offenses ranging from drug possession to kidnapping.

He has been barred from practicing medicine in West Virginia and Ohio, and the Pennsylvania Medical Board is considering whether to bar him permanently as well. His license expired in December.

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Republicans come within one vote of passing budget amendment

Heart News Service

WASHINGTON — The proposed constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget inched closer to victory Tuesday when supporters clinched a crucial vote — that of Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., who only Monday had voiced misgivings about the measure.

Now the fate of the amendment hinges on the wavering vote of another Democrat, Sen. Robert Torricelli of New Jersey, who is expected to announce his decision Wednesday.

Landrieu's "yes" vote brings the measure one vote shy of the 67 needed for approval.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott announced that a vote on the balanced budget amendment is likely to take place next Tuesday. "We might have one last rabbit in our hat that I'll reveal at the last moment," Lott said.

After Landrieu's announcement at a Capitol Hill news conference, Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, leading the opposition to

the amendment, conceded that "our momentum has lost a couple of wheels." But he added, "I think it is entirely possible we could win this."

In her news briefing, Landrieu said she still has reservations about supporting the amendment but will do so because "I believe it's the right thing to do," despite what she called "shortcomings" in the Republican-sponsored measure.

Landrieu said her need to make good on campaign pledges to support such an amendment overrode her reservations. On Monday she had said the GOP version does not adequately protect the Social Security trust fund from raids to offset deficits and that it does not allow for a separate capital budget for major construction projects.

The freshman senator said she prefers other versions of the amendment that would achieve those goals. But she said she has concluded that "a permanent and enforceable mechanism is necessary to achieve and maintain more

'I believe it's the right thing to do.'

— Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., whose decision appears to leave the fate of the bill largely up to Sen. Bob Torricelli, D-N.J.

fiscal discipline" in Congress.

"I hope my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will see the wisdom in those (other) approaches," she said.

But a measure authored by Sens. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., which includes the Social Security and capital budget provisions, is expected to fail.

Opponents have charged that the GOP measure sponsored by Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, would enshrine the current practice of using surplus Social Security money to offset the budget deficit.

Hatch has repeatedly dismissed the argument, saying the Social Security issue is nothing but a "gimmick" designed to kill the

amendment. Hatch told reporters Monday that the issue "has been exploited for the last 10 years."

Armed with a report from the Concord Coalition, a nonpartisan group dedicated to eliminating federal budget deficits, Hatch and Senate Budget chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., denied Democratic claims that the federal government might have trouble paying future Social Security benefits if the amendment passes.

"Social Security will be better protected under a balanced budget rule that will ensure that the checks retirees rely on are not rubber ones," Hatch said Monday.

The Concord Coalition said exempting Social Security from the balanced budget amendment "would allow a Niagara of deficit spending in future years."

Critics have also said the amendment would jeopardize the ability of the federal government to set aside funds for disasters, recessions or other crises.

Daschle, D-S.D., charged Monday that Hatch's version would be "every bit as detrimental to our long-term prospects for resolving the matter of Social Security as anything that the Congress has taken up."

Landrieu said Tuesday she had considered thousands of phone calls and hundreds of letters from constituents that were split evenly over the issue.

Citing her record as a former state treasurer focused on fiscal responsibility, Landrieu said, "I know the people of Louisiana sent me here to fight for more fiscal responsibility."

Two years ago, the amendment was defeated in the Senate by one vote, and an effort by then Sen. Bob Dole to revive it last year lost by two votes.

Like Landrieu, Torricelli said during his campaign last year that he supported a balanced budget amendment.

"I'm counting on people living up to their word," Hatch said.

In the House, the amendment is stalled in the Judiciary Committee, where several Republicans have joined Democrats in saying it should be rewritten so that the Social Security Trust Fund is excluded from future balanced-budget considerations.

President Clinton has said the amendment does not provide for flexibility in recessions and would leave Social Security vulnerable.

Models accuse photographer of videotaping them dressing

DOVER, N.H. (AP) — A photographer who took bridal portraits and portfolios for aspiring models is accused of secretly videotaping his subjects in a basement dressing room where a sign warned:

"Attention Models!!! Please! No undergarments. Why? Because pantyhose, panties and bras cause unsightly lines and bulges which are unacceptable for glamorous or model shows."

By Tuesday, about 20 women contacted police with fears they might have been victims of 71-year-old Lawrence Ring, who is accused of making the tapes for two decades and distributing some of the pictures over the Internet.

"They realize now they may have been taped," said Sgt. Anthony Colarusso. "They're very upset."

Police accused the photographer of going much further than voyeurism with some of his subjects — including having sex on camera with a 15-year-old girl whose call to police last week led to Ring's arrest.

Police Chief William Fenniman said Ring paid women \$15 an hour for modeling, \$30 an hour for body painting and \$150 an hour for acting in pornographic movies.

After searching Ring's house for about 12 hours on Saturday, police charged him with sexual assault and said more charges are expected.

Some 400 hours of videotape and thousands of photo negatives were seized, some going back so far that officers recognized some of their own high school classmates. One woman called from Italy about pictures taken years ago.

Police sought to allay women's fears that nude photos of them might become public. "We can assure victims we have very tight security," Colarusso said. "Our main concern is the victims."

Neighbors in this blue-collar community of about 26,000 were aghast.

"We're not surprised, we're shocked," said James Macris. "I can see something like this happening in Boston. But things like this don't happen in Dover."

Vivian Cadorette said she had known Ring for 25 years and never had any concerns. "I'm very surprised," she said. "He took my daughter's wedding pictures."

Colarusso said police briefly investigated Ring in 1994 when a parent complained he had solicited two 12-year-old girls to pose for

photos. Police concluded the photos were not indecent and no laws had been broken.

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IRS report says identifies 20 key problem areas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS is trying to feel your pain.

That's the gist of a new report from the Internal Revenue Service taxpayer advocate, a position created by Congress last year to cull through taxpayers' beefs and recommend ways to improve the system.

Lee Monks, IRS taxpayer advocate, presented a report to a House Ways and Means subcommittee that provides a 20-item laundry list of complaints — many very familiar — that Americans have with their tax collector. Number one on the list was a no-brainer: "Complexity of the tax law."

Monks called this item "the single most burdensome aspect of compliance for taxpayers (and) it also serves, to a great degree, as a contributing factor for many of the other issues in this report."

Other problem areas include an often busy toll-free IRS telephone help line, unclear IRS letters and an "inappropriate tone" staff sometimes uses when talking to taxpayers, erroneous IRS notices to taxpayers and problems with the federal tax deposit requirements.

Other issues include the burden small business face complying with a tax laws, problems with administrative penalties levied on taxpayers and delays up to two years confronting taxpayers with problems or errors on their returns.

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Book fair

A book fair is scheduled for 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday at Walden Books at Midland Park Mall for the benefit of Delta Kappa Gamma sorority and "Storybook Christmas." Twenty percent of the store's proceeds — except on magazines and discounted items — will be donated to the sorority to be used for its annual program in which they present books to all of the city's first-graders at Christmas.

Berenstein bears

Mama and Papa Berenstain will entertain children 2 p.m. Saturday at Hastings. The bears will offer activities and tales from their series of books. For more information call 694-1170.

Baking powder

DALLAS — The FBI dropped a nationwide terrorist-threat advisory after a U-Haul truck suspected of carrying the makings of a huge bomb turned out to be loaded with baking powder.

The advisory was posted after witnesses said two men had loaded the truck with 30 gallons of diesel fuel and blue containers of what appeared to be thousands of pounds of fertilizer. Together, they could make a bomb similar to the one that killed 168 people at the Oklahoma City federal building. However, the blue containers turned out to be carrying "baking powder for use as an antiseptic in scrubbing floors and tiles," a federal law enforcement official in Washington said Tuesday.

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Nursing homes

AUSTIN — Judith White brought lawmakers close to tears as she described a recent fall from her bed in a nursing home. Mrs. White, 57, said she screamed for help for more than an hour before someone helped her back into bed. Even then, she was left uncovered by the blanket she was trying to reach when she fell.

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Clean water law
has local impact

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

Federally mandated measures to prevent accidental contamination of municipal water will cost local households with sprinkler systems a few hundred dollars on average.

On Tuesday, the City Council was briefed on the federal law that has trickled down through the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to the local level to enforce.

City officials plan to implement a public awareness campaign about the requirements. An estimated 75 percent of houses in Midland have sprinkler systems and therefore will be affected.

The law requires that all irrigation, or sprinkler, systems be outfitted with a double check valve with a vacuum breaker to prevent cross connections of the water supply.

Simply put, the device will prevent a

backflow of contaminated water from an outside source into a water line. Such contamination can occur when pressure from water discharged at one location creates a vacuum elsewhere, such as on a sprinkler head. Without the device, the sprinkler system can suck in lawn water contaminated with fertilizers and other chemicals.

There have been documented cases of contamination of drinking water across the country due to backflow. The first known cases of the bacterial Legionnaires' disease — which affected hundreds of people at a Philadelphia hotel in 1976 — may have been due to a backflow into the water supply from an air conditioning unit.

The city of Midland already requires the preventive devices on all new construction, and many businesses already install the precautionary equipment.

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Jury finds man
guilty of sexual
assault of child

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

After only a day of testimony Tuesday, a Midland jury found James Jeffrey "Jeff" VanAlstyne, 27, guilty of two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

The same six man, six woman jury will begin hearing testimony today before deciding on a punishment for VanAlstyne. He faces from five to 99 years in prison for each count.

VanAlstyne, who is mildly to moderately mentally retarded, lured three young girls to his home on April 14, 1996, according to testimony in the case.

The girls were playing in a park near their home and followed VanAlstyne after he bought them food at a nearby fast-food restaurant and promised them money and candy, according to testimony Tuesday.

VanAlstyne instructed the girls — ages 8, 10 and 10 — to enter his house through the back door after he came through and unlocked it from the inside.

Once inside, the group began playing games, including writing their names on each other's pants, according to testimony.

Each of the young girls took the stand, testifying in open court. According to their testimony, they were taken into a bedroom and told to remove their clothes.

The 8-year-old narrowly escaped being assaulted, according to her testimony. She testified that her pants were halfway off when the telephone rang and VanAlstyne answered it.

The telephone call was from the girls' father, who immediately came to VanAlstyne's home and picked them up.

The father knew where to call because a week before the alleged incident, VanAlstyne had asked the girls' grandfather if he could take them out and play. The grandfather had denied the request.

The 8-year-old testified that VanAlstyne, at one point, tried to "get on top" of one of the other girls, but she pushed at his chest and said "no."

Under the direction of prosecuting attorney John Westbrook, the young girl held up a doll where the jury could see and pointed to the breast and genital area when asked where VanAlstyne touched the 10-year-olds.

"What did he touch her with? His hand?" Westbrook asked.

"His mouth," the girl answered.

In a gentle cross-examination of the 8-year-old, an attorney for the defense asked, "Did you talk to Mr. Westbrook

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Company gives Odessa College \$25,000 toward rodeo scholarships

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

ODESSA — Known for producing world-class professional cowboys, Odessa College just got a boot up on rodeo scholarships, thanks to a check from Graham Brothers Entertainment Inc.

Herbert Graham recently presented OC President Vance Gipson and rodeo coach Jim Watkins with a symbolic check for \$25,000 for rodeo scholarships.

"The school will receive the \$25,000 over five years," said OC spokeswoman Susan Hammons. "This is the largest donation in the 13-year history of the OC rodeo program."

She said the rodeo scholarships are similar to any other athletic scholarships, such as those for basketball. "Rodeo is a team sport at OC," she said, noting that a rodeo program is unusual, but "many of our rodeo students go on to win national and professional championships."

Graham, who with his brothers attended OC, said that on his business trips across the nation people frequently tell him they know of Odessa because of OC's program and the world champions it has produced.

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Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Dick Hagelstein, program coordinator for the Midland Soil and Water Conservation District's Sibley Environmental Learning Center, looks over trees that were planted at the center.

'Tis the season for windbreak tree planting

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

When the wind blows heartily, wouldn't it be comforting to have a line of windbreak trees to shield the house and land, and to enhance the landscape?

Many folks have planted windbreak seedlings to do so.

And others are readying to do so after the Texas Forest Service sends seedlings from Lubbock to Midland for distribution on March 7 by the Midland Soil and Water Conservation District.

"We do this primarily for landowners who want to control erosion and want to enhance the value of their land," said Dick Hagelstein, program coordinator for the district's Sibley Environmental Learning Center at Hogan Park.

The seedlings are to be picked up between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. March 7 at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service office just east of Midland off U.S. Highway 80.

Hardwood and evergreen seedlings and wildlife seedling packets will be available.

Evergreen seedlings are \$65 for a bundle of 40 or \$50 for 30 seedlings. Evergreens include Afghanistan pine and Eastern red cedar.

Hardwoods, which sell for \$55 for 100 seedlings, include the aromatic sumac, desert willow, flame-leaf sumac, fruiting mulberry, honey locust, Russian olive, sandcherry, and shumard oak.

Wildlife packets, which produce fruiting trees, are priced at \$55 for 100 seedlings.

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Story time

South Elementary School teacher Rebecca Geron read to a large crowd of students Tuesday in the gymnasium for the school's BEAR — Be Excited About Reading — program.

Brightening up a winter day



Photos by Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Bright pansies, Midland's favorite winter flowers, bring color to even the drabest days. Plantings include a bed of mixed colors in northwest Midland, purple and cream at the new Fairfield Inn, and yellow blossoms at Whataburger.



POLICE REPORTS

House fire

Investigators are searching for the cause of a fire at a residence at 408 Shandon Ave. Tuesday.

Firefighters arrived shortly before noon after neighbors reported seeing smoke coming from the residence. The blaze started in and was contained to the bathroom; however, the rest of the residence suffered major smoke damage, Jeff Meiner, fire investigator said.

No one was home at the time of the fire, Meiner said.

Midland Police Department Monday

Vandalism: A vehicle was damaged at 2100 W. Washington Ave., reported Celia Selan at 5:04 p.m.

Theft: The tailgate of a pickup was taken at 3918 W. Wall St., reported Scott Greenbauer at 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday

Burglary of a residence: A report was made at 4402 Fairgate Drive by Breahna King at 4:56 a.m.

Burglary of a residence: A VCR was taken at 1600 McKenzie St., reported Mora Martha at 11:13 a.m.

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VCR and other items were taken at 2001 S. Fort Worth St., reported Jantia Macias at 11:48 a.m.

Vandalism: A van was damaged at 300 W. Longview Ave., reported Bill Rodriguez at 11:54 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A camera was taken at 800 W. Texas Ave., reported Mabel Franz at 11:54 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A cellular phone was taken at 2328 W. Loop 250 N., reported Brian Crawford at 12:02 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Monday

Burglary of a vehicle: Tools were taken at 5010 N. County Road 1254, reported Deshaw Landscaping at 8:10 a.m.

Theft: Field equipment was taken at 14400 W. F.M. 3503, reported Jim Bausham at 3:33 p.m.

Vandalism: Shoes were damaged at 236 Braniff, reported Dawn Riddle at 5:21 p.m.

Anyone having information concerning these incidents should contact the Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

Midland tar pit to be covered

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

An east Midland tar pit — found to contain traces of hazardous materials seven years ago — finally will be covered.

On Tuesday, the City Council approved plans and specifications for the work and authorized advertising for work bids. A contract is expected to be awarded during the latter part of next month and the work completed by mid-April, officials said.

The project will cost an estimated \$30,000 and consist of covering the pit with layers of crushed limestone, geotextile fabric, sand, high-density polyethylene geomembrane liner, a drainage layer of sand, polypropylene filter fabric and a topping of coarse aggregate, a city official said.

Last year, the city presented the plan to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and recently received approval to move ahead. Three

years ago, the city — at the instruction of the TNRCC — set aside \$30,000 to be used specifically for any clean-up project.

The contaminated tar pit — located near the intersection of Carver Street and Orchard Lane — was discovered in January 1990. City employees, without authorization, had been dumping asphalt, cleaning solvents and other substances at the site for many years.

Testing of the contents determined trace amounts of hazardous materials including lead, chromium, benzene, toluene and trichloroethene.

Early estimated clean-up costs — involving excavation and disposal of the material — ran about \$800,000.

The city was unsuccessful in an attempt to change the classification of the tar pit material as hazardous. Nevertheless, the pit was not thought to pose a serious outside threat.

OBITUARIES

Cecil Emmitt Dobbs

Cecil Emmitt Dobbs, 72, of Odessa died Tuesday Feb. 25, 1997, at Medical Center Hospital.

He was born May 16, 1924, in Dickens, Texas and returned to Odessa in 1991, from Ballinger. He was a graduate of Childress High School and a WW II veteran serving with the U.S. Army Air Corp. He had worked for the Western Company for 20 years and then became a self-employed consultant, retiring in 1986. He married Anita Cusick on May 15, 1943, in Pecos and was a member of the First Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emmitt and Lela Dobbs. Survivors include his wife, Anita Dobbs of Odessa; sons and daughters-in-law, Dwayne and Gayle Dobbs of Odessa and David and Dianna Dobbs of Abilene; grandchildren, Spencer Dobbs, Kristy Dobbs, Carly Dobbs, and Samuel Dobbs.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, 1997, at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors Chapel with Rev. Robert L. Bratcher officiating. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are by Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

DEATH NOTICES

J.A. Fowler

J.A. Fowler, 73, died Monday, Feb. 24, at his Midland residence. Services are to be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Lou Ann Duvall

Lou Ann Duvall, 42, died Monday, Feb. 24, at her Midland residence.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church with Jarrel Sharp officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born July 25, 1954, in Hobbs, N.M.

She moved to Midland in 1976 and worked at Bank One from February 1980 to June 1996. She was a Sunday School teacher, a Girl Scout troop leader and member of Chi Epsilon Epsilon. She married Powers Duvall on Feb. 14, 1982.

She was preceded in death by her father, Marvin D. Witcher

on Sept. 24, 1990.

Survivors include a daughter, Ashley Duvall of Midland; her mother, Mary Witcher of Ruidoso, N.M.; a brother, Marvin D. Witcher Jr. of Midland; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Betsey Straub Wiesenfeld

Betsey Straub Wiesenfeld, 84, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, at a local hospital.

Services are to be at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at Unitarian Universalist Church with the Rev. Clare Petersberger officiating. An exhibit of her art work will be from 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at Gallery 1114. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born July 11, 1912, in Perth Amboy, N.J.

She was an artist. She attended Mills College and received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of California at Berkeley. She moved to Midland in 1993.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Irving H. Wiesen-

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational associations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo.

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

feld in November 1995.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. Stephen Wiesenfeld of Midland and Ramsay Wiesenfeld of Sacramento, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Gallery 1114, 1114 Big Spring St., 79701.

Effie Jewel Germany

Midlander Effie Jewel Germany, 90, died Monday, Feb. 24 at a Eden hospital.

Services are to be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at Eden Funeral Home Chapel in Eden with the Rev. Roy Clemons officiating. Burial is to be 3:30 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Midland under the direction of Eden Funeral Home.

She was born March 3, 1906, in Cleburne.

She was a homemaker and member of Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

Survivors include three daughters, Estelle Cary of Eden, Nadine Davis of Brownwood and Dorothy Carlson of Midland; a son, Richard Germany of Spring; a

brother, Lynn Hall of San Angelo; 18 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Laura Howze

Dillan Howze

Quentin Howze

Quentin Howze and Dillan Howze died Friday, Feb. 21, and Laura Howze died Thursday, Feb. 20, in Odessa. They are the children of Midlanders Jack and Kay Howze.

No services are scheduled. Burial is to be at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring under the direction of Odessa Funeral Home.

Quentin and Dillan were born Friday, Feb. 21, in Odessa.

Laura was born Thursday, Feb. 20, in Odessa.

They were preceded in death by a brother, Leo Howze.

Other survivors include a brother, Bradley Howze of Midland; and their grandparents, Genevieve and Lynn Uzzel of Ardmore, Okla., and Emmy and Leo Christie of Wilberston, Okla.

WATER: Mandate requires homeowners with sprinkler systems to add valves

(From 1B)

city officials said.

City officials are most concerned with residential compliance because people in general are not aware of the mandate. "This is one of those things that's going to hurt Midland more than other cities," because of the number of sprinkler systems, said Ken Jones, director of utilities.

A local ordinance to enforce the federal mandate is expected to go

before the City Council next month, but enforcement won't begin until Oct. 1 to give residents time to comply, city officials said.

The law requires that the device be in place before any new water service or account may be granted. And when the city changes out a water meter — which is every seven years, on a rotating basis — the worker will check for the device, and if there isn't one a resident will have 30 days to install one.

Once the device has been in place, the law requires it be inspected by a certified technician annually. The city is required to maintain records of installation and inspections.

A double check valve costs between \$45 and \$150 depending on the size of the irrigation system. Homeowners can install the device themselves or pay someone an estimated \$200 to do so. Self-installed systems must be inspected by a certified individual; the

inspection costs about \$50 to \$100.

As compliance of the mandate becomes more commonplace, the cost of the devices and labor are expected to decrease, city officials said.

In addition to the double check valve, any residences with water outlets for hoses will require the attachment of a hose bib backflow preventer, which costs only a few dollars.

ASSAULT: Local man convicted

(From 1B)

before today?"

"Yes," the girl answered. "Did you talk to your mother (about the incident)?" the attorney asked.

"Yes," she responded. "Did she tell you what to say?" the attorney asked.

"Nuh uh — she just told me to say the truth," the 8-year-old responded.

The jury deliberated for about 30 minutes before finding VanAlstyne guilty.

His mental condition is expected to be the focus of the defense when testimony continues today for the punishment phase.

TREES: Planting season arrives

(From 1B)

The survival rate of the trees "depends on the care that they get," said Hagelstein, who suggested that landowners install drip-irrigation systems to ensure the trees' vitality.

Jack Donaghey, who is farm manager for Teen Challenge of the Permian Basin, said the youth center is pleased with the district's conservation program and with the effectiveness of the trees as windbreaks.

"That wind can be blowing 40 miles an hour on the other side (of the hedgerow of trees), and you can't even feel it," Donaghey said. "We have got tree lines that have been here about 12 years."

Teen Challenge's trees include the tall Afghanistan pine and the Russian olive.

Last year's crop of seedlings didn't fare well, Donaghey noted. The year was marked by the drought and by unseasonably high temperatures.

Hagelstein estimated that

between 60,000 and 70,000 Texas Forest Service seedlings have been planted in Midland County since the windbreak-tree program started in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

"Windbreaks are trees and shrubs systematically planted adjacent to fields, homesteads, or feedlots as a barrier to reduce or redirect the wind," according to Shelley Abendschan of the Texas Forest Service in Lubbock. "They create permanent, natural protection and habitat for wildlife, reduce erosion, and increase land value and aesthetics."

Each year, the Texas Forest Service, which is part of the Texas A&M University System, grows about 200,000 evergreens of eight species and about 400,000 bare-root seedlings at its West Texas Nursery just outside Lubbock.

The seedlings are grown from seeds and are distributed from the Texas Panhandle to the Texas Gulf Coast.

For more information call Hagelstein at 684-6827.

Bill raises church arson penalty

(From 1B)

AUSTIN (AP) — With a proposal to send church arsonists to prison long enough to get religion, a bill to increase the penalty for burning a place of worship won the endorsement of a Senate committee Tuesday.

Sen. Rodney Ellis' bill would make burning a place of worship a first-degree felony, up from second-degree, requiring a lawbreaker to face a prison term of five to 99 years and as much as a \$10,000 fine.

The bill got a unanimous vote from the Senate Criminal Justice Committee and heads now to the full Senate.

"This bill sends a strong message to arsonists that our places of worship are off limits," said Ellis, D-Houston. "I think 99 years is long enough time for someone to get religion, if they burned a church."

The law would be the strongest in the nation — with more stringent punishments than the federal Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996. That law

set the maximum prison sentence for damage to religious property that causes injury to people at 20 years.

The Texas bill pertains to all places of worship but follows a two-year period in which numerous black churches were burned.

Between Jan. 1995 and Dec. 17, 1996, 318 churches in America were victims of arson. In Texas, the Commission of Fire Protection identified 63 suspicious church fires since 1995.

Fires last Friday destroyed two churches: one in Houston, where former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan was baptized, and another at Port Lavaca, 110 miles southwest of Houston. Both are under investigation by the FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

On Saturday, a two-alarm fire nearly destroyed the Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church, which was being converted into a community center in memory of Barbara Jordan.

RODEO: OC receives donation

(From 1B)

During the 13 years of OC rodeo, the men's teams have won 12 regional event titles, two regional team championships, nine national event titles and one national team championship. Former OC athletes who have gone on to distinguish themselves in the professional ranks include Ty Murray, six-time All-Around Champion; Jim Sharp, two-time World Champion Bull Rider; brothers Adam and Gilbert Carillo, both National Finals Rodeo qualifiers in bull riding; and Jerome Davis, the 1995 PRCA World Champion Bull Rider. Davis is profiled in the Feb. 24 issue of People magazine.

Ms. Hammons said former OC calf roper Shawn McMullan, who was killed in an automobile acci-

dent last year, also qualified a number of times for the NFR.

Gipson said the scholarship assistance "certainly will help to continue to make our institution competitive in rodeo."

OC will conduct its NIRA regional rodeo March 27-29 in the arena behind Ector County Coliseum. The event is expected to attract more than 300 of the nation's top college athletes from 14 colleges and universities in the region.

Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Tickets will be sold in advance at Luskey's Western Stores in Midland and Odessa, and at Woods Boots and Dollar Western Wear in Odessa.

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FBI discovers U-Haul held baking powder, not bomb

DALLAS (AP) — The FBI dropped a nationwide terrorist-threat advisory after a U-Haul truck suspected of carrying the makings of a huge bomb turned out to be loaded with baking powder.

The advisory was posted after witnesses said two men had loaded the truck with 30 gallons of diesel fuel and blue containers of what appeared to be thousands of pounds of fertilizer. Together, they could make a bomb similar to the one that killed 168 people at the Oklahoma City federal building.

However, the blue containers turned out to be carrying "baking powder for use as an anti-septic in scrubbing floors and tiles," a federal law enforcement official in Washington said Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

The FBI advisory had noted that Friday is the fourth anniversary of the raid on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco in which six cult members and four agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were killed.

The advisory was canceled

Monday night after the truck and its two occupants were located in Atlanta.

"The FBI and ATF now believe ... that there is no substance to the fears that two men driving a U-Haul truck were accumulating materials to build a bomb," the FBI said Tuesday.

The two men live in the area of Haltom City, outside Fort Worth, said Les Martz, ATF agent in charge of the Dallas division.

The witness had told police the men loaded the diesel into containers in the back of the truck at a Texaco station in Haltom City on Saturday.

Agents found the two men by canvassing U-Haul rental outlets and places throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area where fertilizer is sold. The men "were surprised and they were cooperative," FBI spokeswoman Marjorie Poche said.

The FBI said, "Recent tragedies resulting from criminal terrorist acts have required a heightened awareness and vigilance."

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Associated Press

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She urged lawmakers to approve a bill to toughen state nursing home regulations. "You have to be in a nursing home to know what it's like."

Mrs. White, of Austin, was among several hundred senior citizens who packed the Capitol on Tuesday.

The bill they support, by Rep. Elliott Naishat, D-Austin, is expected to be before the committee for about a week before a vote is taken.

"We're going to pass a law that's going to guarantee, as much as the law can guarantee, that people in these facilities receive the highest quality of care," Naishat said.

The bill would make it more difficult for nursing homes to get state licensing.

It also would increase fines for violating state standards and increase quality of care standards. Those include requirements that nur-

committee hearing. Ms. Gladden said the seniors' presence was to show lawmakers they are serious about seeing changes to the state's nursing home system enacted.

A package of bills approved in 1995 relating to nursing homes has been criticized as not doing enough to protect nursing home residents.

"They are people," Ms. Gladden said.

Tom Suehs, executive director of the Texas Health Care Association, said nursing homes also think there should be changes to how they are regulated.

But he said Naishat's bill has too many punishments and not enough room for nursing homes to work with regulators to solve problems.

Officials from the Department of Human Services and the attorney general's office said they need more authority to enforce current rules and rules need to be made stronger.

Suehs agreed some rules need to be changed. But he said there's enough authority now for the state to regulate nursing homes.

THCA represents about 80 percent of Texas nursing homes.

"It may be that they need clarification," Suehs said of some state rules. "But we also believe the system ought to be changed and not just be a punitive system."

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— Judith White, of Austin, testifying before House committee about her nursing home experiences

ing homes provide services that "enable the resident to attain and maintain the highest practicable level of physical, emotional and social well being."

"We want (nursing home residents) to be taken care of. We want them to have ... all the rights any other person would expect to have," said Wilhelmina Gladden, head of the AARP's Legislative Council. "We feel that money that is paid to most nursing homes is adequate to give better care than is given."

The American Association of Retired Persons brought hundreds of senior citizens to the

Former legislator favors tax plan

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Luce told the committee they should calculate what the cost of giving a child a basic education "to hold a job and be productive in society," then bear at least two-

thirds of that cost. The rest would be paid by local taxpayers.

"I think that way you keep the local doing what it should be doing and the state doing what he should be doing," Luce said.

Last school year, the state share of school funding reached \$8.1 billion, while local property taxes contributed \$9.1 billion, according to a Texas Association of School Boards study.

That made the state share 47.1 percent, bigger than the previous year's 45.5 percent. Bush's plan would raise the state share of funding to about 55 percent when fully implemented in the 1998-99 school year, said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes.

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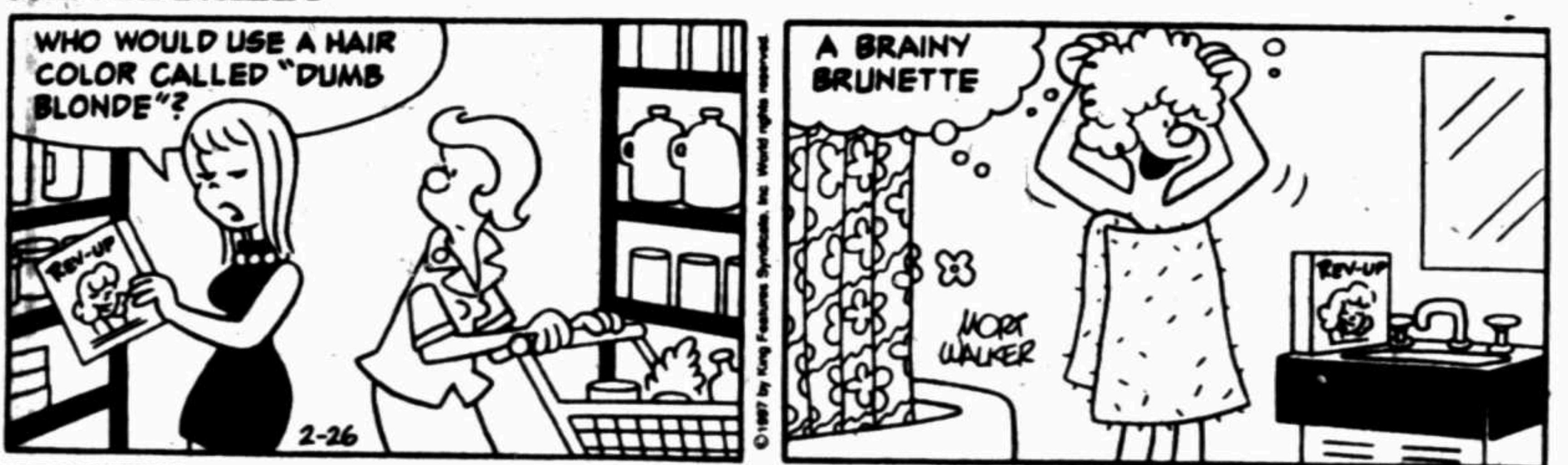
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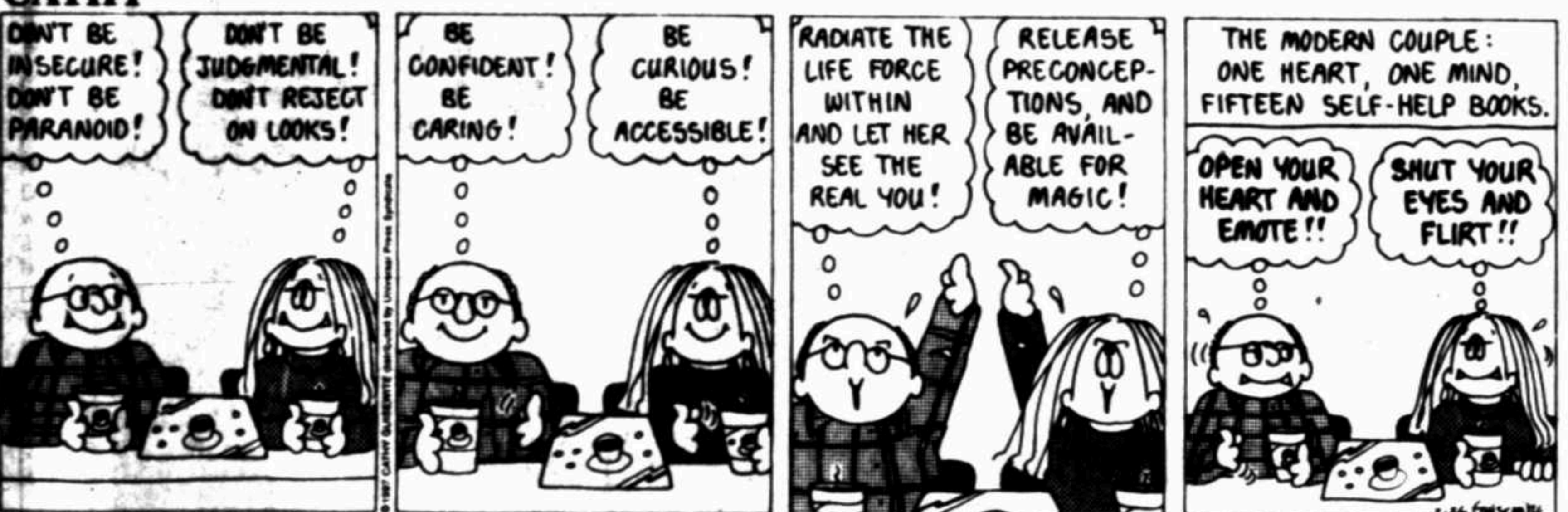
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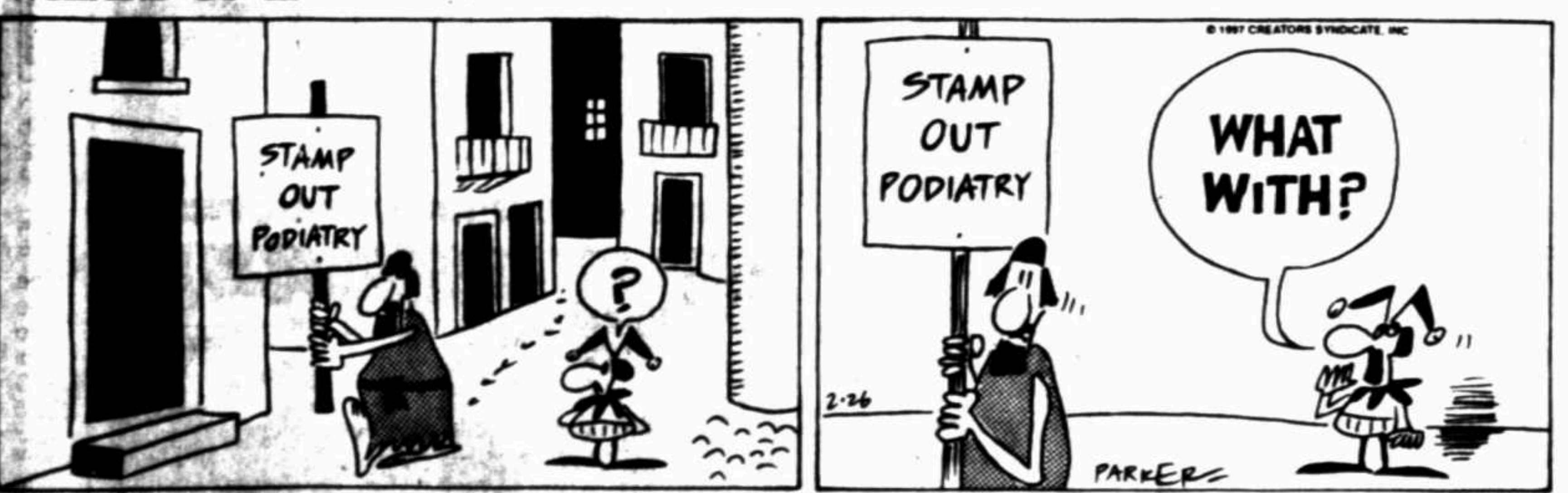
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: country music star Johnny Cash, rock 'n' roll legend Fats Domino, actress Betty Hutton, swimmer Jenny Thompson.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The signals you get in business are contradictory. Wait for further developments. Examine merchandise very carefully when sales are final. A friend's behavior may have you puzzled.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your business plans may be affected by uncertainty. Preparation and self-confidence will see you through. You know who you are and what you want from life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone may try to sell you a bill of goods. Refuse to be sweet-talked into doing something that is against your best interests. Intellectual endeavors are favored this afternoon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The soft sell will work best now. Use charm when making a presentation but avoid giving away the store. The social scene looks lively tonight. Romance casts its lure. You could meet your ideal mate!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your enthusiasm for a trip may be misplaced. Try to accomplish your goals with a conference call or e-mail. A shrewd business type requires careful handling.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Remain open to other points of view; they could give you valuable food for thought. Routine chores can be postponed for something much more challenging. Just stay on your toes when around higher-ups.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may be pushing too hard. Give some thought to pulling back. Although financial matters are on your mind, there are more important things. A child needs plenty of TLC to overcome a fear. Be patient.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are moving in the right direction where work is concerned. Success stems from your engaging in a multitude of activities. You will have your pick of eligible romantic partners; choose wisely.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will accomplish much more today if you seek solitude. Pay careful attention to job-related research. Be as organized as possible. A clandestine romance could end in heartache.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look at a problem in the light of a friend's experiences. Teamwork is the key to boosting productivity. A romantic relationship deserves top priority this evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Continue to work on an ambitious project without revealing what it is all about. Profits are about to increase, making a promotion or new perks possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep moving. The people you meet now can help you achieve long-sought goals. An excellent day for writing letters and contacting former employers.

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Opening lead: King of ♠

"Extraordinary hand," remarked the kibitzer. "Declarer made the contract by conceding a trick in a suit in which he had no loser!" This was the deal that occasioned the kibitzer's admiration.

As often is the case when freak hands crop up at the table, the auction was wild and no one was sure who could make what. East-West could have saved a few points by sacrificing at six hearts, but neither was sure that North-South's contract was makable. Indeed, it took farsighted play to land the game.

Most declarers would have ruffed the spade lead, drawn trumps and then gone after diamonds by cashing the ace and king — a safety play to guard against a doubleton queen with East. When East gained the lead with the queen of dia-

monds on the third round of the suit, the marked club shift would net the defenders two tricks for a one-trick set.

Unfortunately for the defenders, declarer found an even better safety play — discarding a diamond from hand on the king of hearts! The defenders were helpless.

The heart continuation was ruffed (cashing the ace of clubs would have saved a trick and would be correct at duplicate) trumps were drawn in one round and the ace and king of diamonds were cashed. When both defenders followed, the rest was a pianola. Declarer ruffed a diamond to set up two winners in the suit, crossed to dummy with a trump and discarded two clubs on the good diamonds to score an overtrick.

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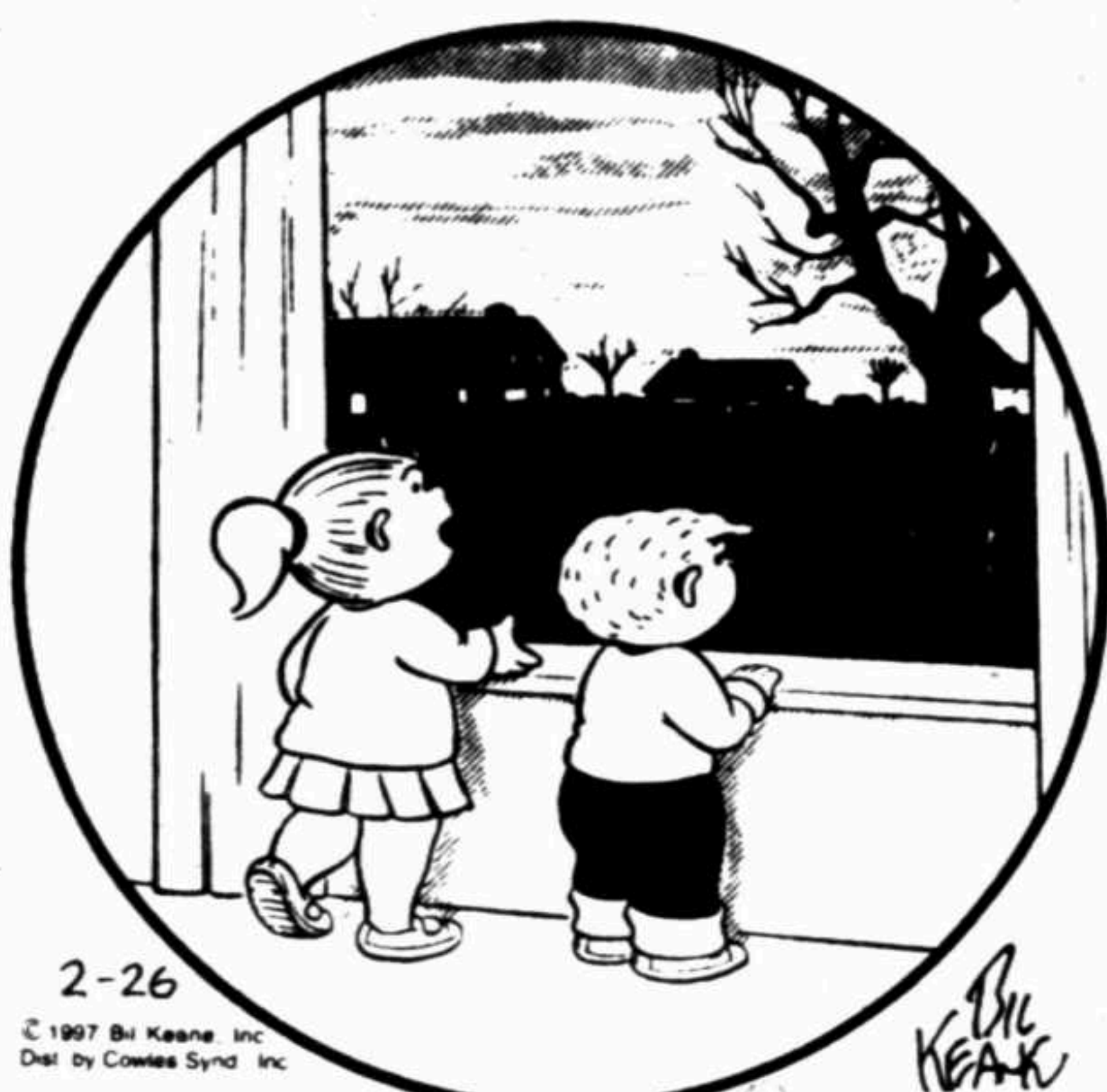
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Wynette sues National Enquirer's owner for libel, defamation, invasion of privacy

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tammy Wynette says reports of her ill health have been greatly exaggerated.

The country music star is suing American Media Inc., which owns the National Enquirer and the Star, accusing the papers of libel, defamation and invasion of privacy.

Wynette's lawyers told a federal judge Monday that fans could decide not to buy concert tickets if they believe stories that said the singer was critically ill.

When she was hospitalized last year, the Enquirer claimed Wynette's life was in danger and she needed a liver transplant, while the Star said she had surgery on clogged veins.

Wynette lawyer Gary Blackburn said the tabloids bought stolen medical records and exaggerated the severity of her condition.

"We're not saying they're merely vulgar, we're saying they're thieves," Blackburn said.

The National Enquirer's attorneys said they may have been wrong about the liver transplant, but accounts of her health problems were truthful. They asked U.S. District Court Judge John Nixon to dismiss the lawsuit.

CARMEL, N.Y. — Even being governor won't get you out of jury duty in New York these days.



Gov. George Pataki was called for jury duty but excused because he knew partners in both law firms in the case.

back up to Albany," he said after spending two hours at the Putnam County Courthouse. "There's a lot of things I have to do."

Pataki signed a law in 1995 that eliminated all jury duty exemptions, including the one for lawyers that had kept him out of the pool until now.

Like the other 27 potential jurors called in on Monday, Pataki went through a metal detector and filled out a questionnaire

on a hallway bench.

HONOLULU — Book 'em, Dano! Production is to start next month on an hourlong pilot for a new version of "Hawaii Five-O," TV's longest-running crime show.

CBS spokesman Teri Corigliano said the cast will be a mix of Hollywood and local actors. Hawaii Film Office manager George Deemer said producers are considering using some of the main actors from the original show if they are interested.

The actor who will play Steve McGarrett, head of a fictitious state crime busting agency, has not been disclosed. Jack Lord, the star of the 1968-80 series, still lives in Hawaii, but is retired.

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Spike Lee says audiences and filmmakers have to work together to ensure variety and quality in roles for black actors.

In a speech Monday at the University of St. Thomas, Lee criticized the Warner Brothers and United Paramount television networks for airing shows that feed stereotypes about black people, such as "Homeboys in Outer Space."

"I would rather see Amos 'n Andy," he said. "At least they were just straight up Uncle Tommin'. We've gone backwards." The director said films like his "Malcolm X" and "Get On The Bus," which got financial support from black leaders, entertainers and athletes, show what blacks can do when they pool their resources.

Unfortunately, Lee said, that doesn't happen very often because blacks "don't trust each other when it comes to monetary matters. This is the mentality we have to fight against."

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Patty Loveless has gotten a restraining order against a man who she says harassed her and threatened to "make her real sorry."

In the court filing Monday, Loveless says John Lucio, Jr. of Markham, Texas, has phoned her management company more than 100 times since January trying to get in touch with her.

Lucio told Loveless' lawyer Robert Asbury on Friday that if his unspecified demands were not met, he'd "find her either in Texas or come to Nashville and make her real sorry," according to the lawsuit.

Chancellor Carol McCoy barred Lucio from calling, writing or attempting to contact Loveless or her management company, and ordered him to stay at least 500 feet from the singer.

Lucio's mother, Adelfa Lucio, told The Tennessean newspaper that her son "is not all there."

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

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Broadcast	C	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00
(3) KMD 2	3	Wheel of Fortune	Coach 775	Drew Carey Show	PrimeTime Live 3775
(5) KPEI 24	5	The Simpsons	Severely Hills, 50210: Straight Shooter 88133	Party of Five: Hitting Bottom 43751	Babylon 5: Atonement 91317
(7) KQBA 7	7	News 3017	The 38th Annual Grammy Awards 176201		
(9) KWES 9	9	News 9775	Asteroids: Deadly Impact 48997	Destiny NBC 57355	Law & Order: Working Mom 37891
(10) KMLM 42	12	The Light of the Southwest 882987	C.A. Dollar	Memories Van Impe	Praise the Lord 85794
(13) KOCV 36	13	The Heartbeat With Jim Lene 111717	In the Wild 341713	Championship Ballroom Dancing 1997 733317	Cherise Journey To Be Announced 840355
(14) CNBC 8	8	Money Club	Equal Time	Chris Matthews	Rivers Live 3050794
(15) WGN 10	10	Family Matters 52221 813181	Sister, Sister	The Wayans Bros.	Late Night With Conan O'Brien 3026330
(17) WTSB 11	11	Fun Videos	Fun Videos	NBA Basketball: Seattle Sonics at Indiana Pacers 705085	Inside the NBA
(18) BRAY 18	18	Neat Hollywood			
(20) BET 20	20	HR List 813404	Planet Groove 110671	ComicView 193085	Talk Benson Rap City 569404
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(22) FAM 22	22	The Waltons: The Intero Highway to Heaven: The Brothers Star 888610	Rescue 911 569830	The 700 Club 569794	Comedy Carson's Comedy Hour 805423
(23) CNN 23	23	Moneyline	Crossfire	Larry King Live 409775	The World Today
(24) ESPN 24	24	College Basketball: St. John's at Boston Hall 231336		College Basketball: North Carolina at Clemson 236881	SportsCenter 222688
(25) USA 25	25	Murder, She Wrote: Dead Heat 118452	A-Team 3804387	Miami Vice 1804107	20th Century Fox: Internal Affairs 854201
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(30) LIFE 43	43	Designing Women	Designing Women	Designing Women	Designing Women
(31) OUTDR 47	47	Profiles of Power	Global Family Matters	Global Family Matters	Global Family Matters
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(36) AMC 15	15	Dances of the Heart			
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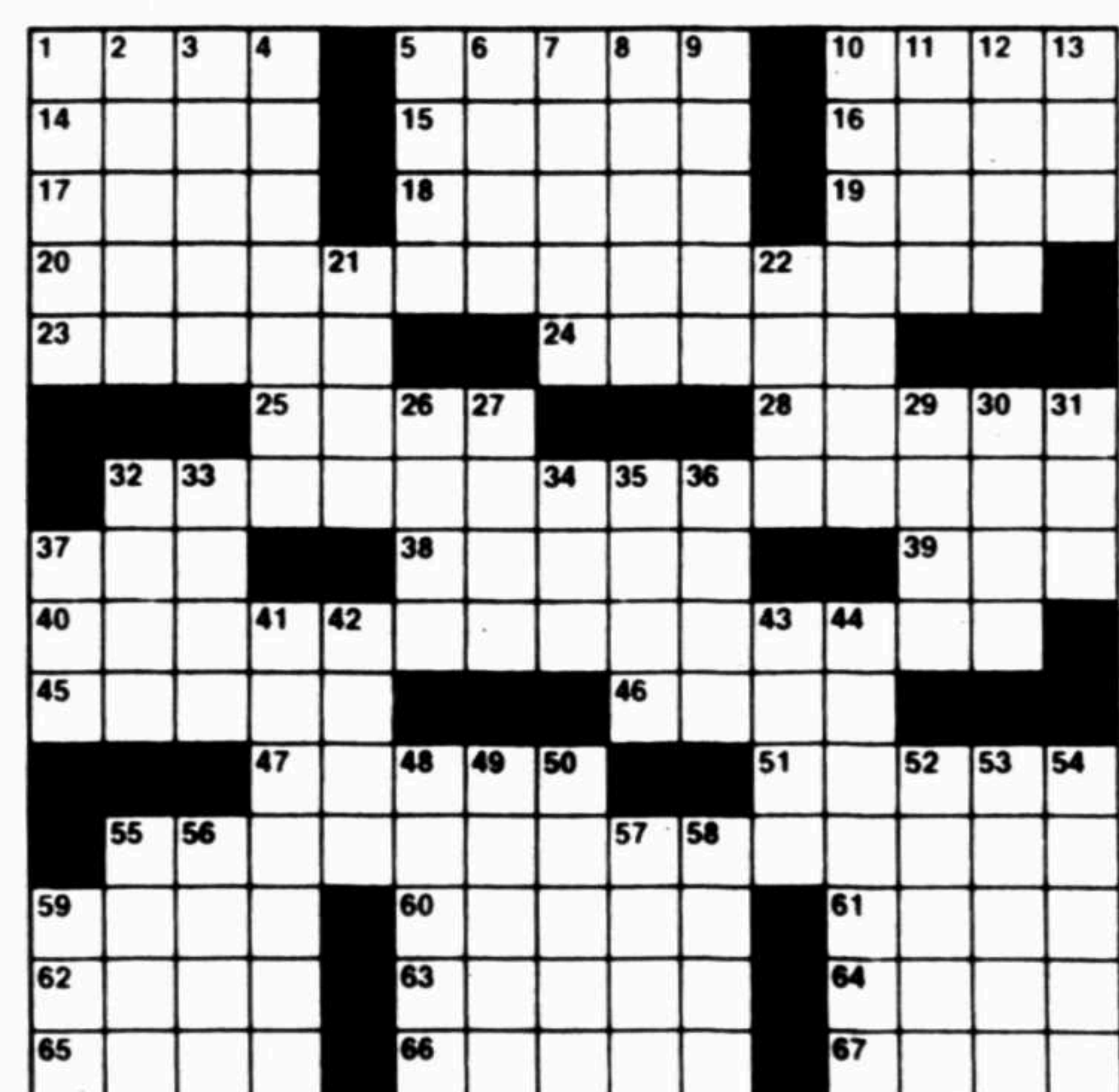
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Internet leaders see threat in state, local taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — To hear Internet and technology executives talk, new state and local taxes rank up there with computer viruses and 14-year-old hackers as a threat to the global computer future.

"It defeats the purpose of seamless interstate commerce," argues Scott Cooper, technology director at the American Electronics Association. A proliferation of state and local taxes will "degrade and demean the technology," he adds.

The Clinton administration opposes federal taxation of the Internet, where business dealings could rise to as much as \$150 billion in the next few years by some estimates. So the battleground is shifting to the state and local level, and the industry is working hard to halt piecemeal taxation.

The emerging market for electronic commerce could be crushed, industry leaders say, if cities and counties begin approving taxes for telecommunications, data processing services or even sales.

They say Internet service providers could be driven out of business if local governments get the right to tax an electronic transaction that just happens to be routed through a local computer server en route to its final destination.

Opponents of local and state taxes for Internet transactions say service providers could be driven out of business.

For example, someone in Atlanta who's buying clothes from L.L. Bean over the Internet might have his connection routed through Maryland and Connecticut before reaching Maine. Or the connection could be routed overseas. Also, Internet service providers might use multiple computer servers in different cities so they could stay in business if one crashed — again creating confusion over when taxes should be applied.

For the estimated 30 million individual Internet users, state and local taxes would make it more expensive to use their home computers to buy clothes or check on stock prices as Internet service providers pass these taxes onto the customer's monthly bill.

"Clearly, you talking about a potential increase in both the costs and complexity of Internet transactions," said Kenneth Glueck, a tax expert for Oracle Corp., a major database company.

This argument is gaining support in Congress.

"I just think it's important for everybody to take a deep breath and step back and really think through the implications of having ... (thousands of) potential tax jurisdictions rendering various charges and fees," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore. He and Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., are proposing a temporary ban on new state and local Internet taxes until all parties agree on a uniform way to proceed.

But an opponent of the Internet tax moratorium idea, Neal Osten of the National Conference of State Legislatures, said the industry is overstating the threat.

"We have yet to see any major activity happening," he said. In fact, anecdotal evidence shows the opposite may be true. The city of Tacoma, Wash., repealed an Internet tax last year. New York state agreed to exempt Internet services from taxes. And Florida, after flirting with the idea, ultimately rejected it.

"States are not looking to raise

a lot of new revenues but to protect the revenues that we do have," Osten said. "We want to know where the fire is."

Because state and local governments are actively reviewing and developing Internet tax policies, there's no reliable estimate yet about the extent of local taxation.

So far, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Texas, Ohio, and Wisconsin are taxing some Internet services, according to a New York State Tax Department study released last month.

Osten said he agrees that state, local and federal officials should discuss uniformity, but he also said any attempt to restrict taxing powers will be met with "a lot of anger and resentment" by state and local officials.

"States take their sovereignty, in terms of being able to tax, very seriously," Osten said.

As for the federal government, the Treasury Department in November issued a policy paper rejecting new federal taxes on the Internet, an idea reflected by a House Republican Policy Committee paper.

Last month, New York Gov. George Pataki expressed similar sentiments, making his first state to exempt Internet service providers from state taxes.

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Cancer board to advise women in 40s on mammograms

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Expressing dismay over an escalating mammogram controversy, advisers to the National Cancer Institute said Tuesday they will decide within a few months just what the government should tell women in their 40s about when to get the breast cancer exams.

"Forty is not a magic age, and 50 is not a magic age," cautioned Dr. Barbara Rimer of Duke University, chairman of the National Cancer Advisory Board.

She said her panel will determine "what can we do to help people make the decision" about when to have a mammogram.

Scientists agree that annual mammograms are vital for women in their 50s, cutting breast cancer deaths by 30 percent. And they agree mammograms are of little use to women in their 30s.

The question is whether women ages 40 through 49 need regular mammograms. The American Cancer Society says yes, but the NCI in 1993 said there was insufficient scientific evidence to justify mammograms that young.

Last month, the NCI convened a "scientific court" of outside experts to settle the issue — but that panel declared women should

decide for themselves.

The outcry was immediate. The Senate, in a move doctors say attempted to dictate science, unanimously urged women to get mammograms in their 40s. Members of the NCI's consensus panel itself admitted they personally would give different advice to patients or relatives — and one panelist resigned in protest.

Even NCI Director Richard Klausner disagreed, calling mammograms in the 40s beneficial.

Tuesday, the National Cancer Advisory Board told Klausner it will study the consensus panel's findings and recommend what the government should tell confused women.

But this advisory board, too, appeared divided.

One key question is how much benefit mammograms in the 40s actually offer. Pooling the eight studies of the topic suggests the exams could reduce breast cancer deaths by 17 percent.

The NCI consensus panel had declared that weak evidence, saying the benefit didn't even appear for 10 years, meaning testing in the early 50s instead of the 40s may have been responsible. And consensus panel statistician Donald

Berry told the national board Tuesday that researchers have refused to let outside scientists see their raw data to ensure it is accurate.

"It is a little worrisome that we're hearing questions about the accuracy of the data," said Dr. Frederick Li of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

That's focusing on technicalities, others charged.

"We have blown this debate all out of proportion," said Frances Vesco of the National Breast Cancer Coalition.

Still, younger women have denser breasts, making mammograms miss cancer twice as often among women in the 40s as in their 50s.

And the vast majority of women studied were white, raising serious questions about mammograms' effect on minority 40-somethings. Advisory board member Dr. Alfred Goldson said 30 percent of black breast cancer patients he studied at Washington's Howard University are under age 50.

So will the government ultimately set a new age for mammograms? No one would say.

But Rimer instead emphasized creating educational tools to help consumers truly understand the science and choose for themselves, and said the board would question insurance companies about paying for mammograms when 40-somethings do choose them.

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NEW YORK (AP) — The Empire State Building's observation deck reopened Tuesday two days after a deadly shooting rampage, drawing droves of tourists who had to line up to go through newly installed metal detectors.

"It's OK, I'm wearing a bullet-proof vest," joked Benjamin Wibbe, a 17-year-old from Germany.

Police were still trying to determine what prompted the 69-year-old Palestinian gunman, Ali Hassan Abu Kamal, to vent his rage, killing one tourist and wounding six others before fatally shooting himself.

Abu Kamal's family in the Gaza Strip said he was distraught over somehow losing \$300,000, but police questioned whether there ever was any money.

"There is no information that this alleged scam exists," Police Commissioner Howard Safir said. Several hundred sightseers waited up to 40 minutes Tuesday to buy tickets, go through the airport-style metal detectors and take the elevator up to the 86th floor.

Kim Broen, a 21-year-old Danish traveler, said he didn't like the long wait to go through the metal detectors, "but if this is the only way to stop this from happening, it's OK."

"We live in New York. You can't stay afraid," said Hannah Schneewind, a teacher from Brooklyn escorting her second-graders on a field trip. She said it was better to teach the children to overcome their fears than to let the shooting change their plans.

Judy and Larry Wilkinson of Valdosta, Ga., said they had arrived at the building Sunday 20 minutes after the shooting. Mrs. Wilkinson said she was determined to return Tuesday. "I was a little apprehensive, but I really feel like it was an isolated incident. And it is a marvelous view," she said.

Police were tracing three Arabic names mentioned in a note Abu Kamal was carrying. A police source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the letter suggests the names are Islamic vigilantes who attacked Abu Kamal in 1992 in Gaza City, rather than people who swindled him out of his nest egg, as once thought.

Abu Kamal's rambling note accused the United States of using Israel as "an instrument" against Palestinians, but another police source said that did not prove his motive was hatred of Israel.

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Employers, workers, legislators mull overtime versus comp time

By Alice Ann Love
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Football games, school plays, doctors appointments: When both Mom and Dad work, time off can be priceless. But for some parents, overtime work and the cash it brings are a matter of survival.

It's those competing needs — and business interests, too — that Congress and President Clinton must balance as they get set to reconsider making comp time, or earned time off, an alternative to overtime pay.

The idea, supporters say, is that with a choice between cash and time off, every worker could get what he or she most needs.

The risk, caution labor unions and other detractors, is that profit-driven firms would be tempted to exploit the availability of cheap

er overtime labor.

"We'd be entering a huge unknown," said Martin Malin, director of the Institute of Law and the Workplace at Chicago-Kent College of Law. "This is an area that offers a lot of promise, but the concerns raised ... should be taken seriously."

News analysis

About 67 percent of American workers are now covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act, which guarantees one-and-a-half times regular wages for every hour worked beyond a 40-hour week. Most blue-collar factory, food service, construction and clerical workers are covered, along with less obvious folks such as computer analysts.

Such workers currently can't waive their right to overtime pay, or trade it for another benefit, such as paid vacation. If a worker needs emergency time off to take a child to the doctor, the employer can only grant a furlough.

The case is much different for professionals, managers and administrative employees who exercise independent judgment on the job. Because they are exempt from the law, they earn a fixed annual salary and don't get paid extra for long hours. But firms can offer them an increasingly popular benefit: flexible work schedules.

About 22 percent of such professionals are allowed to vary their hours, according to Labor Department figures. Some work long days early in the week and take Friday off. Others pull a marathon

stretch of work, then take a vacation.

A bill near the top of the Republican congressional agenda would allow companies to offer more of that scheduling flexibility to hourly workers, too.

"It seems to me that to allow working people to be good Moms and Dads is a laudable objective," said Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., the bill's author.

Although he vetoed a similar bill last year, Clinton promised during last fall's campaign to do something to help overworked Americans in his second term.

Ashcroft's bill would allow, but not require, companies to offer compensatory time off as an alternative to overtime pay. Workers would earn comp time at a rate of 1½ hours for every hour of overtime work, and could "bank" up to 30

days a year. Use of banked comp time would be at the worker's discretion, unless an absence would "unduly disrupt the operations of the employer." Banked comp time also could be traded for cash.

Ashcroft says stiff penalties would discourage firms from coercing workers to take comp time instead of overtime pay. And big and small companies, and their trade groups, are lobbying hard for the bill.

But labor unions worry that making overtime work cheaper will help nothing but corporate profits.

The fear is that companies, to save money, would assign most overtime hours to people who want comp time, Reuther said. Workers who depend on overtime cash

would be out of luck. In a recent AFL-CIO poll, 54 percent of workers said they need money more than time off.

The experience of government workers, who've had the comp time option since 1985, provides some insight into the pros and cons.

Lonnie Golden, a Penn State economics professor, said there's no doubt comp time is popular with public sector workers, but it has tended to put them in awkward positions.

Because it costs nothing up front, comp time has encouraged government managers to ask workers to put in longer hours. Heavy workloads then make it hard for people to use time off they've banked.

Pickup truck driver chases, kills man for honking at him

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A driver who became enraged when a carload of four young men honked at him at a light chased them down and rammed their vehicle with his pickup truck, killing one of them, police said Tuesday.

Howard Charles Kendrick, 50, was jailed on charges of murder and attempted murder. Police are investigating whether the attack was racially motivated and whether to charge him with a hate crime. He is white; the young men are black.

Kendrick used his pickup "as a weapon to attack these people," said police investigator David Folsom.

Police said Kendrick, a university groundskeeper, had been drinking and turned angry when four youths honked at him for not moving through a green light ear-

ly Saturday. Kendrick chased their car for three miles at speeds up to 100 mph before he rammed the small car, sending it into a fire hydrant, police said. Kendrick's pickup hit a utility pole, snapping it in two.

Romondo Lamb, a 19-year-old high school senior, died Monday after he was disconnected from life-support. The three other young men in the car and Kendrick suffered minor injuries.

The murder charge carries up to 30 years behind bars. If charged with a hate crime as well, Kendrick could face life in prison.

Kendrick's lawyer, John Raymaker, was not in his office Tuesday and was not available for comment.

Ron Lowe, Kendrick's supervisor at Florida State University, described him as a hard worker and nice guy.

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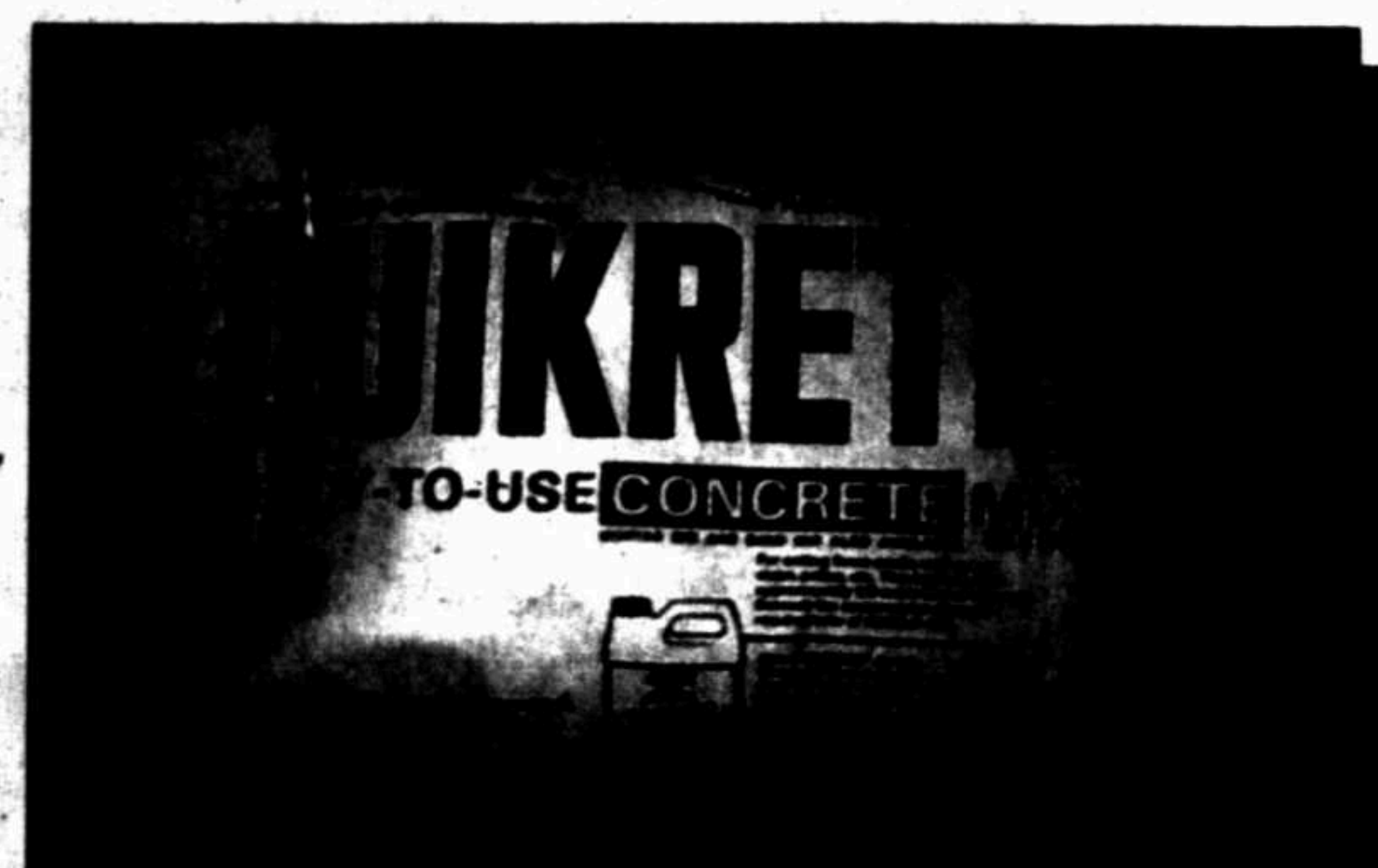


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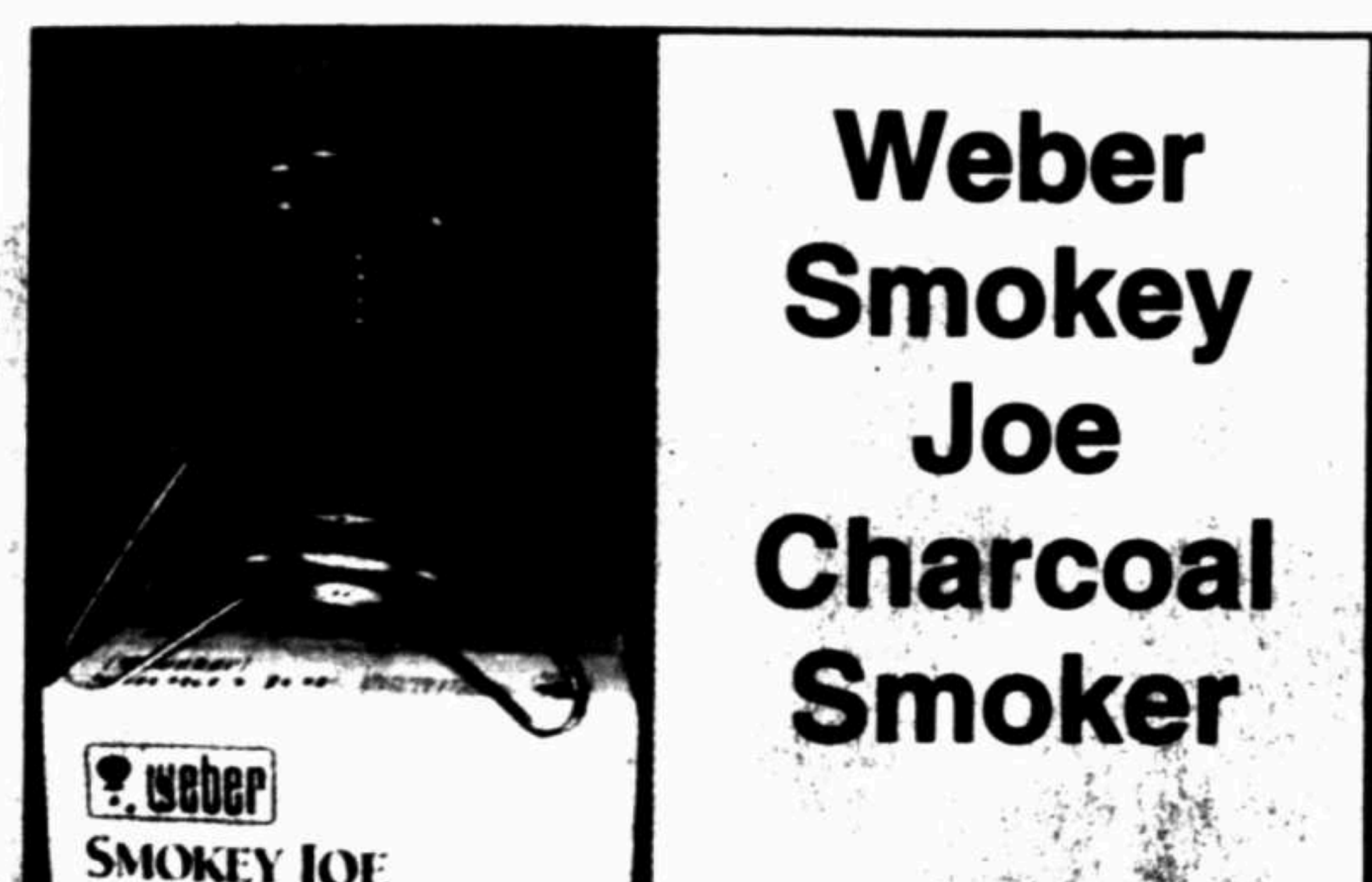
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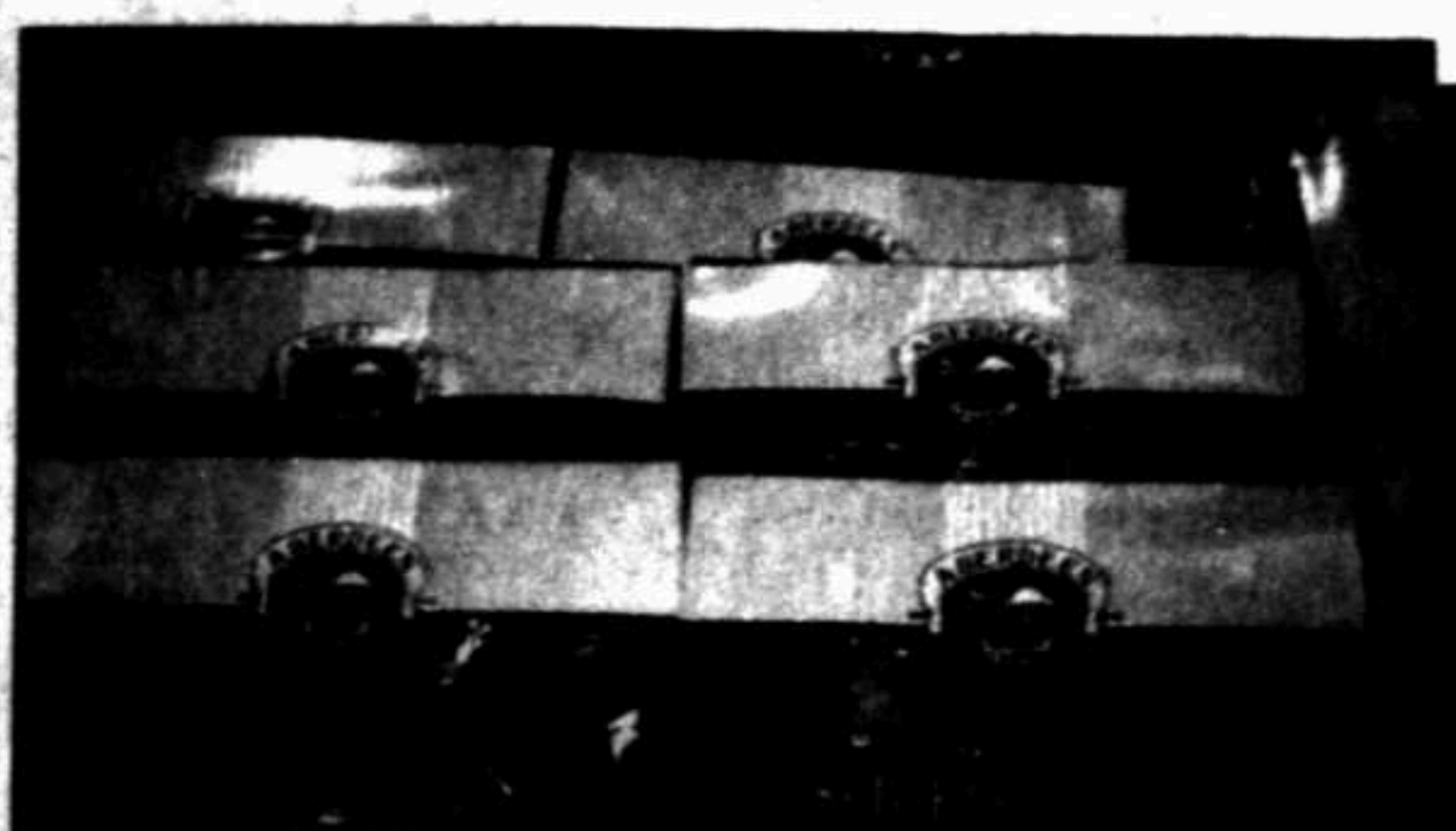
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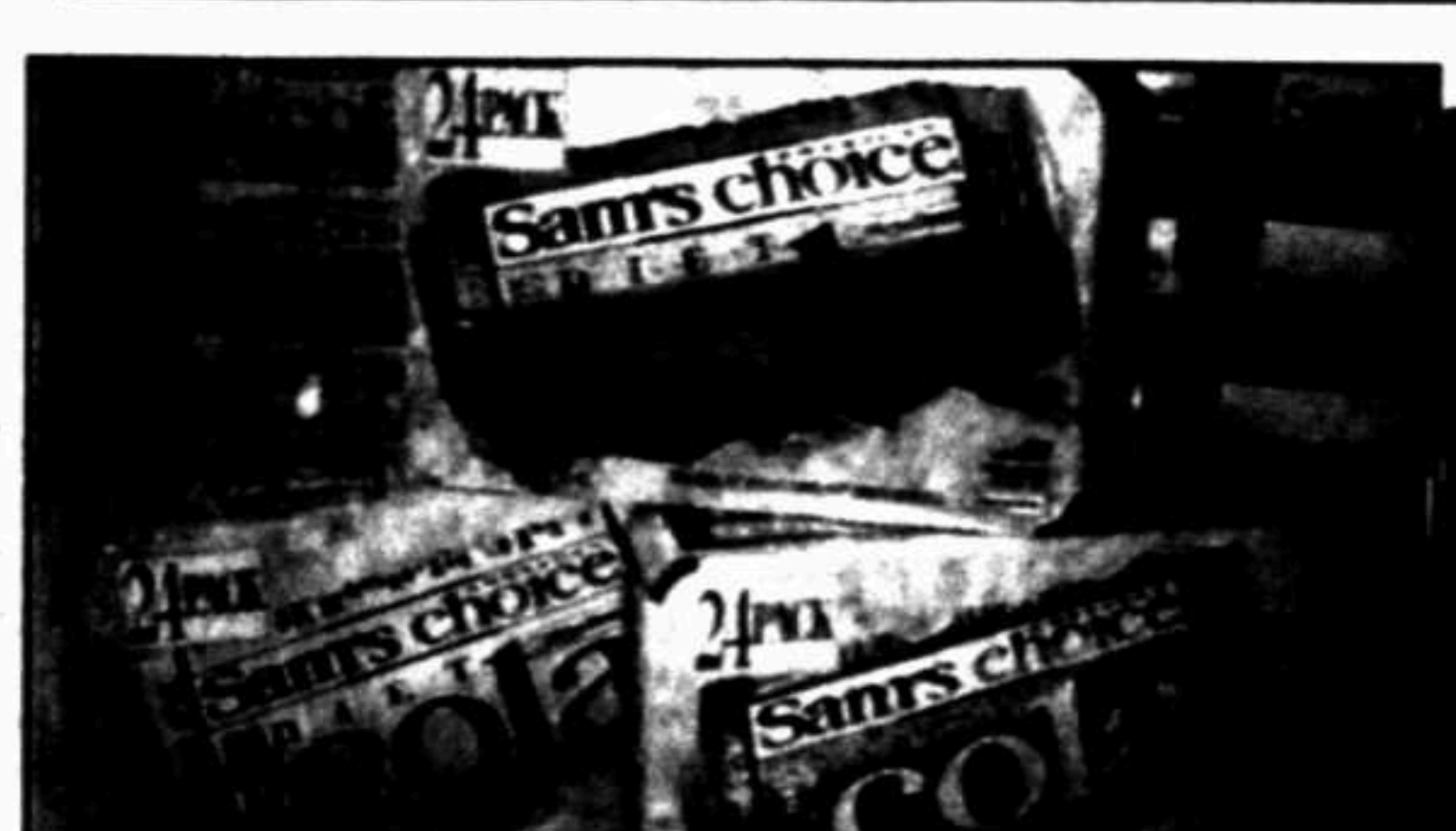
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Region 1 Tourney

The Region 1-5A tournament pairings are set for the 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday at Midland's Chaparral Center.

The Midland High Bulldogs (30-3) will play Duncanville in the night cap of the doubleheader. Duncanville (27-7) advanced to the semifinal with a 60-39 win over Arlington Bowie.

Region 1 power Fort Worth Dunbar (32-3) will also make another trip to the regional tournament after defeating Lewisville, 72-59.

Dunbar will play District 4-5A's other entry, Abilene Cooper. The Coogs (23-12) defeated Amarillo High 47-42. That game begins at 6 p.m.

Friday Games
Abilene Cooper (23-12) vs. Fort Worth Dunbar (32-3), 6 p.m.
Midland High (30-3) vs. Duncanville (27-7), 7:30 p.m.

Lady Chaps 15th

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — The top 20 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll, records through Feb. 24 and total points:

	Record	Pts
1. Central Florida	28-0	125
2. Trinity Valley	26-1	120
3. Connors State, Okla.	25-2	115
4. Kansas City Kansas	26-1	108
5. Louisville, N.C.	26-1	107
6. Central Arizona	26-1	96
7. South Plains	25-2	90
8. Casper, Wyo. (tie)	27-2	84
(tie) Tallahassee, Fla.	25-4	84
10. Hiwassee, Tenn.	25-2	83
11. Seward County, Kan.	28-1	74
12. Howard	25-4	70
13. Sullivan, Ky.	25-2	67
14. North Idaho	24-2	58
15. Midland	23-5	54
16. Copiah-Lincoln, Miss.	23-3	48
17. John A. Logan, Ill.	19-3	40
18. Westark, Ark.	21-5	38
19. Moberly Area, Mo.	22-4	33
20. Western Nebraska	24-5	26

Former Oiler signs

SAN DIEGO — Running back Gary Brown agreed to a one-year contract Tuesday with the San Diego Chargers, who ranked 29th in rushing in the NFL last season.

Brown, a free agent, did not play football in 1996 but was with the Houston Oilers from 1991-95, rushing for 2,115 yards and 12 touchdowns on 477 carries.

In 1993, he rushed for 1,002 yards and six TDs and caught 21 passes for 240 yards and two TDs.

Brown will be reunited with Kevin Gilbride and Frank Novak. Gilbride, the Chargers' new coach, was the Oilers' assistant head coach for much of the time Brown was with the Oilers, and Novak, the Chargers' special teams coach, was his position coach in Houston.

Brown was originally selected by Houston in the eighth round of the 1991 NFL draft.

Jets sign Pepper

NEW YORK — Linebacker Pepper Johnson is set to sign a two-year contract to play for the New York Jets.

The deal, expected to become official on Wednesday, reunites Johnson with coach Bill Parcells and assistant head coach Bill Belichick.

Johnson, a 12-year veteran, played with the New York Giants from 1986-92 and played for Parcells' two Super Bowl championship teams.

Johnson spent last season with Detroit, playing in 15 games and recording 92 tackles. After he was waived by the Giants, he signed with Cleveland and played for Belichick from 1992-95.

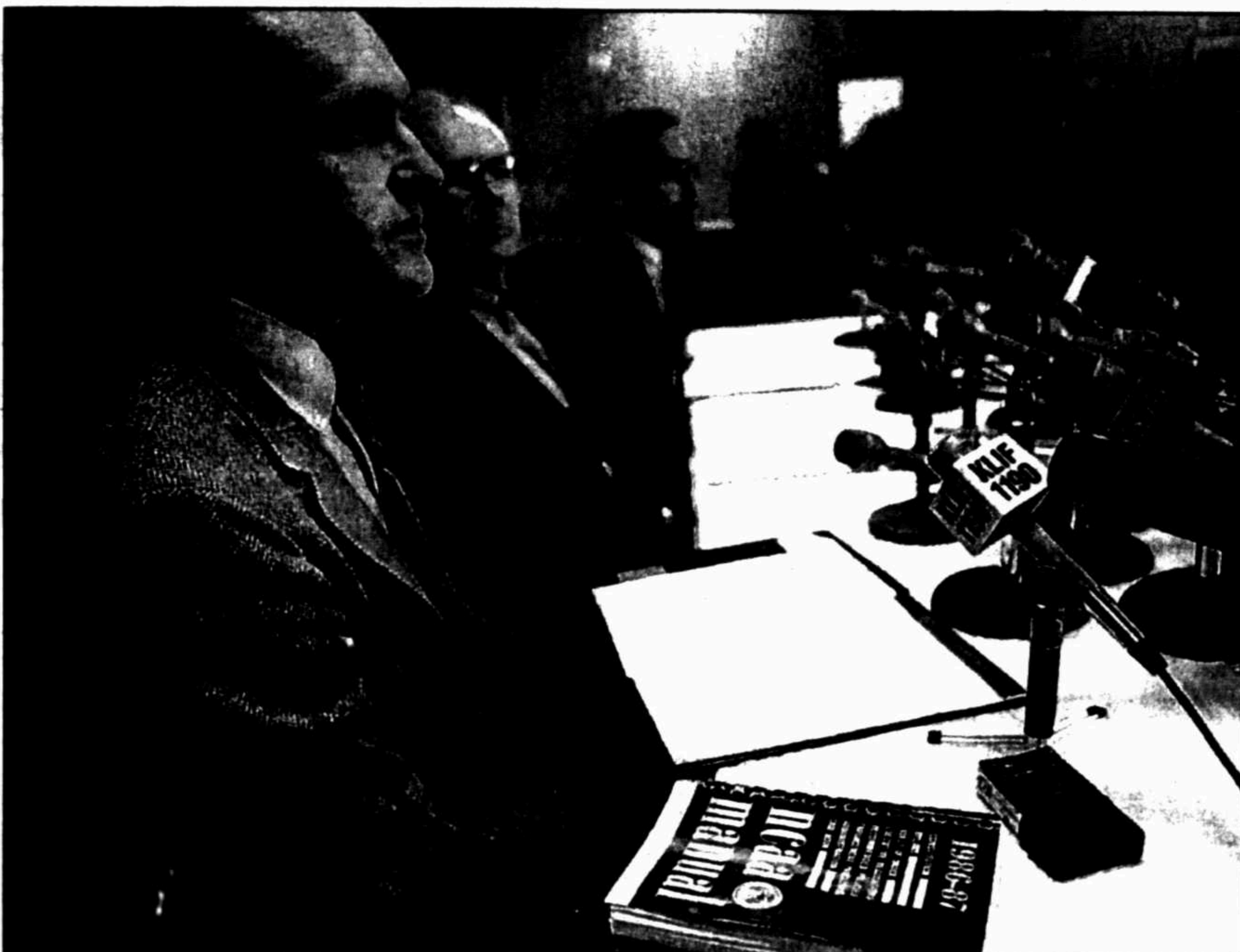
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'Til Death Did Its Part

Ten Years later SMU tries to recover from NCAA's harshest penalty ever handed out



David Berst, left, of the NCAA, and SMU's William Stallcup and Lonnie Kilever address the media on Feb. 25, 1987. It's been ten years since the SMU football scandal received the NCAA's equivalent of the death penalty.

By Al Carter

The Dallas Morning News



DALLAS — Ten years later, Watergate's Texas cousin still isn't talking.

The SMU football scandal — pop-titled "Ponygate" — was Texas excess gone to excess. It was big names with big money telling big lies to escape blame for little-boy deeds that amounted to the biggest credibility challenge the NCAA has ever known.

After pausing to collect its collective breath, the NCAA — 10 years ago Tuesday — slapped SMU with the unthinkable sanction: the suspension and virtual dismemberment of the school's football program. It was that big. To warrant that kind of punishment, it had to be sure, there was a cover-up. Sure, there was hush money.

But there was more to the scandal, enough to water the eyes of Watergate chroniclers.

Who could have imagined a gaslight meeting in a parking lot during which the once-and-future governor of Texas would order slush-fund payments to college football players? On that bit of film noir, the SMU saga turned.

Even a decade later, high-placed lips remain tightly sealed concerning details of the scandal.

Delicious absurdities did emerge, most notably a desk-drawer holdup by two SMU athletes who stole the school's monthly player payroll — with perfect impunity, of course.

"Hello, NCAA?" You can just imagine the call. "Get over here quick. Someone just stole our slush fund."

Even conventional historians must note that, just as Watergate wormed its way into the White House and forced a president to quit, the SMU scandal permeated the governor's mansion. And for much of Bill Clements' second term, it all but crippled his ability to deal political poker in Austin.

Please see SMU/4C

County commissioners approve Houston Oilers' buyout offer

By Michael A. Lutz
AP-Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Oilers took their first step toward moving to Tennessee a year early when the Harris County commissioners approved their \$5.25 million buyout offer.

The Oilers will be free to leave should they reach an agreement with the city and their lease-holder AstroDome USA.

"We're more than happy to talk with the Oilers if they want to call us and attempt to work something out,"

AstroDome USA president Mike Puryear said. "There are two issues that we need to resolve, and I think they are aware of what issues."

One issue is a pending lawsuit over the cancellation of a preseason game last year amid controversy over the AstroDome's playing surface; the other is the remaining year on the Oilers' lease.

"I don't think we need to call them," Puryear said. "We think the ball's in their court."

Oilers spokesman David Pearson said the team would maintain its policy of no comment.

The four commissioners and Harris County Judge

Robert Eckels, the county's top executive, said little before unanimously confirming the deal that would pay the county \$3.75 million and turn over the deed to the Oilers' \$1.5 million practice facility.

The Oilers drew small crowds in the AstroDome last season as a lame-duck team planning to move to Nashville after the 1997 season.

The team offered \$50,000 to the city last week after Mayor Bob Lanier said he wanted to settle for \$500,000. The two sides hardly have talked since.

On Tuesday, Lanier called the agreement between the

Please see OILERS/6C

BAYLOR PROSPECTUS

Roberts rushes in new era for Bears football program

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

In outlining his plans for his first season on the job as Baylor University's football coach, Dave Roberts issued a mild warning to Permian Basin Baylor alumni Tuesday afternoon.

"Your necks are going to get a little sore," Roberts said at a luncheon at the Plaza Club which introduced him to area Baylor graduates. "We're going to throw it left, we're going to throw it right and we're going to throw it often. We're also going to try to throw it to the guys in the green jerseys."

Sound strategy since Baylor offensive players will be wearing green jerseys this season, even though their pants won't be the same color. It's all part of

a new era for Baylor football as Roberts tries to resuscitate a program which has fallen on hard times over the last four years. Roberts replaces Chuck Reedy, who in his fourth and final season posted a 4-7 mark, the worst record for a Baylor team since 1978, which got Reedy fired in November.

Already, Roberts is attempting to get in the good graces of the alumni. He had addressed Baylor boosters in Amarillo and Lubbock in the past week and was scheduled to speak in Odessa later on Tuesday. Roberts is already off to a better public relations start in this area than Reedy, who reportedly never made any off-season visits to the Basin during his four years in Waco.

Establishing a good relationship with alumni in West Texas might be in Bay-

lor's best interests, especially considering the rich harvest of high school recruits which were available in the area this year. While it's too late for Roberts and his staff to do anything about that now, it could help with future area recruiting classes.

"Hopefully there will be some people in this area who will be interested in Baylor," Roberts said. Then, before concluding his address to the alumni, he added, "If you hear of a good player drop me a note and we'll track him down."

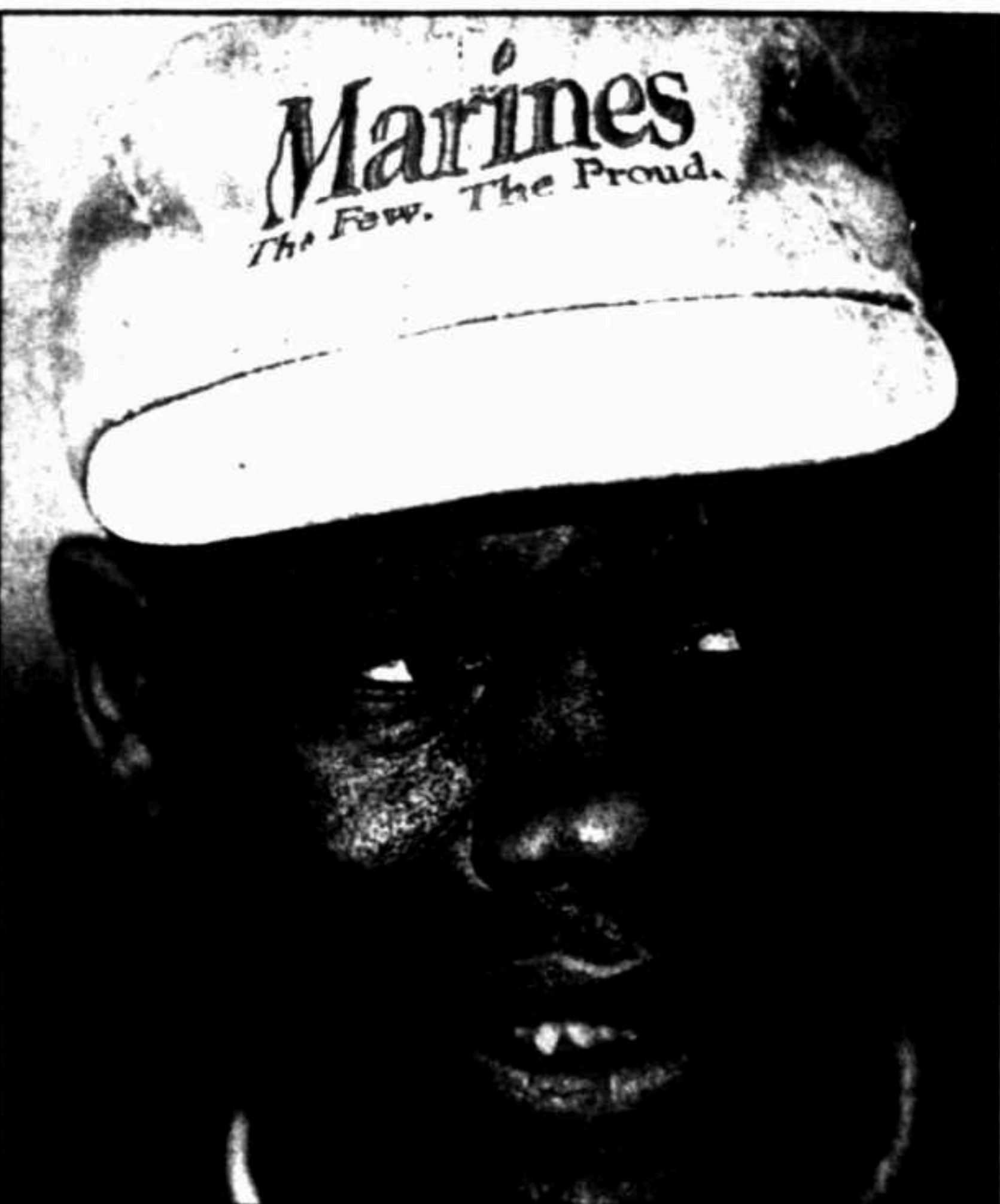
That certainly was easy for Roberts at his most recent stop, as the offensive coordinator at the highest profile program in the nation, Notre Dame. Baylor doesn't have the long and glorious tradition of the Irish on the gridiron, but



Baylor coach Dave Roberts was in Midland Tuesday to talk about the what his team will look like in the future.

Roberts nonetheless sees parallels between the campuses in Waco and

Please see COACH/2C



Two-time heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe speaks at a news conference Thursday, Jan. 30, 1997, in New York to announce he will enter the United States Marine Corps.

Did Bowe throw in towel or did Marines score heavyweight TKO?

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Did he march or didn't he? Did he polish his boots and run the obstacle course, or simply throw in the towel?

The ballyhooed bout featuring Riddick Bowe and the U.S. Marine Corps appears to have ended with a split decision.

The former heavyweight champion left Marine Corps boot camp last week after telling his drill instructor and battalion commander the regimen was too strict, that he missed his family and that he wished he'd enlisted when he was younger.

At the time, the Marines said they tried to talk the 29-year-old multimillionaire into staying and continuing his quest to join the Marine Corps Reserves.

But in Tuesday's Washington Post, base spokesman Maj. Rick Long said the Marines booted Bowe because he refused to train.

"There were a lot of occasions when he was told to do something and he just said, 'No. I'm not going to do it,'" Long told the newspaper. "It's just obstinacy, that's all."

But Long told The Associated Press on Tuesday: "I did not say it was just obstinacy. I wouldn't classify it as obstinacy. He had difficulty with the day-to-day regimen." And he said he knew of no instances where Bowe out-

right refused to follow orders.

"I didn't say he was a problem," Long said. "I said he had problems with the day-to-day being told what to do, when to do it and how fast to do it."

Rock Newman, Bowe's manager, said from Las Vegas that Long called him this morning to "apologize for the fact that he was misrepresented, misquoted and mischaracterized."

Said George Solomon, sports editor of The Washington Post: "We have our notes and we stand by our story completely."

Long said Bowe's decision to leave was a "two-way process" made by Bowe and the Corps.

He said he was concerned about reports that Bowe had requested to leave and the Marines tried to talk him into staying. He said Marine officials spoke with Bowe and agreed it would be best he leave.

"He didn't want to be a Marine and he was having trouble adapting," Long said. "The bottom line is if you don't want to be a Marine, you won't be one."

Long told the newspaper it became obvious Bowe was a "problem" recruit during his initial five days after processing and that his behavior became worse Feb. 18 when

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Irwin wins Senior Slam

SAN JOSE DEL CABO, Mexico (AP) — Hale Irwin shot a 6-under-par 66 on Tuesday and won the two-day, four-man PGA Senior Slam by nine shots over Dave Stockton.

Irwin, the Senior Masters champion, finished with a 13-under, 131 total over the par-72 Palmilla golf course and collected \$57,000. The event features the winners of the four major events on the PGA Senior Tour.

Stockton, the U.S. Senior Open winner, had a 4-under 68 Tuesday and a 140 total. He won \$125,000. Senior Players champ Raymond

Floyd finished at 141 after a second-round 71 and won \$75,000.

Tradition champion Jack Nicklaus, who designed the course, had rounds of 73-70 and won \$50,000 despite finishing last in the field.

"It was just an unbelievable two days of golf for me," said Irwin, who started the day with a five-shot lead and birdied two of the first three holes. "I got the maximum mileage out of my game."

In last year's Senior's Slam, Floyd beat Nicklaus by three strokes.

Stars shut out Chicago for 19th road win of NHL season

CHICAGO (AP) — Todd Harvey took advantage of a Chicago blunder to score unassisted and Arturs Irbes made 24 saves as the Dallas Stars tied a franchise record for road victories by beating the Blackhawks 1-0 Tuesday night.

The Stars' 19th road win equaled the mark they set in 1993-94, their first season in Dallas after moving from Minnesota, and increased their NHL Central Division lead over second-place Detroit to eight points.

At 37-22-4, the Stars are 15 games over .500 for the first time in 14 years. Dallas also tied the franchise mark for most points after 63 games, 78, set in 1982-83.

Tuesday's only goal came after an uncharacteristic giveaway by Keith Carney, who leads all Chicago defensemen in plus-minus ratio.

Carney was trying to send a clearing pass out of the Blackhawks' zone but fanned. Harvey gained control of the puck in the

right faceoff circle and zipped a quick wrist shot over goalie Jeff Hackett's shoulder.

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Hackett made 21 saves for Chicago, which remained tied for sixth place in the Western Conference, six points behind St. Louis and Edmonton.

Center Jeff Shantz, who has been playing very well for the Blackhawks in recent weeks, hurt his knee in the first period and didn't return. The severity of the injury wasn't immediately known.

Mourning gives Austin boost

MIAMI (AP) — Alonzo Mourning hates sitting on the bench, but he likes watching his replacement, Isaac Austin.

Mourning, sidelined by a torn tendon in his right foot, gives Austin the edge over his opponent Friday night, Seattle's Jim McIlvaine.

"I would rather have Ike than somebody like Jim McIlvaine, you know what I mean?" Mourning said. "I feel like there's a totally big difference in the players."

McIlvaine signed a seven-year, \$33 million contract with Seattle last offseason. Austin signed a two-year, \$700,000 deal.

Mourning will miss his second start since the injury when the Heat play at Orlando on Wednesday. He's expected to be sidelined about six weeks, although he hopes to return sooner.

"If my body says, yeah, it's

time for me to come back in three or four weeks, then I'm going to listen to my body," he said Monday.

Mourning tore a band of tendon below the arch Friday against Portland. The tendon had been sore for several weeks, forcing him to miss the All-Star Game on Feb. 6.



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JUCO Men's Poll

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — The top 25 in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's basketball poll with first place votes in parentheses, received through Feb. 25 and total points:

Rank	Team	Points
1	Allegany, Md. (8)	29-1
2	San Jacinto (4)	26-10
3	Tallahassee, Fla. (2)	28-1
4	Chapman, Va. (1)	28-0
5	Indiana Hills, Ind. (0)	28-0
6	Western Nebraska	27-3
7	Wesley, Tenn.	26-5
8	Wabash Valley, Ind.	26-3
9	Connors State, Okla.	25-4
10	Butler County, Kan.	24-4
11	Mineral Area, Mo.	25-3
12	Northwest Mississippi	22-3
13	North Idaho	22-3
14	Jacksonville	23-3
15	St. Catherine, Ky.	23-3
16	College of Eastern Utah	24-4
17	Atlanta Metro, Ga.	23-3
18	Wallace State, Ala.	25-3
19	Chopla, Fla.	21-6
20	South Plains	21-7
(tie)	Vincennes, Ind.	22-6

Baseball America

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The Top 25 college baseball teams as determined by the staff of Baseball America magazine, received through Feb. 23 (the games are not included in records):

Rank	Team	Record
1	Florida State	16-2
2	UCLA	16-2
3	Southern California	16-3
4	Georgia Tech	16-3
5	Rice	16-3
6	Louisiana State	8-0
7	Miami	9-6
8	Texas A&M	11-4
9	Stanford	11-6
10	Tulane	8-4
11	Wichita State	2-0
12	Tennessee	8-1
13	Alabama	10-8
14	Arizona State	10-8
15	Mississippi State	1-2
16	South Florida	8-3
17	Auburn	10-8
18	Clemson	7-4
19	Cal State Fullerton	7-4
20	Oklahoma State	7-4
21	South Alabama	12-0
22	Cal State Northridge	12-0
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SMU: Mustangs trip from dead continues

(From 1C)

But the SMU scandal had a few things Watergate didn't. High melodrama, for instance. The chief prosecutor fainted during sentencing. Watergate's Sam Ervin never thought of that. It also had football. That is to say, it had religious significance.

And what the SMU scandal did for major-college football in Dallas was smack it dead. A reformation long overdue, some might say.

But when the NCAA — on Feb. 25, 1987 — posted its fatal findings against the habitually malevolent Mustangs football program, the fate of the Southwest Conference, too, was sealed.

Rich in athletic lore — much of it supplied by champions of the Hilltop — the SWC did not survive the first decade of SMU fallout. And with the conference's passing, SMU lost its best measuring stick for recovery. Now the Mustangs worship in the rear pews of the Western Athletic Conference.

The SMU scandal had something else Watergate didn't, something that even Richard Nixon's palace guard couldn't engender. It had loyalty — probably bought and certainly blind — but the kind of loyalty that lasts to the grave.

Haldeman talked. Ehrlichman talked. Dean couldn't wait to talk. Liddy talked. Now he won't stop. Nearly all of the Watergate notables blabbed long and loud about how they made spitwads out of the Constitution.

Code of Silence

Since March 3, 1987, when he rocked the state by confessing his personal involvement in SMU's pay-to-play scheme, Clements has been loathe to talk about it.

In his retirement, Clements has served as a generous benefactor to the school whose board of governors he once chaired. His proud vision for Texas, clouded by a spat of fanaticism for his alma mater, was not beyond refocusing.

Bob Hitch, pressed to quit as athletic director during the scandal, won't discuss it. He still resides in the Dallas area, but his interests now lie in a chain of dry-cleaning shops.

Bobby Collins, also pressed to resign as football coach, still has no testament to offer. Collins, once regarded as one of the game's most able coaches, retreated to his quiet Mississippi roots after the scandal. The past four years, Collins has served as director of the Eagle Club fund-raising organization at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he used to coach.

"There's just really nothing I have to say about it," Collins said politely. "I hope you'll understand, but I'm just getting on with my life, enjoying my kids and my grandkids."

What is it about this crummy little football scandal that compels such a blood-oath silence? When the Methodist bishops investigated the matter in the spring of 1987, 11 principals refused to be interviewed, among them Collins, former coach Ron Meyer, a member of the SMU Board of Governors and a member of the Board of Regents. Hitch refused to be interviewed under oath.

What was left to hide? Clements already had exposed the depth of the scandal. Hitch and Collins, pressed into the payoff chain-of-command, agreed to take the public fall in exchange for full payment on their contracts — about \$800,000. Because both had violated NCAA rules, the school wasn't obligated to pay. But when the agreements were drawn up, there were secrets to keep — and Hitch and Collins agreed to keep them.

The NCAA's infractions committee found the silence deafening. The committee set aside the recommendation of its own investigative staff and made SMU the first recipient of newly enacted "death penalty" sanctions for repeat rules violators. The Mustangs were banned from football

competition in 1987. The school voluntarily scrapped the 1988 season because of restrictions brought by other sanctions.

Ten years later, the wounds are still fresh — even among those who applied the penalty. "I do believe the process was well served by the committee's decision," said Milton Schroeder, an Arizona State law professor who served on the panel. Beyond that, Schroeder declined to discuss it.

Chief investigator David Berst fainted on the gallows on Feb. 25, 1987, the victim of flu and stress. He still feels the indignity — not of the pratfall but of the magnitude of SMU's disregard for honest competition.

"I was beginning to wonder whether there were any institutions who had a sincere interest in knowing what was going on in their program," says Berst, now the NCAA's director of enforcement.

"It was one of the worst cases we had ever encountered," Berst says. "It involved people at the highest levels of the institution. It involved violations no one needed a manual to understand."

It holds the distinction of "M1" in the NCAA's case-file code. The "M" is for "major violation." The "1" is more symbolic. Without it, there might never have a "2" or a "3."

When the NCAA approved "death penalty" legislation in 1985, the organization placed a chip on its shoulder and its credibility on the line. If the legislation was tailored to fit the neck-size of SMU's wayward and resurgent football program, so be it.

Sanctioned five times between 1958 and 1985, the Mustangs were begging to be rubbed out. By refusing full disclosure in 1987, they were financing their own hit. It wasn't a case of the NCAA needing an example. SMU simply refused to quit auditioning for the part.

"Their claim was that it was environmental," Berst says, "that they had to do it to keep ahead of competitors who they believed were doing the same things. To them, it wasn't an issue of these being the laws of the land. They just saw these as a bunch of rules made up by a gentleman's club."

Rebuilding efforts

Driven by the efforts of succeeding presidents, most notably the late A. Kenneth Pye, SMU has fortified its academic reputation on all fronts.

The football program is still a war ruin. In eight seasons since the resumption, SMU has won only 18 of 88 games. Last fall, as WAC rookies, the Mustangs broke even in conference play for the first time since the payoffs ended.

"We're in a rebuilding process, and I believe that we can win championships again," SMU athletic director Jim Copeland says. "When I took this job, I felt the problems had bottomed out. I believed that we could be good again, and that we could do it the right way. Nothing in two years has persuaded me otherwise."

Still, a decade hasn't dulled memories of a team that averaged nearly 41,000 fans a game and played in the Cotton Bowl Classic in 1983. The Mustangs now plead for half as many to occupy what has become, in large part, that surplus stadium in Fair Park.

"This could make them a dorm-mat for 10 years," Barry Switzer said in the wake of the SMU sanctions 10 years ago. Switzer, then coaching Oklahoma, was absolutely right. Frank Broyles, Arkansas' athletic director, predicted that schools would be far less forthcoming with the NCAA as a result of the sentence.

Broyles was absolutely wrong. In the 10-year aftermath, schools have raced with Michael Johnson speed to the NCAA to confess their sins.

"Back then," Berst recalls, "it was 'prove it if you can.'"

While cheating hasn't been eliminated, it has subsided from the Wild-West days of the 1970s and

1980s. No doubt the sanctions handed SMU in 1987 spurred a greater appreciation for institutional control. Who would have thought, back then, that a school president could be better qualified to run a university than a few rich alumni?

Not Bill Clements, whose order to "stay out of it" tolled in the ears of L. Donald Shields, SMU's hand-cuffed chief executive. Not Sherwood Blount, the bankrolling alum who cynically warned worried and wavering school officials in 1985: "You have a payroll to meet."

The NCAA's bands of restraint have never been tighter. Boosters have been exorcised from athletic operations. Schools must now apply for institutional certification, a process SMU passed last fall with high praise.

As it turns out, the best regulating force turned up in the forgotten gospel of academics. Stricter eligibility standards have reduced the recruiting passion for individual "can't-miss" athletes. Give Johnny Bluechip a car these days and, with luck, it might take him as far as junior college.

No school has since been handed the "death penalty." Eight have qualified as repeat offenders. Texas A&M, in 1994, and UT-Pan American, in 1996, landed in the NCAA's confessional as repeat offenders. Still, the NCAA hasn't demanded blood atonement since the Mustangs spilled theirs.

"People have asked why we haven't imposed it more," says David Swank, an OU law professor who now chairs the NCAA infractions committee. "If we found a case that was serious enough to take such a drastic step, we'd do it. But we haven't."

"It was too drastic," says Jeff Bower, who was SMU's QB coach when the ruling came down. Now he's head coach at Southern Mississippi and one of SMU's few afterlife athletic successes.

"The association made it tough," Bower says. "There were people you'd meet who felt they couldn't even talk to you. Two or three times, jobs came open and it was an immediate 'thanks, but no thanks.'"

Getting fired used to be a coach's worst fear. Then the NCAA demonstrated the lingering torment to be had by felonious behavior. Coaches today really fear for their future. "Bower says, 'and a lot of that has to do with the SMU sanctions.'"

Still, he says, "it sure set the SMU program back. And in that sense it was unjustified."

"It was intended to disrupt the program," Berst counters. "That's what it was designed to do."

Changing times
The world landscape has changed over 10 years. The two major American political parties have played seesaw with the White House and the governor's mansion. America returned to space, flew there on the wings of Wall Street, turned the Berlin Wall into paperweights and fought a war in the Persian Gulf. The language changed, and principles suffered in the translation. Gentlemen's clubs ran short of gentlemen. And institutions died.

SMU wasn't among them, and won't be. It may have been the mother of all college sports scandals. Hallelujah, it was only football.

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GOLF FORECAST

By John Nicholson
Associated Press Writer

PGA TOUR Nissan Open

Site: Los Angeles.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Riviera Country Club (6,946 yards, par 71).
Purse: \$1.4 million.
Winner's Share: \$252,000.
Television: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday, 3-6 p.m.; Sunday, 4-6 p.m.).

Last year: Craig Stadler closed with a 3-under 68 for a one-stroke victory over Fred Couples, Scott Simpson, Mark Brooks and Mark Wiebe. Stadler, a former Southern Cal star, had a 6-under 278 total.

Last week: Jeff Sluman won the Tucson Chrysler Classic for his second tour title, finishing with a 5-under 67 for a one-stroke victory over Steve Jones. Sluman, the 1988 PGA champion, had a 13-under 275 total.

Notes: Tiger Woods, seeking his fourth victory in 12 pro starts on the PGA Tour, made his first tour appearance in the 1992 tournament. Woods, then 16, missed the cut with rounds of 72 and 75. His father, Earl Woods, had heart bypass surgery last week at UCLA Medical Center. ... Steve Elkington won the 1995 PGA at Riviera, beating Colin Montgomerie on the first hole of a playoff. ... Couples won in 1990 and 1992 and finished second in 1993, 1994 and 1996. Corey Pavin, a former UCLA star, won in 1994 and 1995. ... The 1998 tournament will be played at the Valencia Country Club, while Riviera prepares for

the U.S. Senior Open. ... The Doral-Ryder Open is next week at Miami, followed by the Honda Classic at Coral Springs, Fla.

LPGA TOUR Alpine Ladies Masters

Site: Gold Coast, Australia.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Royal Pines Golf Club (6,250 yards, par 72).
Purse: \$650,000.
Winner's Share: \$97,500.

Television: The Golf Channel (Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.).
Last year: Australia's Jane Crafter eagled the final hole for a one-stroke victory over two-time winners Laura Davies and Jane Geddes. Crafter, also the 1992 winner, shot a 5-under 68 for a 19-under 273 total.

Last week: Sweden's Annika Sorenstam won the Hawaiian Open, closing with a 1-over 73 for a one-stroke victory over Meg Mallon. Sorenstam, who also won the Tournament of Champions, had a 10-under 206 total.

Notes: The tournament is the LPGA's first event in Australia. ... Davies, the 1993 and 1994 winner, tops the field along with Australian star Karrie Webb, Geddes, Mallon, Betsy King and Kelly Robbins. ... Sorenstam, the 1995 winner, is skipping the tournament along with Dottie Pepper, Michelle McGann and Liselotte Neumann.

EUROPEAN TOUR Dubai Desert

Site: Dubai, United Arab Emi-

rates.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Emirates Golf Club (7,102 yards, par 72).
Purse: \$1.14 million.
Winner's Share: \$190,155.

Television: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-noon).
Last year: Scotland's Colin Montgomerie won the first of three 1996 titles, closing with a 4-under 68 for a one-stroke victory over Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez. Montgomerie had an 18-under 270 total.

Last week: Zimbabwe's Nick Price won the South African PGA for his second straight victory, paring the first hole of a playoff with South Africa's David Frost. Price, who won the Dimension Data Pro-Am two weeks ago, closed with a 6-under 66 to match Frost at 19-under 269.

SR PGA TOUR

Next event: Toshiba Senior Classic, March 14-16, Newport Beach, Calif.

Last week: Buddy Allin won the American Express Invitational for his first senior title, closing with a 3-under 69 for a one-stroke victory over Jim Colbert. Allin had an 11-under 205 total.

OTHER TOURNAMENTS

Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf: Japanese Regional, Saturday-Sunday, Golden Palm Country Club, Kagoshima, Japan.

FNB Tour South Africa: Royal Swazi Sun, Royal Swazi Sun Country Club, Mbabane, Swaziland.

Asian Tour: Classic India Open, Thursday-Sunday, Delhi Country Club, New Delhi, India.

Woods' mind on father as he readies for Nissan Open

LOS ANGELES (AP) — While Tiger Woods plays in the Nissan Open this week, his mind won't be completely on driving, pitching and putting.

He'll be thinking about his father, Earl, who is in UCLA Medical Center, some 15 minutes away from Riviera Country Club.

"It's tough for me to play when dad is in the hospital," said Woods, who delayed entering the tournament until the final possible moment, late last Friday, to see how his father was faring after

heart bypass surgery.

"I talked with him about it. I thought I shouldn't play. But he said, 'What can you do for me?' There's nothing I can do; I'm not a doctor. I am just going to play and try to have fun — and get on TV so he can see me."

Earl Woods, 64, underwent the operation last Wednesday at UCLA Medical Center. Tiger confirmed that his father had a setback that required additional surgery "a few days ago," refusing to go into detail.



AP Laserphoto
Golfer Tiger Woods speaks at a news conference after a practice round for the Nissan Open.

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Courier set for Davis Cup quarterfinals against Netherlands

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Jim Courier is set to play but an injured Andre Agassi is a questionable entry for the U.S. team that will face the Netherlands in the Davis Cup quarterfinals in April.

U.S. captain Tom Gullikson said at a news conference Tuesday that Pete Sampras has committed to play in the semifinals and finals if the United States gets that far.

Sampras cannot play in the April 4-6 matches at Palisades Tennis Club in Newport Beach because of a scheduling conflict. Michael Chang also is unavailable because of other commitments.

Rick Leach and Jonathan Stark, the world's No. 2 doubles team, likely will fill out the four-man roster.

Gullikson is not required to announce his team until 10 days before the first matches, but he plans to do so well before then.

Agassi is doubtful because of a sprained ankle. Another strong candidate, MaliVai Washington, injured his knee playing singles with Courier in the 4-1 victory

over Brazil in the previous round and has been slow recovering.

Gullikson said Courier is "definite" for the next set of matches, which will be played on hard courts in a 5,200-seat outdoor stadium.

"Jim Courier did an unbelievable job in Brazil," Gullikson said. "I haven't seen him so clear and so focused since he was No. 1 in the world four years ago."

Agassi has been out most of the time since last summer's U.S. Open.

"He will need to play some good matches and regain his confidence," Gullikson said. "Assuming he gets healthy, Andre is a very attractive possibility. You know he has won 14 straight Davis Cup singles matches."

Gullikson said the courts will be "fairly slow" as a way of offsetting the power game of Richard Krajicek, one of the hardest servers in tennis. The Netherlands also features Paul Haarhuis and Jan Siemerink, but so far the Dutch have not said who will be playing.

Where's the love?

Passion for America's Pastime fizzling in this day and age

By Furman Bisher
Cox News Service

I don't know if I'll ever have the same old feeling about baseball again. I don't mean back in the dusty days of riding the back of a lumber truck to play a team 15 miles away. Or in the back of a bus groaning over the mountains on the way to Knoxville while only night watchmen were awake. Or watching the South fly by through the window of a train bound for Mobile.

That was as pure as baseball could be. Fans and players had a relationship. A player was grateful to be asked for an autograph, though in those times, an autograph wasn't a marketable commodity. Players didn't book a flight to Acapulco, St. Moritz or the Florida Keys after the season. They went home and looked for a job.

But that's not what has really tainted the game for me. Look at some of the names of the ballparks, 3-Comm, ProPlayer, Coors and now they're talking about selling out Jack Murphy's name in San Diego. The big leagues, where the game has lost its way, has been swallowed up by corporate-ism. Huizenga's world owns the Florida Marlins. Turner Broadcasting holds Time Warner's proxy with the Braves. A newspaper owns the Cubs. A Japanese computer magnate owns the Mariners. Disney owns the Angels.

That shouldn't bother me that much, except I can't be sure what kind of respect these people have for the game, beyond net revenue. No more Tom Yawkeys, Gene Autrys, Horace Stonehams, Powell Crosleys, those who rocked the cradle of baseball, nurtured it and had a passion for it.

What brings this to a boil with me is the stuff I've been reading as baseball goes through the molting season, shedding its winter coat. I read the Braves have five outfielders, and what are they to do about it? Don't all teams carry five outfielders? Of course, but the Braves can't afford five if David Justice is one because of his salary. In so many cases what determines if a player makes the team is not how he plays, but the size of his contract.

I trade David Justice only if he's crippled or if I've lost my mind. If somebody has to go because of his contract, move Fred McGriff. I don't like the premise, but that's how blundersome the game has become.

The "team" is missing from baseball. Players float around from franchise to franchise like ladies of the night following conventions. I laugh at these pictures of the free agent who has just signed with another team, wearing the team blouse over his necktie and shirt, the new cap on his head, chirping about how this has been the team of his dreams. Remember Jack Morris?

A main concern of the moment is not about the winning of a pennant, but which player makes the highest salary? It's a contest between two surly, foul-mannered egoheads, Albert Belle and Bobby Bonds. One is in trouble for gambling, the other... well, the Giants could have finished last without Bonds. Hot dogs cost less at the concession stand.

There is a deep-seated resentment not about what players make, but just how much out of shape such wages are in the daily life. I don't blame Belle or Bonds. I don't blame John Smoltz for his \$7 million. I blame the idiocy that



Albert Belle is a player who has changed the face of baseball, maybe for the worse.

moves the game that far out of line.

I don't miss the Saturday afternoons on the back of a lumber truck, the bus groaning through the night or the train ride through the farmlands. What I do miss is that at the end of the ride, there was The Game. Egad, how I loved it, in a way I shall never love it again.

Furman Bisher is sports editor of The Atlanta Journal.

BASEBALL NOTES

Bonds falls down stairwell, goes for precautionary MRI

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Barry Bonds managed to avoid the piano and the ceramic animals, but ended up with a sore hip after tripping and falling down a flight of stairs in his rented spring training home Tuesday morning.

"I just slipped down the steps. I just fell and hit the marble floor," Bonds said before heading to the hospital for an MRI on his right hip. "I hit the floor with my hip and went straight down."

Bonds, who skipped the San Francisco Giants' practice Tuesday while a chiropractor worked on him, said X-rays on his hip and back showed no damage and the MRI was precautionary.

"The chiropractor helped out a lot. I feel 100 percent better, man. I got adjusted. I was all jammed up," he said. "I'm fine. I'm real fine."

But Bonds, who said he tumbled down 7-8 carpeted steps, still was experiencing some soreness even after the chiropractic session.

"It just seems like something's pinching a nerve in my hip every time I lean forward," he said.

Bonds said he was going downstairs in his rented Scottsdale house to get some vitamins before practice when he tripped and started tumbling. He said he was relieved that he kept himself from falling into a piano, antiques and ceramic animals at the bottom of the stairs.

"I can see the news: 'Bonds wrecks people's homes.' That's all I need now," he said with a laugh. "I was trying not to fall into the damn piano."

Bonds, a three-time NL MVP who signed a contract extension last week that will pay him an average salary of a record \$11.45 million in 1999-2000, is the nucleus of a rebuilding Giants team.

Manager Dusty Baker said he just hoped the MRI would show nothing serious.

Mesa makes first appearance

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — In his first outing under game conditions of the spring, Jose Mesa gave up two home runs and a single to his first three batters in an intrasquad game Tuesday.

Mesa gave up a home run to Pat Borders, a single to Kevin

Seitzer, and a home run to Omar Vizquel before recording his first out. That offensive outburst led a team managed by coach Jeff Newman to a 6-3 win over a team managed by coach Johnny Goryl in the four-inning intrasquad game.

Julio Franco had two hits and Chad Curtis had an RBI triple to lead Newman's team. Indians manager Mike Hargrove was not concerned by the performance of Mesa or anyone else.

"The worst thing we can do is read anything special into these first few games," Hargrove said.

Cleveland will play a five-inning intrasquad game Wednesday and a four-inning game Thursday before opening its exhibition season Friday against the Houston Astros at Winter Haven.

Center fielder Kenny Lofton did not play in Tuesday's game, due to a sore knee. Hargrove said the injury is minor, and Lofton's status is day-to-day.

Tartabull a no-show on reporting

CLEARWATER, Fla. — General manager Lee Thomas had one phrase he kept repeating when free agent outfielder Danny Tartabull failed to report to the Philadelphia Phillies Tuesday.

"It's no big deal," he said. "If it was no big deal, then why did Thomas feel compelled to say it was no big deal five times?"

The Phillies and Tartabull engaged in six weeks' worth of negotiations before Tartabull finally agreed last Thursday to a \$2.3 million, one-year contract.

The revised timetable had Tartabull arriving in Florida on Tuesday night and reporting for his first workout Wednesday.

Philadelphia thought Tartabull was coming in Monday night. He put in a call to traveling secretary Eddie Ferez on Monday asking for a contact so he could line up housing.

Ferez said he tried to call Tartabull back and left a message with someone — not Tartabull — who answered the phone. Tartabull never called back.

When Tartabull failed to show up Tuesday morning, Thomas called Dennis Gilbert, the player's agent, waking the West Coast-based agent.

Cuban defector likely will return to minors

By Steven Wine
AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Livan Hernandez, the Cuban defector with the big bonus and imposing posterior, looks a little thinner this spring. His chances of making the Florida Marlins' roster, however, appear downright slim.

Despite winter workouts in Miami with Jose Canseco, Hernandez is considered a longshot to begin the season in the major leagues. He no longer ranks as the Marlins' best rookie pitching prospect.

Hernandez began last year with a chance at a starting job, failed to make the team and spent most of the season at Double-A Portland (Maine). His competition this spring includes veterans Rick Helling and Mark Hutton, the front-runners for the only vacancy in the rotation, and rookie Tony

Saunders, the Marlins' minor-league pitcher of the year in 1996.

"There are more pitchers here this year," Hernandez said through an interpreter. "I'll do my job and worry about it later."

The Marlins judged Hernandez to be worth a \$2.5 million signing bonus in January 1996. But in the past year, team officials have wondered about his arm and attitude.

When Hernandez discovered American cuisine, his weight ballooned. Perhaps as a result, his fastball dropped from the mid-90s into the 80s. He also resisted suggestions regarding pitch selection.

Hernandez's weight is down 15 pounds to 220. He turned 22 last week and said he has learned a lot in the past year.

"I felt bad when I was sent down, but now I realize I had to get

experience in the minor leagues," he said. "My mind has changed a lot."

With a smile he added, "My mind is already in the major leagues."

Hernandez spent two months during the offseason lifting weights under the supervision of a Marlins trainer. He also visited Canseco's house twice a week to run, play basketball and seek advice.

Hernandez's entire family remains in Cuba, and he developed a special relationship with Canseco, a native of Havana.

Canseco said he and his brother, Ozzie, also made suggestions about adapting to American society.

"We talked simply about things like opening a checking account, getting credit cards and all of that stuff," Canseco said. "I've seen a

big difference in his understanding of a new country, and in his learning English. He's still just acclimating to life here."

For that reason, the Marlins refuse to characterize Hernandez's first professional season as a disappointment. He went 2-4 with a 5.14 ERA at Triple-A Charlotte, then improved to 9-2 with a 4.34 ERA when demoted to Portland.

Called up to the majors in September, Hernandez offered a sample of his potential with three scoreless innings against the Atlanta Braves.

And he's still the focus of Miami's many Cuban exiles. For them, Hernandez's success or failure is a matter of national pride — an enormous burden on a 22-year-old still adjusting to a new country.

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Heavyweight will always have Parris

By Steve Hummer
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There simply has to be a place in the modern-day Marine Corps for the bored sports figure. The fact that Riddick Bowe washed out after only three days of boot camp training last week says much about the short-sightedness and inflexibility of the military. You've got to make some adjustments to keep this special breed of soldier.

This is the same branch of the service that welcomed Gomer Pyle. You'd think it capable of finding a way to appease a former heavyweight champion of the world.

Imagine not just Bowe, but an entire crack detachment of professional athletes. Call it the Sak's Fifth Brigade. You'd recognize the men and women of the Fighting Fifth by the Nike swoosh on their uniforms.

They will fight our country's battles from the halls of Monte Carlo to the shores of Negril. They are the few, the proud, the effete.

From their camp in Palm Springs, they would train and await that awful moment when called upon to risk their pedicures for the nation.

Their boot camp wouldn't be a holiday. Oh, no. But one can't expect pampered, millionaire

athletes to live under the same harsh conditions as the average, grunt Marine. Bowe would still be a proud member of the Corps if only it had tried a little harder to meet him halfway.

Commentary

This is a typical day's training in Bowe's Marines:
0600 hours — Reveille. Phone agent and tell him to assemble with the rest for the morning formation and drills.

0900 hours — Have maid make up room and valet spit shine Bruno Magli boots. Order egg-white omelette, melon and a mug of decaf for breakfast.

1100 hours — Shoot a gun for awhile. Knock down three targets and win a prize.

1300 hours — Go on grueling, 3/4-mile mail walk. Stop at food court for lunch.

1500 hours — Invite a few friends over to watch the Rosie O'Donnell Show.

1630 hours — Give drill sergeant autograph, and then send him out for ice cream.

1700 hours — Win medal for pumping your own gas at camp commissary.

1830 hours — Call room service, order the catch-of-the-day.

2100 hours — No need for turn-down service, but be sure to take the mint for the pillow.

2200 hours — Lights out. Your wife prefers it that way.

If the Marines are ever going to lure the kind of high-profile recruit that is going to polish the image of the Corps, they are going to have to make some changes. With the right incentives, they might even attract some current champions.

Would it really hurt so much to maybe say "please" once in awhile at the end of an order? Wouldn't it be a nice change to have the field maneuvers catered? Who's to know if a few of the recruits bring along their personal trainers?

If we ever have to drop troops into a card-signing or a paid personal appearance behind the lines, I want someone who's comfortable in that setting.

The Marines should start looking for a few more good superstars.

And when they find these American sports heroes, we can sleep securely at night, knowing that they are keeping America safe from attack by any soccer-playing enemy.

(Steve Hummer writes for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.)

More Sports/1D

Clinton to attend Robinson 50th anniversary ceremonies

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will mark the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's major league debut by attending ceremonies during the game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the New York Mets on April 15.

Clinton will speak from the field during the fifth inning at Shea Stadium, baseball officials said. Robinson, who played for the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1947-56, broke the major leagues' color barrier when he played his first game on April 15, 1947, against the Boston Braves at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn.

"On the evening of April 15th, the president of the United States will attend the Mets versus Dodgers game up at Shea Stadium which will honor Jackie Robinson on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his first appearance in the big show," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

Robinson, who died in 1972, will be honored in many ceremonies around the major leagues. Acting commissioner Bud Selig and Rachel Robinson — Jackie's widow — will hold a news conference in New York on Thursday to announce the plans.

OILERS: Team will play in Memphis

(From 1C)

county and the Oilers "financially satisfactory." But he said he's waiting for Astrodome USA to give the nod.

A deal between the Oilers and Astrodome USA suggested last month was thrown out after Lanier demanded the team pay the city and county as well.

The Oilers would have given \$1.2 million to Astrodome USA, owned by Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane Jr., and withdrawn a \$2.5 million claim for revenue lost when the NFL canceled a 1995 preseason game because of problems with the artificial turf.

Oilers owner Bud Adams agreed

in a federal court settlement to play all home games in the Astrodome until the team's lease expired. In return, the city, county and Astrodome USA agreed not to interfere with the Oilers' negotiations with the city of Nashville, which is building a new stadium for the team.

Last weekend, Oilers officials toured the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, where they hope to play the 1997 and 1998 seasons before moving into their new stadium.

The Oilers, 8-8 last season, drew crowds of more than 50,000 for attractive matchups with Pittsburgh and San Francisco. But attendance dropped sharply when the teams slumped at midseason.

BOWE: Fighter quit corps due to family

(From 1C)

he refused to train.

He said normally a small percentage of recruits refuse to train and eventually are allowed to leave. Usually they are assigned to what is called the "casual platoon"

and wait a week to 10 days for paperwork to be processed before they are sent home.

Bowe's lawyer and financial adviser, Jeffrey Fried, said Bowe quit the corps because of his family.

German soccer team visits Holocaust Memorial

By Elias Wolfberg
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM — Germany's soccer team took time out Tuesday from training for an exhibition game against Israel to tour the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and lay a wreath in memory of 6 million Jews killed in the Nazi genocide.

The presence of the players drew mixed reactions from Israeli high school students, who were visiting Yad Vashem at the same time.

Orit Amar, 17, said she appreciated that the players came to see the exhibits that document German atrocities against Jews during World War II.

"We are happy that they are here and they care about the Holocaust," Amar said. "But they should also be ashamed."

Other students tried to get close to the players to get autographs or have their pictures taken with them.

Students mobbed the Germany captain, Jurgen Klinsmann, who signed autographs for any youngster who managed to evade security guards. Other German players also obliged by signing scraps of

papers given to them by the Israeli teenagers.

"It was very, very emotional and also shocking," Klinsmann said. "Even if we are a younger generation, we still have the responsibility to talk and to teach the next generation everything about that happened more than 50 years ago."

Coach Berti Vogts laid a wreath in Yad Vashem's Hall of Remembrance, a stark shrine with the names of Nazi death camps chiseled into the stone floor.

Egidius Braun, head of Germany's soccer federation, wrote in the Yad Vashem guest book: "Memory is the best path toward redemption." The inscription was signed by the other players.

Isahel Asso, 16, watched with dismay.

"It's very sad that they are not ashamed to come to this place," he said. "They're the people who did this."

Wednesday's game at Ramat Gan Stadium near Tel Aviv will be the second in Israel between the teams. Germany won 2-0 in a 1987 exhibition game.

Germany's visit revealed ambivalent emotions in a country that still shuns the music of



German national soccer player Jurgen Klinsmann, left, team coach Berti Vogts, center front row, and Chairman of the German soccer federation Egidius Braun, right, lay a wreath at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem on Tuesday.

Richard Wagner, Hitler's favorite composer, but snaps up German-made cars and washing machines. Sports writer Avi Ratzon will

remain seated, in memory of Holocaust victims, when the German national anthem is played before the game.

Woodson's knee problem clouds prospects

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Rod Woodson, the Pittsburgh Steelers' star cornerback, underwent a knee operation within the past two weeks, clouding his prospects in free agency.

Woodson, 31, underwent the operation on his right knee at the Vail, Colo., offices of Dr. Richard Steadman. He tore an anterior cruciate ligament during the 1995 season opener with Detroit, and Steadman repaired it.

The nature of Woodson's latest operation is unknown.

Steadman's office referred questions to Steelers officials. Woodson's agent, Eugene Parker, did not return calls for comment on



Woodson

Tuesday. "We were aware that Rod Woodson was to have surgery," Steelers spokesman Rob Boulware said.

Boulware added that it is not unusual for players to undergo off-season "clean-up" surgery to remove debris from their joints.

Even a routine operation could prevent Woodson from

working out with other teams. Woodson's performance in 1996, when he allowed several big pass plays, has raised questions about whether he remains among the NFL's best cornerbacks.

Woodson has said he is upset that the Steelers had not made him an offer. He earned an average of \$3.5 million a season over the past four years.

Woodson and the Steelers' two other top cornerbacks became free agents on Feb. 14, and starter Willie Williams signed with Seattle. Reserve Deon Figures also was expected to sign elsewhere.

Stadium-name hearings begin in San Diego

By Dan Bollerman
Bloomberg News

San Diego — San Diego City Council will hold its first public hearing today on an offer from Qualcomm Inc. to contribute \$18 million toward renovations on Jack Murphy Stadium in exchange for the right to put the company's name on it.

The wireless communications company is proposing to name the National Football League Chargers' and Major League Baseball Padres' home Qualcomm

Stadium at the Jack Murphy Sports Complex, said a spokesman for Mayor Susan Golding.

If adopted, the name would give San Diego-based Qualcomm publicity while honoring the late Murphy, a sports editor of the San Diego Union newspaper and a supporter of having the 29-year-old stadium built.

"The mayor and city council feel very strongly about keeping Jack Murphy's name on the stadium," said Joe Carberry, one of the mayor's spokesmen.

Qualcomm would become the

most recent of numerous corporations paying to have their names on stadiums and arenas.

The city council could approve the offer within two weeks, Carberry said.

Qualcomm's offer was contingent on obstacles being removed that would prevent Super Bowl XXXII from being played in the city on Jan. 25, 1998. That apparently happened last week, when a California Superior Court judge threw out a taxpayer lawsuit seeking to stop the renovations.

Superior Court Judge Anthony

Joseph said the \$78 million in stadium renovations weren't subject to a vote of city residents.

The ruling also meant Chargers will be able to play on their home field during the 1997 season. The NFL and Chargers were considering moving the games to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California, about 120 miles from San Diego.

The seating capacity is being expanded by 10,000 to about 78,000 as part of the renovation.

NFL may take another shot at instant replay



NFL Roundup

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The NFL is again trying to find a way to make instant replay part of its games.

The league's competition committee, meeting in Tampa in preparation for the general meetings in two weeks, is studying the results of an experiment during the exhibition season last year. It would apply only to out of bounds and scoring plays.

It's also studying a broader proposal submitted by the Washington Redskins that would apply to all possession plays. But the Redskins

have submitted a replay proposal since the system was voted out after the 1991 season and it has yet to be approved.

Replay was in effect for six seasons (1986-91). It was dropped largely because teams felt it lengthened games and left officials tentative as a result of the extra scrutiny.

Last year, there was no vote on replay either by the owners or the seven-member competition committee. But with the agreement of the committee, commissioner Paul Tagliabue instituted an experiment with a limited replay system, that was tried in 10 nationally televised exhibitions.

It was limited to scoring plays and allowed coaches two challenges per half with the referee making the decision based on his view of the play from a monitor on the sidelines. If the referee rejected the challenge, the team loses a timeout.

The system now being reviewed by the competition committee could be broader than that. But it needs approval by 23 of 30 teams to go back in, meaning only eight teams have to oppose it.

"We look at everything that's being proposed and try to find the best combination," said George Young, general manager of the New York Giants and the committee's co-chairman along with Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren.

Young has been the most consistent opponent of replay since it was first proposed two decades ago.

But the provision expired in March 1996.

"I cannot imagine any scenario under which a dome could be constructed that would enable our partnership to construct a stadium within the budget available and within the timetable that is prescribed," he said.

But Manny Lopez, a member of the Super Bowl dome committee, said the group's initiative proposal is worded so a dome could be added after 1999, if the stadium can be built by then without a cover.

"We want to get the attention of City Council to pass (a dome) ordinance now," Lopez said. "If they don't, and people pass it in November, construction will have

to start all over."

The initiative wording was filed Monday at the Cleveland City Council clerk's office and will be forwarded to the city law director for review. If the wording is approved, dome committee volunteers can begin circulating petitions. Signatures of 5,000 registered voters are needed to put the issue on the ballot.

The dome committee's proposal would require that all construction of the pending stadium shall be halted until the design plans are revised to include the dome.

It also proposes that \$1 from every ticket sold to an event at the new stadium be directed to Cleveland's school district.

WORLDSCOPE

(10 points for each question answered correctly)



1) President Clinton has been pushing a HOPE Scholarship plan in speeches and in his budget. The plan, modeled after one in (CHOOSE ONE: Arkansas, Georgia), would offer tax breaks to students going to college.

2) The American Bar Association, the professional group for lawyers, has asked for a moratorium on (CHOOSE ONE: the death penalty, drug sentences) until certain reforms are made.

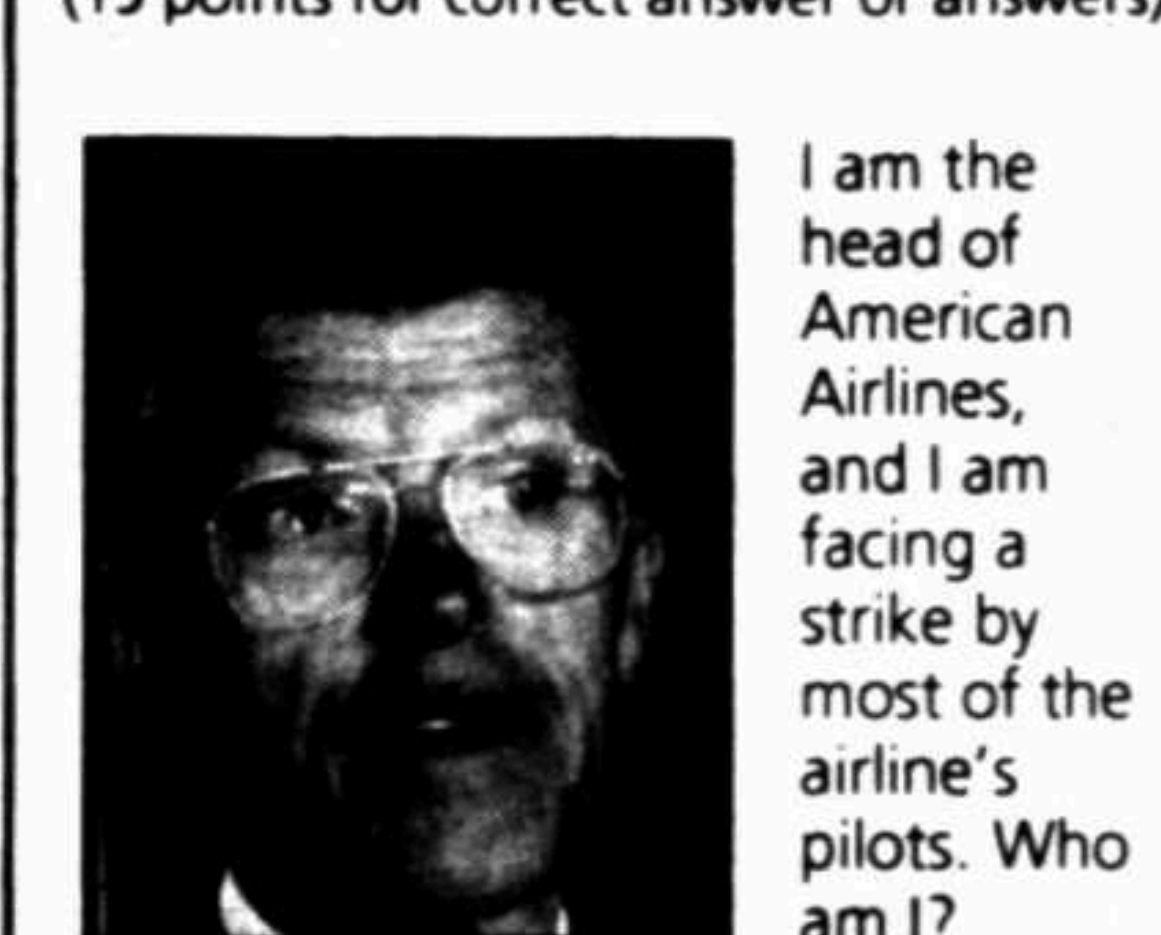
3) One of the highest officials in the communist country of (CHOOSE ONE: China, North Korea) has defected and wants asylum in another country.

4) The European nation of ... continues to regard Scientology as a cult, not a religion, and has placed restrictions on the group's actions in the nation.

5) Students in some cities in ... will be tested by breathalyzer for alcohol use before being allowed to attend their spring proms.

NEWSNAME

(15 points for correct answer or answers)



I am the head of American Airlines, and I am facing a strike by most of the airline's pilots. Who am I?

YOUR SCORE:

91 to 100 points — TOP SCORE!

81 to 90 points — Excellent

71 to 80 points — Good

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MATCHWORDS

(2 points for each correct match)

1-flange a-thrifty
2-frugal b-encourage
3-farce c-disinfect
4-fumigate d-protrusion
5-foment e-nonsense

PEOPLE/SPORTS

(5 points for each correct answer)

1) Thanks to its re-release in theaters to commemorate its 20th anniversary, George Lucas' ... has overtaken "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial" as the top-grossing film of all time.

2) In the new docudrama, "Mandela and de Klerk," currently showing on the Showtime movie channel, actor ... portrays South African President Nelson Mandela.

3) Clint Eastwood is currently starring in the political thriller, "Absolute Power," based on a novel by (CHOOSE ONE: Tom Clancy, David Baldacci).

4) It was exactly 50 years ago this spring that Brooklyn Dodgers owner Branch Rickey signed ... to a contract, thus breaking the color barrier in the major leagues.

5) Disgraced figure skater ... recently foiled an abduction attempt outside her Oak Grove, Oregon, home.

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

WORLDSCOPE: 1-Georgia; 2-the death penalty; 3-North Korea; 4-Germany; 5-Texas.
NEWSNAME: Robert Crandall.
MATCHWORDS: 1-d; 2-a; 3-e; 4-c; 5-b.
PEOPLE & SPORTS: 1-"Star Wars"; 2-Sidney Poitier; 3-David Baldacci; 4-Jackie Robinson; 5-Tony Award.

THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REVIEW

Here are the 1,875 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 800 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 400 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least \$5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional facts related through the week, as follows:

Notes: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.

Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.

PE: Price-earnings ratio. Derived by dividing closing price by company's earnings per share for the most recent four quarters.

PPE: Projected price-earnings ratio. Derived by dividing closing price by company's projected earnings per share for upcoming 12 months. PPE supplied by I/B/E/S, Institutional Brokers' Estimate System. A consensus forecast of all analysts following the company. Only companies with three or more analysts following them have a PPE.

How to use: In general, if PPE is lower than PE, analysts believe earnings will be going up. If PPE is higher, they expect earnings to fall. The numbers can be helpful in following stocks but as with all financial data are only one of many factors to judge a company by. Consult your financial advisor before making any investment decision.

Stock Footnotes: c = PE exceeds 99. dd = Loss in last 12 months. d = New 52-week low during trading day. g = Dividend in Canadian \$.

U.S. \$ = New issue in past 52 weeks. g = Closed end mutual fund. no PE = No price-earnings ratio. S = Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks. Dividend begins with date of split or stock dividend. U = New 52-week high during trading day. v = Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual distributions based on last declaration. P = Preferred, pp = Holders receive installment of purchase price. n = Rights, un = Units. Wn = When distributed. W = When issued. Wt = Warrants. Ww = With warrants. Wx = Without warrants.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

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AROUND TOWN

Women Mystery Writers' Festival will be March 15 at Barnes and Noble bookstore in Midland. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Noted West Texas mystery writer, D.R. Meredith, will speak at 1 p.m. Following, she conducts a book signing and lead a workshop on the writing of a murder mystery. Workshop participants should bring paper and pencils.

Ms. Meredith is the author of two mystery series set in the Texas Panhandle: the Sheriff Charles Timothy Matthews series set in Crawford County, and the John Lloyd Branson and Lydia Fairchild mysteries set in Canadian.

Ms. Meredith has received several awards, including the "Oppie" Awards for Best Mystery Novels of 1984 and 1985. She was a speaker at "Texas: Images and Realities," the Governor's Sesquicentennial Conference on the Literary Arts in 1986, along with Larry McMurtry, Horton Foote, Robert Duval, Elmer Kelton, Benjamin Capps and Hughes Rudd. She was one of three mystery writers selected to speak at the 21st annual Interdisciplinary Symposium on Literature of the Great Plains at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln this year.

In addition to other honors, she also has taught writing workshops at the University of Texas at Dallas, Rice University, Amarillo College and West Texas A&M University. She is past president of Panhandle Professional Writers and a member of its board of directors, a founding member of Romance Writers of the Panhandle and is book editor for The Roundup Magazine, professional magazine of the Western Writers of America.

"LIGHT AND COLOR" exhibit will be on display through April 13 at the Museum of the Southwest's Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum. The exhibit includes a giant light bulb, a glowing red laser beam, life-like holograms and 18 hands-on activities for children of all ages and adults to learn about light and color, how rainbows are made and how periscopes work, and other facts.

Kick-off celebration is planned for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 12 during spring break. Activities will include science demonstrations, art activities, storytime and refreshments. Louie the Lightning Bug will attend and Power 106 live remove with Matthew Blades will be on hand.

The exhibit is sponsored in part by TU Electric and Capp Electric of Midland, and is an educational service of Cumberland Science Museum of Nashville, Tenn. It was designed and produced by Oregon Museum of Science and Industry with funding in part by National Science Foundation.

For more information call 683-2882 or 570-7770.

AMERICAN LUNG Association's Better Breathing Club will meet 11:30 a.m. March 4 at Westwood Medical Center. For information call 522-2273.

MIDLAND ZETA Tau Alpha Alumnae chapter will have a dinner meeting 6 p.m. Feb. 27 at 4100 Springfield Court. Interior Designer Janice Henry will present a program on "Comfortable But Elegant Living." Guest will be Alumnae District President Ann Folsom of Eastland. All area Zetas are encouraged to attend. For more information call 682-3847.

MIDLAND PALETTE Club Art Center will host a free watercolor demonstration by Jo Beth Gilliam of Lubbock 9:30 a.m. March 11 at the center. All interested persons are invited to attend. The program is partially supported by Arts Commission of Midland and Texas Commission on the Arts. Ms. Gilliam has presented workshops in Cloudcroft and Ruidoso, N.M. After the program, a two-day workshop will be presented. For information call 694-0516.

WEST TEXAS Wine Club will be tasting "Champagne and Sparkling Wine" 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at Hierman's Hofbrau. Cost is \$20 per person. For more information call 699-2337.

MIDLAND COUNTY Historical Society, the Aaron Estes chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Sons of the Republic of Texas and Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library will observe Texas Independence Day 1:30 p.m. March 2 at the Haley Library. Attorney Robert R. Truitt Jr. will be speaker.

PERMIAN BASIN Bird Club will meet 7 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Coors Building between Midland and Odessa. The public is invited to attend. For more information call 570-1744.

DEAR ABBY

Discovering difference of infatuation, love takes time

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am 15 years old and my boyfriend just told me that he loves me. He has opened his heart to me, and I'm afraid that I have nothing to say to him in return.



Van Buren

I know what I feel for him is more than a crush. My emotions are too strong to just "like" him. I love to be around him, I love to talk to him, and I love it when we embrace. I just don't know if I love him.

I know he's not saying this to get me into bed. We were longtime friends before we went on a date. Besides, he's way too shy for that. It took us two months before we actually kissed.

All I know is I cannot concen-

trate on my school work. I want to talk with him 24 hours a day. When I am with him I feel like I am on cloud nine, and he can pull me out of my darkest moods. Please help me. Do you think that what I'm feeling could be love? — **CUPID-CRAZED IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR CUPID-CRAZED: You are not the first teen-ager to ask this question. As I explain in my booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know," the crazy, mixed-up feelings you are experiencing are better known as infatuation. Infatuation can possibly be the first step toward love, but is not, in itself, love.

During your teens, you will have a number of infatuations. Through a few of these — and experience — you will acquire a better sense of what love is.

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Sitting on the Sidelines in New York," whose husband leaves her sitting at the table and dances with

every other woman in the room, disregards the fact that she is upset. The reason she is upset — jealousy, insecurity or whatever — is unimportant.

If her husband loves her, he'll recognize that his behavior bothers her and change it, or compromise. Otherwise, he is being selfish and having his fun at her expense. It doesn't matter how good he is otherwise, what other people say, or even if his wife's complaints are unjustified. She is upset — and it needs to be dealt with.

Yes, "Sitting on the Sidelines" should learn to dance if she doesn't know how. Maybe she also needs to work on her self-esteem. But when a partner in a relationship fails to change hurtful behavior, the couple is heading for trouble. I know. I've been there, and the woman I still love is no longer with me because I didn't act on it.

You men out there (and women), please listen to me: If it's hurting your partner and you truly

love that person, then stop what you're doing. Discuss it with him or her and solve the problems to your mutual satisfaction. Otherwise, you may find yourself alone. — **LOST MY LADY**

DEAR LOST MY LADY: "Sitting on the Sidelines" indicated that her husband is an otherwise affectionate and attentive partner. As you point out, however, he is not perfect. If he were, he would have done exactly as you recommend. You have learned a very valuable lesson, and I thank you for passing it on.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 79-year-old woman and I'm in pretty good shape for my age. Even so, I tire more easily these days, and shopping in department stores has become harder than it used to be because there is no place to sit down and rest for a few minutes. My feet and legs get tired, and if I could just sit and rest, I would be able to continue shopping. As it is,

I end up taking a catalog and leaving, because I can't walk or stand that long.

With department stores competing so heavily for business, wouldn't you think they could put a chair or two near the cash register for us older folks? — **MAXINE, LONG BEACH, CALIF.**

DEAR MAXINE: I would think they could — and should — even though space in department stores is very valuable.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

CONSUMING INTERESTS

Michelina's low-fat line is tasty

By Linda Anderson

I've had a certain amount of respect for Michelina's as a company since the first time I did a taste-test on one of their products

and got a follow-up call from the president of the company.

That, and the fact that they turn out a decent line of frozen entrees, mostly of the Italian food persuasion.

So you can bet that when I saw Michelina's has entered the world of lower-fat foods, I snagged a couple of entrees to try.

Michelina's Lean 'n Tasty frozen entrees are about 8 ounces each, so they aren't the big ones with vegetables and side dishes galore. They just have a one-dish entree, usually pasta-based.

They aren't as expensive as

many other frozen dinners and entrees either. The two I bought — Southwestern Brand Sauce Chicken and Pasta, and Chicken Primavera with Spirals — cost \$1.25 each.

Label advertising on both boxes claims the products are "Low Fat" and have "Great Taste!"

Nutrition labels show that the company is taking the low-fat claim seriously. The chicken primavera had 280 calories with 60 of them from fat; the Southwestern chicken and pasta had 220 calories with 20 of them from fat.

Each box also carries a message from the head of the company. It starts off "My Guarantee" and goes like this: "My mother, Michelina, would be so proud if she were still here to taste these delicious new Lean 'n Tasty entrees now available to you. All Michelina's entrees are based on her own recipes. Today, more and more people want low-fat foods, but we insist that all entrees must taste very good, too."

I absolutely guarantee that you

will like these Lean 'n Tasty entrees in addition to our other Michelina's entrees... If you do not agree that they are all excellent, I'll refund your money. And it's signed, Luigino "Jeno" Paulucci.

I have to admit that I found the entrees very good. Only one thing — mine only had a few little bits of chicken. The sauce was good, the pasta was good (I like pasta much, much more than rice anyway), but the chicken almost wasn't there.

Everything else was just fine. The entrees were even the right size for when you want something tasty, but aren't interested in eating a bunch.

I imagine I'll try some of the other flavors too. They are good. Just not as much chicken as I thought they needed.

Price listed is from a local supermarket. Prices at other locations may vary.

Linda Anderson is a Reporter-Telegram staff writer.

HEART: Eat right for better health

(From 10C)

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— From The American Heart Association.

ITALIAN PASTA WITH GREENS

6 cups water
2 cups bow-tie or medium shell pasta
1/2 teaspoon bottled minced garlic
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 to 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 cups torn fresh spinach
1 cup torn radicchio
1/4 cup shredded or grated Parmesan cheese

In a large saucepan, bring water to a boil over high heat. Add pasta. Reduce heat slightly and boil gently, uncovered, about 8 minutes or until pasta is al dente. Drain.

Meanwhile, in a small skillet, cook garlic in oil over medium heat until tender, about 1 minute. Stir in vinegar.

Place spinach and radicchio in a large bowl. Add hot pasta. Pour hot garlic mixture over pasta and spinach mixture; toss to mix well. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Serves 5; 1 cup per serving. Preparation time: 10 minutes. Cooking time: 9 minutes.

Nutrient analysis per serving: Calories 238 kcal, protein 10gm, carbohydrate 42gm, cholesterol 4mg, sodium 114mg, total fat 3gm, saturated fat 1gm, polyunsaturated fat 1gm, monounsaturated fat 1gm.

— From American Heart Association "Quick and Easy Cookbook."

SPICY SOLE AND TOMATOES

1 pound boneless, skinless sole, flounder or whitefish fillets, about 1/2-inch thick, cut into 4 pieces
Vegetable oil spray
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 teaspoon bottled minced garlic
1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes
1 teaspoon drained capers
4 peppercorns
4 to 6 dashes bottled red hot pepper sauce

Rinse fish and pat dry. Set aside. Spray a large skillet with vegetable oil. Place over medium-high heat.

Add onion and garlic to hot skillet and cook until tender, about 5

minutes. Stir in remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil. Arrange fish on top. Return to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 4 to 6 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Remove peppercorns before serving.

Serves 4; 1/4 pound fillet per serving. Preparation time: 10 minutes. Cooking time: 4 to 6 minutes.

Nutrient analysis per serving: Calories 121 kcal, protein 20gm, carbohydrate 6gm, cholesterol 53mg, sodium 254mg, total fat 1gm, saturated fat 0gm, polyunsaturated fat 1gm, monounsaturated fat 0gm.

— From American Heart Association "Quick and Easy Cookbook."

EASY APPLE-CINNAMON CRISP

2/3 cup multigrain rolled oats or regular rolled oats
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 cup acceptable margarine
1 can (16-ounces) water-packed sliced apples, drained

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a medium bowl, stir together oats, flour, brown sugar and cinnamon. Cut in margarine until mixture is crumbly.

Place drained apples in an 8-inch-square baking pan or glass baking dish. Sprinkle with oat mixture. Bake, uncovered, 30 minutes or until topping is light brown. Serve warm.

Serves 9; 1/2 cup per serving. Preparation time: 5 minutes. Cooking time: 30 minutes.

Note: Select margarine with liquid vegetable oil as the first ingredient and no more than 2 grams of saturated fat per tablespoon.

Nutrient analysis per serving: Calories 124 kcal, protein 2gm, carbohydrate 18gm, cholesterol 0mg, sodium 62mg, total fat 6gm, saturated fat 1gm, polyunsaturated fat 1gm, monounsaturated fat 2gm.

— From American Heart Association "Quick and Easy Cookbook."

ITALIAN POT-ROAST-STYLE STEAK WITH TOMATOES

1-1/2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 pound sirloin or lean steak of choice, all visible fat removed, cut into serving-size pieces.

2 cloves garlic, crushed or minced
2 Italian plum tomatoes, chopped
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon dried oregano, crumbled
Black pepper to taste
Pinch of salt

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat and sear the steaks until they reach desired doneness, about 10 minutes for rare. Transfer the meat to a serving platter and cover with foil or a lid to keep warm. Set aside.

Add the garlic to the skillet and saute over low heat until golden, about 2 minutes, being careful not to burn it. Add the rest of the ingredients except the meat.

Cook over medium heat until the tomatoes are tender but still have texture, about 5 minutes. Return the meat to the skillet, along with any juices, and cook gently for a few minutes to combine flavors.

Transfer meat and sauce to the platter and serve immediately. Serves 4; 3 ounces per serving.

Nutrient analysis per serving: Calories 157 kcal, protein, 23gm, carbohydrate 3gm, cholesterol 60mg, sodium 49mg, total fat 5gm, saturated fat 1gm, polyunsaturated fat 0gm, monounsaturated fat 3gm.

— From "Around the World Cookbook" by the American Heart Association.

COOK: Priest shares recipes for some of his favorite dishes

(From 10C)

Here are some of his favorite recipes, including some of those he plans to serve to the winning bidders:

STANDING RIB ROAST

Preheat oven to 500 degrees. Place rib roast on ribs in roasting pan after sprinkling with salt and pepper. (Murphy said a little Worcestershire sauce sprinkled on here adds a nice flavor.) Place roast in oven "until your smoke alarm goes off, then turn down to 325 degrees."

Quarter several Idaho potatoes and one medium-sized onion. Place potato and onion quarters around roast at least 1-1/4 hours before the roast is done. Add whole or quartered mushrooms about 15 minutes before roast is removed from oven. Drain potatoes, onions and mushrooms and place in casserole dish. Serve separately.

Reserve meat drippings for:

YORKSHIRE PUDDING

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Spray non-stick cooking spray on the insides of a muffin tin. Reserve meat drippings. In bowl, beat: 3 eggs
1 cup flour
1 cup whole milk
Salt and pepper

To each muffin cup, place about 1/8-inch meat drippings from Standing Rib Roast. Place back in oven until drippings bubble. (Murphy advised: "It helps if the eggs, milk and flour could be done beforehand and placed in the refrigerator to chill.") When meat drippings are bubbling, quickly add 1/2 inch of batter in each cup and place pan back in oven. Bake for about 20 to 25 minutes or until pudding has risen.

BAVARIAN GREEN BEANS

3 slices bacon, diced
1 medium onion, diced
1 can cut green beans
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
1 tablespoon sugar

Brown bacon on medium high heat in saucepan. Add onions and saute until soft. Add beans, vinegar and sugar; stir and cover. Simmer for 5 minutes on low heat.

ROAST LAMB WITH PEACH GLAZE

("I grew up in New York, where we had lamb as often as we had beef," Murphy said. "In those days it was a lot cheaper...")

Salt and pepper leg of lamb and cover with heavy glaze before putting in oven. Roast leg of lamb at 325 degrees for about 2-1/2 hours, and glaze frequently while cooking. Serve remaining glaze with lamb.

LAMB GLAZE

1 jar (12 ounces) peach or apricot preserves
1/4 cup galliano
1/4 teaspoon ground mace or nutmeg
Juice of 1/2 lemon

In small saucepan, combine preserves, galliano, mace (or nutmeg) and lemon juice. Bring to boil, stirring constantly. Frequently brush on leg of lamb while it is roasting.

If you would like to be featured in "What's Cooking?" or know someone you would like to see featured, please send the person's name, address and phone number to Lifestyle editor Elizabeth Edwin, Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701, or call 687-8862. The featured person must be willing to be photographed and share recipes for publication.

Homemade soup contest seeks entries

Staff Reports

Thick and robust or delicate and smooth, homemade soups satisfy the heartiest of appetites. They provide comfort for the soul and stomach and can be as original as the cooks behind the kettle.

To find the best original, home-cooked soup recipe, "Woman's Day" and Progresso are teaming up to offer a grand prize of \$10,000 for the most appealing homemade soup recipe. The winning entry could be the next flavor to join the Progresso line of soups.

"The Taste of Homemade Soup" competition will seek out recipes with broad family appeal, originality, visual appeal and great taste.

Progresso has been making soups, known for their hearty homemade flavors and ingredients, since 1949, when introduced the first ready-to-serve soup. Authentic Italian soups, like its flavorful minestrone, are still part of Progresso's offering. But Progresso also has continued to create innovative new products, including a line of pasta soups and the first chicken soups made with 100 percent white meat.

If you believe your original home-cooked soup deserves to join Progresso's line-up, fire up the range. Entries must be your original creations and must not have been entered in any other contest. Only one cash prize winner will be named.

Complete rules will be published in the March 4 issue of "Woman's Day." Or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to "The Taste of Homemade Soup" Recipe Contest, 7008 Highway Seven, Minneapolis, Minn. 55426. All entries must be postmarked no later than April 18.

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By Joy Ault
Associated Press

HARLINGEN. — Few people would minimize the importance of a heart-healthy eating plan. Yet good intentions often get side-tracked in the rush of each day.

"From career women to schools, people call the American Heart Association wanting to know how to eat on the run," said Toni Lopez, registered licensed dietitian and certified diabetes educator at Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen. "What we do is encourage them and their entire family to eat well all year — for the rest of their lives."

Family might not even notice modifications were made with ingredients like low-fat cottage cheese and low-fat margarine.

"I use oil in my flour tortillas instead of lard," said Ms. Lopez, who is also chairman of educational programs for the American Heart Association. "When I finally told my husband, he said, 'Oh, yeah, they taste good.' He didn't even know the difference."

What we eat is related to heart disease and stroke, America's number one killers.

A heart-healthy diet is low in saturated fat and cholesterol and includes plenty of high-fiber foods, such as fruits and vegetables, which are also high in vitamins and minerals.

Some research now shows that vitamins C and E, both anti-oxidants, increase and protect the high-density lipoprotein formation, Ms. Lopez said, and exercise also helps increase the HDL or good cholesterol level.

February is American Heart Month and the association has spent the month promoting the theme "Get in on the Action," coordinating physical activity with a heart-healthy eating plan. Gradual change is appropriate, whether food or exercise.

"People who fanatically exercise every day can burn themselves out," she said. "We recommend 30 minutes of exercise three or four times a week."

To get started on a heart-healthy course, Ms. Lopez recommends

cutting back on fat in food preparation. Don't fry foods anymore. Serve baked potatoes instead of french fries and baked chicken instead of fried chicken. Also, trim the fat off meats.

The Lone Star Way to the 5-a-Day plan recommends eating every day at least one vitamin A-rich selection, at least one vitamin C-rich selection, and at least one high-fiber selection. Cruciferous vegetables such as broccoli and cabbage should be eaten several times a week. The plan also offers these suggestions:

■ **Breakfast** — Drink a glass of 100 percent juice; add fresh fruit to cereal; try a fresh fruit smoothie.

■ **Lunch** — Have a salad or soup with lots of vegetables; add fresh-cut veggies such as zucchini, carrots or celery sticks to lunch; eat a grapefruit, orange or melon slices; add cucumbers or shredded carrots to your sandwich.

■ **Snack** — Try raw veggies with low-fat dressings or dips; top yogurt with fresh fruit slices; blend juice, fruit and ice for a refreshing drink.

■ **Dinner** — Toss steamed vegetables with pasta; add raw veggies to a green salad; use fruits as

Your Health Comes...

Straight from the Heart

Fruits and vegetables, some shown in this photo illustration, are part of a heart-healthy diet. Few people would minimize the importance of a heart-healthy eating plan. Yet good intentions often get side-tracked in the rush of each day.

AP Laserphoto

garnish with main dishes; try a new fruit or vegetable each week.

■ **Dessert** — Live up a plain dessert with fresh fruit; add chopped fruit or berries to muffins, cakes or cookies.

"Don't be so hard on yourself if you get off track," Ms. Lopez said. "But if you cheat one day or one meal, don't make it a habit. Don't do it all weekend."

These free booklets, "An Eating Plan for Healthy Americans," "Recipes for Low-Fat, Low-Cholesterol Meals," and "Hispanics

Recipe Book," are available by calling the American Heart Association at (800) 242-8721.

BEEF KING RANCH CASSEROLE

2 pounds beef sirloin
1 cup onion, chopped
1/2 cup red bell pepper, chopped
1/2 cup green bell pepper, chopped
2 to 4 tablespoons jalapeno,

chopped
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon cumin
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon chili powder
2/3 cup skim milk
1 can diced tomatoes and green chilies
1 can beef broth
8 ounces fat-free Cheddar cheese, shredded
12 corn tortillas
Cook beef over low heat covered with water until fork tender, 30-45 minutes. (Longer cooking makes the steak easier to shred.) Place cooked steak on hard surface and

shred by pulling apart with two forks. Set aside.

Prepare a large skillet with non-stick cooking spray. Sauté onion and peppers with dry ingredients until translucent.

Add Rotel, beef broth and milk. Simmer. Stir in cheese until melted. Add cooked, shredded beef. Quarter tortillas and add to mixture. Pour into casserole dish prepared with non-stick cooking spray. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serves 8.

Nutrition information: Calories 312, fat 6gm, saturated fat 2gm, cholesterol 61mg.

— From Matt Martinez Jr. for the American Heart Association.

PEPPER STEAK

1 pound lean boneless sirloin steak, trimmed
2 tablespoons acceptable vegetable oil
1 clove garlic, peeled and crushed
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
3 large green bell peppers (or 2 green and 1 red), cut in strips
2 large onions, thinly sliced
1/4 cup soy sauce
1/2 teaspoon sugar
3/4 cup beef broth (low-sodium)
6 ounces water chestnuts, sliced (optional)
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/4 cup cold water
4 green onions, cut in 1-inch pieces

Freeze steak for 1 hour to make it easier to slice. Cut slices 1/8-inch thick across grain.

Heat oil in skillet. Add garlic, salt, black pepper and ginger. Sauté until garlic is golden.

Add steak slices and brown lightly for 2 minutes. Remove meat.

In same pan, add green bell peppers and onions. Cook for 3 minutes. Return beef to pan. Add soy sauce, sugar, broth, water chestnuts, cornstarch dissolved in cold water, and green onions. Simmer about 2 minutes until sauce thickens.

Serve over hot cooked rice. Serves 6.

NOTE: Soy sauce is very high in sodium. Sodium-reduced soy sauce is available in some parts of the country.

NOTE: Select margarine with liquid vegetable oil as the first ingredient and no more than 2 grams of saturated fat per tablespoon.

Nutrition information: Calories 206 kcal, carbohydrate 8.62gm, protein 18.99gm, total fat 10.56gm, polyunsaturated fatty acids 3.02gm, monounsaturated fatty acids 3.52gm, saturated fatty acids 2.91gm, cholesterol 45.39mg, calcium 29mg, phosphorus 174mg, iron 2.64mg, sodium 738mg, potassium 100mg.

Please see HEART/9C



For a delicious, low-fat breakfast, serve Breakfast Oatmeal Pudding. Each serving contains 260 calories and 3-1/2 grams of fat.

Start the day in a nutritional way

Associated Press

Breakfast Oatmeal Pudding is low in fat, with just 3-1/2 grams of fat per serving. Use quick-cooking oats for a creamy pudding; old-fashioned oats for a more hearty texture. Either way, this breakfast pudding is delicious and full of whole-grain nutrition. To serve, spoon into bowls, then top with skim milk or yogurt and your favorite fruit.

BREAKFAST OATMEAL PUDDING

2-1/4 cups quick-cooking oats or 2-3/4 cups old-fashioned oats, uncooked
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/4 cup raisins or dried cranberries
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
3-1/2 cups skim milk
4 egg whites, lightly beaten or 1/2 cup egg substitute
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 tablespoon vanilla
Skim milk or nonfat yogurt and fruit (optional)

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray an 8-inch square glass baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

In a large bowl, mix well oats, brown sugar, raisins or dried cranberries, cinnamon and salt.

In a medium bowl, combine milk, egg whites, oil and vanilla; mix well. Add to dry ingredients; mix well. Pour into the prepared baking dish. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 55 to 60 minutes or until center is set and firm to the touch. Cool slightly. Serve with milk or yogurt and fruit, if desired. Store leftover pudding tightly covered in refrigerator. Makes 8 servings.

NOTE: To reheat, place single serving in microwave-safe bowl. Cook on high (100 percent power) for about 30 seconds.

Nutrition facts per serving: 260 cal.; 3.5 g total fat, 0.5 g saturated fat, 90 mg sodium, 0 mg chol., 3 g dietary fiber.

Recipe from: The Quaker Oats Co.

Speed Scratch recipe contest names Tuscan Pasta winner

Associated Press

The question — what to serve for dinner — was answered recently in the Speed Scratch recipe contest sponsored by the Steel Packaging Council and Woman's Day magazine. Antoinette Kanapes of Middle Village, N.Y., was a first-place winner with her recipe for Tuscan Pasta. The recipe takes about 30 minutes to prepare.

TUSCAN PASTA

1 pound bow-tie pasta
1 tablespoon olive oil
8 ounces sweet Italian sausage, removed from casings and crumbled
2 garlic cloves, minced
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
Large pinch crushed red pep-

per flakes
18-ounce can escarole soup in chicken broth
14 1/2-ounce can Italian-style stewed tomatoes
19-ounce can cannellini or small white beans, rinsed and drained
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Bring a large covered pot of water to a boil over high heat. Add bow-tie pasta and return to a boil, stirring frequently. Cook 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until pasta is firm to the bite. Drain in colander.

Meanwhile, heat oil in large, deep, heavy skillet or Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Crumble in sausage and cook 4 to 5 minutes, breaking up large chunks, until lightly browned and cooked through. Spoon off

any excess fat.

Stir garlic, salt, black pepper and crushed red pepper into skillet; cook and stir 1 minute. Add escarole soup and stewed tomatoes, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat slightly, and cook 3 minutes, breaking up tomatoes with a spoon. Stir in beans and cook 2 minutes, until heated through.

Transfer pasta to a large heated bowl and pour sauce over top. Sprinkle with Parmesan and toss to mix well. Makes 4 servings.

From Antoinette Kanapes of Middle Village, N.Y.

Tuscan Pasta (right) provides an authentic Italian taste, using stewed tomatoes and cannellini beans. The recipe takes about 30 minutes to prepare.

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WHAT'S COOKING?



Monsignor Timothy J. Murphy doesn't claim to be a gourmet cook, but he does enjoy cooking as a hobby.

Parish priest nurtures bodies as well as souls

By Linda Anderson
Staff Writer

As of July 2, 1996, the parishioners of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland got a new parish priest, an amateur photographer and an enthusiastic cook, all at the same time.

Monsignor Timothy J. Murphy, a native of New York State, will celebrate 35 years in the priesthood this spring (May, to be exact). He is no stranger to Texas — he is in Midland after serving 14 years in Abilene and 14 years in San Angelo.

And he's no stranger to the kitchen either. Murphy said he has learned a lot about cooking from observing other cooks and experimenting, "and there's nothing wrong with a good cookbook!" And when one of his culinary experiments goes wrong, "I discard it. I get to throw the thing away and no one knows about it," he laughed.

Murphy's first cooking teacher was his mother, he said. "My mother was not a terrific cook, but there were a couple of things she could do well," including one of Murphy's favorites, Standing Rib Roast. "It makes a lot of leftovers," he said.

Another of his favorite recipes is for Yorkshire Pudding, which he said took him 10 years of experimentation to get right.

One of the secrets to a good Yorkshire Pudding, Murphy said, is always use whole milk, because skim milk "will ruin it."

Another secret is to make sure the meat drippings used in the recipe are hot.

Although he has the reputation for being a good cook, Murphy said, "I'm not a gourmet cook. I know a few things that are decent and I like to cook them."

"It's a hobby. I don't cook every day, so it is a bit of a hobby."

A hobby it may be, but at the recent Mardi Gras celebration benefit for St. Ann's School Endowment Fund, one of the items auctioned was a dinner with Murphy, which he himself will prepare. It went for \$300.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

U.S. World Cup opener broadcast on tape delay

MIAMI (AP) — Three years after they were host to the World Cup, the Americans won't be on live TV when they start the final round of qualifying this weekend.

And the tape-delayed broadcast will be in Spanish only.

ESPN, which televised some U.S. qualifiers last year, has the rights to home games but said it couldn't reach an agreement with the Jamaica Football Federation.

Spanish-language Univision, which did obtain the rights, is televising the Canada at Mexico game starting at 1 p.m. EST, then will televise the Americans' game at Jamaica starting at 3 p.m. EST.

Meanwhile, the forward Joe-Max Moore will have abdominal surgery Thursday in Boston and will be sidelined 6-to-8 weeks.

The Americans will train at Barry University through Friday, then travel to Kingston for Sunday's game. The top three teams in the six-nation finals of the North and Central American and Caribbean region, which also includes Costa Rica and El Salvador, will advance to the 32-nation field for the 1998 tournament in France.

Young to assess Nike factories

BEAVERTON, Ore. — Nike has hired former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young as part of an effort to counter criticism that working conditions at some of the company's Asian factories are inhumane.

Young and his GoodWorks International group are to

review a new code of conduct for the shoe and apparel company's overseas factories.

"As an advocate for human rights, I am involved because Nike has expressed its determination to be a leader for positive corporate change," Young said in a statement. "Their commitment can result in growth and opportunity for the communities around the world where they operate."

Nike said Young will evaluate the code of conduct and determine if subcontractors are complying with it.

Based in Atlanta, where Young has served as mayor, GoodWorks International was developed to promote business involvement in developing countries and U.S. inner cities.

"Andrew Young and GoodWorks International will provide us with yet another level of input and oversight," Nike founder and chief executive officer Phil Knight said.

The factories that produce Nikes are operated by subcontractors, mostly from Taiwan and South Korea.

Nike developed the code of conduct in 1992 and a private auditor is charged with seeing that the code is followed.

However, there have been widespread allegations, particularly in Indonesian and Vietnamese factories, that the workers are poorly paid, forced to work long hours and treated cruelly by managers.

Max White, coordinator for the Portland-based Justice Do It Nike organization, said he cautiously approved of Nike's decision to work with Young.

Attorneys: Doctors treated Shoemaker's paralysis properly

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The doctors who treated Bill Shoemaker after a debilitating traffic crash were well aware of his paralyzing injuries and did nothing to aggravate them, attorneys told a jury Tuesday.

Shoemaker's attorney said during opening statements that his client was a quadriplegic because of improper care by doctors at Glendora Community Hospital following an April 8, 1991 crash near San Dimas.

The Hall of Fame jockey filed the lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court against the hospital and seven doctors in 1992.

Attorneys for several of the doctors countered, however, that the physicians acted appropriately and maintained that Shoemaker's paralysis was caused by the accident, not

his medical treatment.

Defense attorney Steve Van Sicklen, whose client is a surgeon, said it was "truly remarkable" that the hospital, which doesn't normally handle trauma cases, was able to assemble the team that "saved Mr. Shoemaker's life."

"This was a man who was literally on the verge of death, on probably four occasions, before he went to surgery that night," Van Sicklen said.

Van Sicklen and three other attorneys representing doctors made their opening remarks late Monday and early Tuesday.

Shoemaker's attorney, Neil Papiano, alleged that Shoemaker's paralysis went undiagnosed for eight hours and was exacerbated during that time. Papiano said Shoemaker's paraly-

sis would not have been as extensive had he received different medical treatment.

Shoemaker, 65, rolled his Ford Bronco II on State Road 30 after playing golf and supposedly having drinks with a friend. Tests indicated his blood-alcohol level was 0.13 percent. The legal limit now is 0.08.

The doctors' attorneys insist the Glendora staff was aware of Shoemaker's possible spinal damage and treated him accordingly.

Shoemaker and his ex-wife, Cynthia, also sued Ford Motor Co., which agreed to a settlement shortly after the complaint was brought.

The automaker has settled for \$1 million and will pay Shoemaker up to \$1.5 million more, reduced by any amount paid by other defendants when the case is resolved.

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Broncos sign former Red Raider

By Scott Soshnick Bloomberg News

ENGLEWOOD, Col. — The Denver Broncos signed free-agent running back Anthony Lynn, the team said.

Lynn, a four-year pro out of Texas Tech, spent the past two seasons with the San Francisco 49ers after playing his rookie year with the Broncos. He has appeared in 35 career games, rushing for 175 yards on 26 carries and catching two passes.

"Denver is an excellent club and a fine organization to be with and a great city to live in," said

Lynn, who appeared in 13 games with the Broncos in 1993.

The Broncos also signed safety Dedrick Dodge and waived specialist Todd Kinchen.

Dodge, a six-year pro, also spent the past two seasons with the 49ers. He played in 47 games and three playoff contests, earning a Super Bowl ring in 1994. For his career, the Florida State product has six interceptions in 72 career games.

Kinchen, acquired at the start of the 1996 season from the St. Louis Rams, returned 26 punts for 300 yards and caught one pass for 27 yards last season.

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CHEVROLET 1990 Suburban Silverado
 Red. Loaded. V6 clean with good tires. 110 miles. \$7,700. 694-0819.

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GMC 1989 Suburban SLE
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 Extended XLT, 77K miles, captain's chairs, luggage rack, rear air. Immaculate. \$8,900. Days 684-6290, evening 697-1192.

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FINA Oil and Chemical Company, a Fortune 500 Energy corporation is currently recruiting to fill two engineering vacancies for our West Texas oil and gas operation.

The position of **Development Engineer** would be located in our North Houston office. The successful applicant will be responsible for the design and implementation of all phases of development plans for our West Texas properties. Primary duties include waterflood and EOR project evaluation and management, economics and reserve evaluation and exploration support.

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The key qualifications are identified below for each position:

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- B.S. Degree in Engineering (Petroleum preferred)
- Minimum of 5 years of experience with a concentration in Reservoir Engineering
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- Proven problem solver and analytical thinker
- Excellent computer skills (MS Office, economics, analytical and database applications)
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Results oriented team player
- Additional experience with CO2 flooding, facilities and hydraulic fracturing a plus

OPERATIONS ENGINEER - MIDLAND

- B.S. Degree in Engineering (Petroleum preferred)
- Minimum of 8 years of well rounded experience in Permian Basin Secondary and Tertiary operations
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FINA offers a professional environment with a competitive salary and benefits program. We provide a smoke-free work place and are committed to a drug-free work force. If you meet these qualifications forward confidential resume to: FINA OIL AND CHEMICAL COMPANY, P.O. Box 2990, Midland, TX 79702. Attn: Ms. Debbie Long. FINA is an equal opportunity employer.

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Independent, growing company seeking aggressive, self-starting person with background or experience in the following areas:

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SOFTWARE DEVELOPER/DATA BASE PROGRAMMER - Experience programming in Foxpro relational data base language. Some travel required. Oil & gas accounting systems exp. highly desirable. Self-motivated individual with good communication & organizational skills required.

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COIL TUBING OPERATOR

Halliburton Energy Services, a major oil and gas service company, has an immediate opening for an experienced coil tubing operator to be located in Odessa, Texas. We currently seek a safety oriented person to operate coil tubing equipment and execute on site coil tubing services for our customers in the Permian Basin area. We offer strong growth potential, a challenging work environment, comprehensive benefits package and competitive salaries. The duties and skills include the following:

- Operate 30K and 60K Coil Tubing units
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- Work in a team environment with other experienced coil tubing operators
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This position requires a self motivated leader with good verbal communication skills, good organizational skills and good leadership skills. Salary will be based on experience.

Halliburton Energy Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer, M.F.D.V. We support a drug free workplace through pre-employment chemical testing.

All resumes and salary requirements must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 5, 1997.

Resumes may be sent in confidence to:

HALLIBURTON ENERGY SERVICES
HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
4000 N. BIG SPRING, SUITE 200
MIDLAND, TX 79705

314 Clerical Help Wanted

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Box T-05005,
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P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

RECEPTIONIST

Sherry Owen State Farm Insurance is expanding the office to include a entry level receptionist. Previous work experience, secretarial skills and two years college are a plus. Please present your resume in person at 2611B N. Midland Drive. Previous applicants will be considered.

SECRETARY

needed for small non-smoking company who has an accurate typing speed of 75-80 wpm transcription phones, filing and light bookkeeping. Would prefer a candidate who is familiar with oil and gas leases, title opinions and work, corporate and legal documents. Please send resume to Box T-05007, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

SECRETARY-COMPUTER OPERATOR

Immediate opening for dependable individual with secretarial and organizational skills. Must be proficient with Word and Excel. Job will require extensive computer use. Excellent benefits and salary DOE. Send Resume and Salary Requirements to: P.O. Box 3579, Midland, TX 79702.

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Find your name hidden among the Classified Ads in today's Midland Reporter-Telegram Classifieds. If you are a winner, you can pick up your tickets at: The Midland Reporter-Telegram, Classified Department, 201 E. Illinois (corner of Illinois and Baird) between 8am & 6pm. Ask for Ember. Identification is required.

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Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for MAMMOSCOPE (MAMMOGRAPHY VIEWER).

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing office of Midland County Hospital District, 2000 West Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701, on or after Monday, February 24, 1997.

ALL BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "BID #273-022097 ENCLOSED".

Under no circumstances will faxed bids from bidders be accepted.

All bids must be received in the Office of the Materials Manager by 12:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1997.

Bid opening will be at 2:30 P.M. in the Department of Materials Management, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, 2200 West Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701, on Wednesday, March 12, 1997.

ALL BIDS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL JULY 12, 1997.

All bids will remain confidential until after the Board of Directors has met and voted an award. Vendors will then be allowed to review the bids in the Purchasing Office. According to the policy/procedure of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, Midland County Hospital reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Memorial Hospital and Medical Center
2200 West Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701

BID #059-97
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS
C.J. Kelly Park Sewer Line Improvements
Project No. S-164/0081

The City of Midland, Texas is soliciting bids for C.J. Kelly Sewer Line Improvements. The project consists of approximately 1.5 miles of sewer line to be installed in the area of the City of Midland, Texas. The project is located in the area of the City of Midland, Texas. The project is located in the area of the City of Midland, Texas.

Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment, and minimum wages, plans and proposal forms are on file in the office of the Purchasing Department on the second floor of the City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, Midland, Texas, on or after Monday, February 24, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.

Notice to bidders, information for bidders, specifications containing the conditions of employment, and minimum wages, plans and proposal forms are on file in the office of the Purchasing Department on the second floor of the City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, Midland, Texas, on or after Monday, February 24, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.

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NOTICE

The City of Midland finds that the properties located at the following locations and addresses:

Street Address
Legal Description
Last Known Owner and Address

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611 S. JACKSON ST.
MIDLAND, TX 79701

409 S. CARVER ST.
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Bldg. 049, Lot 008
CARROLL, THOMAS
ADRIAN DAVIS
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20011

NOTICE FOR BIDS
The Texas General Land Office, the School Land Board, and the Board of Lease of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice will hold a sealed bid Oil and Gas Lease Sale for Permian School Fund Lands and agency lands at the General Land Office in Austin, Texas on April 1, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. For a list of lands to be offered call (512)475-1512, or write to Mineral Leasing, Room 600, 1700 N. Congress, Austin, TX 78701-1495.

BID #060-97
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS
C.J. Kelly Soccer Parking Lot Project No. S-351/8054

The City of Midland, Texas is soliciting bids for paying of the C.J. Kelly Soccer Parking Lot. The project consists of approximately 1.5 miles of parking lot to be installed in the area of the City of Midland, Texas. The project is located in the area of the City of Midland, Texas. The project is located in the area of the City of Midland, Texas.

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Specifications and bid information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS
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THE ESTATE OF
IRMA P. CLINE,
DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of IRMA P. CLINE, Deceased, were issued on February 4, 1997, in Docket NO. 11,701 pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to FAE MATSON, Independent Executrix. The residence and post office address of the Independent Executrix is 3626 Imperial, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79707. All persons having claims against the Estate of IRMA P. CLINE, Deceased, which claims are being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same addressed to the Independent Executrix within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. The address to which claims may be presented is in care of Ray P. Moody, 203 W. Wall, Suite 105, Midland, Texas 79701.

FAE MATSON, Independent Executrix of the Estate of IRMA P. CLINE, Deceased, by Ray P. Moody, 203 W. Wall, Suite 105, Midland, Texas 79701, Attorney for the Estate

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of February, 1997, Letters Testamentary were issued to CECIL HOWARD SMITH, as independent Executrix, in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of FLOY SUTTON SMITH, Deceased," being Cause No. 11,719 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to CECIL HOWARD SMITH, 3211 Sinclair, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79705 within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 20th day of February, 1997.

Kerr & Ward, L.L.P.
By William E. Ward
Attorneys for CECIL HOWARD SMITH, Independent Executrix of the Estate of FLOY SUTTON SMITH, Deceased

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Reduced Rates: 1 bedroom, pool, laundry, carports, all utilities paid. Imperial Apartments. 405 Sunset. 694-9978.

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