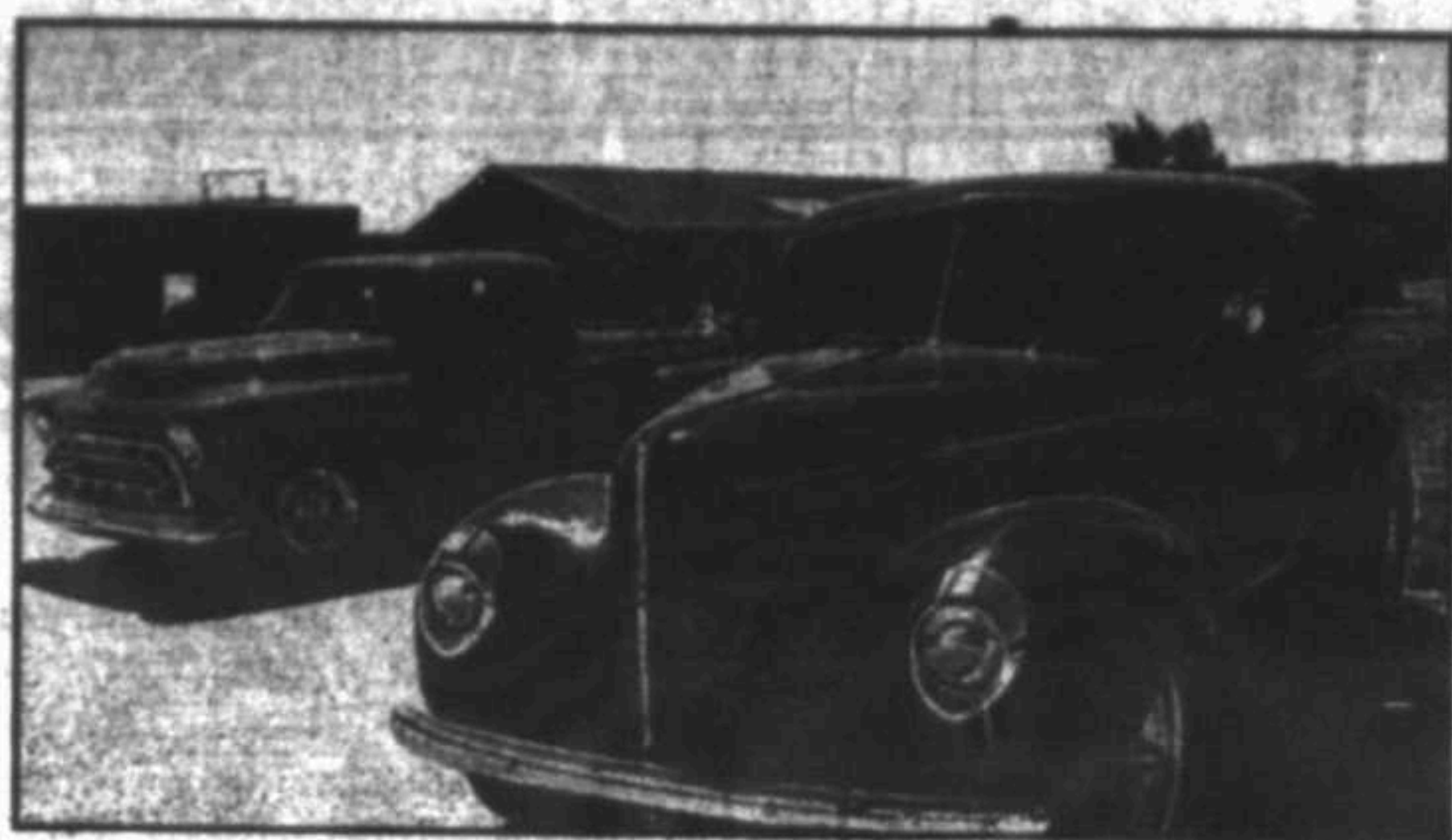




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Car show

Big Spring will host street rods at the 27th annual car show Saturday and Sunday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum./1B



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Angels lose

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Herman probe

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Janet Reno requested an independent counsel to investigate whether Labor Secretary Alexis Herman engaged in influence peddling or solicited illegal campaign contributions. Reno's decision to seek a seventh independent counsel for a high-ranking member of the Clinton administration was relayed to a special court late Monday.

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Nuclear tests

NEW DELHI, India — India set off three underground nuclear blasts Monday and announced it was capable of making nuclear weapons, enraging its neighbor and rival, Pakistan, and defying a worldwide campaign to contain the spread of nuclear arms. India's 1-month-old government, led by the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, surprised allies and enemies alike with the nation's first nuclear tests in 24 years.

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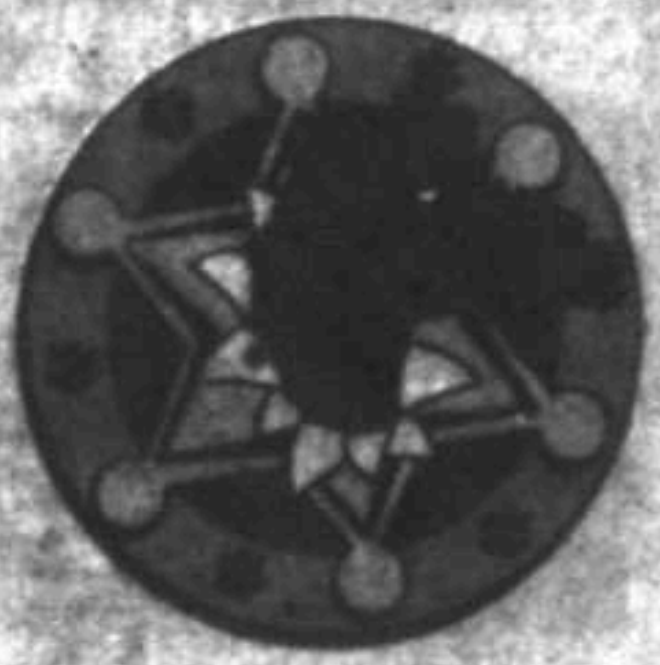
Food safety

WASHINGTON — From Chilean grapes to Mexican tomatoes to fish from around the world, Americans are enjoying an expanding cornucopia of imported food. But with imports up 50 percent in less than a decade, inspectors are failing to keep pace.

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SBC agrees to buy fellow Baby Bell

By Cliff Edwards
Associated Press

CHICAGO — SBC Communications Inc., pushing to become a global telecommunications titan, is snapping up Baby Bell rival Ameritech Corp. in a \$57 billion deal that aims to build the first local phone company with customers across the country.

Consumer groups and competitors on Monday immediately asked regulators to block the megamerger, contending it would create a monopoly after previous phone deals failed to lower rates and worsened service in many areas.

SBC, itself the product of a marriage between Southwestern Bell and Pacific Telesis, initially wouldn't be allowed to sell long-distance service after combining with Ameritech. Still, the specter of three former Baby Bells shrinking into one conjures images of the old AT&T that was broken up into regional phone companies in 1984. If the company is eventually allowed to pro-

vide long-distance service, it would be a potent rival to AT&T Corp., and to WorldCom Inc. after its pending \$37 billion takeover of MCI Communications Corp.

"As you know, our industry is rapidly changing," SBC Communications chief executive Edward E. Whitacre Jr. said Monday.

"The next few years will see the emergence of a limited number of integrated national and international operators. SBC intends to be one of the successful global operators."

An SBC-Ameritech combination, to be known as SBC, would have 57 million phone lines, or nearly one-third of the nation's total. By comparison, No. 2 local phone company Bell Atlantic, with operations along the East Coast, has 41 million lines. GTE Corp. serves local phone customers across the U.S., but scattered in less populated areas.

The marriage also would combine Chicago-based Ameritech's large presence in European

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Proposed merger tests just how far corporations can go

WASHINGTON (AP) — The proposed merger between SBC and Ameritech is like a child testing a parent on how far he can go, one antitrust attorney says. The parent in this case is the Justice Department, already busy dealing with other high-profile antitrust and merger cases.

The \$62 billion merger, announced Monday, would combine two Baby Bells into a local telephone colossus, controlling nearly one-third of the nation's phone lines in 13 states.

By fusing the companies' adjoining local phone territories, the merged company would control a Midwest swath from Wisconsin to Texas.

"Children will get away with whatever they can until a parent slaps them down. So the kids, in this case, SBC and Ameritech, are testing their parents," said antitrust attorney Lloyd Constantine.

"Part of the two phone companies' analysis has got to be that the

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Midlander donates wartime memorabilia to air museum

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

It turned out to be a momentous flight for Earle Craig Jr. in the cockpit of his reliable P-47 Thunderbolt fighter, "Chary Cherry," at 12,000 feet over Japan on Aug. 9, 1945, in the waning days of World War II.

"I just happened to be looking at the horizon when it seemed as though there was a sunrise at midday," Craig wrote to his parents in Pennsylvania later that day following an airfield strafing. "The horizon, even in the brilliant light of near noon, became a vivid and awful orange."

No erupting volcano, as he had first thought, the horrifying sight was that of America's atomic bombing of Nagasaki on Japan's southernmost island of Kyushu in helping to bring World War II to a victorious close for the Allied forces.

"It made us all feel rather humble, if not futile," he had penned.

Craig's flight of four Thunderbolts was 140

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Midlander Earle Craig Jr., above, has donated war artifacts to the American Airpower Heritage Museum at the Confederate Air Force headquarters in Midland. The artifacts (background above and at right) include navigational aids, such as an air-sea rescue map; an old-China flag for identification were he to bail out over China; and survival rations.

Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram



Funding crunch to close Mission Adult Day Care

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Even in a town with a reputation for caring, people can sometimes slip through the cracks, and a local humanitarian organization serving poor and working-class families will soon close its doors.

Mission Adult Day Care Center gave its families two months notice that the doors will likely close for good on June 30, according to Todd Omernik, who manages the non-profit agency.

"It's looking like there's not much alternative," Omernik said.

Mission Adult Day Care is the only adult day care in Midland licensed by the state of Texas to accept Medicaid payments, so when it closes, there will be 30 Permian Basin families who may not be able to keep their loved ones at home.

Mission ADC cares for those elderly Midlanders who must

have constant supervision and are being cared for at home in families where the caregivers must work to provide for the family's needs, Omernik explained.

Most of the elderly clients of Mission ADC suffer from Alzheimer's disease or some other form of dementia making constant supervision an absolute necessity.

"None of these people would be safe left at home by themselves," he said.

Even given the burden of caring for these older Midlanders, many families care for them in their homes, but need some kind of supervision for their loved one during the day.

These families cannot afford home nursing care and supervision for their older loved one, and rely on Mission ADC for their care during working hours, he said.

Medicaid payments supply only a small portion of the cost of providing this service, and Mission ADC is dependent on

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Licensed vocational nurse, Betty Anderson, helps Margaret Givens, an Alzheimer's patient, during lunch Monday at the day care center.

Scientists uncover illegal whale trade in Southeast Asia

By Ray Lilley
Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Taking surreptitious samples from sushi restaurants and supermarket freezers, two sleuthing New Zealand scientists have uncovered strong evidence of an international black market in whale meat in Japan and South Korea.

Tests conducted by the Auckland University researchers revealed that a wide variety of whale meat is still on sale, despite a 12-year-old international moratorium on whale hunting.

A piece of meat from a Japanese fish market, for example, was found to be from a type of humpback whale found only in Mexican coastal waters.

"How can a Mexican whale turn up on a Japanese dinner plate? There is no evidence Mexican whales ever migrate into Japanese waters," said one of the scientists, Gina Lento.

The scientists also found southern hemisphere sei whale, Bryde's whale, North Pacific minke, fin and blue whale meat on sale in Japanese markets, up to 30 years after they were protected from hunting.

Japan is the only country exempted from the 1986 International Whaling Commission moratorium on whale hunting, but is restricted to hunting only for research. Meat from the whales killed for this purpose often is sold at fish markets, however.

Norway also holds an annual hunt, in defiance of the moratorium.

South Korea has no research hunting permits, and whale meat can be sold legally in markets only if caught accidentally on the coast along with legal fish.

The scientists' work bolsters claims by conservation groups, independent researchers and some governments that

'If we find samples from two countries are the same, that will be direct evidence of smuggling.'

— Gina Lento, Auckland University researcher

there is a growing international trade in illegal whale meat.

Their report, delivered to the Whaling Commission's scientific committee last week, will go to the full commission in Oman this week.

The report says there is a "surprising diversity" of whale meat in commercial markets, some of which is of questionable legality.

"The evidence is strongly circumstantial at present, the smoking gun, if you

will," Lento told The Associated Press. "We are moving toward a forensic approach that will provide the bullet in the body and the hand that pulled the trigger."

In the past four years, Lento and colleague Scott Baker have made two trips a year to Japan and South Korea. They hired local investigators posing as buyers to obtain samples.

Using a portable laboratory, the scientists used DNA testing and a whale DNA database to identify the types of whale meat being sold in the two countries.

They also used DNA profiling to identify whether separate samples came from the same whale.

"If we find samples from two countries are the same, that will be direct evidence of smuggling," Lento said.

In a similar case in California, fish and game officials recently used a newly

developed technique for typing deer DNA to show that 200 pounds of venison from a man's freezer came from more deer than the hunting limit allows. The technique, among other things, can determine whether meat is from a male or female, and how many deer it came from.

Further work is needed to show whether whale meat being sold in Japan, South Korea and other markets actually comes from areas of the globe where whaling is banned, Lento said.

"We don't have direct, definitive proof. But our DNA evidence suggests there are some very sticky questions ahead," she said.

Lento and Baker are supported by grants from the International Fund for Animal Welfare and the Auckland University Research Council. In addition to providing their findings to the Whaling Commission, they publish their results in academic journals.

Pakistani police safeguard Christians after latest wave of sectarian violence

By Munir Ahmed
Associated Press

FAISALABAD, Pakistan — Police sprayed tear gas to keep thousands of Muslim extremists away from churches and Christian homes Monday in this eastern city, where sectarian violence has boiled over following the suicide of a bishop.

The demonstrators, some carrying automatic weapons, paralyzed the center of Faisalabad as they surged through the streets. Muslim leaders called for a strike and threatened to bring down the government if concessions were made to Christians.

The rioters screamed slogans against the United States on Monday as they tried to reach the church where Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph was buried. Joseph, 65, shot himself Wednesday in protest after a Christian was sentenced to death for insulting Islam.

Dozens of Christians were left homeless after Muslim militants burned their homes Sunday. On Monday, police in Faisalabad blocked roads leading to the church where Joseph was buried and took up positions to guard other churches.

Joseph's suicide has spurred protests by Christians and Muslims divided over Pakistan's blasphemy laws, which call for the death penalty for anyone who slanders Islam or its prophet, Mohammed.

The mother of Ayub Masih — the Christian whose death sentence triggered Joseph's suicide — said her son was targeted by Muslim landlords in nearby Sahiwal who wanted the few Christians there to leave.

"The bishop has sacrificed himself for my son," Bashira Bibi said Monday. "I feel great sorrow when I think that such a great man has died."

Massih, who is jailed pending appeal, was accused of speaking favorably of Salman Rushdie, the author who Iranian religious leaders ordered killed for his allegedly blasphemous novel "The Satanic Verses."

The bishop's funeral Sunday sparked widespread violence and rioting in the city 150 miles south of Islamabad, Pakistan's capital. Police used tear gas to try to restore order, then arrested 16 Muslims and five Christians after houses and shops were set afire in a Christian neighborhood.

Pakistan's 2 million Christians, many of whom are mired in poverty, claim they suffer daily discrimination in the predominantly Muslim nation of 140 million people.

Several Christians have been sentenced to death under Pakistan's blasphemy law, but the convictions were overturned by higher courts. Human rights groups say up to 200 people remain jailed after having been sentenced to death for defiling Islam.

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Investigators track Indian kidney thefts

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — After luring dozens of poor Indians with promises of cash or jobs, three leading Indian transplant surgeons robbed them of their kidneys and sold the organs to rich clients, authorities said Monday.

The doctors allegedly paid agents to cruise shantytowns for potential patients in a racket that involved several Indian states.

Police arrested the three surgeons, the owner of the prestigious Noida Medicare Center and six others, said Manoj Singh, the senior official in Gautam Budh Nagar, an industrial district next to New Delhi.

The arrests Sunday came after Shaikat Ali, a mechanic, filed a complaint that he had been robbed of a kidney after being taken to the center — one of the few in the country that performs kidney transplants — for a medical examination.

Hospital solicitors had

promised him a lucrative job in Singapore and told him the examination was necessary to get a visa, Ali said.

Two similar accusations had already been made against the hospital. One was from the father of a mentally retarded boy who disappeared from home for three months and came back with just one kidney and about \$750.

Manoj Jauhar, a spokesman for the Noida Medicare Center, denied any wrongdoing by the hospital's doctors.

The 10 arrested have not yet been formally charged. They were denied bond Sunday.

Singh said the hospital carried out the illegal operation with ease because a tough 1995 federal law regulating organ transplants has not been ratified by the government of Uttar Pradesh state.

In 1995, India's parliament passed a bill limiting organ donations to close relatives and impos-

ing prison terms of up to seven years for selling an organ.

But in Uttar Pradesh and a string of other states where the law has not been ratified by state legislatures, middlemen continue to track poor people in need of quick money and coax them to operating tables, police said.

Those receiving the stolen kidneys typically pay about \$6,000 to \$10,000 for the kidney and the transplant operation, police said. Of that, the often unsuspecting donor can get \$1,000 — more than one year's salary for a rural Indian laborer.

The racket echoes an urban legend that long has circulated on the Internet, in which business travelers fall prey to kidney harvesters. The victims supposedly wake up neck deep in a tub of ice water, with a tube protruding out of their back and a note saying a kidney had been stolen. The stories have never been confirmed.

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■ Police clear path for runaway truck

LONDON — A tractor-trailer truck with a jammed accelerator hurtled down one of Britain's busiest superhighways at 80 mph, while the frantic driver called for help on his mobile phone and police cleared a path.

"I was standing on the brakes but nothing was happening, except they were getting hotter," 26-year-old Michael Rayner said after Sunday's wild ride along the M1 Motorway to London.

He called police, who sent a helicopter and five patrol cars ahead of him to get motorists out of the way.

"The first few minutes were panicky. I was terrified and felt very alone as I tried to avoid the cars," Rayner said in an account published Monday in The Mirror newspaper. "Then I thought to phone the police on my mobile. Thank goodness the battery was OK."

He had pulled on to the highway's southbound lane about 25 miles north of London. The police caught up with him six miles later.

"The police just got everything off the road for me," Rayner said. "I was in the fast lane, on the hard shoulder — anywhere I could get through and where I had a clear path."

If Rayner had switched off his engine, he would have lost power steering and braking, making the huge vehicle extremely difficult to control.

At the northern edge of London, he pulled onto the hard shoulder and drove into a 2-foot-high barrier of steel posts designed to slow out-of-control vehicles.

"I was just so relieved no one had been hurt," he said. "All this week I have been carrying cyanide and hydrochloric acid — at least this time it was empty."

■ France mints first Euro coins

PESSAC, France — With France's foreign minister hitting the "start" button, a French mint stamped out the first coins Monday for Europe's single currency, the euro.

The French official, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, took one of the brassy one-euro coins — worth about \$1 — at the mint in this southwestern town and bit it "to see if it's real."

On Jan. 1, nearly 300 million Europeans will begin using the euro for non-cash transactions in the 11 European Union nations that have agreed to use the currency. Bills and coins won't go into circulation until 2002.

Until 2002, the EU is to stamp 7.6 billion coins in addition to euro bills. The coins are to come in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents, one euro and two euros.

Each coin is to have a map of Europe on one side and a national face on the other side. France's has the national motto "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity," with the initials RF, for Republique Francaise.

When the euro is introduced Jan. 1, the central banks of Germany, France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, Finland, Ireland, Portugal and Luxembourg will hand over much of their power to the European Central Bank.

As for the other EU nations, Britain, Denmark and Sweden have so far opted to stay out of the euro, and Greece has yet to meet economic and financial restrictions to qualify.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Holbrooke: Kosovo agreement seems unlikely

By Misha Savic
Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — A U.S. envoy said Monday he had been unable to bring Yugoslav and ethnic Albanian leaders closer together on how to end the growing bloodshed in the restive Serbian province of Kosovo.

With the crisis at risk of deteriorating into an all-out war that could spread throughout the Balkans, Richard Holbrooke, who helped negotiate a peace deal in Bosnia, shuttled across Yugoslavia.

Ethnic Albanians in the southern province are pressing for independence from Serbia — the larger of the two republics that make up Yugoslavia. Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic has ruled that out and also rejects foreign mediation.

Holbrooke and colleague Robert Gelbard, who returned to Belgrade from Albania on Monday, met with Milosevic and ethnic Albanian leaders over the weekend, but failed to change their stance on U.S.-brokered talks.

"I can tell you in all candor that the distance between the two sides is very great and we will continue under direct instructions and encouragement from Secretary (of State

Madeleine) Albright and President Clinton to see if we can help bridge that gap," Holbrooke said Monday.

U.S. envoys planned to travel between Kosovo and Belgrade on Tuesday for further talks with ethnic Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova and Milosevic.

After meeting with Holbrooke, Milosevic — in one of his most conciliatory messages so far — issued a statement calling for "cooperation as the best way to achieve mutual trust." He also, however, denounced foreign "pressure."

Briefing the U.N. Security Council in New York, the top international mediator for Bosnia, Carlos Westendorp, warned that the fighting could send refugees fleeing to other parts of the former Yugoslavia.

In Kosovo itself, the security situation worsened, with Albanian militants now in control of large swaths of the rugged countryside. For the first time in weeks Monday, fighting was reported very close to Pristina, Kosovo's capital.

Armed ethnic Albanians halted an Associated Press reporter and an APTV crew at gunpoint when they attempted to travel the province's main east-west road.

The artery was closed Friday night after

reports of gunbattles between militants of the Kosovo Liberation Army — a group fighting for independence since 1996 — and heavily armed Serb police. At least one militant was reported killed and four policemen wounded.

The Serb Media Center in Kosovo said Monday that three Serbs were wounded when machine-gun fire struck their car on a road near Srbica, about 20 miles northwest of Pristina.

The center reported late Sunday that a policeman was struck by sniper fire near Babaloc.

Tanjug, the state-run news agency, reported seven ethnic Albanians were arrested in the town of Kosovska Mitrovica for aiding "terrorists." It later added that 13 ethnic Albanians had been charged in Pec with being members of the KLA; 10 are in jail and three on the run.

None of the reports could be independently confirmed.

Ethnic Albanians make up 90 percent of Kosovo's 2 million people. While most seek independence from Serbia, Serbs revere the province as the cultural heartland of their medieval kingdom and insist it remain part of Serbia.

Paraguay's ruling party still strong after 50 years

By Bill Cormier
Associated Press

ASUNCION, Paraguay — The party that has ruled Paraguay for a half-century thwarted its biggest opposition challenge yet, winning presidential elections considered a referendum on its staying power, returns showed Monday.

Fireworks burst over this capital as preliminary official returns gave Raul Cubas, the 54-year-old candidate of the Colorado Party, a commanding lead.

With votes counted at 4,653 sites — or 45 percent of the polling stations nationwide — Cubas won 404,554 votes in Sunday's presidential vote, 54 percent of the ballots cast.

Domingo Laino of the opposition Democratic Alliance came in second, with 322,347 votes or 43 percent, the returns released by the Supreme Tribunal of Electoral Justice showed. Two minor parties shared 2 percent of the vote, and the rest of the ballots counted so far were annulled.

About 2 million voters cast ballots Sunday — marking the first peaceful transition from one civilian president to another since a 35-

year dictatorship ended in 1989 with the toppling of military leader Alfredo Stroessner.

The next president begins a five-year term Aug. 15, taking over from President Carlos Wasmosy, the civilian successor to an army general who led Paraguay from Stroessner's ouster until 1993.

Election officials delayed releasing preliminary results for a day to check reports of irregularities in results faxed to the election tribunal.

Laino, 62, had called for an investigation, saying exit polls by his campaign showed him to be the winner. He had no immediate comment Monday.

Laino ran unsuccessfully for president twice before and was detained repeatedly for resisting Stroessner's dictatorship, one of the longest-running in Latin America.

Celebrations continued Monday as people returned to work amid the sporadic burst of fireworks and flag-waving in the streets by Colorado Party supporters.

Cubas' party had faced a stiff challenge from Laino, with pre-election polls showing a difference

■ News analysis

of only 2 or 3 percentage points between them. About 7 percent of the electorate was reported to be undecided going into Sunday's vote.

Luis Galeano, a political commentator, said many undecided

voters apparently came out for the Colorado Party, mostly in poorer parts of the country.

"The Colorado Party has always had a very strong base in the countryside and among the peasants. Even when those masses are migrating to the city, the party is not losing that base," he said.

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Kenya to get public input before starting reforms

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Kenya's government held its first-ever open forum on constitutional reform Monday, promising to seek advice from a wide variety of groups before deciding on a course for political change.

The one-day meeting was called to discuss how a yet-to-be-named Constitutional Review Commission will go about preparing a new constitution. The major issue is whether the public will have direct or indirect influence in the process.

For more than a year, opposition groups have demanded changes to a constitution they say gives too

much power to the president. More than a dozen people were killed in July and August when police broke up rallies called by the leading reformist group, the National Convention Assembly.

The Assembly was pressing for constitutional change before general elections in December, but five-term President Daniel arap Moi said the reform would have to

wait until after the vote.

"What the government is interested in is to ensure that the process of the review of the constitution that will be put in place is what the people as a whole want," Attorney General Amos Wako told 400 politicians, clergymen, lawyers and civic group representatives gathered for Monday's meeting.

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Doctor's discovery may end obesity

HILTON HEAD, S.C. — A doctor believes that a natural formula containing the extract of a small Asian fruit can help cause significant weight loss.

Anthony A. Conte, M.D. reported in an American Medical Journal that the formula, now called Bio-Rex 3000, caused patients to lose more than twice as much weight as those in a control group on the same fat reduced diet. Neither group was instructed to decrease the amount of food they ate or to increase their exercise levels.

An article published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition says that you don't have to reduce the amount of food you eat to lose weight, provided that you limit the fat. Dr. Conte says that animal studies suggest the mechanism behind the weight reduction is due to interruption of the "Krebs Cycle", an important step in the body's fat storage process. He says it may work the same way in humans. According to Dr. Conte, "The best part of this unique discovery is that it is not a drug, but a dietary food supplement. The Asian fruit, called garcinia, is similar to citrus fruit found in the United States with one big exception — it may help some people fight obesity! While Dr. Conte's study may be preliminary, the exclusive North American distributor, Phillips Gulf Corp., is calling the Bio-Rex 3000 supplement "Nature's Ideal Diet Aid."

According to a spokesperson for the company, Bio-Rex 3000 is now available through pharmacies and nutrition stores or call 1-800-729-8446 or visit us at www.phillipsgulf.com.

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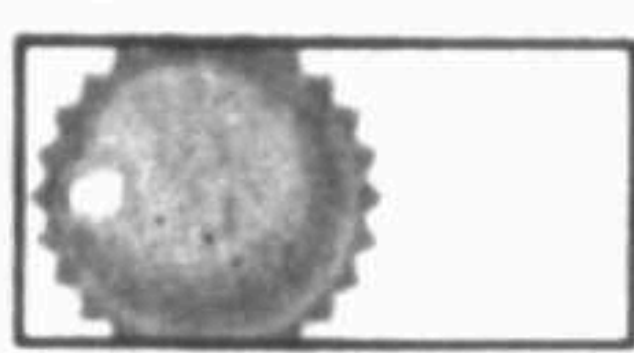
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Mostly sunny
High 93
Low 57



Wednesday
Partly cloudy
High 92
Low 60



Thursday
Scattered t-storms
High 90
Low 62

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high between 90 and 95 degrees. Winds will be out of the west at 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low in the upper 50s.

Wednesday is expected to be partly cloudy with a high between 90 and 95.

Scattered thunderstorms are called for Thursday, with a high of around 90.

Monday's high was 95, compared with a record of 101 set in 1984. The low was 55, compared with a record low of 42 set in 1946.

Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Monday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.00 in.
Total for year 1.16 in.

Yesterday's temperatures
High 95
Low 55
Normal high 86
Normal low 57

Pollen count:

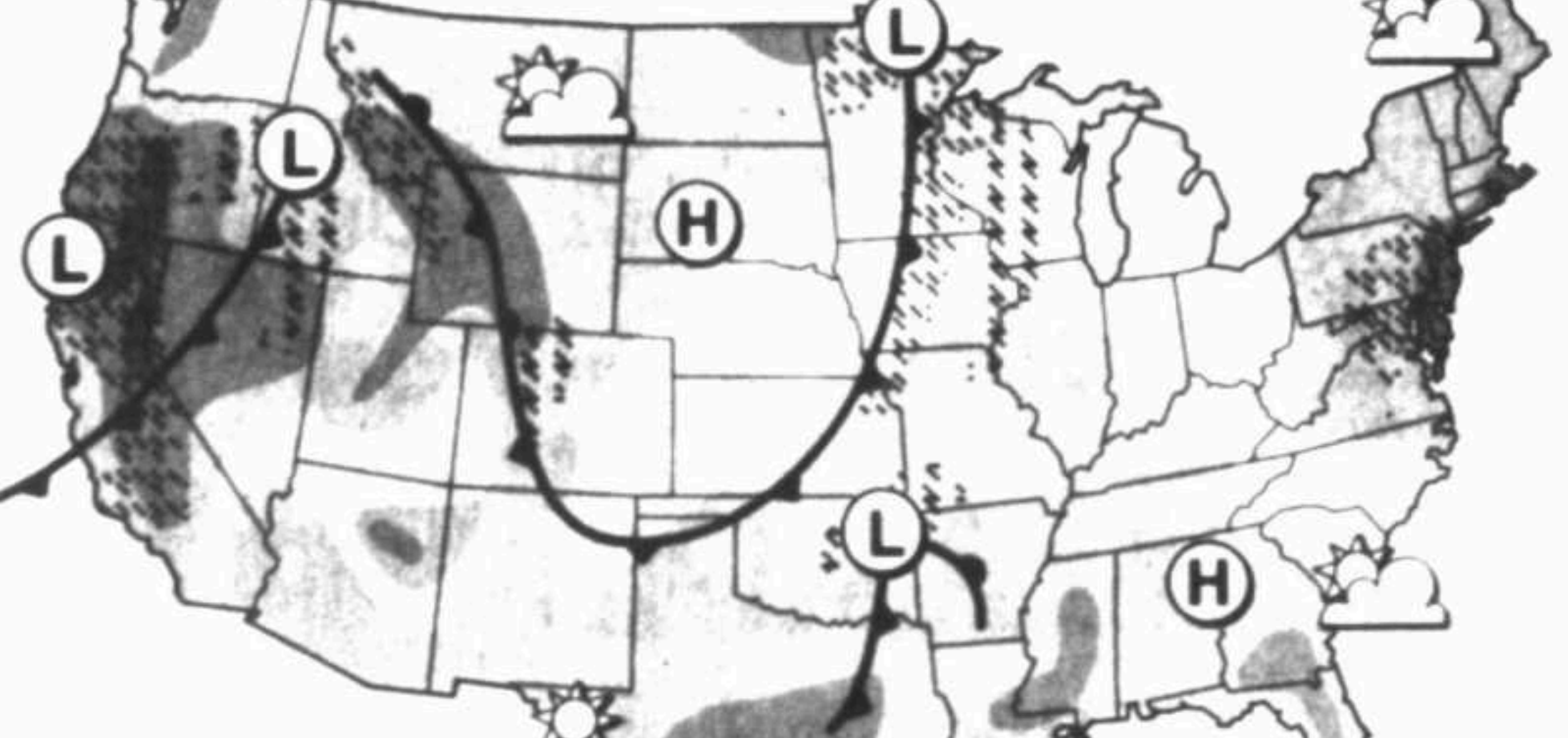
Trees 21, moderate
Weeds 1, low
Grass 18, moderate

Sunrise 6:54 a.m.
Sunset 8:37 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, May 12.

-10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s
Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



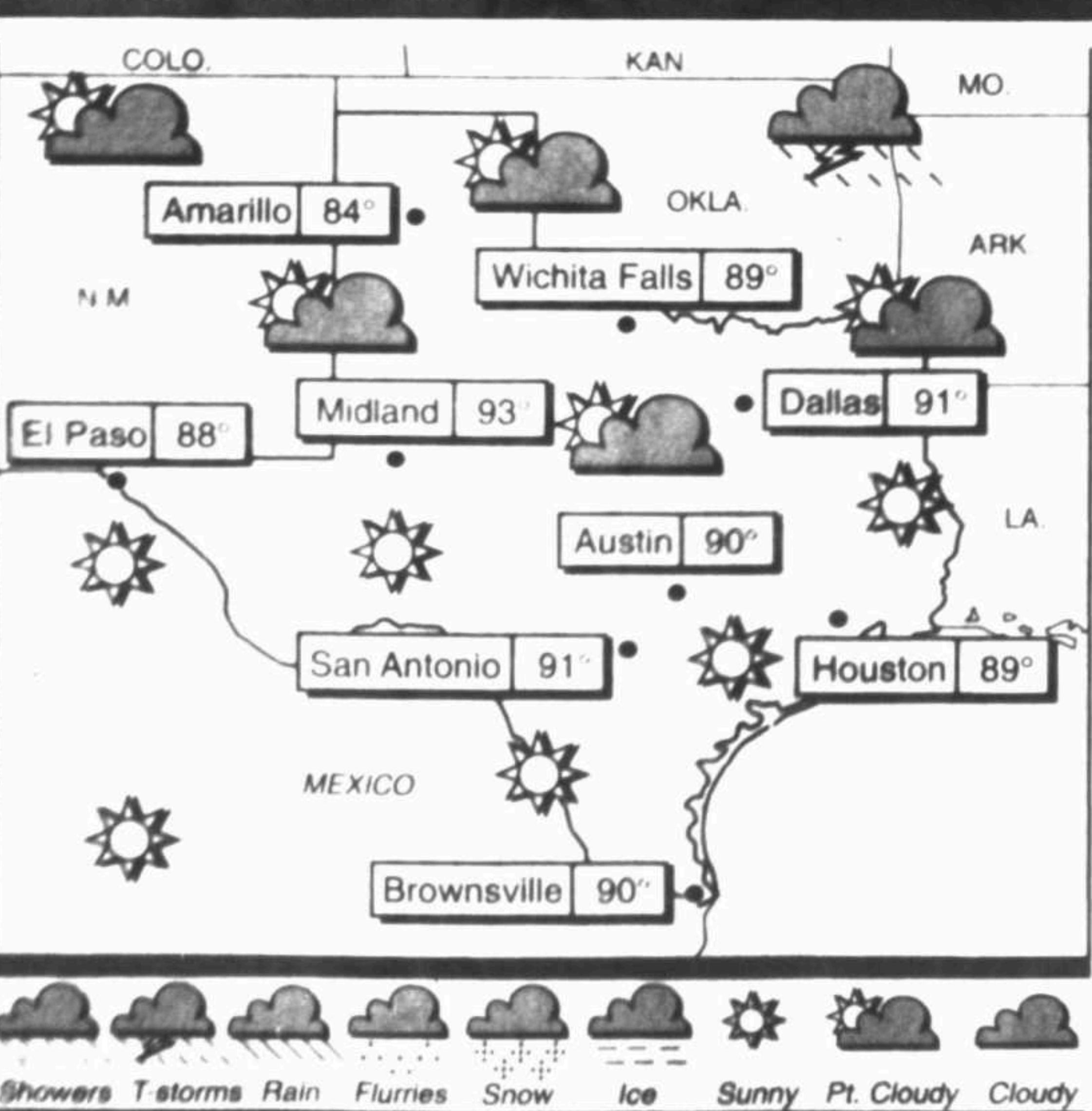
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COLD WARM STATIONARY
Pressure
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SHOWERS RAIN T-STORMS FLURRIES SNOW ICE SUNNY PT. CLOUDY CLOUDY

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:33 p.m. EDT

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Outl		Hi	Lo	Prc	Outl
Albany N.Y.	64	52	63	cdy	Little Rock	86	59	cdy	
Albuquerque	77	50	cdy		Los Angeles	65	56	cdy	
Anchorage	50	39	02	cdy	Louisville	77	56	cdy	
Asheville	71	56	21	cdy	Memphis	83	62	cdy	
Atlanta	77	59	cdy		Miami Beach	91	76	cdy	
Atlantic City	51	51	40	m	Milwaukee	66	47	cdy	
Baltimore	59	55	30	m	Minneapolis	78	57	03	m
Bilbao	65	39	cdy		Nashville	79	57	cdy	
Birmingham	81	57	cdy		New Orleans	85	64	cdy	
Bismarck	66	39	cdy		New York City	60	53	75	
Boise	64	48	10	m	Omaha	81	55	cdy	
Boston	51	47	80	cdy	Orlando	88	70	cdy	
Brownsville	92	65	cdy		Philadelphia	56	54	42	cdy
Buffalo	61	53	100	cdy	Phoenix	86	63	cdy	
Burlington Vt.	74	50	09	cdy	Pittsburgh	60	54	08	cdy
Casper	51	42	42	cdy	Portland Maine	58	48	02	cdy
Charleston S.C.	78	65	02	cdy	Portland Ore.	57	49	01	cdy
Charleston N.C.	63	54	02	cdy	Providence	49	47	31	cdy
Charlotte N.C.	79	60	30	cdy	Raleigh Durham	67	58	37	cdy
Chattanooga	60	47	02	cdy	Rapid City	56	48	81	cdy
Chicago	72	49	cdy		Reno	63	35	m	
Cincinnati	73	52	cdy		Richmond	60	54	02	cdy
Cleveland	59	53	06	cdy	Sacramento	58	49	13	m
Columbia S.C.	80	63	01	cdy	St. Louis	78	53	cdy	
Columbia Ohio	66	56	01	cdy	St. Louis City	59	46	03	m
Concord N.H.	59	52	05	cdy	San Diego	64	59	m	
Dayton	71	52	cdy		San Francisco	55	51	08	m
Denver	69	49	cdy		San Juan P.R.	93	76	cdy	
Des Moines	73	51	m		Santa Fe	71	36	cdy	
Detroit	66	55	cdy		St. Paul	58	43	cdy	
Duluth	63	42	m		Seattle	55	48	cdy	
Evansville	77	54	cdy		Shreveport	88	56	cdy	
Fairbanks	48	36	cdy		Sioux Falls	73	56	cdy	
Fargo	63	58	69	m	Spokane	67	46	cdy	
Flagstaff	61	29	cdy		Syracuse	64	54	62	cdy
Grand Rapids	70	49	cdy		Tampa-St. Pet.	82	74	cdy	
Great Falls	68	35	cdy		Tucson	82	54	cdy	
Greensboro N.C.	69	58	43	cdy	Tulsa	84	57	cdy	
Hammond Ind.	56	51	cdy		Washington D.C.	57	54	25	m
Hartford Spfld.	66	40	cdy		Wichita	81	58	cdy	
Helsinki	83	72	cdy						
Honolulu	75	50	cdy						
Indianapolis	85	54	cdy						
Jackson Miss.	85	54	cdy						
Jacksonville	85	64	cdy						

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. (CDT)

	Hi	Lo	Pcp		Hi	Lo	Pcp
Austin	96	64		Fort Worth	98	64	
Alma	90	60		Fort Worth	90	60	
Amesbury	84	52		Galveston	81	70	
Angelo	91	58		Hartlingen	94	65	
Austin Midland	90	61		Houston Intercl.	91	57	
Bakersburg	85	61		Huntsville	89	59	
Brownsville	92	65		Junction	92	59	
Burnet	90	63		Kingville	86	63	
Childress	90	66		Laredo	100	69	
College Station	91	66		Lubbock	93	55	
Corpus Christi	88	56		Lufkin	90	57	
Covina	87	57		Marfa	M	M	
Del Rio	87	57		McAllen	94	69	
Dallas	91	61		Moorhead	86	56	
Dallas Ft. Worth	89	61		Mineral Wells	94	58	
Denton	90	61		Navy Corps	85	66	
El Paso	88	59		New Braunfels	88	54	
El Paso	88	59		Palo Verde	83	64	
				Paris	86	59	
				Rockport	84	61	
				San Angelo	96	63	
				San Antonio	89	58	

SBC: FCC to examine proposed deal closely

(From 1A)

telecommunications markets with SBC's strong Latin American stakes.

The \$56.6 billion pricetag puts the deal behind the proposed mergers of Travelers Group-Citicorp and NationsBank-BankAmerica. The value is based on SBC's stock price Monday of \$38.81 a share, down \$3.56 per share. Ameritech's stock was up \$2.12 1/2, or 4.8 percent, to \$46 a share.

The companies planned to expand beyond their combined 13-state region — mostly in the Midwest, but reaching to California and Nevada and eastward to Connecticut. The companies said they would look to sell local service in the 50 largest U.S. phone markets.

"We have the ability to deliver on the promise," Ameritech chief executive Richard Notebaert said. "We can spread local competition nationwide."

Ameritech said it had received assurances no layoffs would occur among its nearly 70,000 employees worldwide, although some cellular operations would have to be sold to meet federal regulations. The companies expect to save at least \$1 billion with the combination.

Federal Communications Commission chairman Bill Kennard said his agency, which can scuttle the deal, will examine it closely.

"The bottom line question is: Is this merger going to create competition, or will it be a non-aggression pact?" Kennard said.

Gene Kimmelman, co-director of Consumer Union's Washington office, said the group would ask the FCC and the Department of Justice to block the merger, which he claims will likely lead to higher local phone rates by reducing competition.

"This merger is extremely dangerous for consumers. It is the inevitable backslide toward monopoly and results from exces-

sive deregulation and weak antitrust oversight," Kimmelman said.

AT&T also said in a strongly worded statement that regulators "shouldn't even think" about approving the deal until local phone rates in the companies' operating areas fall significantly.

If approved by shareholders and regulators, the takeover would leave just four remaining Bells out of the seven created in the breakup of the original American Telephone & Telegraph Co., which provided both local and long-distance phone service.

In addition to SBC and Bell Atlantic, the others are U.S. West near Denver and BellSouth in Atlanta.

In a series of mergers and acquisitions since deregulation began in 1996, communication companies have scrambled to outgun the competition by getting bigger and offering a wider array of services, including cellular, local and long-

distance phone service.

SBC Communications, formerly called Southwestern Bell, has led the way. It bought San Francisco-based Pacific Telesis Group a year ago for \$16.5 billion and is working to complete its \$5 billion acquisition of Southern New England Telecommunications Corp. of Connecticut.

When Bell Atlantic announced it was combining with the Nynex, the companies said consumers would get better service and lower prices. But the company has repeatedly been scolded by some state regulators for poor service, and phone rates have not fallen significantly.

The companies said Whitacre would remain as chairman and chief executive of SBC. Notebaert will stay at Ameritech, at least until the merger is approved. Analysts say he and other top Ameritech executives are likely to walk away with huge severance packages afterwards.

TEST: Government rarely tries to block mergers

(From 1A)

(Justice Department's) antitrust division is very, very busy right now. They've got Microsoft. ... They've got several huge bank mergers," added Constantine, who once headed New York state's antitrust enforcement.

Consumer groups say they will ask the Justice Department, the Federal Communications Commission and state attorneys general to block the deal.

They argue that SBC Communications Inc. and Ameritech Corp., whose local phone territories both each other on the Missouri-Illinois border, would have been each other's biggest competitor.

Earlier this year, Ameritech got permission from Missouri regulators to provide local phone service in St. Louis, Mo. — part of SBC's local phone territory, an Ameritech spokesman said. Ameritech, however, is not providing local

phone service there now, the spokesman said.

Ameritech also provides cellular phone service in St. Louis, the spokesman said. SBC provides cellular phone service in Illinois, part of Ameritech's local phone region, an SBC spokesman said.

"The question is whether that is a signal that Ameritech had plans to expand into SBC's market or vice versa," said New York University law professor Eleanor Fox. "If the government were to bring a case, it has to prove that one company would be the potential competitor to the other — and the government would have to prove that serious competition would be eliminated."

It's rare for the government, however, to try to block a merger on such grounds because it is difficult to prove in court.

Still, antitrust experts said Ameritech's interest in the St. Louis market and SBC's cellular business in Illinois could be useful to reg-

ulators trying to make a case the two would have been potential rivals.

The Consumers Union and the Consumer Federation of America also contend the merged company would be so formidable it would discourage other companies from offering local phone service.

The two issues — whether SBC and Ameritech would have been competitors and the merger's impact on prices — go to the heart of the government's review.

The Justice Department's antitrust chief, Joel Klein, got a lot of political heat last year when he cleared without strings the last big phone merger: between Baby Bells Nynex and Bell Atlantic.

Opponents argued that deal should have been blocked because the two companies would have been competitors. Justice also had previously cleared SBC's takeover of another Baby Bell, Pacific Telesis.

RATES: UPS executive calls increase unnecessary

(From 1A)

plus of more than \$1.3 billion in the first half of fiscal 1998 after achieving surpluses of nearly \$1.8 billion in 1995, about \$1.5 billion in 1996 and about \$1.2 billion in 1997, the commission said.

The increases will provide the post office with money for plans to spend \$5.6 billion on equipment and service improvements this year.

James Kelly, CEO of United Parcel Service, called the recommended increase unnecessary. He said the extra income amounts to unfair competition by the Postal Service against rival companies such as his.

Robert E. McLean, executive director of the Mailers Council, endorsed the commission's call to delay the rate increases until 1999, citing the surpluses the post office has accumulated. "The increase

could cost business mailers millions of dollars a month," he said.

The board of governors can overrule the commission's recommendation, but such action is rare.

Newspapers and their competitors for advertising dollars, the direct mail industry, are among the most interested in the postal rate decision.

The Newspaper Association of America praised the commission

for denying a post office request to decrease certain advertising mail rates by up to 18 percent. The association said that proposal would have siphoned advertising revenue away from newspapers.

The current 32-cent price to mail a first-class letter took effect Jan. 1, 1995, following a year in which the mail agency lost nearly \$1 billion.

MEMENTOS: Midlander donates wartime memorabilia

(From 1A)

miles from the implosion of Fat Man, which was dropped from the B-29 Superfortress, Bock's Car. Three days earlier, another B-29, the Enola Gay, dropped over Hiroshima the atomic bomb Little Boy, which heralded in the Nuclear Age. By using his gun-sight, Craig estimated the mushrooming cloud over Nagasaki to be 50,000 feet high.

"I just happened to look out over the left wing, and there was the flash," Craig, now 74, recalled on Monday at the American Airpower Heritage Museum where he donated several wartime artifacts to the museum at the Confederate Air Force headquarters at Midland International Airport.

"It was an awful orange ... just staggering in its size," Craig said. "We were actually flying through the mist, the dust, of the earlier atomic blast three days before."

Save for an Imperial Japanese Army rifle, cartridges and bayonet, the items which Craig donated to the museum were in his cockpit on that mission and others out of the Ie Shima island just off the shore of Okinawa.

Among the gifts to the museum, Craig deemed the "most valuable" his strip map of that section of the Pacific Ocean encompassing Japan and other Japanese islands

within his flight path.

"This is the strip map which I carried as a first lieutenant and flight leader," said Craig, who was "responsible for navigating for four airplanes. He carried the map in the right-leg pocket of his flight suit" so that he could always look at it and hopefully find my way home (from Japan) ... Ie Shima."

And it was Craig's ability as a flight leader and navigator that brought him "one of the greatest" compliments ever paid him.

"One evening around a fire, on Ie Shima, at night, there was a group of pilots, and I heard them talking. And I heard my wingman (Kenneth Gee) say, 'I like to fly with Lieutenant Craig because I know he will always bring us home.'"

"I have never been paid such a compliment," Craig declared. "I turned on my heels and tip-toed away so I wouldn't embarrass him."

Craig's donations, which are numbered among the museum's 70,000 World War II-related artifacts and archival items, also include unopened 1945 survival kit rations of Hershey candy, chewing gum, and fish lines and hooks; an air-sea rescue map; a flag of the old China and writings to help ensure his survival as an American flier were he to bail out over mainland China; a pocketknife;

high-calorie candy in a tin; and a sheathed knife to be used to pierce and deflate his rubber inflatable raft were it to prematurely inflate in flight and interfere with control of the airplane.

"This (strip map) is most important thing I have, next to the compass in the plane," Craig said. "This was the most important tool of the trade. Without that, you might not be able to find your way home."

A donated item not part of his cockpit gear was an Imperial Japanese Army Arisaka rifle and bayonet which he had bought for \$40 (about \$500 in today's money) from a fellow pilot who had found the rifle in an arsenal in Korea.

"I admired it," Craig said of the rifle, which he has never fired and which bears the 16-petal image of a chrysanthemum, the symbol of the Japanese Emperor.

In care of the museum, the artifacts will have "more nearly a permanent resting place" than elsewhere, he figured.

In accepting the artifacts in behalf of the museum, museum director Tami O'Bannon noted that "The whole mission of the museum is to pay tribute to the men and women who built, serviced, and flew the historic aircraft of World War II ... to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today."

FUNDING: Clients will be left without daytime care

(From 1A)

contributions from outside sources and the support of Midland's non-profit community.

Strangely, this support has not fully materialized in the eight years that Mission ADC has been working to provide this service to Midland families.

Manor Park has offered Younger Center as a site for the program, and Mission ADC's staff of nurses and other caregivers, along with Omernik, are profoundly grateful.

Other non-profit cooperative efforts, however, which are common in other cities, have not manifested themselves.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture gives Mission ADC \$1.80 per meal per client, but Omernik has been unable to get meals from the Midland Community and Senior Services Center kitchens for less than \$3.50 — even though the local Meals on Wheels program would deliver these free to Omernik's Medicaid clients if they were at home.

Mission ADC provides transportation service to and from the center and to physicians' appointments for its clients, and Omernik had hoped to find other price breaks, but has not.

Local charitable foundations provided start-up funds for Mission ADC during the last two years

under Omernik's leadership — but this funding was never intended to be indefinite, he said.

"This year, we've been unable to bring in enough funding from charitable sources ... we had about 60 days from operating in the black, to the point where we're unable to continue," Omernik said.

"We have got to get the community involved, as far as funding is concerned," said Marta Carrasco, one of the many working people who rely on Mission ADC for the care of a parent.

Ms. Carrasco said that without Mission ADC, she will have no alternative but to place her mother in a full-time nursing home, separating her from family.

In addition, she is concerned about trying to find good nursing home care when her mother has only state Medicaid payments to augment her Social Security Medicare benefits.

"We work to keep families together," Omernik said.

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-9-4

Cash Five Texas

Netanyahu resists pressure over West Bank peace deal

By Danna Harman
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu showed no sign of compromising with the United States on a West Bank troop withdrawal Monday, forcing Washington to choose between a harder line with Israel or accommodation.

Netanyahu has been resisting U.S. pressure to cede another 13 percent of the West Bank to the Palestinians. Citing security concerns, he has said he can transfer no more than 9 percent, at least for now.

In a message meant for the Clinton administration, Netanyahu said: "We must always remember that at the end of day, in matters of security, it is Israel that must decide and I think this is a view shared, frankly, by the people of America and I would like to also believe by the government of the United States."

U.S. mediator Dennis Ross, back from a weekend trip in which he failed to sway Netanyahu to accept the American plan, briefed President Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on Monday.

Clinton had set Monday as a deadline for Israeli agreement to the proposal — to which the Palestinians have already agreed — and it was not clear how the Americans now planned to proceed.

After Netanyahu and Albright spoke, Netanyahu's office released a statement Monday saying the

two would meet in Washington on Wednesday, the beginning of a five-day trip in which the Israeli prime minister will take his case to American people.

Although peacemaking has been stalled for 14 months, Albright has ruled out walking away from the process. The United States has threatened to intensify pressure on Israel by making the details of the U.S. proposal public, which would be tantamount to laying blame for the stalemate directly with the Israeli prime minister.

Netanyahu insisted that his talks with Ross were not a failure. A senior Israeli official said that under a compromise being considered, Israel would hand over 9 percent of the land now and the remaining 4 percent would be held "in escrow" by the United States until the Palestinians have met their security obligations.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

During this week's visit in Washington, Netanyahu plans a media blitz, including interviews with major U.S. TV networks. A master at lobbying Congress, he also plans to hold a series of meetings on Capitol Hill.

While he travels to the United States often and his visits always draw media attention, this week's trip is highly unusual in that its primary focus appears to be speech-making and press engagements.

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India conducts underground nuclear tests

■ After the experiments were complete India announced that it was capable of making nuclear weapons.

By Ashok Sharma
Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India — India set off three underground nuclear blasts Monday and announced it was capable of making nuclear weapons, enraging its neighbor and rival, Pakistan, and defying a worldwide campaign to contain the spread of nuclear arms.

India's 1-month-old government, led by the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, surprised allies and enemies alike with the nation's first nuclear tests in 24 years.

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee summoned reporters to his home to reveal that India had conducted three underground nuclear tests in the desert 330 miles southwest of New Delhi.

No radiation was released into the atmosphere, he insisted, adding that scientists tested a fission device, a low-yield device and a thermonuclear device. He refused to answer questions. India's ambassador to the United States said India was not planning an extensive nuclear weapons program.

India did not comment on the size of the explosion. The Swiss Federal Institute of Technology said its earthquake-measuring devices put the magnitude at 5.2, which it said would be equal to about 10 kilotons of TNT. The U.S. atomic bomb that devastated Hiroshima, Japan, was the equivalent of about 15 kilotons.

Pakistan, also believed to have nuclear capability, immediately pledged to make its defenses "impregnable against any Indian threat, be it nuclear or conventional."

"The responsibility for dealing a

death blow to the global efforts at nuclear nonproliferation rests squarely with India," Pakistani Foreign Minister Gauhara Ayub told lawmakers in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad.

The United States expressed its disappointment but did not say if it would ban aid or impose sanctions to keep sophisticated technology out of India.

"This runs counter to the effort the international community is making to promulgate a comprehensive ban on such testing," Clinton spokesman Mike McCurry said in Washington.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan called for "maximum restraint" from countries in the region and said the explosions violated an international understanding.

The U.N. statement noted that India had not signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, adopted in September 1996 by the U.N. General Assembly. The treaty, which has not taken force, would ban all nuclear tests.

It was signed by all five nations that acknowledge holding nuclear weapons — the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia.

Despite the angry reaction, Indian officials were clearly in a celebratory mood, handing out sweets to reporters at a news conference.

"We have taken economic repercussions into account. We will not face any problems," said Brajesh Mishra, an aide to the prime minister. "These tests have established that India has a proven capability for a weaponized nuclear program."

"I hope the U.S. would understand that the tests were meant for the security of the people of India," he added.

During an appearance Monday on CNN-International's "Q and A" program, India's ambassador to the United States, Naresh Chandra, said the tests did not signal an attempt to develop nuclear weapons on a large scale.

"It became absolutely neces-



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sary for India to re-establish its capability and update that capability," Chandra said. "These tests do not involve any infringement of any treaty or agreement that we have undertaken. We have broken no law."

Political analyst Vinod Mehta said the move would be very popular domestically. "Vajpayee has been in difficulty ever since taking office. Now people will forget all that," he said.

India's first nuclear test, in 1974, was conducted at the same site on the same day — a national holiday in India marking the birth of Buddha. The 1974 test was code-named "Buddha Smiles."

In the past, India would not even use the term "weapon" when referring to its nuclear program, but said it wanted to keep its

options because Pakistan and China, neighbors with which it has fought wars, were capable of making nuclear weapons.

"India faces a very dangerous nuclear environment," Mishra said Monday. "India now has a credible nuclear deterrent."

India, Pakistan and Israel are the three nations widely suspected of nuclear capability that have not joined the 1970 nuclear nonproliferation treaty, which is now observed by 185 countries.

The nonproliferation treaty restricts and limits the spread of nuclear technology. The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty bans any nuclear test explosion.

Last week, Pakistan's top nuclear scientist, Abdul Qadeer Khan, said if India exploded a nuclear device Pakistan would respond in kind within weeks. "We don't make nuclear weapons, but the capability is there," Khan told The Associated Press.

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Anti-corruption reporter wounded in acid attack

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Anna Zarkova's exposes on Bulgaria's flourishing corruption and organized crime earned the popular newspaper reporter prize after prize — and threat after threat.

On Monday, the repeated warnings finally came true when an attacker hurled sulfuric acid into the journalist's face at a bus stop, burning away her left ear and threatening the sight in her left eye.

It was the worst in a series of attacks on her newspaper — the best-selling Trud daily — and its staff, which have taken great risks by chronicling the rise in crime and graft long ignored by officials.

Crime has burgeoned throughout the former Soviet bloc since communism fell in 1989. In Bulgaria, ex-communists tolerated — and even colluded with — organized crime, which used a power vacuum and widespread fear to get control over much of society. Similar tactics have been used in Russia, Ukraine, Romania and other countries.

Zarkova, 40, married with two children, was attacked as she waited at a stop near her Sofia home, police and colleagues said. The man fled, while the acid burned away at Zarkova's face, neck and arms, said Trud's deputy chief editor, Nikolai Stefanov.

"Probably, she won't be able to see with her left eye," Zarkova's editor in chief Toshko Toshov told state radio, adding that her left ear was "totally gone."

As she screamed out, her clothes disintegrating in acid burns, some women took her to a nearby shop, bathed her face and found a telephone so she could call an ambulance and her editor, Stefanov said. She was hospitalized under police guard.

The attack outraged officials of the pro-Western government that took power a year ago.

It was a "drastic act against press freedom," said Interior Minister Bogomil Bonev, adding that police will use her stories to guide their investigation.

Prime Minister Ivan Kostov pledged the government's best

efforts to catch "those who carried out this crime, and those who ordered it."

Stefanov praised Zarkova for her "formidable revelations" about crime and corruption in high places. She has three times won a national award given annually for investigative reporting.

Bystanders at the bus stop apparently did not immediately realize what had happened.

"I heard a woman screaming for help and later saw people taking her to a shop," a 38-year-old shop vendor told The Associated Press. Asked to give her name, she said: "You know very well why I don't want my name quoted."

Toshov said Zarkova's team received phone threats after each story that identified suspects and documents. She and her family also received phone threats in connection with a prosecutor, Rusko Karagovov, who was demoted after she reported that he threatened a taxi driver with a gun while drunk.

Zarkova was working on a story about a Sofia break-in Saturday in which one policeman died and another was badly wounded when burglars hurled a grenade and opened fire. Since that attack, Bonev, the interior minister, has suggested that state prosecutors allow violent crime to flourish by their questionable releases of criminals.

Earlier this year, a bomb exploded outside Trud's offices in downtown Sofia but no one was injured.

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Campus protests aren't what they used to be!

Boy, how times have changed. Remember the college protests of 30 years ago — antiwar, antihate, prolove and propeace. The world seemed caught up in the protest movement during the 1960s and so many of those who were marching on the college campuses then really thought they could change the world.

Now the cause sending college students into the streets to protest seems so insignificant, so trivialized and — in the wake of the medical evidence revealed in the past three decades and the resulting health craze — so wrong-headed. During the past few days student uprisings at Michigan State University, Plymouth College in New Hampshire and Washington State University in Pullman, Wash., centered around what the college students obviously believe is their right to drink more heavily. Some even binge drink, which is extremely dangerous.

Have we missed something here? Yes, the young adolescents and adults of three decades ago went through a normal "spreading their wings" period when they asserted themselves and took unnecessary risks. And today's young people must do some of the same as they are preparing to mature. But binge drinking and smoking?

Those are practices that indicate someone has not been keeping up with the medical evidence of the past couple of decades.

We hope most young people of today are more reasonable than some of us were and that they recognize the danger in such activity and avoid it. If they are going to protest, let's hope they do it for something that is meaningful and uplifting at least in their eyes.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, May 12, the 132nd day of 1998. There are 233 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On May 12, 1820, the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale, was born in Florence, Italy.

On this date:
 In 1870, Manitoba became a Canadian province.

In 1932, the body of the kidnapped son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh was found in a wooded area of Hopewell, N.J.

In 1937, Britain's King George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey.

In 1943, during World War II, Axis forces in North Africa surrendered.

In 1949, the Soviet Union announced an end to the Berlin blockade.

In 1970, the Senate voted unanimously to confirm Harry A. Blackmun as a Supreme Court justice.

In 1982, in Fatima, Portugal, security guards overpowered a Spanish priest armed with a bayonet who was trying to reach Pope John Paul II.

Ten years ago, Secretary of State George P. Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, meeting in Geneva, resolved nearly all remaining questions on an intermediate-range missile treaty.

Five years ago, President Clinton proposed putting all money raised from new taxes and spending cuts into a trust fund dedicated solely to reducing the nation's huge budget deficit.

One year ago: At the Oklahoma City bombing trial of Timothy McVeigh, star prosecution witness Michael Fortier testified that McVeigh had been bent on triggering a "general uprising in America." Australian Susie Maroney became the first woman to swim all the way from Cuba to Florida, covering the 118-mile distance in 24 1/2 hours.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Katharine Hepburn is 91. Journalist Howard K. Smith is 84. Critic John Simon is 73. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Yogi Berra is 73. Composer Burt B. Charach is 69. Talk show host Tom Snyder is 62. Comedian George Carlin is 61. Actress Millie Perkins is 60. Former White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler is 59. Country singer Kix Brooks (Brooks and Dunn) is 43. Actress Kim Greist is 40. Actor Ving Rhames is 37. Rock musician Billy Duffy (The Cult) is 37. Actor Emilio Estevez is 36. Country musician Eddie Kilgallon (Ricochet) is 33.

Thought for Today: "Creative minds always have been known to survive any kind of bad training." — Anna Freud, Austrian-born psychoanalyst (1895-1982).

CAL THOMAS

U.S. sets wrong priorities in latest mid-east talks

The Clinton administration is attempting to pressure Israel into giving more land to the Palestinian Authority than Israel believes prudent to maintain its security needs. During meetings

in London with Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told Netanyahu that easing America's insistence on Israel's pull-back from an additional 13 percent of land captured in the 1967 war is "not in the works." Albright hinted that if the Israelis don't cave, the United States might publicly disclose its entire "peace package," which promises additional pressure on Israel.

As we have come to expect from the State Department and its chief apologist for the Palestine Liberation Organization, Dennis Ross, the formula for a peace settlement is all wrong. It isn't Israel that is threatening its enemies with extinction. It isn't

Israel that has failed to live up to the Oslo accords. Israel asks only that the Palestinian Authority abide by the accords in order for confidence to be built and peaceful coexistence to be established.

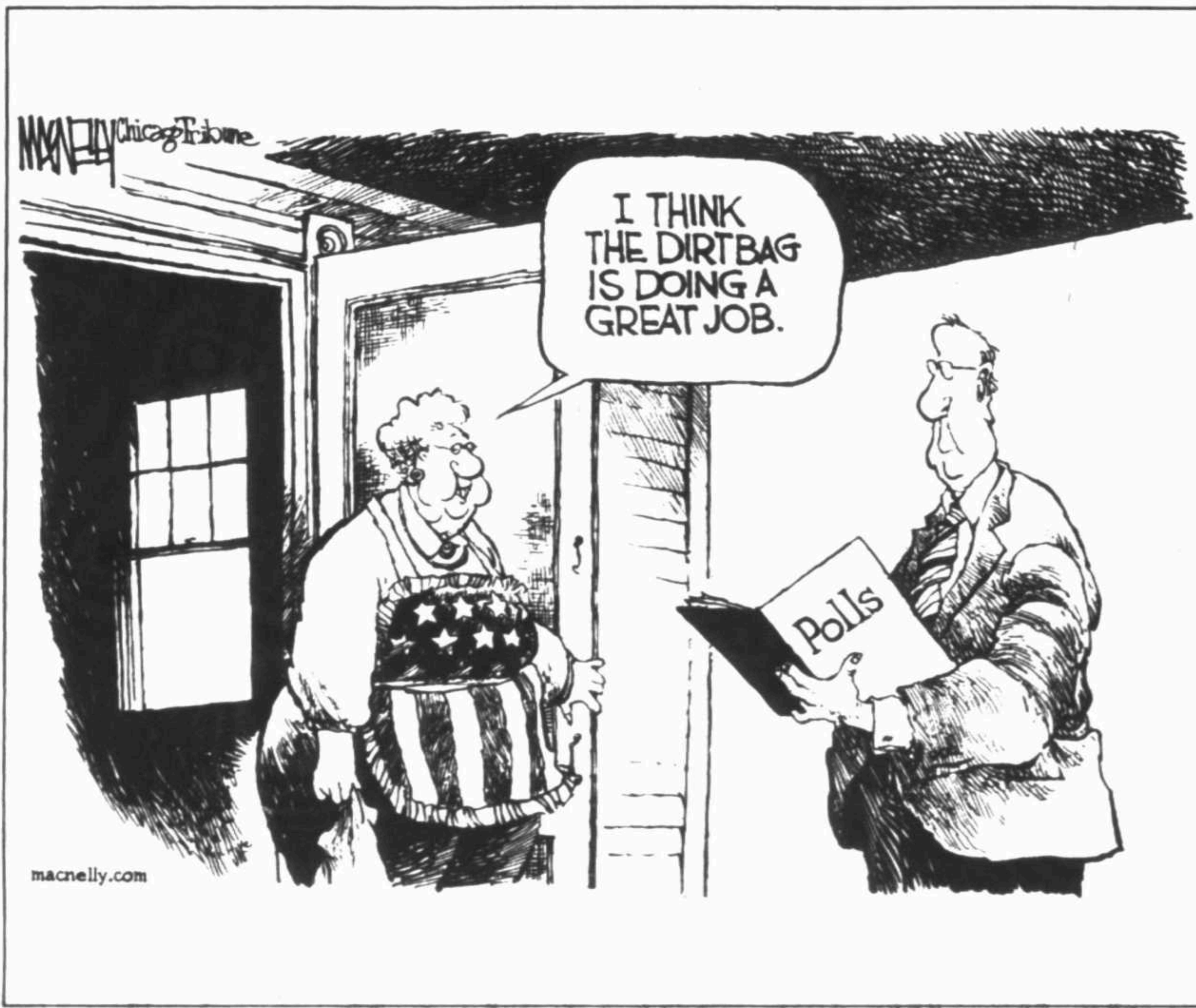
If only American "pressure cookers" would examine Arafat's words to his Arab colleagues, they would see the folly of believing what he tells them.

In an interview on April 18 with Egypt's Orbit Satellite Television Channel, Arafat compared the Oslo accords to the broken truce Muhammad signed with the Koreish tribe 1,300 years ago. All options are open to the Palestinian people, Arafat said, and he likened his orders to cease terrorist attacks against Israel to those of Muhammad, who agreed to a 10-year truce with the Koreish tribe, which was opposed by one of his top aides, Omar Bin Khatif. Khatif called it the "inferior peace." In the interview, Arafat said, "I do not compare myself to the prophet, but I do say that we must learn from his steps and those of Salah al-Din (the Arab leader who drove the Crusaders out of Jerusalem 800 years ago). The peace agreement which we signed is an 'inferior peace.'"

Arafat suggested "we remain quiet. We respect agreements the way that the prophet Muhammad and Salah al-Din respected the agreements which they signed."



Thomas



CHARLEY REESE

Squirrels are much better than Prozac

Next time you're feeling low, instead of popping a Prozac, go find a squirrel. The squirrel people are sort of the children of the animal world. I find it impossible to watch a squirrel and not feel cheerful. Their bright eyes, their bubbling energy and their curiosity make me smile.

And unlike squirrelly people, an epithet I think insults real squirrels, these little critters are very competent. When it comes to squirrel business, which is mainly finding something to eat, they are tireless, daring and ingenious. If we pursued our own goals with the same cheerful determination, we'd all be so successful we probably wouldn't recognize ourselves.

When I was boy, I made the mistake of catching a squirrel with my bare hands. If you wish to know why squirrels can navigate trees so easily, I can tell you. It's because their claws are needle-sharp. They can also move those claws faster than a blender blade.

It had taken me a long time to catch that squirrel, but I couldn't uncatch it quick enough. Catching that squirrel proved to me that success isn't always what it's touted to be. Failure would have hurt a whole lot less.

There was a time when I used to shoot squirrels with my 22 and eat them. They are tasty. Some people think they are too much like rats to eat, but having never eaten a rat (at least not knowingly, but if you eat out you never know), I can't say if the flavor resembles roasted rat or not. You'll have to find an ex-Green Beret who was with the Montagnards and ask him. The Montagnards often ate roasted rats as appetizers.

I can say that squirrel meat tastes somewhat like rattlesnake, which tastes somewhat like alligator tail, which tastes somewhat like chicken, which tastes somewhat like catfish.

Today, I'd have to be mighty hungry before I would shoot a squirrel. They are at the bottom of

the list of things I would shoot, way below certain humans and other critters. Guess you could say that I have mellowed out and made my peace with the squirrel folks.

The main reason I keep a bird feeder is to watch the squirrels steal the birdseed. I suppose I ought to call it a squirrel feeder, and then the birds would be guilty of stealing the squirrel seed. That's a good example of how you can perceive the same thing differently.

When I was a reporter years ago in a coastal city, a man called and said he had trained a wild dolphin and wanted me to come out and take his picture. I asked him what he had trained the dolphin to do.

"Well, every day at 4 o'clock I go down to the end of my pier, hold a fish up in the air and the dolphin leaps out of the water and takes the fish," he said with a sort of smug pride.

"How do I know," I replied, "that the dolphin didn't train you to walk out onto the end of your pier every day at 4 o'clock and stand there, holding a fish over the water?"

The guy was perplexed. While he thought about it, I said, "I'm sorry, we don't take pictures of people who have been trained by dolphins," and hung up.

It seemed not to have occurred to him that the dolphin was training him to feed it, but I think that was the case. It's been my experience that dolphins are lot smarter than people who want to have their pictures in the newspaper.

Looking at things from multiple perspectives is a useful habit. There is a human tendency to take much of the world for granted. It is never true, for example, that if you've seen one of something, you've seen all of them because all of them are different.

In the meantime, be kind to squirrels. Think of them as little Prozac substitutes hopping about. They are one of God's nicer gifts.

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A reasonable person might conclude that Arafat has no intention of living up to the Oslo accords and will use the techniques of Muhammad and modern "diplomacy" to extract as many land concessions as he can from Israel and then launch a war, perhaps with the aid of his Arab neighbors, to grab the rest, including all of pre-1967 Israel and all of Jerusalem, which he has declared many times is his ultimate objective. Based on his history of attempting to keep (ital) that (unital) promise, why should Arafat's pledges not to strike Israel if he gets 13 percent more land be believed?

It is an outrage for the U.S. government to impose a peace settlement on a sovereign nation in light of Arafat's clear objectives and his stated unwillingness to honor the Oslo accords. Albright and Dennis Ross should be questioned about why they believe Arafat's nice words to the international community but not his comments to his own people. They should also be asked why Israel should not believe Arafat wants all the land and every Jew out of it, including Jerusalem.

The United States can afford to be wrong about Arafat's intentions. Israel can't.

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WILLIAM SAFIRE

From the Kodak moment to the origins of skank

"I'm always afraid I'm going to have a senior moment," jokes Hildegard Mahoney of Palm Beach, Fla. She is quoted using this location in "The Longevity Strategy: How to Live to 100 Using the Brain-Body Connection," by David Mahoney and Richard Restak, M.D., and her meaning is that she has forgotten something and figures that's evidence of growing older.

Dick Dougherty, columnist for The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, first reported the use of "I'm having a senior moment" in an article last year, and says his source was a banker on vacation: "He said he heard it used in a gezer tennis match in Florida when one of them couldn't remember the score."

There are other moments. "For most photographers," John Hesketh told The Los Angeles Times in 1991, "the camera lets them know when an exposure is done. I have to feel it. That's a certain Zen moment for me." Five years later, Newsweek wrote: "Every athlete knows the feeling. The ball looks bigger. The game slows down. They have different names for it, of course: the zone, flow, harmony, the Zen moment."

Wait a minute. When did moment's time come? Maybe with the Spanish *el momento de la verdad*, which Ernest Hemingway translated as moment of truth in his 1932 book, "Death in the Afternoon." Then in 1983, Howell Raines of The New York Times was the first to use defining moment in print, which captured the public fancy for more in-the-moment moments of truth and turned out to be the turning point for the word.

It spawned the Maalox moment. After the stock market mini-crash in 1987, the Rorer Group, manufacturers of the antacid, sent a man to Wall Street dressed as a Maalox bottle and wearing a T-shirt saying, "I'm having a Maalox moment!" Grey Advertising followed with a memorable television ad: a father, sitting in an overstuffed chair and eating an overstuffed sandwich, was introduced to his daughter's date — a fellow wearing punk clothes and sporting a large earring. The father was described as suffering from a period of heartburn suitable for the taking of the product.

That led to Kodak moment. Burt Manning, chairman emeritus of J. Walter Thompson, recalls that the phrase was used by customers in the late 80s and in 1992 was picked up for use by the ad agency to describe the customer's emotional need to take a picture at the right time. Last month, Newsweek's article about the corporate reign of Kodak's CEO, George Fisher, was headlined "Four Years of Kodak Moments."

MY OFFENSE IS SKANK

Nancy Gibbs of Time magazine wrote last month that President Clinton was "accused of skanky behavior toward a young employee."

Skank is a location coming on strong. In the 1996 film "Swingers," a male character expostulates, "Some skank who is half the woman my girlfriend is is gonna front me?" Reviewing "The People vs. Larry Flynt" in 1997, Jay Carr wrote in The Boston Globe that Flynt's bisexual wife, played by Courtney Love as a compassionate libertine, was "a skank with heart." At about that time, the singer Toni Braxton complained to The Washington Post that black performers who posed nude were unfairly "considered skank whores or sluts."

The word is both noun and adjective, with the modifier either skanky or skanky. Its meaning is in the process of moving from exclusively one sex ("slut, slutty") to both ("immoral"). A related sense deals with odor: skanky can be synonymous with "funky, stinky." A less-related British meaning is "to pass off other substances as hard drugs, such as aspirin for crack cocaine."

David Sullivan of Washington informs me that the word originated as Jamaican slang, "common in the musical cultures of ska, a related word, I believe, and reggae. The meanings range from 'hang out' to 'smoke pot' to 'dance.'"

The OED agrees, defining skanking as "a style of West Indian dancing to reggae music" with hands clapping the air in time to the beat. Richard Allsop's valuable new Dictionary of Caribbean English Usage suggests that ska comes from American jazz's scat (why not spelled skat?). Louis Armstrong's word-sounds imitative of instruments, and that skank originally meant "to loaf, be shifty...to steal and slip or speed away," and by extension "to dance in the particular free style associated with dub or reggae."

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737 grounding proves need to rethink safety assumptions

By Glen Johnson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Boeing designed the 737 in the late 1960s, it figured fuel pump wires could last a lifetime if they were coated with Teflon and sealed in a metal tube. The government agreed and did not require inspections after the planes rolled off the assembly line.

Now, 30 years later, reports of frayed wires and punctured tubes have disproved the initial assumptions. The Federal Aviation Administration ordered the oldest 737s grounded until emergency inspections can be completed.

The initial results were not heartening: Of the 142 fuel pump tubes inspected on 71 planes by Monday afternoon, half showed signs of wire abrasion and electrical sparking. Each plane has two fuel pump tubes. The impact on travelers was

minimal, however.

Continental Airlines had to cancel about a dozen flights Monday as the last of its inspections were begun, but that was less than 1 percent of the airline's 2,000 daily flights.

Critics say authorities have long ignored wiring problems in civilian and military aircraft, which could cause problems as benign as a flickering reading light to as serious as a fuel tank explosion such as the one suspected in the crash of TWA Flight 800.

The Federal Aviation Administration says that isn't so, although it admits it has worked to better understand the wiring around fuel tanks since the TWA accident in July 1996. By the end of this summer, the agency also plans to initiate a comprehensive inspection program for all of the operating systems on older aircraft.

"One of the things you can't do when

you engineer a new airplane is guess everything about it," said Michael Barr, a former Air Force fighter pilot who now heads the aviation safety program at the University of Southern California. "You need an airplane to actually fly and accumulate a lot of hours before you learn all of the potential problems."

Barr said the oldest 737s have reached that point, and changes and additions to the inspection regimen are now necessary.

The Boeing 737 is the most widely used commercial airliner, with more than 2,700 registered worldwide. On Sunday, the FAA grounded 179 original Boeing 737 models, the 737-100 and -200 series, after an inspection of a United Airlines plane found bare wires and signs of electrical sparking in the fuel-pump tubing.

Officials were concerned that a mixture of air, fuel and electricity could cause a fire or explosion. They ordered

the emergency inspections and repairs that included wrapping more Teflon around the wiring or replacing the bundles and metal tubes altogether.

The Project on Government Oversight, the watchdog group that has popularized such Pentagon abuses as the \$7,600 coffee maker, issued a report on Monday highlighting instances of wiring problems in military and commercial planes.

In the case of the commercial transports such as the Boeing 747, the group said it found instances when faulty wiring caused the autopilot to malfunction. It urged the FAA to review aircraft wiring said military and civilian officials should share their findings.

"We're not suggesting that every aircraft should be grounded tomorrow," said Marcus Corbin, a defense specialist for the group. "But we think this is a problem that hasn't gotten the attention

it needs yet."

The FAA says such a review is part of a new plan to inspect all operating systems in older aircraft. The agency has already developed a program for inspecting the construction of older aircraft.

"The goal will be to have a program that will provide appropriate safety for aircraft and their systems regardless of how long they operate those aircraft," said Thomas McSweeney, the FAA's aircraft certification director.

Barr, head of the aviation safety program at USC, said that while that program is needed, recent events have shown that the existing safety system works as intended.

He said: "The accident investigator who suspected a problem seems to have talked to the FAA, who required the inspection which detected the problems that are now being fixed."

Reno requests investigation of labor secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno requested an independent counsel to investigate whether Labor Secretary Alexis Herman engaged in influence peddling or solicited illegal campaign contributions.

Reno's decision to seek a seventh independent counsel for a high-ranking member of the Clinton administration was relayed to a special court late Monday and described in a brief court document that was made public.

Complicating Reno's decision was the fact that prosecutors and FBI agents during five months of preliminary inquiry have neither corroborated a range of allegations made by a businessman against Herman nor found other evidence to question her actions, Justice Department officials said.

The primary allegation was that, as a White House aide, Herman took kickbacks for helping a friend's clients. Herman has denied any wrongdoing.

"President Clinton maintained his confidence in Herman, and in her ability to set whatever these allegations are behind her," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Monday. "She's doing a spectacular job as secretary of labor."

"I think the president understands what it's like to be nibbled at by an independent counsel, so it's a fact of life rather than something to become overly preoccupied with," McCurry said, adding that Clinton had not talked to Reno about the case.

Some Justice officials recommended Reno request appointment of an outside prosecutor because the independent counsel law requires that step when she is unable to resolve any specific, credible allegations of federal felonies within 150 days, said department sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Other Justice officials apparently doubted that the remaining unresolved matters were specific and credible enough to require an independent counsel.

Attorneys for Herman were still providing information to the department on Friday. Reno discussed the case in meetings with key aides on the deadline day, Monday.

If Reno asks a special three-judge court to select an independent counsel, it would be the seventh independent counsel she has requested. She previously had counsels named to investigate Clinton, four of his Cabinet members — since-deceased Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros, former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy and Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt — and former White House aide Eli Segal.

In early March, Reno advised the court that her investigators needed more time to analyze "voluminous records ... not received until late in the preliminary investigation."

After that, time was lost because a key FBI agent on the case was promoted to other work and a replacement had to be brought up to speed, according to people familiar with the probe.

Reno confirmed that "the principal allegation under investigation is whether Secretary Herman had a hidden financial interest in a business partially owned by her friend, Vanessa Weaver."

Herman is accused of having

arranged to get a kickback on Weaver's consulting fees in return for helping her clients while Herman was a Clinton aide and head of the White House Public Liaison Office from 1994 to 1996 before she moved to the Labor Department, lawyers in the case have said.

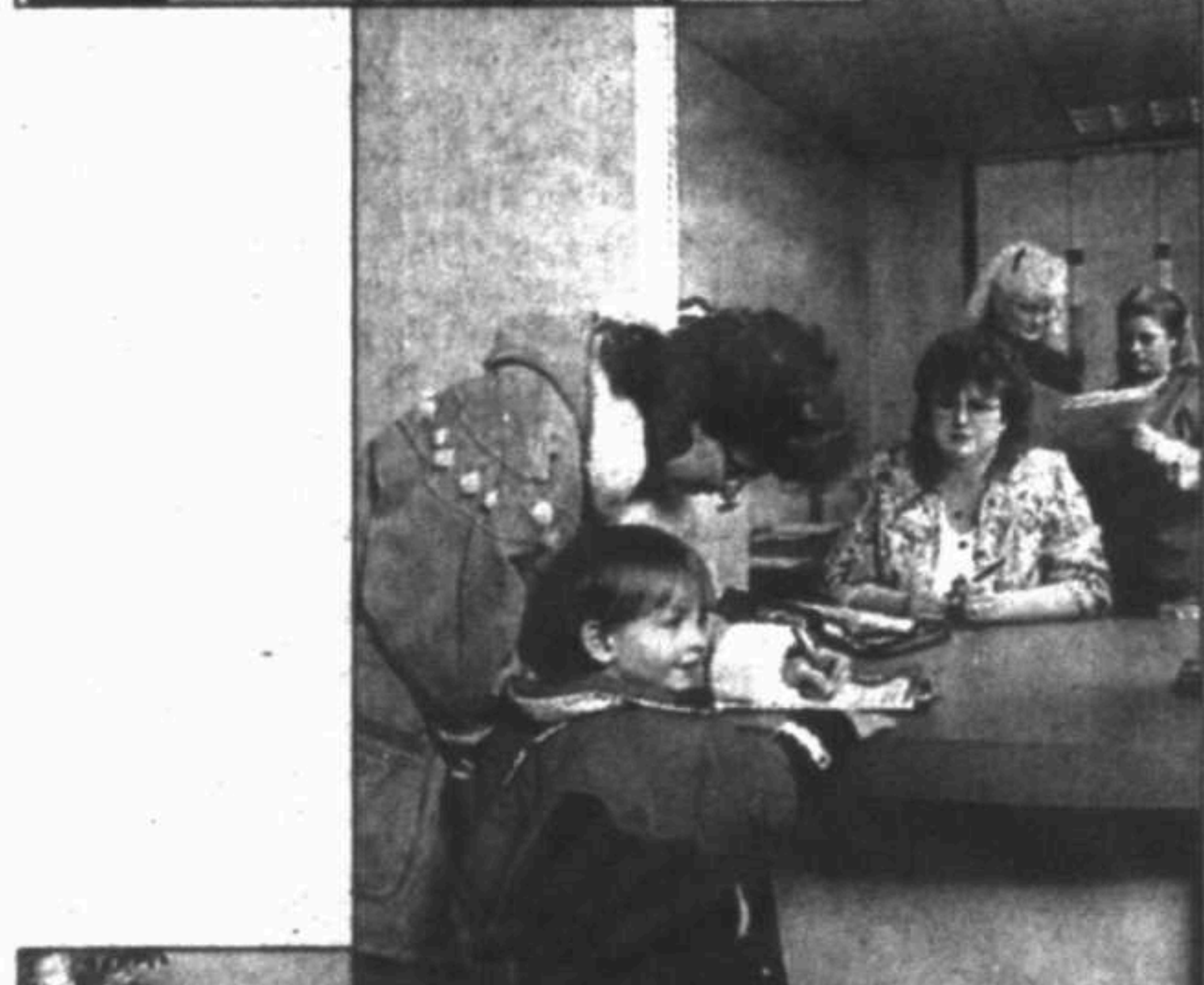
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Study: Police have higher risk of coronary disease

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Police officers are twice as likely as the rest of us to suffer heart attacks, strokes and other cardiovascular disease, according to a study published today.

The study's authors say that police work poses about the same risk as diabetes or high levels of cholesterol, both of which are major contributors to heart disease. And law enforcement is an even greater risk than high blood pressure or smoking.

"Part of it is the stress of the profession," said Warren D. Franke, associate professor of health and human performance at Iowa State University and lead author of the study in today's *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*.

"Another part may be the shift work. These officers tend to work rotating shifts," Franke said. "And it may be factors such as diet. Most of them, when they're on duty, have to eat out and they tend to eat fast food."

While the Iowa study rings true for those involved in law enforcement, it conflicts with a larger study published 15 years ago in Massachusetts that found little increased cardiovascular risk among police and fire officials. That conflict makes clear that "we need more studies," said Dr. H. Emerson Thomas Jr., an author of the earlier report and associate clinical professor of medicine at Boston University.

The Iowa team zeroed in on 232 retired male highway patrol, narcotics, and other state police officers, all of whom were 55 or older. The rate of cardiovascular disease reported by those officers was compared with the rate among 817 male law enforcement of the same age, few of whom were involved in police work.

The contrast was stark: The rate of heart attacks, strokes, and related conditions was 31.5 percent in the law enforcement group

compared with 18.4 percent in the general population. It was even starker when researchers ruled out known risk factors like high cholesterol and smoking, looking solely at the effect of occupation. Working as a law enforcement officer meant a 2.34 times greater risk of disease.

Why are the Iowa findings different from the earlier ones in Massachusetts?

"The difference may be that people they studied in Boston were city cops. They have a department and exercise facilities they could go to whereas our highway patrol members are scattered all across Iowa," Franke said. "Because we're largely rural, police here may not have ready access to exercise facilities."

Thomas, the Boston researcher, said that neither study answers the question definitively, and that his study, which is still going on, focused generally on aging issues with just a tangential look at disease rates among law enforcement officers.

Regardless of who's right scientifically, politically the issue has been settled for years in Massachusetts and other states with so-called Heart Laws. Those statutes presume that when law enforcement officers suffer a heart attack, it is job-related and they qualify for job-related disability coverage.

The Iowa findings "legitimize what we've assumed for a very long time," said Sergeant Detective Margot Hill of the Boston Police Department. "You'll be riding around for four to five hours and patrolling and everything will be calm, then you'll get called for a shooting. Think of what that does to all your vital signs. It just can't get worse than that."

While most police believe they are at greater risk of heart disease, they also believe that risk can be lowered.

GAO: U.S. unable to ensure safety of imported food

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From Chilean grapes to Mexican tomatoes to fish from around the world, Americans are enjoying an expanding cornucopia of imported food. But with imports up 50 percent in less than a decade, inspectors are failing to keep pace.

A General Accounting Office study released Monday stopped short of concluding that imported foods are more dangerous than those produced domestically. But it found plenty of potential for problems.

Investigators were particularly harsh on the Food and Drug Administration, which the study found was able to inspect only 1.7 percent of 2.7 million shipments of fruit, vegetables, seafood and processed foods under its jurisdiction.

Of the shipments that were inspected by FDA, only 16,000 samples underwent a laboratory analysis for disease-causing organisms or other problems. Meanwhile, thousands have been sickened in high-profile incidents involving imported foods, including Guatemalan raspberries, Mexican cantaloupes and alfalfa sprouts from the Netherlands.

More than half of all fish and shellfish eaten by Americans is now imported, according to the GAO found, Congress' investigative and auditing arm. At least one-third of fresh fruit and 12 percent of vegetables also come from overseas, something that concerns some consumers.

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"Most of us shop in ignorance, but if I know it's been inspected and safer, that's what I would choose," said Jan Antonacci, of Arlington, Va., while shopping at a Fresh Fields store in Washington. "We've all traveled, and we all know we can get sick from fruits and vegetables from different countries."

Another shopper, Michelle Hird, said she avoids much imported produce but will buy it on occasion. "I'm very conscious about washing it," she said.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, who requested the study as chairwoman of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, said: "The GAO report represents a serious indictment of the standard practices used by the federal Food and Drug Administration."

"We have an obligation to look at the system and fix it," said Collins, who plans a series of hearings on the issue.

The GAO recommended that Congress give the FDA authority to require that other countries adopt safe practices for fruit, vegetables, fish and processed foods shipped to the United States — the same authority the Agriculture Department already has for imported meat and poultry.

Using that power, USDA officials visited 30 countries in 1997, checking 336 foreign plants to make sure their meat and poultry safety is equal to that in the United States. In addition, the USDA visually checked each of the 118,000 shipments that year and inspected 20 percent.

'There is no more important task our government faces than ensuring the safety of the American food supply.'

—President Clinton

Yet President Clinton's proposal to extend the authority to the FDA has not warranted a hearing in the Republican-led Congress. In a letter Monday to GOP leaders, the president called the GAO study "further confirmation" of the need for the bill.

"There is no more important task our government faces than ensuring the safety of the American food supply," Clinton wrote.

Added Michael Friedman, lead deputy FDA commissioner: "FDA has warned that it was in danger of being overwhelmed by the volume of products reaching U.S. ports."

The FDA does not want the authority to be made mandatory immediately, however, telling the GAO in a letter that such a move would disrupt trade by preventing foreign imports until each country's practices could be certified safe.

The FDA also has proposed safe-

ty rules regarding seafood and juice processing that would apply to imports. The agency is pushing voluntary agriculture practices for both foreign and domestic fruit and vegetable growers and processors.

The GAO report found other gaps in the imported food safety system, including:

■ USDA's food inspection service focuses too much on violations such as missing shipping labels that "bear little relationship to food safety" and should instead use health data to zero in on foods likely to pose the greatest hazards.

■ Importers, not the FDA, choose which laboratories do sampling when a shipment is held up over food safety questions. In addition, importers often retain control of shipments even if the FDA decides to inspect them and, in some cases, goes ahead and markets them anyway because penalties are extremely low.

■ The FDA was able to conduct only about half its planned inspections and about 65 percent of its planned laboratory analyses on imported foods in 1996 and 1997. The agency said that these plans are only projections and that inspectors often are called upon to do emergency work that leaves routine tasks undone.

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Report: Too few Americans get tested for colon cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Less than one-third of Americans get properly tested for deadly colorectal cancer, and women especially are missing out because of the myth that it's a man's disease, says a congressional report to be released Tuesday.

"This is an equal opportunity cancer — striking men and women at equal rates," said Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y., who asked federal health officials to define barriers to colorectal cancer screening. "It is curable if it's detected early, and far too few Americans get tested early."

Cancer of the colon and rectum is expected to strike 131,600 Americans this year, and kill 56,500. National statistics show it strikes men and women about equally, and is the No. 3 cancer killer for each group.

While relatives of cancer patients or people with colon growths, called polyps, are more prone to the disease, the biggest risk is simply getting older. So people are supposed to be tested regularly starting at age 50.

But too few people are tested — mostly because doctors don't push the exams and patients find them "embarrassing and unpleasant to talk about," said the report to Congress by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Twenty-six percent of Americans ages 50 or older have been tested for blood in their stool samples within the last three years, and only 29 percent had an actual colon exam within five years, according to the CDC's latest data.

Men were more likely than women to be tested, 35 percent vs. 24 percent, and minorities also were significantly undertested, the report said.

The nation's colorectal screening guidelines, issued last year, say simply taking those fecal blood tests every year after age 50 — with easy, \$5 at-home test kits — could cut colorectal cancer deaths by a third. People also can choose a test that threads a small tube into the lower colon to hunt cancer every five years, or a full colonoscopy every 10 years.

Slaughter wants Congress to urge a national colorectal screening campaign that educates doctors to recommend testing and patients to demand it — much like earlier public-awareness campaigns that helped increase breast cancer screening.

The CDC, American Cancer Society and other expert groups have begun planning such campaigns, focusing on doctors, said Dr. Robert Smith of the cancer society.

"It doesn't matter how unpleasant the test is, a physician's recommendation is very persuasive," said Smith, noting that too often patients see doctors only for acute illnesses, not checkups, meaning doctors have fewer occasions to offer cancer screening.

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BASIN BRIEFING

Family picnic

Families Matter Picnic, for Washington Elementary School students and their families, is set for 6-7:30 p.m. May 19 at Washington Park. Students must be accompanied by parents or guardians. For more information call 689-1570.

Support group

West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia support group is to meet 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. today at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital. The focus of the meeting is international awareness day for WTLF. For more information call 520-3500.

Book donations

Teens with local Boy Scouts of America Troop 175 are collecting books for Langtry Village's new library. Persons who are interested in donating books can do so at the Albertson's stores on Midkiff Road and Midland Drive and H-E-E.

Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club of Midland will be open daily June 1 until Aug. 14. The clubs are open to youth ages 6-18. There is a \$3 membership fee. The summer schedule is: Taylor Park Unit, 8-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 683-0050; Half Park Unit, 8-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 683-5297; and Northeast/YMCA Unit, 2-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 2-7 p.m. Friday, 682-8489.

Records luncheon

The Midland/Permian Basin Chapter of the Association of Records Managers and Administrators is to meet 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Petroleum Club. Attorney Bradley Bains is to discuss a lawyer's perspective on production of business records. Luncheon tickets are \$12.50 for members and \$15 for non-members; \$5 and \$7.50 for meeting only. To reservations call Dina Richburg, 687-7502, or Noemi Carrillo, 686-3790, by today.

Storm damage

DALLAS — Damage estimates have climbed to at least \$30 million after North Texas storms destroyed more than a dozen dwellings and injured five people. Thousands of claims were expected to be filed Monday — the most since a hailstorm that pounded the area in May 1995.

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Oil merger

HOUSTON — Oilfield supply companies Baker Hughes Inc. and Western Atlas Inc. are planning to merge into a \$5.2 billion one-stop shopping center for energy companies, the better to compete with heavyweight rivals.

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TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library at 688-8991.
Midland Chess Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital.
Battered Anonymous Support Group, 6:30-8 p.m., 689-8428.
Battered Women's support group, 6:45 p.m., 683-1300 or 1-800-987-8928.
Tx TOPS Morning Chapter, 8:30 a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church.
La Leche League, 7:30 p.m., Grace Presbyterian Church, 694-2018 or 697-0539.
Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrows Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall St.
Pop-Up Toasters, 6:30 a.m., Kay Sutton Realtors, 702 Andrews Highway, 694-4271 or 694-3718.
Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Furr's Cafeteria.
55-Plus Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., Downtown Lions building, 694-3422.
Midland Outreach Aglow Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., Rodeway Inn, 756-3688 or 332-9151.
The Permian Basin Stamp Club will meet at the General Mail Facility, Midland International Airport, 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information, call Mike Cherrington at 699-0202.
Downtown Bible Study, noon, 312 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 6, 682-6748.

Commissioners table action on raises

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Merit raises for Midland County's employees was deferred Monday when the Commissioners' Court unanimously tabled action on raises.

The court last year set aside \$79,950 to be awarded in early 1998 to employees whose bosses deemed them deserving of raises.

"Exceptional employees deserve a pay raise," said Midland County Judge Jeff Norwood.

Commissioner Guy McCrary said that the "merit-raise concept ... promotes good employees and promotes better management."

However, Commissioner Louisa Valencia said that she is opposed to "the merit raise because it is causing a lot of problems."

Instead of building morale, it could erode morale when some workers are favored for merit raises over others.

She thinks that "the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) would be better for morale."

The court is to consider COLA in its budget study this

summer in preparing the county's 1998-99 general-fund budget of about \$21 million.

The amount of any pay raise should be determined by the employee's department head and the pay raise would not exceed the next step of a pay grade within a classification, Ms. Valencia said.

Commissioners Henry Goulet and James Brezina expressed support of merit raises.

Midland County Tax-Assessor Collector Kathy Reeves said that employees who "work above and beyond the call of duty" and who perform "excellent work need to be awarded with money."

Ms. Reeves, who said that she would like to see county government operate "more like corporate America," advocated a "small COLA" in addition to merit raises.

COLA is "necessary simply because of the cost of living," Ms. Reeves said. "You need to keep those employees up with inflation. And you try to keep those good workers ... who work above and beyond the call of duty, and do outstanding jobs, and you rely on them every day. They need to be rewarded with a merit raise."

On the negative side of COLA, Ms. Reeves said that

"if all the employees make the same amount of money and if they got an across-the-board cost-of-living adjustment, you are going to breed mediocrity. You're given no incentive for someone to do a better job."

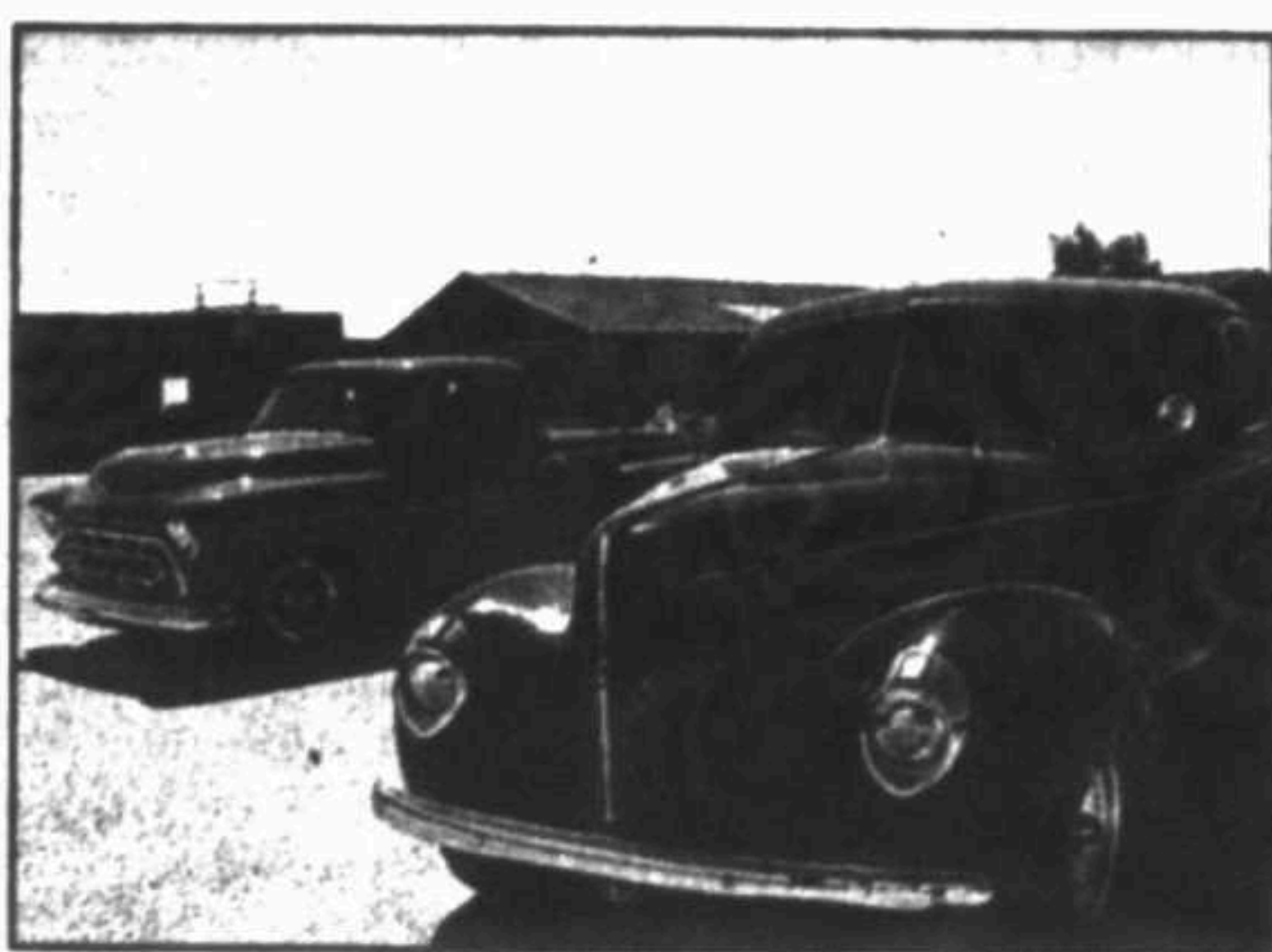
McCrary, too, had suggested that by itself, a blanket COLA raise would tend to promote mediocrity.

Norwood said that some department heads were "reluctant to pick and choose" in the merit-raise process. "It's always easy to blame the court," he said. "Kathy (Reeves) is an exception."

Outside the courtroom, Sheriff Gary Painter and Chief Deputy Clayton McKinney expressed opposition to the merit-raise system until the Commissioners' Court brings equality in pay among workers who perform identical duties.

McKinney cited a patrolman who is "making as much as \$5,000 a year more money than the patrolman who is working with him, and they are working under exactly the same classification, doing exactly the same job." And an investigator with 10 years' experience is making close to \$5,000 a year less than a guy with three

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Big Spring gears up for 27th annual car show

By Johnnie Montgomery

BIG SPRING — Big Spring will be hosting street rods — those well-loved concoctions of dreams and metal that began life as Chevs or Fords and then underwent radical surgery to become hybrids like nothing the designers in Detroit ever had the nerve to try.

The 27th annual car show, Saturday and Sunday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, will be bigger and better than ever before, according to Preston Harrison, member of the Big Spring Rod and Custom Club.

The show will award first- and second-place trophies in 36 classes, including open street rods, closed street rods, antique cars, custom-built cars, classics and low-riders, with special awards going to the youngest exhibitor, the best display, best engineered, and the 4-foot-tall People's Choice award that will be determined by spectators' ballots.

The Big Spring area has "at least five or six car clubs," where custom car enthusiasts get their kicks, not by demolishing cars, but by taking long-neglected hulks and turning them into works of art, Harrison said.

"We're always looking for old cars sitting in yards, like diamonds in the rough. We take them and remake them with newer model components so that we have the classic looks around modern conveniences, or we sometimes hybridize them to make an entirely different look."

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HOT custom wheels



Johnnie Montgomery

Preston Harrison, left, member of Big Spring Rod and Custom Club, looks over a car that Sergio Cervantes is working on. Cervantes customizes cars for people who don't have the time to do it themselves. Above, left, are cars customized by Cervantes and Walter Brumley, a custom designer.

Exchange club honors Lee, MHS students

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

The Exchange Club of Midland on Monday honored 10 outstanding Lee and Midland high school scholars.

The business organization hosted its annual Outstanding Students awards ceremony at the Petroleum Club.

Honored were MHS students Diane Salisbury, Rebecca Hoke, Karl Heimke, Mary Elizabeth Prentice, Michael Entzminger; and Lee students Garrett Moran, Elianna Marziani, Michelle Blake, Erika Bucy and Jennifer Traxel.

The students were recognized for good grades in English, foreign languages, math, science and social studies.

Elianna Marziani won the foreign language award. She's taken Spanish for four years and hopes to tour Spain and Spanish-speaking countries to practice the language.

"Everyone says that languages can be a barrier between people, but when you take a foreign language those barriers fall down, just open a whole door to a whole world by yourself," Ms. Marziani said.

Rebecca Hoke also won foreign language honors in German.

"I plan to travel. I want to use the language in my travel, that'd be really neat," Ms. Hoke said. "I could blend in and speak the language. German is probably one of the harder ones; it takes a lot of years to get to where you use it."

Erika Bucy won an award for sci-

ence. She's taking biology II and plans to become a doctor. She said science has always been a joy.

"I like the experiments. I just like getting down to the basics and seeing how everything works," Ms. Bucy said. "And everything's different, constantly changing."

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Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

The Exchange Club of Midland honored Midland and Lee high schools' seniors with top grades in science, math, language, social studies and English. LHS honorees, above, are: Elianna Marziani, from left, Michelle Blake, Erika Bucy and Jennifer Traxel. Lee High student Garrett Moran, right, was also honored. MHS honorees, left, are: Diane Salisbury, from left, Rebecca Hoke, Karl Heimke, Mary Elizabeth Prentice and Michael Entzminger.



Midland Crime Stoppers program receives awards

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Representatives of Midland's Crime Stoppers program visited San Antonio in the last week and brought home three state awards.

The awards were for Best Productivity: Most Cases Cleared, Best General Newsprint for the monthly "Most Wanted" insert in the Reporter-Telegram and Best Crime of the Week bulletin. They were presented by the Texas Crime

Stoppers Advisory Council.

Sgt. Jim Crouse, who was named coordinator of the program a year ago, said that in 1997, Crime Stoppers tips helped clear approximately 220 cases with more than 240 arrests made.

He attributed the program's success to "the citizens, the police and the media. Those are the three most important factors in this program and without any of those three, this program wouldn't be as successful as it is. These

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Science fair

Charina Cameron of Nova Scotia assembles her "Sonic Bee Detector" for the 1998 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. Nearly 1,200 students from around the world gathered in Fort Worth Monday to compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and grants.

AP Photo



DEATH NOTICES

L.K. Smith

ARTESIA, N.M. — Former Midlander L.K. Smith, 85, of Artesia, N.M., died Sunday, May 10, at a Carlsbad, N.M., hospital.

Services are to be 2 p.m. (MDT) Wednesday, May 13, at Terpening & Son Chapel in Artesia with the Rev. Mike Barron officiating. Burial is to follow at Woodbine Cemetery under the direction of Terpening & Son Mortuary. Visitation is to be 10 a.m. (MDT) today, May 12, at the funeral home.

He was born July 2, 1912, in Forest County, Miss.

Before moving to Artesia in 1960 he lived in Hobbs, N.M., and Midland. He was a tool pusher and driller for W.E.K. Drilling. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara A. Smith, on June 25, 1967; an infant son,

Kerry L. Smith; four brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include his son, Larry Smith of Artesia; three daughters, Wanda K. Shoe-maker of Denver City, Gayle Johnson of Lovington, N.M., and Suzie Kerr of Williams, Ariz.; a stepdaughter, Frances Heltzel of Midland; a sister, Verma Smith of Lubberton, Miss.; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

De-Courtland Williams

De-Courtland Williams, 2 1/2 months old, son of Lakesha Williams of Midland, died Friday, May 8, at a Fort Worth hospital.

Services are pending with Jackie Warren Funeral Home

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department

Saturday

Attempted Burglary: Scott Drawbaugh reported an attempted burglary at Westlake Hardware, 1004 Andrews Highway, at 6:30 a.m. Pry marks were noted on the door.

Burglary of a Building: A burglary was reported at Rotary Laboratories Inc., 2100 Carter, by Wayne Helms. The report was made at 9:30 p.m.

Burglary of a Building: A storage building at 3100 N. Fairgrounds Road was burglarized and two lawnmowers and a barbecue pit were taken. The report was made by Dorothy Munoz at 11:45 a.m.

Burglary of a Residence: Rodrick Cornish reported a burglary at 4610 Kiowa at 6 a.m.

Burglary of a Vehicle: Jesse Leon reported a burglary at 4201 Garfield St. at 6:57 p.m.

Burglary of a Vehicle: Chris Spears reported at 11:30 a.m. that the passenger side front window of a vehicle at 4201 N. Garfield St. had been broken and a cellular phone taken.

Criminal Mischief: Daren Lamp reported at 2:53 p.m. that the driver's side door on his pickup had been kicked at 4706 N. Midkiff Road.

Criminal Mischief: Glass in a front door at 3701 W. Wall St. was broken. It was reported at 10:09 p.m.

Criminal Mischief: A car at 3107 Metz was spraypainted, reported Theron West at 11:14 a.m.

Sexual Assault: A sexual assault was reported in the hallway of 3503 W. Ohio Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

Theft: Melinda Williams reported at 7 a.m. that a hammock had been taken from the front yard at 1600 Stanolind.

Theft: Yolanda Ricon reported a shoplifting incident at Sears in Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff Road, at 3 p.m.

Sunday

Aggravated Assault: A 17-year-old was hospitalized with several stab wounds received during an altercation at a club at 210 S. Lee St. at 3 a.m.

Burglary of a Building: Three storage units at 1010 W. Loop 250 were burglarized, it was reported at 11 a.m.

Burglary of a Residence: Caroline O'Neal reported the burglary of a residence at 300 S. Benton at 2:05 p.m. Entry was made by kicking in the kitchen door.

Criminal Mischief: A fence gate was knocked down at 4307 Downing, reported Jack Wyrick at 10:30 a.m.

Criminal Mischief: Vandalism was reported at 305 E. Spruce Ave. at 1 p.m. by Manuel Obregon Huchon.

Criminal Mischief: A window was broken at 4700 Boulder, reported Nancy Fuson at 2:58 a.m.

Stolen Vehicle: Janie Garcia, 1515 S. Jefferson, reported a stolen vehicle at 11:30 a.m.

Theft: A shoplifter was reported at Wal-Mart, 4715 N. Midland Drive, at 2:45 p.m. by Debra Rackow.

Theft: A shoplifting incident was reported at Wal-Mart, 4517 N. Midland Drive, at 6:14 p.m.

Monday
Aggravated Assault: An aggravated assault was reported at 409 W. Scharbauer Drive by Barbara Aleman Gomez at 2 a.m.

Assault/Criminal Mischief: Jennifer Calloway reported that she was assaulted and the driver's side mirror broken and door dented on her vehicle at 101 N. Mineola. The report was made at 1:45 a.m.

Criminal Mischief: The front door at 2700 N. Midland Drive was kicked in, reported Thomas Edge Archer at 1:14 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Monday

Theft: Aaron Rents, 12200 W. Highway 80, reported the theft of cash at 10:36 a.m.

Theft: Bundles of insulation were reported taken from the site of Clear Springs Restaurant, 5705 Highway 191. The report was made at 1:23 p.m.

Theft: An electric drill and video camera were reported taken by a possibly known suspect by L.D. Edson, 14020 W. County Road 124. The report was made at 1:24 p.m.



Langtry moms

Mothers at Langtry Village, a residential facility operated by the city of Midland Housing Authority, were honored Saturday at a potluck dinner. The oldest mother in attendance was Virgie Brace, 89, center. Other mothers who are over 80 are Thelma Moss, from left, Lataine Bankhead, Bea Tankesly, Vivian Moore and Viola Silar (not pictured).

AWARDS: Sheriff Painter says he is pleased with success of program

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awards go to show that the three of us working together can be productive.

Without the general public supporting the program, Crime Stoppers wouldn't exist, he said, adding that it wouldn't be successful without the local media spreading the word through regular "Crimes of the Week" stories and the monthly "Most Wanted" insert. He concluded that success also required the support of law enforcement agencies like the Midland County Sheriff's Office, Midland Police Department and Midland Independent School District Police Department, which coordinates a successful school program, and civilian volunteers such as the office's administrative assistant, Angela Wolf, and Kathy Armstrong, who serves as president of the Crime Stoppers board.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said he was pleased with the progress the Crime Stoppers program has been making and the success it is enjoying.

"I'm thankful that the citizens of the community and law enforcement agencies are still working with us," he said. "It



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Midland County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Jim Crouse is coordinator of the Midland's Crime Stoppers, which recently received three state awards. The plaques signify Best Productivity: Most Cases Cleared, Best General Newsprint for the monthly "Most Wanted" insert in the Reporter-Telegram and Best Crime of the Week bulletin.

takes everyone working together to make the community a safer place to live."

HONORS: Writing 'comes easy' for Diane Salisbury

(From 1B)

Mary Elizabeth Prentice won the science award as well. She plans to go into physical therapy.

"Science allows you to get a deeper understanding of how things work, both mechanically and biologically," she said. "To me, science is a more hands-on thing, rather than some of the other subjects."

Diane Salisbury won an award for English. She said she's always enjoyed writing.

"It comes easy to me," she said. "I love writing and poetry. All sorts of stuff. I think writing is an important skill no matter what you do." Garrett Moran, who won an English award, was absent during the ceremony. But his mother, Shanna, said her son's done well in Jill Williams' class at Lee High School.

"He enjoys reading," Ms. Moran said. "He is a really avid reader; he's written more this year under Jill Williams than he's ever written."

Karl Heimke won an award in math. He is taking plenty of advanced math, including calculus.

"It helps me know how to think analytically, how to solve other problems people might not be

able to solve. It's my favorite subject," he said.

Michelle Blake, the other math winner, said math's been a fun subject for her and helps her tackle problems in other subjects, too.

"My teacher does a lot of real-life applications," she said. "If you go into this field you'll use this math. Math definitely helps you think more logically."

Michael Entzminger was recognized for his achievements in social studies. He said the subject's broadened his understanding of human society and history.

"It's a general awareness of how the nation works politically and socially, and governmentally," he said. "Between all those three you get an education as to what's going on in the world."

Jennifer Traxel also was recognized for her social studies grades. She said she's learned about world events and good citizenship.

"It gives me a well-rounded perspective of society," she said. "It also provides you with the idea that if you forget the past you're condemned to repeat it. It shows you how to be a good citizen."

— Jennifer Traxel, award recipient

CARS: 1949 Cadillac taillights contribute to unique looks

(From 1B)

He reaches with his foot to a spot underneath the frame of a gleaming red pickup, and trips the latch to the door. "This truck is owned by Jimmy Johnson, and it took three or four years to build it. It has shade door handles (no handles mar the sides of the doors), and a chopped top — where you shorten the top of a car or truck so that it looks lower to the ground. It's a little cold-natured, but the owner knows that, and always allows about 10 minutes for it to warm up."

Another feature contributing to the truck's unique look is its 1949 Cadillac taillights — a feature Harrison says is highly prized among today's custom car hobbyists.

"A lot of people will look at the

(taillights) and just see that there's something different here. But people who do this for a hobby will recognize them immediately."

Competing in the show will be custom cars built from the ground up; cars and bodies from the 1920s to 1950s enclosing automatic everything — from gear shift to air conditioning to CD players with surround sound; cars built for show and cars built for speed, all with gleaming paint and engines clean enough to serve dinner on.

Harrison said there will be special displays of motorcycles, bicycles, model cars, and remote-control cars and planes for the children.

"We've really gone out to do something for everyone," he said. "Entries can range from the model car that you can buy at the dis-

count store to the totally original, built-from-the-ground-up, pickup that a Hobbs (N.M.) exhibitor is bringing in (that is) valued at \$90,000. It's what we refer to as a 'tailored queen,' because it's only driven in and out of showing areas, and the rest of the time it's carried on a trailer."

"There's a group of Harley-Davidson motorcycles coming in from Dallas that sell for about \$50,000 each. There will be lots of uniquely designed cars, most of them owner-customized, that people have worked on for years."

Harrison said that while the main exhibits will be confined to the coliseum, the show managers are working on yet another attraction to be staged outside.

"We haven't finalized all the details, but we're hoping to have a hopping contest for low-riders,

entirely separate from the low-rider exhibits inside. We have about 20 low-riders planning to come from San Angelo."

The "hopping" he refers to is the ability of low-rider cars literally to leave the ground — a phenomenon made possible through the use of battery-operated hydraulic lifts.

Price of admission is \$5, plus two cans of food for the West Texas Food Bank, for adults and \$2, plus two cans, for children 6-12. Children under 6 get in free.

Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

The show is being put on by the Big Spring Early Car Club and Big Spring Rod and Custom Club.

RAISES: McKinney says current system erodes morale

(From 1B)

months' experience."

McKinney said the discrepancy came in 1996 when the Commissioners' Court adopted a salary schedule based on officers' pay at that time.

"And everybody who is in (any) classification needs to be making exactly the same money," he said. "Then, you can go to the merit raise."

The current setup erodes morale, McKinney said. "We've got two guys with equal ability, but one of them already is drawing \$5,000 a year more. They need to have a base pay for a patrolman, investigator, everything. And then the merit raises would be feasible."

He said the merit raises would be feasible.

VIAGRA: Health officials fear availability will lead to misuse

(From 1B)

"The people are looking at this as a miracle drug, that's why they're running."

"This is the first time I've seen so many men (coming in)," added Sergio Lopez, owner of Farmacia San Francisco. "There have even been women because their husbands are too embarrassed to ask for it."

The enthusiasm, however, is not universal.

Fabiola Saldana, the manager of Farmacia Nacional, across the street from Farmacia Benavides, said she's not planning on ordering Viagra because it has to be imported, so it probably won't be any cheaper than in the United States.

She also is questioning the stories of giddy demand.

Brush fires scorch thousands of acres

(From 1B)

CAMP WOOD (AP) — Firefighters Monday battled stubborn brush fires that have scorched thousands of acres in South Central Texas, threatening a housing subdivision in the rugged hills.

Crews from the Texas National Guard and Forest Service were called Sunday to help battle two blazes that began in Edwards County. Flames have since spread across parts of Kinney, Real and Uvalde Counties, about 100 miles west of San Antonio.

So far, only small ranch structures and camp houses have been consumed in the flames, with no injuries reported.

But the Texas Division of Emergency Management said about 30 homes in the Camp Wood Hills subdivision are threatened and conditions in the state's western half are favorable for more fires.

Just under 19,000 acres have been scorched so far this month in Texas, including about 4,900 acres in the Hill Country blazes around Camp Wood, population 746.

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Painter said that he does "not really... favor" the merit-raise system until there is pay equality in lines of work.

"They (members of the Commissioners' Court) did not equalize the employees," Painter said. "They did not do the step-and-pay grade (schedule) in a manner that is consistent with good government or good management."

"All they did was place the employees in a pay grade and step system — pay that was being received at that time. Some people got a pay raise. Not many did," Painter said. "Yet, there was no attempt made by the so-called top management of the county government to equalize pay among the different pay groups. We have a patrolman who is making more

money than a sergeant. That's unequal."

Norwood, however, said that "when you transition to a new pay system, there is going to be some folks who end up a little bit higher on the pay scale than others just because of transition schedule."

"But that will shake out over time," he said. "The pay scale is designed on market rates."

Of the "alleged inequalities," Norwood said, "I'm surprised that they (Painter and McKinney) don't want to reward those deputies who are at an exceptional level (of job performance). I would have thought that a manager would want to reward their best employees."

"We should have a system in place to reward exceptional

employees based on merit," Norwood said. "Unfortunately, the resistance from many of our elected officials and department heads is not going to make that possible. Some people may not want to have to make the tough decisions as to who gets a merit raise and who doesn't. To me, that goes with the job. That's not a responsibility that an elected official should shy away from."

"Because of the resistance from Sheriff Painter and others, the merit plan has been tabled for the (budget) year. And those exceptional employees who are deserving of a merit increase are the ones who will suffer," Norwood said.

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is being sold illegally along the border for as much as \$43 per pill.

In addition, pharmacies caught selling the drug without a prescription could be fined up to \$30,000 and have their businesses shut down.

Given the easy availability of some drugs on the border, and the resulting temptation to self-diagnose and self-medicate, U.S. offi-

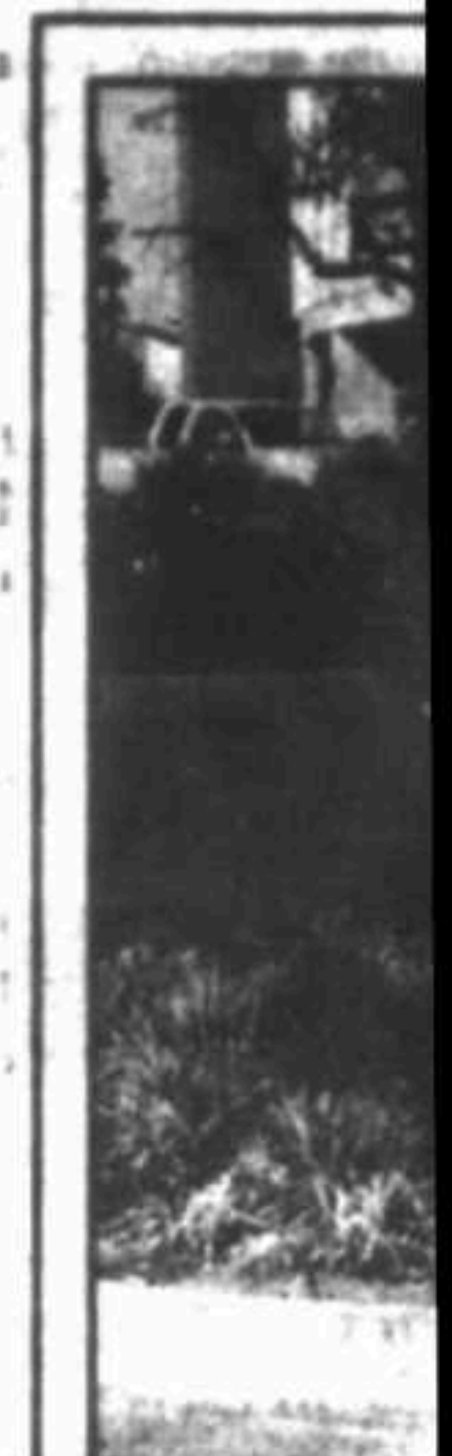
cials see another potential threat.

"People taking this on their own, that's my concern as a physician and as a public health officer," said Dr. Jorge Magana, director of the El Paso City-County Health District. "Any medication has its good effects and its side effects and this is a drug we don't have any experience with yet."

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Keep Midland Beautiful

Westwood Medical Center is the winner of Keep Midland Beautiful's Community Achievement Award for May. The landscaping includes trees, shrubs and flowers. Ann Parish, from left, is KMB board member; Mike Potter and Pam McCutchan are with Westwood and Lou Brown is a Westwood volunteer.

Construction worker gets 60-year prison sentence

HOUSTON (AP) — A construction worker identified by police as the prime suspect in the slaying of a 12-year-old girl was sentenced Monday to 60 years in prison for the abduction of a topless dancer.

After deliberating for two hours, a Harris County jury returned the sentence against William Reece, who has two Oklahoma convictions for sodomy and kidnapping and has been named the suspect but has not been charged in the slaying last year of 12-year-old Laura Smith of Friendswood.

Reece, 38, had no reaction to the sentence but told reporters as he was led away that he was surprised at the hefty punishment.

The same jury on Friday convicted Reece of aggravated kidnapping for the May 17, 1997 abduction of Sandra Sapaugh, who said he forced her at knife-point into his truck after first feigning to help her with a flat tire. As Reece drove the truck along Interstate 45, he asked Ms. Sapaugh to undress. Instead, she jumped from the truck.

Jurors decided on the sentence after listening to Reece's victims

in Oklahoma testify how he attacked them.

"I was afraid he was going to kill me," said one woman who was a college student when she was attacked. Like Ms. Sapaugh, she was forced at knife-point into his truck.

Reece in October was named by police as their chief suspect in the April 1997 slaying of Miss Smith.

Reece's attorney contends his client is being made a scapegoat because of his prior record.

Ms. Sapaugh admitted on the stand that she embellished her story when talking to television reporters last year. She had once said the truck was traveling at 75 mph when she jumped but during the trial testified the truck was going much slower.

Also, forensic scientists testified that no physical evidence could tie Ms. Sapaugh to Reece's truck. Hair found in the truck failed to match Ms. Sapaugh's. No upholstery fibers on her clothing matched those found in Reece's truck.

A convenience store clerk, however, testified it was Reece she saw at the time of the crime.

Oilfield suppliers Baker Hughes and Western Atlas Inc. to merge

HOUSTON (AP) — Oilfield supply companies Baker Hughes Inc. and Western Atlas Inc. are planning to merge into a \$5.2 billion one-stop shopping center for energy companies, the better to compete with heavyweights rivals.

"The combination brings together best-in-class products and services that are world leaders," Baker Hughes chairman Max Lukens said in making the announcement Monday.

He will be chairman and chief executive of the combined company, which will retain the name Baker Hughes and continue to have headquarters in Houston.

Shareholders of Los Angeles-based Western Atlas will receive 2.4 shares of newly issued Baker Hughes common stock for each Western Atlas common share under terms of the deal.

Baker Hughes stock fell \$2.31 1/4 to \$38.81 1/4 on the New York Stock Exchange, while Western Atlas jumped \$11.50 to \$92.87 1/2.

Company officials touted the merged firm as capable of han-

dling all oil-field operations, from exploration through production.

"We, like Baker Hughes, appreciate the additional advantages we can achieve by integrating with the other services required to offer a complete solution," Western Atlas chairman Alton Brann said.

The combined companies, with some 36,000 employees worldwide, are expected to have 1998 revenues of about \$6.5 billion.

Monday's deal comes on the heels of a similar \$8.1 billion merger in February between Dallas-based Halliburton Co. and Dresser Industries, also of Dallas.

"Obviously it's a very significant event in the industry," said Allen Brooks, an analyst for Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. The combination, he said, would make Baker Hughes "a very strong competitor."

The agreement has received unanimous approval of the boards of each company. It still must undergo government regulatory scrutiny and receive the backing of shareholders.

Three Snyder women die in accident

ROSCOE (AP) — Three Snyder women were killed and another injured after their car went out of control and rolled over on the way to a nightclub early Sunday, investigators say.

The driver, Rolinda Michelle Tippens, said the front-seat passenger, Stella Camille Jackson, 24, grabbed the steering wheel and caused her to lose control. The car slid into a median and flipped over several times.

Ms. Jackson was killed along with two back-seat passengers, Angela Faye Biggers, 24, and Sandra Jackson, 21, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

Ms. Tippens told investigators she doesn't remember anything after Ms. Jackson grabbed the

wheel, said DPS Trooper Scott Stevenson of Sweetwater. The driver escaped by climbing out a broken window.

The four women were east-bound on U.S. 84, driving to a Sweetwater nightclub, when the car went out of control just after 1:30 a.m. seven miles west of Roscoe.

Stella Jackson was pronounced dead at the scene, while Sandra Jackson died at Rolling Plains Medical Center in Sweetwater and Ms. Biggers died at Hendrick Medical Center.

Investigators said Ms. Tippens and Stella Jackson were wearing shoulder straps, but the other two women were not wearing seat belts.

Arabs poised to announce F-16 purchase

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United Arab Emirates is prepared to announce the purchase of F-16 fighter jets, ending a high-stakes international competition for a contract worth as much as \$8 billion, Clinton administration officials said Monday.

Congressional aides said they expected the UAE to buy as many as 80 F-16s in a deal valued from \$6 billion to \$8 billion.

An official announcement was expected Tuesday, when the country's crown prince, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan meets with President Clinton and Vice President Gore at the White House. Gore planned a trip to Fort Worth on Friday to tour the Lockheed Martin plant where the F-16 is assembled.

Gore spokeswoman Jodi Sakol wouldn't discuss the vice president's trip other than to say Gore "will be making an announcement that will bring thousands of jobs to Texas."

Two administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that a deal

had been concluded.

Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas, who was invited to Tuesday's White House meeting with the crown prince, said: "I assume that this is good news."

Officials from the United Arab Emirates said Monday that an announcement was imminent. "All the options are still open concerning the deal, and it will be discussed (Tuesday)," one official source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A decision to purchase the F-16 would mark a coup for Lockheed Martin, which earlier in the competition was viewed as lagging behind a French entry, Dassault Aviation's Ravale. The Eurofighter, which is being developed by a European consortium, also was considered despite being a latecomer to the competition.

At a defense exhibition last year in Abu Dhabi, an Emirates armed forces official said the F-16's specifications didn't meet UAE requirements.

Lockheed Martin was circumspect about Tuesday's White House meeting and Gore's upcoming trip to Texas.

"All I can say is that we've been working with the UAE for a long time now and we're continuing to get signals that are positive," said Lockheed Martin spokesman Joe Stout. "So, we feel good about the possibilities but we don't have any official word that we can report and we have not received any official decision."

New F-16 sales may not necessarily create new jobs though they could help stave off some planned layoffs. Lockheed recently announced its intention to pare 2,000 of its 11,000 Fort Worth workers.

The sale would come at a pivotal time for the F-16 production line. Currently, the last delivery for the U.S. Air Force is scheduled for 2001, meaning that the line will be sustained only by foreign sales unless Congress decides to purchase new copies.

Morales says Minnesota tobacco deal may benefit Texas

By Clay Robinson
Hearst News Service

AUSTIN — Minnesota's settlement with the tobacco industry may trigger additional benefits for Texas, Attorney General Dan Morales said Monday.

But Morales refused to answer critics' claims that Minnesota got a better deal on lawyers' payments.

In an agreement announced Friday, the tobacco industry will pay Minnesota \$6.1 billion over the next 25 years to settle that state's lawsuit over health care claims associated with smoking.

Tobacco companies will pay an additional \$469 million to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.

The industry agreed in January to pay Texas \$15.3 billion over 25 years to settle a similar lawsuit.

According to the Minnesota attorney general's office, Minnesota will receive nearly twice as much per state resident as Texas in today's dollars. Minnesota also will receive a larger share of its money than Texas during the first year, enhancing

the value of the agreement.

"We're going to talk about getting a bigger portion of our settlement earlier, and that would make our settlement bigger because today's dollars are worth more," Morales spokesman Ron Dusek said.

Texas may benefit under a clause in its tobacco agreement that allows Texas to receive more favorable terms included in agreements that other states make with tobacco companies.

Morales said his lawyers will soon meet with lawyers from Florida and Mississippi, which negotiated tobacco settlements last year, to discuss "opportunities for enhancement" of their agreements.

Morales said the discussions will include accelerated payments to the state and additional marketing restrictions on the tobacco industry, such as limiting advertising on caps, T-shirts and other items, which the Minnesota agreement provides.

Another key difference between the Texas and Minnesota agreements is how the outside lawyers who assisted the states in the

tobacco lawsuits will be paid.

The private lawyers in Texas have been awarded \$2.3 billion by a federal judge, based on a 15 percent contingency agreement they signed with Morales. The lawyers are to be paid over the next 25 years.

The tobacco industry, however, will pay the Texas lawyers only an amount that will be set later this year by an arbitration panel. If the panel sets less than \$2.3 billion, the state will be liable for the difference.

The private law firm representing Minnesota cut its contingency agreement from 25 percent to 7 percent, less than half the Texas lawyers' percentage. The Minnesota lawyers, however, will receive their total payments — about \$450 million — in three years, according to a tobacco industry spokesman.

The tobacco companies also will pay the entire amount of the Minnesota lawyers' fees.

The Texas legal fees have been attacked as excessive by Texas Gov. George W. Bush, seven state legislators and a number of business people.

"I think these guys (Texas lawyers) have got to come down below the \$450 million. They didn't work as long or do as much," said Pete Schenckan, an Austin attorney representing the legislators.

The Minnesota lawsuit was filed two years before the one in Texas. It was settled after a four-month trial.

Tobacco industry spokesman Scott Williams said Texas would have to accept the Minnesota lawyer fee arrangement if it wanted to sweeten its total settlement.

"They need to accept the entire package," Williams said.

"The attorneys' fees are a separate issue. We're not focusing on that right now," Dusek said. "We're looking at how we can benefit Texas and Texas taxpayers."

Morales has insisted that federal Medicaid reimbursements can be used to make up the difference in the Texas lawyers' payments if the arbitration panel sets a lower amount than the \$2.3 billion awarded by the judge.

Storm damage estimate rises to \$30 million

DALLAS (AP) — Damage estimates have climbed to at least \$30 million after North Texas storms destroyed more than a dozen dwellings and injured five people.

Thousands of claims were expected to be filed Monday — the most since a hailstorm that pounded the area in May 1995.

Following the latest storms Friday night, Frisco Fire Capt. Gary Burns said he found his yard and truck covered in ice as he headed in to the fire station to help crews.

"I've never seen anything like that before," he told the Plano Star Courier. "It looked like it had snowed."

The Texas Department of Public Safety said about 1,000 residences were damaged in the storms that destroyed almost four dozen dwellings, many in Wise County.

Five people received minor injuries as the hail, rain and high winds blew in north of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, accompanied by at least one confirmed tornado.

Although most property claims were expected this week, Jerry Johns, president of the Southwest Insurance Information Service, said \$30 million was a conservative damage estimate.

Although numerous tornado warnings were issued, a suspected twister in Denton was actually straight-line winds, according

to Lonnie King, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

"There were quite a few families affected," Dana Allen, a spokeswoman for the Dallas area chapter of the American Red Cross, told The Dallas Morning News in Monday's editions. "It's not the worst we've ever seen, but it's the worst we've seen in a while."

Fifteen of the destroyed dwellings were in Dallas County, with four in Denton County, Ms. Allen said. Most were apartments and other multifamily units.

Twenty-two homes damaged in the Dallas area sustained major damage, with 112 others termed minor. Most of the 218 homes damaged in Denton County were mobile homes at Lake Dallas and Little Elm.

Damage to 14 of those homes was major, with 204 sustaining minor damage.

Several people at Bay Landing, a private campground near Runaway Bay, received minor weather-related injuries.

In Collin County cities north of Plano, crews worked over the weekend to clean up downed trees and other debris.

The National Weather Service reported golf ball-size hail in Frisco, McKinney and Melissa, with winds gusting up to 70 mph. "The hail damage was pretty

extensive at my house," said Frisco resident Penny Curtis, adding that fences were knocked down and many residents' roofs were damaged.

In Hunt County, homes and crops were damaged in Merit, Celeste and the South Sulphur area.

"We had 80-mile per hour straight-line winds that blew down some trees and damaged some homes, but we have most of the problems cleaned up now," Merit Fire Chief John Odell told The Greenville Herald Banner.

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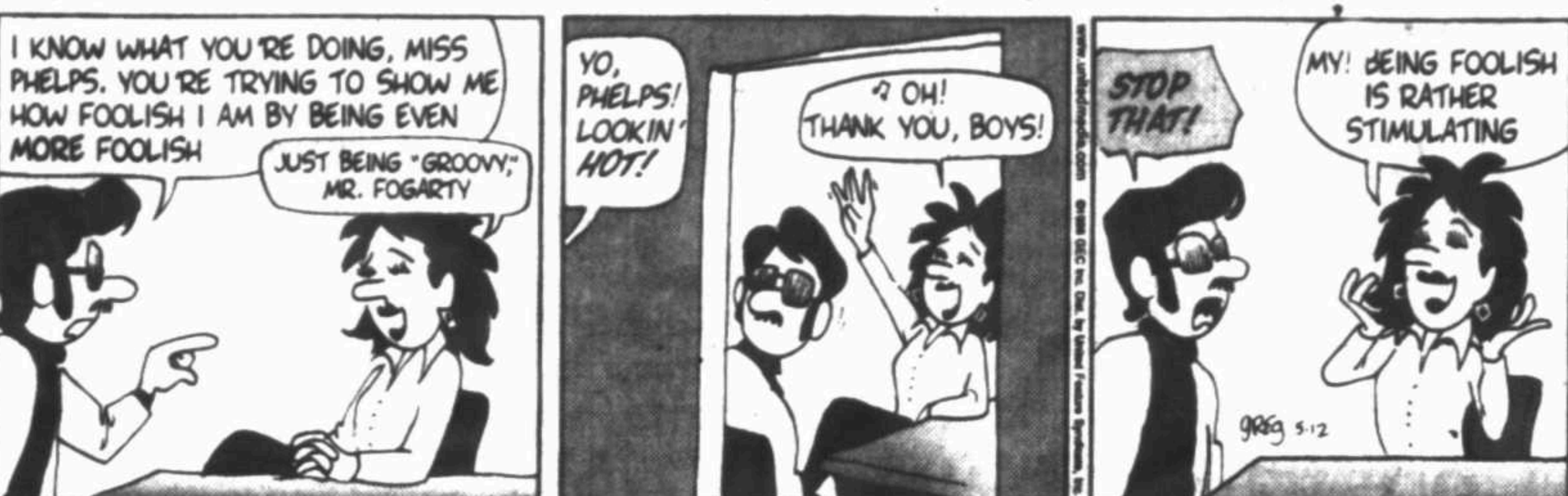
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 12, 1998: Investing, earning more money and learning more about key individuals mark this busy year. Your forte is dealing well with others, and you also make strong financial decisions. You have the strength, ingenuity and wherewithal to be a success. Your career becomes much more the way you dreamed it should be. Don't sit on the sidelines. Physical exercise is key to your well-being. If you are single, romance comes through your amazing network of friends. If attached, work with your mate to turn a tidy profit. **SAGITTARIUS** gets to the bottom line. **BORN TODAY** Composer Burt Bacharach (1929), comedian George Carlin (1937), actor Emilio Estevez (1962).

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Let your imagination soar. Reach for others who are at a distance, and seek out new ideas. Moneymaking opportunities come from your inner resources. Get serious about a new work project. Think through decisions. New viewpoints twist open possibilities. Tonight: Rent a movie. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Close relating brings strong solutions. Others respond to your beat. Be clear and direct about your needs. This is not the time to be shy or play it cool. State your case with the assumption that someone will listen. Give up your insecurities; they only hurt you. Tonight: Trust your judgment. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Intuition serves you when

something you have been keeping inside comes out. Popularity mounts; you present yourself in a positive light. You are empowered. Endurance is high. You are capable of pulling rabbits out of hats. Go for what you want! Tonight: Get together with friends. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Stay mellow with prickly people. Aim for what you want. Good news from a distance arrives. Examine your expectations, and maintain clarity. Read between the lines, especially with work-related matters. Be patient with friends. Tonight: Off to the gym. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't let someone's stubbornness get to you. Pushing hard at work allows you to make headway. Let others know that you won't be toyed with. Your imagination knows no limits. A serious discussion about objectives is necessary. Tonight: Let passion rule. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Settle personal matters before you leap into action. Understand limitations, and be willing to talk with a partner who has been overly stern. Your high energy helps you break outdated patterns. Do the research you need to advance your career. Tonight: Take a leap of faith. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Don't stand on ceremony any longer. Take a risk, and move forward. What you believed was unacceptable could change after a long discussion. At best, you now have more insight into the current situation. Revise your thinking. The results will vary. Tonight: Hang out. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

There is heavy pressure to come up with a solution. Rethink a decision. You feel overwhelmed by someone's ideas, attitude and tone. Do not back down, especially when it comes to your money. You encounter someone equally as powerful as you. Tonight: Do what you want. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You feel empowered and full of yourself. Listen to a loved one's point of view. Impress upon him the difference between optimism and pessimism. Channel your high energy into work. You clear your desk and get a lot done, opening the way for fun. Tonight: Happy times. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take a back seat, and don't let someone trigger your emotions. You are challenged to come up with unusual solutions. High vitality makes you a winner. A serious talk might not iron out a difficult situation. Remain positive, as you seek new, essential information. Tonight: A night off. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Honor a friendship first. A family member pushes hard; let him know he isn't playing with putty. Remain firm. Recognize how you might be hard on another. What are your hopes here? Tonight: Kick up your heels. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Taking a stand could create more tension than you originally anticipated. Do things in a more positive manner. Realize the problem with being a bull in a china closet. Continue conversations, and put your best foot forward. Review work with a boss. Tonight: Head out and about.

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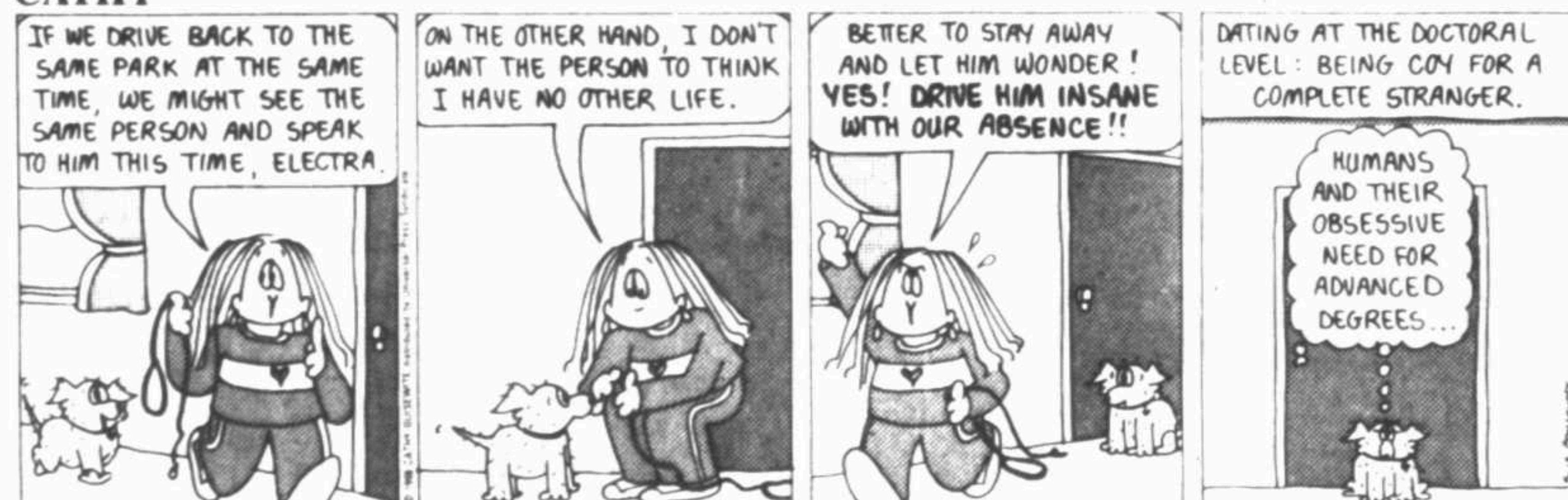
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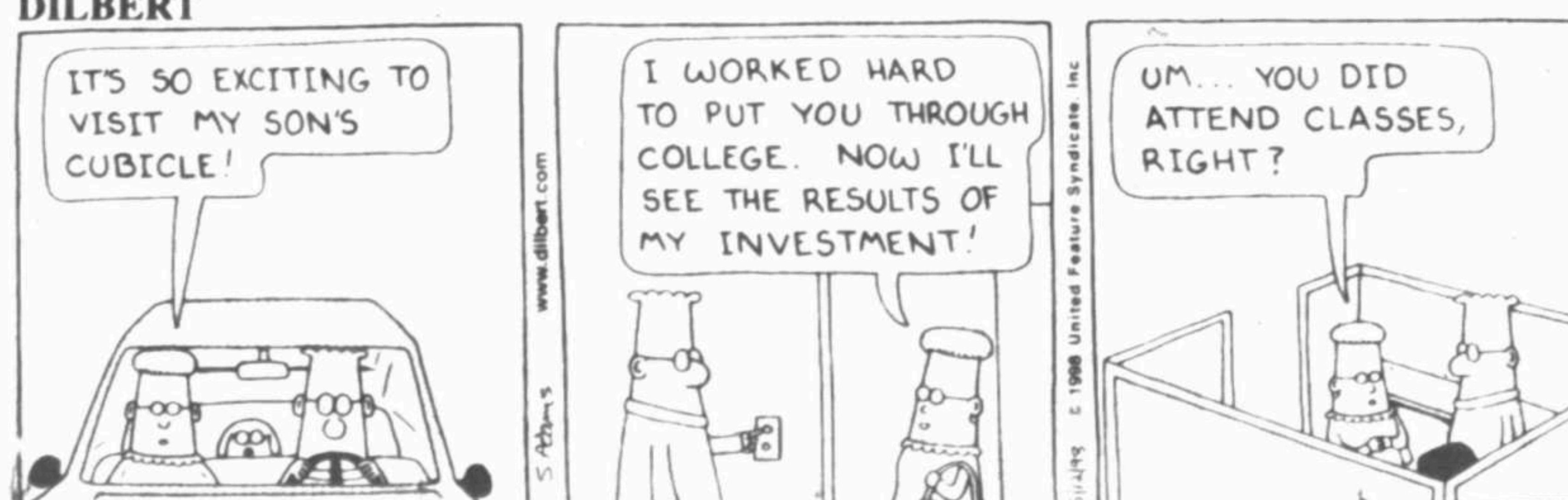
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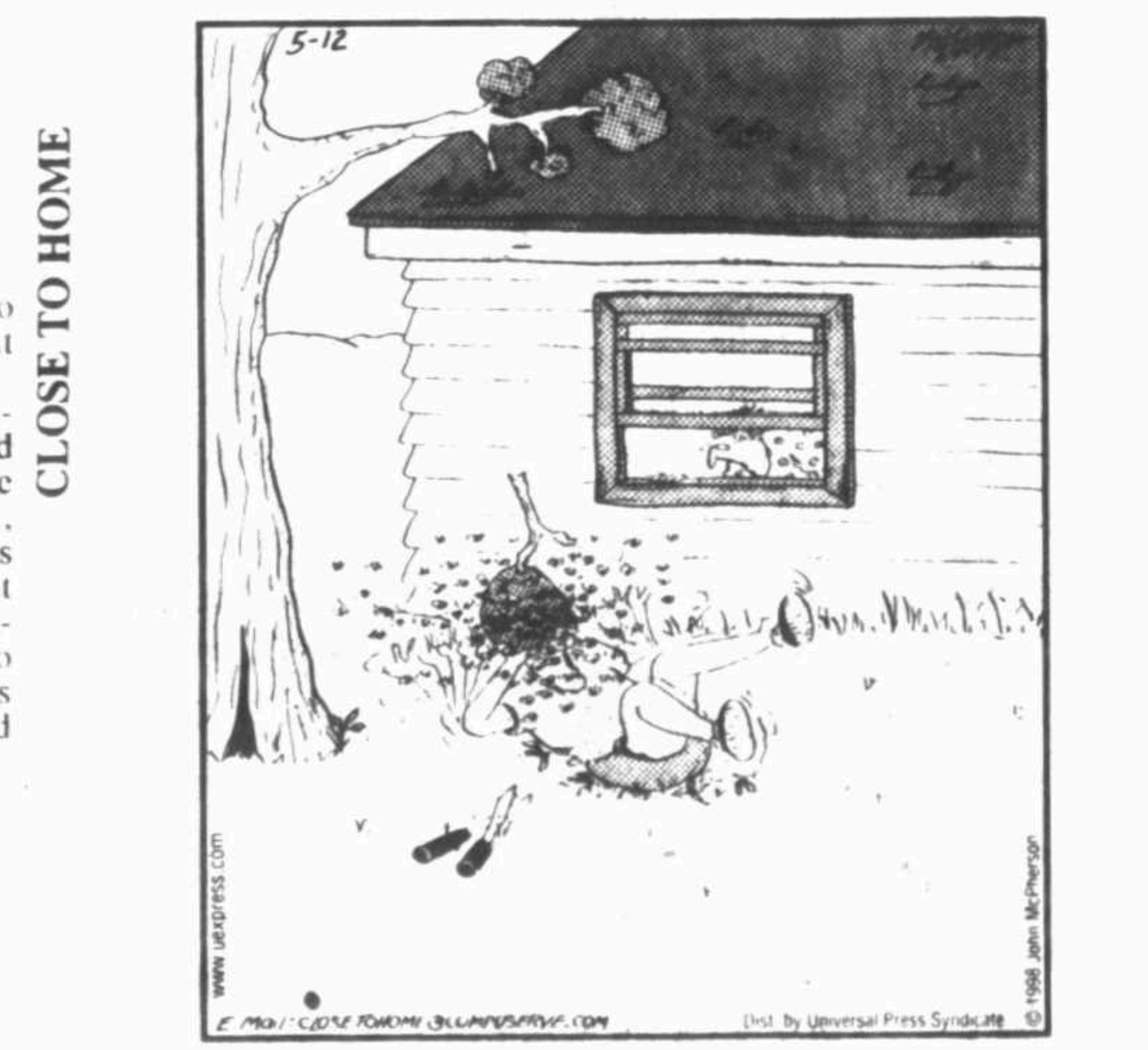
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 Opening lead: Queen of ♥

Sometimes it helps to know who your opponents are; sometimes it doesn't. Consider this deal.
 North-South were using an artificial and strong two-club opening bid with two diamonds as a negative response. Since, by agreement, North's jump to three diamonds promised a five-card or longer suit headed by two of the three top honors, South elected to shoot out six no trump without further ado. Perhaps the desire to play the hand blinded

South to the possibility that six diamonds might be the best contract. Indeed, that slam would have been laydown with 100 honors to boot.
 West led the top of the heart sequence, taken in the closed hand with the king. The eight of diamonds was run and it held. Declarer continued with a diamond, and West followed suit. What inferences can be drawn from the play so far?
 If East is an average player, declarer can be fairly sure that West has the king and therefore should repeat the finesse. Place an expert defender on

the right, however, and no such conclusion can be drawn! A good defender in the East seat could easily hold off with king doubleton, since it is obvious that, if the king is taken, declarer will have more than enough tricks to get home. The holdup is virtually mandatory!
 Declarer knew East was a player of ability and capable of refusing the first diamond with a holding of K 6. But with no other guide declarer elected to follow the a priori odds favoring a 3-1 split and inserted the nine. Down two!



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Nobody steals the show from Seinfeld, except for the guy who stole his intercom

NEW YORK — No one steals the show from Jerry Seinfeld.

Security cameras caught some fans looting the set of "Seinfeld" a few days after the taping of the show's final episode on April 11, according to the latest issue of The New Yorker.

According to the magazine, writers and other staffers from a neighboring show sneaked onto the set at Studio City. They stole salt and pepper shakers from the coffee shop where the characters hang out. One person used a knife to pry the intercom from the wall in Jerry's apartment.

A few days later, one of the looters got a call from Seinfeld, who apparently wanted the intercom for his own collection of memorabilia.

"I am extremely angry," Seinfeld was quoted as saying.

The looter at first denied taking the intercom, The New Yorker said, but then fessed up and returned it. But he still has a Polaroid photograph of himself with the intercom.

LOS ANGELES — Thirty years after "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet," David Nelson is still working on building the perfect home.

Nelson, 61, and his wife, interior designer Yvonne Nelson, have put their Cape Cod-style home in Encino on the market for just over \$1 million and are building a new home in Newport Beach.

Nelson and his late brother, Ricky, starred with their parents, Ozzie and Harriet Nelson, in the TV show about a wholesome American family.

Nelson now directs commercials.

DETROIT — Michael Jackson may be taking his plans for a mega-casino project to Africa.

The pop superstar and Detroit millionaire Don Barden want to build a casino, hotel and theme park complex, and last week the two toured sites in Las Vegas and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Now they're headed to Africa.

"We have agreed to be partners but haven't decided where and to what extent," Barden said in Sunday's Detroit News. "We will have a major announcement."

Barden, the nation's only black casino operator, owns a riverboat casino in Jackson's hometown of Gary, Ind.

NEW YORK — It won't be just acting for David Benedict when he marries Fran Drescher and her boss Wednesday in the season finale of TV's "The Nanny."

The Long Island cantor has married people both on screen and off in his 45-year career. He performed the real-life weddings of Drescher's sister and the show's casting director. On screen, he officiated at a wedding in the 1969 movie "Goodbye, Columbus."

"It was a nice blend of fact and fiction to use a cantor on the show who had such close ties to the Drescher family," said Charles Shaughnessy, who plays Drescher's British boss, Maxwell Sheffield.

Benedict, 75, said "The Nanny" nuptials were the most fun of all the 7,700 weddings he has done.

"Fran Drescher is such a doll to work with," he said. "I just love her whining laugh."

LOS ANGELES — Martial-arts star Jackie Chan has bought a place where he can put his fast-flying feet up.

The 44-year-old action hero paid \$3 million for a gated four-bedroom home in Beverly Hills with a pool and a five-car garage, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

His newest movie, "Rush Hour," is scheduled to hit theaters in September.

LOS ANGELES — The late "Mission: Impossible" star Greg Morris is returning to the stage through his daughter.

Iona Morris, who appeared in the soap opera "As the World Turns," has written and stars in a one-woman tribute to her father.

"For You" is about his journey in the entertainment business. Morris, who died in 1996 at 61, was one of the few blacks in a dramatic TV series.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Syracuse University graduates probably felt all grown up at their commencement this year until they got serenaded with a nursery rhyme.

Author Robert Fulghum, whose best-selling books include "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," began his address at Sunday's ceremony by singing the children's song "Itsy-Bitsy Spider."

Fulghum said the song's metaphors teach the children the same lessons the 5,000 new graduates should apply to their lives — the possibilities of human discovery.

Fulghum ended his 14-minute remarks by urging the graduates to "keep thinking, keep thinking, for God's sake, keep thinking."

From Reporter-Telegram wire reports.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

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3 KMD 2	3	News 557	Wheel of Fortune	Home Improvement	Something to Watch
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7 KOS 7	7	News 5847	Grace Under Fire	JAG: Wedding Bell Blues 21184 (TV-14)	The 47th Miss Universe Pageant 94928 (TVG)
11 KWES 9	9	News 7913	Seinfeld 4473	Meet About You	Freddie 2909 Just Shoot Me
12 KMLM 42	12	Herald	J. Hayes	The Light of the Southwest 70102	Frontline: Inside the Tobacco Deal 35472
13 KOCV 36	13	The New Yorker With Jim Lehrer 7212	Secrets of Lost Empire: A Story of Misadventure	Frontline: Inside the Tobacco Deal 35472	Pennacoste: Wings of Gold 26184
14 KOCV 36	14	Business	Equal Time	Harvard With Chris Matthews 27295	The News With Brian Williams 27184
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16 WBS 11	16	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Trading Places (R, 1983) *** (Dolby Stereo) 44733	News 84096
17 FAM 14	17	Christy: A Closer Walk 56387	Rescue 911 101454 (TVG)	Diagnosis Murder 110102	Hawaii Five-O 107638 (TVG)
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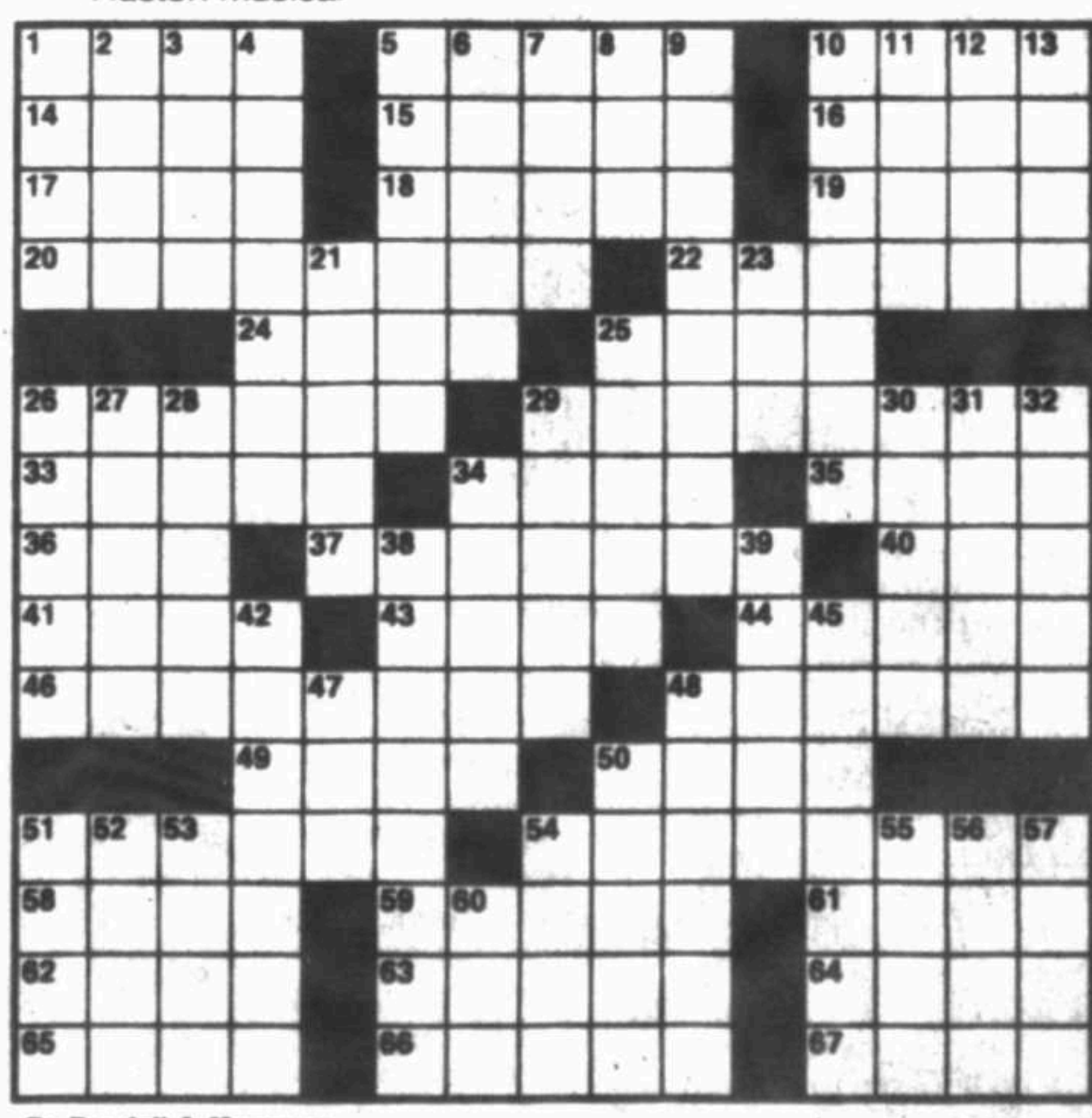
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Albright to meet Netanyahu in Washington

By Greg McDonald
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — President Clinton moved Monday to ease strained relations with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in hope of reviving Mideast peace negotiations by directing Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to meet with the Israeli leader this week during his visit to the United States.

Netanyahu, under pressure from Clinton to withdraw Israeli troops from 13 percent of the West Bank territory, rejected an invitation last week to meet at the White House with the president and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to discuss the U.S.-backed plan.

At a news conference Monday in Israel, Netanyahu reiterated that he does not plan to bow to U.S. pressure to turn over control of 13 percent of the West Bank to the Palestinian Authority, saying that "in matters of security, it is Israel that must decide." He said he plans to stress that position in meetings this week with the American Jewish community and members of Congress.

"I think this is the view shared by, frankly, the people of America, and I would like to believe, also the government of the United States," he said.

The Albright-Netanyahu meeting is scheduled for Wednesday in Washington. Clinton aides said the secretary would continue to press Israel to accept the U.S. terms of a 13 percent withdrawal as a condition of resuming the negotiations, which have been essentially deadlocked for more than a year. But they acknowledged that there may be some room for "clar-

ifications" on both the U.S. and Israeli positions.

Nonetheless, White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry said Clinton is "determined to move ahead consistent with the ideas that we've presented, and the prime minister is fully aware of that."

"This is an effort, determined effort on the part of the United States to see if we can't help both parties bridge the differences that exist between them," McCurry told reporters.

He denied suggestions from House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and others on Capitol Hill that the president has made a conscious decision to take the side of the Palestinians on the land issue.

"This is not us versus them. The president doesn't believe that this process is about pressure," McCurry said. "It's about helping them find the wisdom and the courage necessary to make difficult choices."

"The peace depends on it," McCurry said.

The Clinton administration presented its proposal that Israel give up 13 percent of the West Bank in talks last week between Netanyahu and Dennis Ross, Clinton's special envoy to the Middle East. In return for the withdrawal, which was meant to spur a resumption of Israeli-Palestinian talks on a permanent peace settlement, Arafat would be pressed to create a significant anti-terrorism operation designed to end attacks on Israel. The operation would include the arrest of militant Palestinians and the destruction of the infrastructure used by terrorists within the territory now controlled by Arafat to launch his attacks on Israel.

Netanyahu has indicated a willingness to

accept an 11 percent withdrawal from the West Bank, which is 2 percent more than his hard-line Cabinet ministers have said would be acceptable. Israeli officials say giving up any more than 9 percent will endanger the lives of more than 150,000 Jewish settlers in the West Bank.

The proposal by Clinton was immediately labeled a pressure tactic by Israeli supporters, who sent Clinton a letter over the weekend urging him to back off. In response, the administration noted that its proposal was closer to the Israeli position than the Palestinian negotiating stance. Arafat, for example, has been pressing for Israel to give up 30 percent of the West Bank as condition for reaching a final settlement.

That hasn't stopped the criticism, however, particularly from Republicans who are facing tough re-election fights this November.

"The Clinton-Gore administration is in danger of being seen as the most anti-Israel administration in my lifetime," said Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y.

In an effort to make his case against the Clinton proposal, Netanyahu will meet with members of Congress, and with American Jewish leaders, in hopes of putting pressure of his own on Clinton. But it could be difficult, since recent polls on the issue indicate that most Americans don't think Clinton has put enough pressure on either the Israeli or Palestinian sides to resolve their differences.

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Convicted top soldier to get retirement pay

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army's former top enlisted soldier will get full retirement pay despite his conviction for obstructing justice in a sexual harassment case, his lawyer and a Pentagon spokesman said Monday.

A military jury reduced Gene McKinney by one rank to master sergeant and cut his pay after his conviction in March. Six military women accused the former sergeant major of the Army of groping them or using his position to pressure them for sex.

He was acquitted of 18 of 19 charges. McKinney, a 29-year Army veteran, took the stand at his six-week court-martial to deny all wrongdoing and ask the jury to let him retire with dignity.

Ordinarily, the jury's decision would mean McKinney is eligible for about \$28,000 in annual retirement pay based on his new, lower rank and salary. But Pentagon lawyers concluded late last week that he is eligible for about \$10,300 more because he once served as sergeant major of the Army, an Army spokesman said.

"There is a unique provision of the law that is applicable in master sergeant McKinney's case," Pentagon spokesman Col. Dick Bridges said.

A law intended to protect those who rise to the top enlisted posts in all military branches but are not ready for retirement also applies to McKinney, said his defense lawyer, Charles Gittins.

"The law is pretty clear. If you were sergeant major of the Army, you get sergeant major of the Army pay," Gittins said. McKinney learned of the decision Monday, Gittins said.

McKinney, 47, is still on active

duty but has asked to retire in September.

McKinney lost some pay when he was removed as sergeant major of the Army last year, and lost an additional \$400 monthly when the jury reduced him from the rank of sergeant major.

Career soldiers like McKinney are typically eligible for up to 75 percent of their annual salary in retirement pay.

But the 1986 law spells out that anyone who serves in the top enlisted post will not be penalized in retirement if they leave the top post and take a lesser-paying military job.

The law does not distinguish between those who leave the post voluntarily and those who are forced out or demoted.

The judge at McKinney's court-martial did not tell the jury about the law, which prosecutors said might not apply to someone charged with a crime. After the trial, Army prosecutors asked the Pentagon general counsel to decide whether the law applied, Gittins said.

Attorney Eugene Fidell, president of the National Institute of Military Justice, said Congress did not consider the prospect of a case like McKinney's when writing the law.

"I think it's also fair to assume that this represents a frustration of the jury's intent and maybe it suggests that truth in sentencing may not have been fully served in this case," Fidell said.

Gittins has always contended McKinney was eligible for full retirement benefits regardless of what happened in court. He planned a federal court challenge if the Pentagon had ruled against McKinney, he said.

Red Cross to introduce new blood collecting system

N.Y. Times Service

Soon, there will be no more prickly jabs at fingers or ear lobes and far less "I hate needles" whimpering from willing, yet hesitant, horizontal blood donors.

Taking the worry and wincing out of blood donation is a present the American Red Cross is giving donors and itself during its 50th anniversary year.

After seven years of exhaustive research — and a federal mandate to upgrade — the Red Cross has overhauled its system of collecting, managing and delivering blood. Dubbed, the "Transformation," the \$287 million effort is aimed at bolstering the safety of the nation's blood supply to reassure those giving and receiving the pint-sized red bags of life.

On a media tour to promote its biomedical milestone and golden anniversary, Red Cross president Elizabeth Dole spoke in Atlanta Monday about the high-tech transfusion of equipment, laboratories and organizational mission.

"The accomplishment is a great, triumphant victory in our common endeavor to expand what is possible in health care," Dole told the gathering of 250 local dignitaries, business leaders and local Red Cross "heroes" gathered at CNN's "Talk Back Live" set.

Some of the innovations are

expected to be at blood-drive sites by year's end; others are still being considered by the Red Cross. Among them: A Hemoscan, the trademark name of a new computerized imaging device that looks into a person's mouth at the blood flowing through tiny capillaries and measures hemoglobin and hematocrit. By looking at a screen with instant results, Red Cross health workers don't need to draw a blood sample with a finger or ear lobe prick.

Invented by the Philadelphia company, Cytometrics, the device is expected to be commercially available next year and may radically change the way complete blood counts tests are done in doctors' offices. Red Cross has already signed on to use the Hemoscan to check whether potential donors are anemic.

Another product, called "Numby Stuff," by the IOMED company, eliminates the pain of a needle stick by delivering an anesthetic medication into the skin with low-level electrical currents from a small battery pack. After wearing the device for 10-15 minutes, a small section of a person's arm becomes numb, and consequently, dumb to a needle puncture.

A scan of a person's eye, originally invented to be used at automatic-teller machines for identi-

cation, is also being considered by the Red Cross as a way to eliminate its lengthy donor questionnaires. The scan would immediately provide a positive identification for previous donors.

The American Red Cross, a non-profit, mostly volunteer agency, supplies nearly half the nation's blood to 3,000 hospitals. About 20,000 people daily receive the blood, plasma and tissue products collected at hundreds of schools, works sites and other locations. Started as a relief effort to save soldiers during World War II, blood banks of the Red Cross almost came to a halt 40 years later during the nation's worry over blood-borne diseases, such as AIDS and hepatitis.

When Dole took over the agency's reins in 1991, the fear of contamination of America's blood supply

was so great, even she admitted there were days when she thought Red Cross blood drives would be a thing of the past. Instead, the agency hired a quality assurance leader, consulted the nation's top scientists and created a safeguard system.

In 1991, an American's risk of HIV transmission from a blood transfusion was one in 220,000. Today, it's nearly one in 700,000 — more than a three-fold reduction in risk," she said.



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Hank the Cowdog Chapter 7 Slim Serves Her Green Bean Juice

(In the previous chapter, Hank the Cowdog was in heaven as Miss Viola came to visit Slim, the ranch hand. It becomes obvious that Slim is far from being the world's best housekeeper. And when he offers Miss Viola coffee, there is more embarrassment. She asks for cream and sugar. But, there are ants in the sugar, and Miss Viola raises her eyebrow when she sees the date on the milk carton.)

Slim must have noticed, too. "Something wrong?" "Did you buy this recently?" "Well, yeah, last time I went to the store, must have been last week or the week before Why?"

"Oh, the date shows April 13." Slim squinted at the numbers. "Two months ago? Boy, these days sure run together, don't they? Maybe you'd better not use it."

"That's fine, Slim. I don't need the calories anyway." She took a sip of her coffee and, fellers, there for a second I thought she was going to jump out of her chair. She coughed and stared

into the cup.

"Slim, I don't believe this is coffee." "Really?" He took a slurp of his. "By golly, it ain't. You don't reckon I poured the green bean juice into the coffee pot, do you?" He sampled it again. "Yep, that's what I done, all right. I hated to waste it, you know, and couldn't find a clean jar to put it in, so I just ... here, let me brew us up a cup of coffee from scratch."

"Oh no, I can't stay that long. Actually, I was just passing by on my way home, and, well ... Her eyes wandered up to the ceiling. "... my car started acting up. It came on all of a sudden, and I wondered if you might have the time to look at it."

"Why yes, I'd be glad to. I'm no mechanical genius, but I work cheap." He slapped his hands down on his knees and pushed himself out of the chair. That wasn't as easy as it might sound because the cushion in that old chair just about swallowed anybody who sat in it.

He offered her a hand and helped her up. "Viola, I want you to know that I've never served green bean juice to a lady before. I'm sure sorry about that, but maybe I can fix your car."

"That would be wonderful."

"Me and kitchens don't get along so good." She smiled. "Slim, what you need is..."

"Yeah, I need a clean mason jar to hold my green bean juice." He headed for the door. Miss Viola lingered for a moment, and I'm almost sure that I saw her smile.

When we got outside, Slim already had the hood up on Miss Viola's car. He had his elbows propped on the fender and was staring at the motor with a dark expression on his face.

"Start 'er up and we'd see what she says."

Miss Viola climbed under the wheel and started the motor. Slim cocked his ear and listened. "Yep, I can hear it. It's got a knock in the motor, all right, and it sounds pretty serious."

"Oh, surely it's something simple. It happened all at once."

"I know, but that's how all these problems start. Kill it and let me check the oil."

She turned it off and came around to watch. Slim reached into the motor and came out with the dipstick. I knew what was coming. I looked around for Drover, but the little dummy had stayed inside.

"Hank, come here."

Well, there was nothing I could do but answer the call of duty. I stepped forward and offered my ear to the cause. He wiped the dipstick on my left ear, said, "Good dog," and plunged it back into the motor.

The dipstick, not my ear. Miss Viola seemed to think this was funny. "Do you always wipe the dipstick on Hank's ear?"

"Most usually. I've used the hair on his back before but the car is better." He brought the dipstick out again and squinted at it. "It saves going for a rag or using my jeans. Huh. Oil's OK. Maybe the oil pump's gone bad. We'd better tow it to town and get a mechanic to look at it."

"Oh my, surely it's not that bad."

"Yes ma'am, it sounded pretty bad to me."

She pressed her lips together. "But Slim, shouldn't you always start with the simplest explanation first? A loose wire or something?"

"Well, yes, but when your engine is missing like this one is, you can pretty well be sure that it's something serious."

"Now it seems to me that I've heard Daddy say something about loose wires."



"Yes, ma'am, you do have wires and sometimes they get loose. But they don't make the kind of sound this one is making. This motor's got big troubles and we might as well find the nylon tow rope and start for town."

She placed her hands on her hips. "Slim, I'm just sure it's not as bad as you think. It ran 'til ... well, it didn't start making that funny noise until I reached your mailbox. Maybe if I started it again, you could check it one more time."

"Well, I guess we could, but I'm pretty sure we're looking at a major overhaul here. Fire it up."

Miss Viola started the car again, but this time she got out and left it running. She joined Slim and they listened to it together.

"What is that clicking sound?" she asked.

"Oh, it could be a busted crankshaft or push rods or a scalded piston. It ain't good, I can tell you that."

"Oh dear." She frowned at the motor for a moment. "Slim, what is that little thing there?"

"What thing?" He learned over the fender. "That's a spark plug wire."

"And ... does it do anything?"

"Oh, sure, yeah. You've got to have your spark plug wires and ... you know, that thing's worked loose."

Miss Viola looked away. "My goodness."

"Here, I'll just..." He reached in and took hold of the spark plug wire. That turned out to be a big mistake.

Wednesday: A Shocking Experience

Kids, come by the Midland Reporter-Telegram or Barnes & Noble Bookstore today and pick up a free "blank book" to collect all 11 chapters of *The Case of the Dancing Cowboy*. Then, bring your completed book to Barnes and Noble Bookstores and show one of our "Hank Spotters" to be registered for the drawing for a gift certificate.

DEAR ABBY

Commitment is not marriage in eyes of religion and law

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the advice you gave to "Upset in Tennessee," whose son was unhappy that his live-in was not considered a part of the family.



Van Buren

You are so right about this arrangement not being sanctioned by religions, and that the right to inherit property, the right to collect their Social Security benefits, share in lower cost on insurance and to make medical decisions are not allowed couples who are not legally married. The live-in may even be barred from the beloved's hospital room.

Abby, I have lived with a man for 40 years. We have paid our taxes; raised two fine children who are now responsible, loving, law-abiding adults; volunteered when our community needed us; attended church regularly; and yet we never married.

I have read your column for years and was often amazed by the advice you have given your readers. I seldom disagreed with it. But this time I was astounded by your answer because it stated in print what gays have been fighting for so loudly over the past decades.

Oh, did I forget to mention that my live-in and I are gay? — SANTA CLARITA, CALIF. READER

DEAR SANTA CLARITA READER: I am in favor of committed relationships, regardless of the sexes of the individuals. I think what makes religious conservatives uncomfortable at the notion of same-sex committed partnerships is the term "marriage." Call it what you will, legally recognized domestic partnerships carrying equal legal entitlements should be available to everyone. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to "Upset in Tennessee," who refuses to recognize her son's "live-in" because the two are not married.

I have a slightly different twist

to the story. I am a gay man in my 40s and have been in two long-term relationships. The first was for 12 wonderful years and ended in 1990 when my partner died. When he and I visited my parents at the same time my brother and his live-in girlfriend did, my mother showed my brother and his girlfriend to separate bedrooms, but showed my partner and me to the same bedroom.

My brother was upset and asked, "Mother, why are you making us sleep in separate rooms and letting 'Jim' and 'Doug' share the same room?" Mother responded: "If Jim and Doug could be married, they would be, so in my eyes, they are married. You, on the other hand, CHOOSE not to be married and therefore, under my roof, you will abide by my rules."

Abby, I wish the law and society were as wise and understanding as my parents.

I agree that people who love each other and have a committed relationship should be married, and I wish I could marry the person I love and have lived with for six years. But until society can accept our love, I guess we will have to be without benefit of the "cheap piece of paper." As it stands, if he becomes ill and hospitalized, I may not even be allowed to visit him.

Thanks, Abby, for hearing me out. I wish I COULD "make it legal." — MARRIED IN MY HEART

DEAR MARRIED: Your mother is a woman with great insight and compassion. And I hope that one day soon your wish is granted.

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SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

BASEBALL — Boston Red Sox at Texas Rangers, 1:30 p.m., FSS.
Florida Marlins at Houston Astros, 7 p.m., FSS.

NHL PLAYOFFS — Conference semifinals, game 3, Detroit Red Wings at St. Louis Blues, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.

NBA PLAYOFFS — Conference semifinals, San Antonio Spurs at Utah Jazz, 7 p.m., TNT.
Los Angeles Lakers at Seattle SuperSonics, 9:30 p.m., TNT.

BOXING — Champion Otis Grant (30-1-1) vs. Ernesto Sensa (34-9-3) for WBO middleweight championship; lightweights, Billy Irwin (23-1-0) vs. Ahmed Santos (20-2-3), 8 p.m., USA.

Texas Scores

TEXAS LEAGUE — Arkansas Travelers 9, Midland Angels 8.

PREP BASEBALL — TAPPS 4A quarterfinal, Midland Christian 14, Dallas Liberty Christian 6.

BASEBALL — Texas Rangers 8, Boston Red Sox 2.

Houston Astros 5, Florida Marlins 2.

NHL PLAYOFFS — Dallas Stars 1, Edmonton Oilers 0, OT.

Sports Today

UIL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS — Golf, Class 4A boys and girls, Roy Kizer Golf Course.

Tennis, Class 4A and 5A boys and girls, Penick-Alison Tennis Center.

PREP SOFTBALL — TAPPS 4A quarterfinal, Midland Christian vs. Tyler T.K. Gorman, 4:30 p.m., Stephenville Parks and Recreation Complex.

TEXAS LEAGUE — Midland Angels vs. Arkansas Travelers, 7 p.m., Christensen Stadium. **RADIO:** KCRS (AM 550).

MC ranked No. 3

The Midland College golf team will go into the national tournament, ranked third in the nation behind No. 1 Wallace College of Dothan, Ala., and No. 2 Scottsdale College (Ariz.).

Midland College rolls into nationals — which will be held on Wallace College's home course, the Robert Trent Jones Highland Resort in Dothan — as the region champs for the seventh straight year. The Chaps are looking for their third title in the 1990s.

Midland College is one of two Western Junior College Athletic Conference schools in the top 15. New Mexico Junior College is tied for seventh.

Also, MC's Kenneth Ferris was selected as one of the top players in the nation.

The final spring NJCAA Golf Coaches Association poll.

Rank	Team	Pls
1.	Wallace College	74
2.	Scottsdale CC	71
3.	Midland College	65
4.	Nevada College	60
5.	Central Alabama	55
6.	Lon Morris (Tx)	50
7.	NJAU	40
8.	Central Arizona	40
9.	Butler Co. CC	35
10.	Wallace State CC	28

MC's sensational 6

Midland College's Kenneth Ferris was one of a record six Chaps named to the Western Junior College Athletic Conference All-Conference golf team during a season when the Chaps won its 10th conference championship.

Ferris became the sixth MC medalist, joining Steven Young, Graham Davidson, Jason Brooks, Chad Campbell and Dean Robertson. Ferris claimed the outright title by one stroke over New Mexico Junior College's Lee Curry. Ferris had a stroke average of 71.46. Curry's was 71.54.

Mark Loftus was third (72.35), Nathan Goulding fourth (72.69), Charlie Prince fifth (73.15), Fraser McLaughlin eighth (74.00) and Josh Jacobs tied for ninth (74.23).

El Paso scrimmage

EL PASO — The Oakland Raiders and the Dallas Cowboys will scrimmage on Thursday night, Aug. 8, in the 52,000-seat Sun Bowl.

The Cowboys drew 43,000 last year when they scrimmaged the San Diego Chargers. Dallas and Houston drew 51,118 fans in 1996.

"The Raiders have been a visible part of our training camp for several years now," said Dallas owner Jerry Jones. "The opportunity to face them in a scrimmage provides our team with a decent test at an important part of our camp."

The Cowboys will train in Wichita Falls this year beginning in mid-July. The scrimmage will start at 7:30 p.m. after a 30-minute performance by the Cowboys cheerleaders.

Leaping obstacles into state

■ Lee sophomore T.J. Glover reaches peak at regionals to earn berth in Austin.

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

T.J. Glover's rise to prominence as the best triple jumper in the region and one of the best in the state did not come by accident and did not happen overnight.

It just seemed that way. The sophomore at Midland Lee quietly went about his business, improving gradually every week en route to a spot in the UIL Track Championships Saturday at Darrell Royal Memorial Stadium in Austin.

"I surprised a lot of people. I surprised myself really," said Glover, who follows Dreyfus Andrews as the second Rebel triple jumper to qualify for the state meet. Last year, Andrews also won the region meet, setting a new record in the process before placing second at state.

Glover's start toward this breakout year, starting with a hop, skip and a jump of 41 feet, 11 inches.

It was a mark which was not bad for a sophomore in his first varsity meet, but unthinkable now and nowhere near the length he would need to be considered as a district contender, let alone regional contender. In fact, he jumped better as a freshman at Lee Freshman High School, leaping 42-4 at the Midland-Odessa Championships.

However, over a period of one month, Glover improved ever so gradually at first and then to the point where he was becoming noticed.

At Levelland in the first week of April, Glover went 45-6, his best career-best mark, to win. He has not lost since, taking home Tall City Relays, District 4-5A and Region I-5A titles along the way.

At the I-5A meet, the breakthrough was apparent. Glover nailed five of his six jumps beyond that previous best of 45-6 and three over 47 feet. His last jump of the competition was 48-0, which was an improvement of 6-feet, 1-inch from his farthest in the first meet of the year.

"He has set realistic goals," said Midland Lee assistant track coach Michael Meeks, who works with Glover. "First it was 45 (feet) then, he goes 46. Forty-nine feet is next."

The region meet was also important because Glover was challenged and answered it, undauntedly. In the final round, Lubbock Coronado's Trey Ivory matched Glover's 47-1 best jump, leaving Glover one jump to win the title outright.

He did so, **soaring 48-0**, which meant he surpassed his previous personal-best mark before the I-5A meet by 2 1/2 feet.

"I don't think there was any doubt in my mind that would jump past 47-1. It was a matter of seeing how much farther he would have to jump," Meeks said.

"Everyone was on the edge of their seats wondering what he would do next. He had PRed (record personal records in) five of his six jumps."

"I thought something was going to happen," Glover said. "I prayed about it and asked God to give me extra strength and extra faith to go with my leap so, I could have a 'leap of faith,' which is what I wore on the back of my shirt."

Glover said later that claiming the title will play a factor as far as the mental advantage of being the region champ. He also said that hitting the 48-foot mark was

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Midland Lee sophomore T.J. Glover has improved with each meet this season, and won the Region I-5A meet with a leap of 48 feet. Glover is the second straight Lee triple jumper to qualify for the state meet after Dreyfus Andrews last year.

■ Qualifying in hurdles merely latest athletic conquest of Andrews' Shaud Williams.

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

When you play high school football in West Texas, the spotlight is something you get used to. When your resume includes being one of the top running backs in the state over the past two years, the pressure to succeed usually is no greater than that you put on yourself.

However, this weekend in front of a crowd bigger than any he's performed in front of, Andrews' Shaud Williams will not be wearing a helmet and carrying a pigskin but wearing his track spikes and carrying the dreams of a state title in the 110-meter high hurdles.

Williams will compete against the best Friday night at the UIL Class 4A Track and Field Championships.

"It is a great feeling," said Williams of going to the state meet for the second time in three years. "It is awesome to run in front of thousands and thousands of people. It takes your breath away to look up there and see so many people."

Williams, who has rushed for over 4,600 yards on the football field over the last two years, says the love for football still tops his list but performing at the state track meet is second on the list — a close second.

"Friday night under the lights is the best. That is a great feeling, strapping on the gold helmet," Williams said. "The state track meet comes pretty close. It ranks up there at the top of my list as one of the greatest feelings."

It was an experience that escaped him as a sophomore as his state dreams disappeared after he fell to the track in the regional meet.

"If you hurdle long enough you are going to fall," Andrews track Dirk Wright said. "Anyone who hasn't fallen hasn't been hurdling long. I just hate it happened at the regional meet."

After a disappointing ending to his 1997 season, Williams came back with vengeance. All year, he has ranked among the best runners in West Texas and the region in the 110 and 300 hurdles.

At the District 4-4A meet, he made a strong statement with wins in both races. In the 110s, he broke the district record with a 13.84.

At regions, however, Williams again suffered the fate of a hurdle fall, this time in the 300 preliminaries. The fall left him left just the 110s on Saturday. He responded, not cautiously like a hurdler feeling the pressure of consecutive falls, but with the region title.

"I didn't think about falling," said Williams of the 110 hurdle finals. "I had only one more chance to go to state. (The fall) motivated me more to win the high hurdles."

Wright said Williams' own desire to post a best preliminary time led to the 300 hurdle fall, and although disappointing, it shows what type of competitor Williams is.

"He wants the best time in the preliminaries. He will not back off," Wright said. "That is not him. He wants to be the best."

"I told him the good times will come if he does relax, he wants to muscle it. He is that type of competitor."

It is not like track has been his only stage for success. Williams, who stands 5-foot, 8 inches and 170 pounds, is a four-sport athlete.

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Travelers hang eight late to beat Angels

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The road warrior Travelers from Arkansas struck in a big way Monday night at Christensen Stadium.

Down 8-1 in the eighth inning, the Travelers smashed three home runs on the way to an eight-run inning and a 9-8 come-from-behind win against the Midland Angels. The Travelers have now won six out of eight games on their current road trip.

"I've got to tip my hat off to our guys, they never quit," said Arkansas manager Chris Maloney. "That's something a manager has to really love about this



team. They keep fighting until the end." Angels starter Rob Bonanno seemed to be cruising along through seven innings until the dreaded eighth came along.

Adam Kennedy started the frame with a solo shot to right field. Tyrone Horne then singled and Mike Hardge drew a walk to chase Bonanno to the dugout. Juan Alvarez came on in relief and got a rather rude welcome by Arkansas' Chris Haas, who blasted a three-run shot to dead-center field and cut the Angels' lead to 8-5 with no outs.

Alvarez wouldn't have much luck cooling off the Travelers as he walked Jason LaRiviere and gave up a single by Stacy Kleiner. Alvarez was gone after three batters in favor of Danny Greene, the third Angel hurler of the inning. Greene also ended up getting a rude welcome — this time by Greg Almond, who hit his first home run of the year with a three-run blast to right field.

Stubby Clapp, a former Texas Tech second baseman, then singled and was

later brought home off a Horne single for the winning run. In all, the Travelers racked up eight runs on seven hits and drew two walks in the eighth to end up with the dramatic win. Greene ended up with the loss as he fell to 0-1.

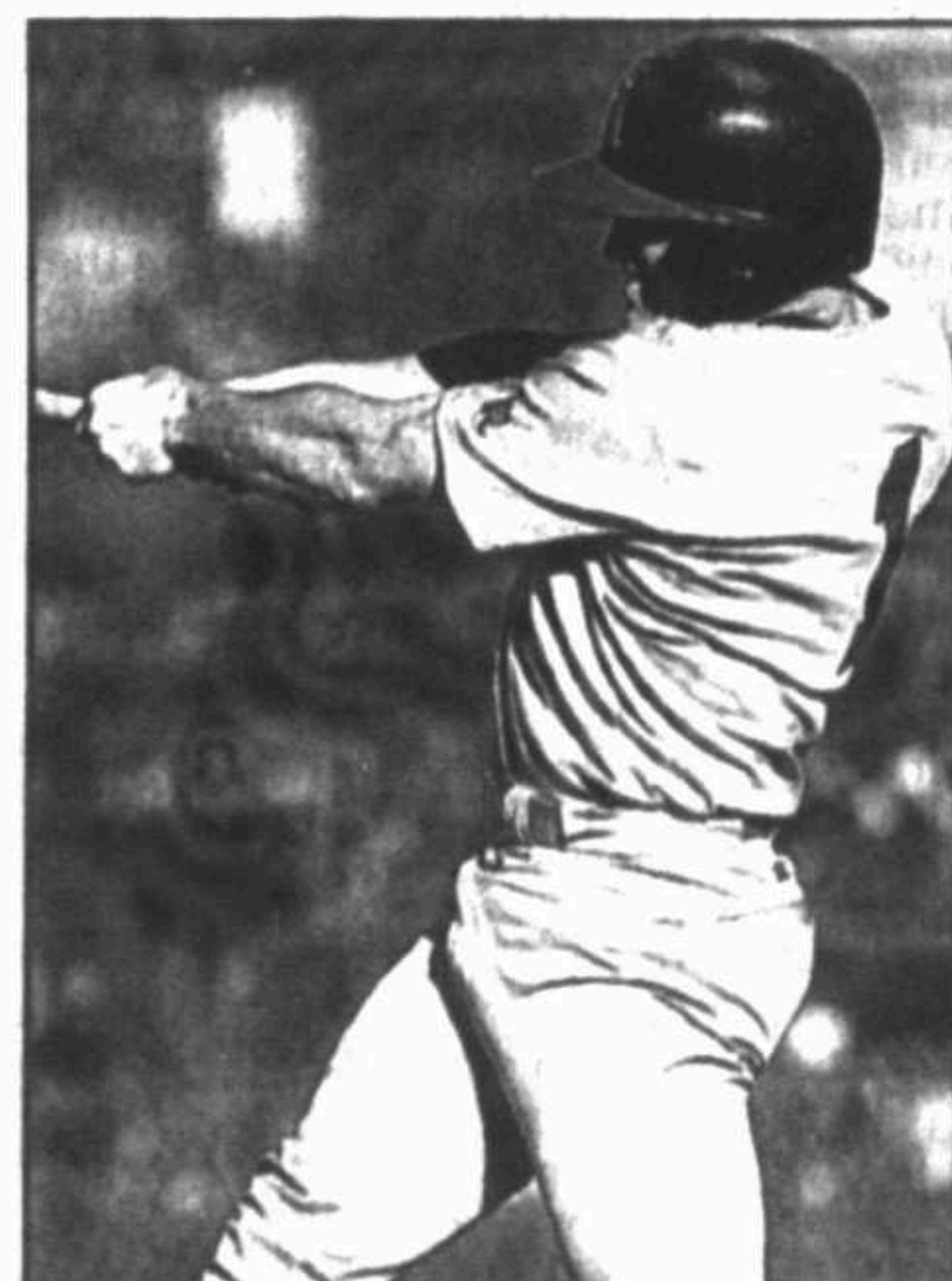
Arkansas' Matt Jarvis (3-1) picked up the win, while Rick Heiserman recorded his ninth save with a shutout ninth inning.

"It definitely was a team effort tonight," said Haas, who had two home runs on the night, including an inside-the-park shot in the second inning. "Our manager said 'Just get a good quality at-bat in the eighth inning.' Everybody went up there and concentrated, and we all came through."

"Rob (Bonanno) pitched a great game. He kept us off-balance all night."

The outburst by Arkansas shouldn't have come as such a surprise as the Travelers have scored 30 runs off 41 hits

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Arkansas' Stubby Clapp, a former Texas Tech player, singles to lead off the game Monday against the Midland Angels. The Angels lost 9-8.

Nobles, Mitchell win MHS honors

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor



Spring Sports Banquet

Midland High seniors Ross Nobles and Jodie Mitchell were honored as the top athletes for the 1997-98 school year at the annual Midland High Spring Sports Banquet Monday night at Chaparral Center.

Nobles was a starting guard for Midland High's Class 5A state champion basketball team and also is a starter in centerfield and the leadoff hitter for the Midland High's baseball team which is currently preparing for the area round of the Region I-5A playoffs. Nobles started on two district championship squads as the MHS baseball team won a co-

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Ablene Wylie's John Parker Briley tees off during the class 3A UIL State Golf Championships Monday in Austin. Lake Travis led the 3A team competition after the first round.

Anderson leads 4A, Gibson 2nd

By Chip Brown
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Troy Matteson fired a 67, helping defending champion Austin Anderson take the first-round lead in the boys' Class 4A state golf competition on Monday.

The two-round state championship got underway in Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A on Monday with final-round action to be completed on Tuesday. The 5A state championship begins on Thursday.

In boys' 4A, Austin Anderson fired a team total 283 for an eight-shot lead over Dallas Highland Park (291). McKinney, last year's runner-up, was

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Big Spring's Li makes UIL boys tennis finals

Staff and Wire Report

AUSTIN — Big Spring's Hsian-Hsuan Li will get a chance to play for the state title.

The senior, who has qualified for four UIL Class 4A state tennis tournaments, made the fourth time the charm, reaching the state finals Monday with wins over Mission's Matthew Toney and Texas City's John Pontikas.

In the past three years, Li had reached the semifinals two times. Last year, Li fell in the quarters. On Monday, the senior defeated Matthew Toney of Mission Sharyland 6-7, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5). Li defeated Pontikas in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

Li will play in the finals against Justin Hunter of Southlake Carroll.

Hunter beat Ed Pacheco of San Antonio Alamo Heights 2-6, 7-5, 6-0 in the other semifinal.

Big Spring's other state qualifier, Monica Villarreal defeated Laura Byrne, of Friendswood Clear Brook, 6-2, 6-2 in the quarterfinals before falling to Berica Day of San Antonio Alamo Heights in the semis.

Prakash Venkataraman of Sugar Land Clements, who won two consecutive Class 5A

state doubles titles, will now contend for his first state singles championship.

State championship quarterfinal and semifinal action got underway Monday in Classes 4A and 5A. Classes 1A, 2A and 3A start Friday.

Venkataraman paired with Thomas Will at Sugar Land Clements for the boys' 5A doubles title, but Will graduated last year. Venkataraman, who defeated John Walker of South Garland 6-0, 6-3 in the semifinals, will play against Ryan Newport of Houston Cypress Fairbanks.

Newport defeated Jeremy Earl of Lubbock Coronado 6-2, 6-7, 6-1 in the other semifinal.

In girls' 5A singles, Kaysie Smashey of El Paso Franklin is also a two-time doubles state titleist who will now vie for her first state singles crown.

This year, she defeated Rebekah Forney of New Braunfels 5-7, 6-2, 6-1 in the quarterfinals before beating Natalie Briaud of College Station A&M Consolidated 6-3, 6-0 in the semifinals.

Smashey will play Allison Ojeda of San Antonio MacArthur, who beat Lindsay Deason of El Paso Franklin 6-3, 6-2 in the other semifinal.

In boys' 5A doubles, Mitch Aston and Cody Chapman of Abilene knocked off Jamin Thompson and Sean Fifeid of Round Rock

Westwood 6-2, 6-2 in the semifinals to earn a berth in the final against Scott Mayer and Mike Garcia of San Antonio Churchill.

Mayer and Garcia defeated Mark Merrell and Ryan Scott of Katy Taylor in the other semifinal 6-0, 6-1, 6-3.

In girls' 5A doubles, Saber Pierce and Lauren Walker reached the finals with a 6-4, 6-4 semifinal victory over Tiffany Chang and Courtney Jantz of Klein.

Ashley and Lindsey Hedberg, twin sisters from Round Rock Westwood, also reached the final with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Brook Gray and Tiffany Burgess of Wichita Falls Rider.

In girls' 4A singles, Kendall Cline of Dallas Highland Park will face Day in the finals. Cline defeated Jana Zelenka of Keller Fossil Ridge 6-3, 2-6, 6-1 in one semifinal.

In boys' 4A doubles, Wills Clinton and Hayden Hodges of Dallas Highland Park will play in the final against Scotter Gillen and Stryker Autry of Wichita Falls.

In girls' 4A doubles, Abby Ulrich and Andrea Ulrich of Wichita Falls will play in Tuesday's final against Alison Bradley and Elly Motloch of Dallas Highland Park.

ANGELS: Travelers hit three HRs in decisive 8th

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in the three games played with the Angels.

"The middle of the order with Horne and Hodge have really been carrying us this last series," Haas said. "When you come on this road trip, your goal is to be .500 at the end of it. We're battling and going nose-to-nose, and the guys are pulling off each other, especially in the eighth inning."

The Angels took the lead in the game with a four-run first inning, highlighted by a two-run single by Matt Curtis.

Midland added two more runs in the fourth and got two more in the eighth with a Troy Glaus blast to dead-center. Glaus went 2-for-2 on the night and broke a rare 0-for-6 slump.

Tonight, the Angels send left-hander Matt Beaumont (2-1, 2.38 ERA) to the mound against Arkansas' Clint Weib (4-1, 4.26), a former Odessa College Wrangler.

ANGEL NOTES: Beaumont gets his first start of the year because Ramon Ortiz has been sent to the disabled list. Speaking of the DL, second baseman Trent Durrington is also there because of

a hand injury. Because of injuries, Freddy Diaz, who graced Christensen Stadium for a brief time last year, has been sent down from AAA Vancouver. Just a reminder: Wednesday's game is at 11 a.m. because of D.A.R.E. graduation happening right before the contest between the Angels and Arkansas.

Arkansas	Travelers	Midland	Angels
ab	r	h	b
Clapp 2b	5	1	4
McEwing cf	4	0	0
Kennedy ss	5	1	1
Horne lf	5	1	3
Garcia cf	0	0	0
Hodge 1b	4	1	0
Haas 3b	5	2	4

LaRiviere	r	h	b	Curtis	r	h	b
Dunnington dh	3	0	0	Dalton lf	4	1	0
Kleiner dh	2	1	0	Abott ss	4	0	0
Schmidt c	3	0	2				
Almond c	1	1	3				
Totals	40	9	15	Totals	33	8	12
Arkansas				Midland			
E — Kennedy (5), Haas (6)	DP — Arkansas 2	LOB —					
Arkansas 8, Midland 3, 2B —	Betten (4), Clapp (7),						
Hodge (6), Lulio (5), HR —	Haas 2, (7), Glaus (17),						
Kennedy (3), Almond (1), SB —	Hutchins (17), CS —						
Hutchins (3), SF — Glaus							

MHS: School celebrates successful sports year

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championship with Abilene High. Mitchell was a first team All-District soccer star, who was third in district scoring and led the district in assists and an MHS team captain on this year's girls soccer playoff team. She will attend Texas A&M on a soccer scholarship. She also played two years of varsity basketball before deciding to concentrate on soccer.

These two highlighted a night full of honors as MHS celebrated one of its most impressive sports years in history, including the state title in basketball, the first in school history. Midland High competed in 17 girls and boys team sports (not including football, which held its banquet earlier) and 10 of those teams either made the state playoffs or had individuals

advance beyond the district level of play.

Neil Richmond, MHS principal, set the tone for the night and for next year saying, "This year our motto was 'Whatever it takes.' Next year our motto will be 'Tell 'em we're coming.'"

Army and Marines representatives also presented special awards. The Army presented the All You Can Be Award to track and football star Luke Hardaway and track star Shai Simpson, both region track qualifiers. The Marines presented the Distinguished Athlete Award to Alicia Kirk of both softball and volleyball and Camar Jackson of football and basketball.

The Top Dawg Award, given to a significant MHS supporter, went this year to Mike Attnip.

Each sport introduced its varsity athletes, and in many cases, gave individual awards. The following is a list of awards given Monday night at the banquet.

Girls Track	Boys Soccer
Most Improved: Dozier and Jones	Most Improved: Quilan Harris, Michael Armet (tie)
Track Purple Heart: Sara Holland	Scholarship: Laurie Haas, Doug Prete
Most Improved: Jason Skinner	Fighting Heart: Lindsey Hansen
MVP: Stephanie Hansen (freshman)	Top Senior: Bobby Jones
Girls Golf	MVP: Clayton Vandergriff (Male), Toffee Wilson (Female)
Most Improved: Jordan Braun	
Fighting Heart: Chris Van Huse	
Scholarship: Van Huse (\$2,500)	
Top Senior: Kevin Smith	
Top Junior: Matt Davis	
Top Sophomore: Zach Gault	
Top Freshman: Jason Lindgren	
Bulldog Award: Meah Malouf	
MVP: Lindgren	

GOLF: Andrews sits sixth in 4A, Gibson second

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tied for third with Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson at 297.

Andrews sat in sixth place after the first day with a score of 304.

The four-under par round by Matteson, a Texas signee, was the lowest round of all four classes — boys and girls — competing on Monday. He was followed by Brad Gibson of Andrews and Hunter Mahan of McKinney who each shot 69.

In girls' Class 4A, Dallas Highland Park fired a 309 and had a 20-stroke lead over defending champion Snyder (329) after the first round. Montgomery was third with a 340.

Maiko Senda of Dallas Highland Park had the first-round lead in the medalist competition with an even-par 71, followed by Michaelen Morgan of Austin McCallum (74) and Ashley Mitchell of Coppell (75).

In boys' 3A, defending champion Austin Lake Travis had a team

total of 298 for a four-shot first round lead over Mexia (302) and a 12-stroke lead over Texarkana Pleasant Grove (310), last year's runner-up.

Lake Travis was bolstered by first-round leaders Matt Fain and Robbie Holzman, who shared the lead after each shooting an even-par 71. Jerry Lott of Lake Travis was tied for second place with defending medalist champion Ryan Hancock of Mexia at 73.

In girls' 3A, defending champion China Spring took a 24-stroke lead after firing a first-round team total of 320, followed by Yoakum (344) and Abilene Wylie (352).

China Spring, which has enough strong players to field two teams in the state tournament, was led by Melody Moore, who finished third last year. Moore had the first-round lead after firing a four-over-par 76, followed by Sarah Valdez of Amarillo River Road (77) and Rebekah Martin of Bullard (78).

In boys' 2A, defending champion Hamilton (300) had an 18-stroke lead over Olney (318), followed by Post at 319 and Memphis at 320 after the first round.

Riley Gardner of Hamilton shot a two-under-par 70 and held a one-stroke lead over defending champion medalist Michael Pruitt of Idalou (71) and a two-shot lead over Alex Seydler of Weimar (72).

In girls' 2A, Quanaah, last year's runner-up, was in a first-place tie with Hamilton at 340, followed by defending champion Ozona with a 368.

Wendy Gray of Haskell, who finished as last year's runner-up for medalist honors, fired a four-over-par 76 for the first-round lead, followed by Jessica Kinsey of Hamilton (78). Ozona's Kristy Pridemore and Hamilton's Kelli McKandles were tied for third after each firing an 80.

Quanaah was led by Barbie Allen who fired an 81 and by Valerie Hamby and Lindsey Riggs, who

each scored an 85.

In boys' 1A, defending champion Meridian (326) had a six-shot lead over Booker (332) and an eight-shot lead over Shamrock (334), last year's runner-up, after the first round.

Meridian was led by Clint Cobb, who shared the low total in the first round with Rodney Laskowski of Anderson at 74 or two over par. Nick Phillips of Booker and Nic Ware of Wheeler were two shots back at 76.

In girls' 1A, Vega (382) had an eight-shot lead over defending champion Baird (390) and 18-stroke lead over Robert Lee (400), last year's runner-up, after the first round.

Vega was led by Heather Basford, who fired an even-par round of 72, followed by last year's medalist, Melissa Smith of Robert Lee, who shot an 83. Kyla Neal, who finished fourth last year, was in a tie for third with Laura Gilbert of Weatherford Brock at 86.

WILLIAMS: Mustang to hurdle, play baseball

(From 1C)

lete, a virtual connoisseur of sports. Along with track and football, the 17-year-old excels on the basketball court and baseball diamond.

"He is a great person and an inspiration to me," Wright said. "I get more out of a workout than he does. You look back and he hasn't had a day off since two-a-days, but I don't think he would have it any other way."

"Early in the spring, he was going to baseball first. Then, the last two weeks he goes from football to me and then to baseball. He changes shoes quite often during the day, but I bet he sleeps well

right now."

In the realm of school athletics, Williams' last day off was around 1992-93 when he was in the sixth grade. That is the last time he wasn't doing something.

This weekend, Williams will compete at the state meet at the same time the Andrews baseball team (21-3-1) will open the playoffs against in 20-6 Dumas in 1A's area round. That series starts Friday night, the same night of the 4A meet. Williams plans to race in Austin and then travel to Plainview to play for the baseball team on Saturday.

"There is no time to take a day off," Williams said. "There are people depending on you to do your

job."

Williams' successes aren't unusual, because he plays four sports or is all-district in one or two. Williams is different because he has received all-district status or better in each one.

In basketball, Williams was all-district for the third straight year on the backcourt for a team which returned to the playoffs. In baseball, he is on his way to an all-district season for another year.

Williams, a shortstop, is hitting .493 with an eye-popping 35 stolen bases for the Andrews team which went undefeated in district and is ranked fifth in the state.

As far as this shot at a state championship goes, Williams'

chances are probably better than they look on paper. Williams had the seventh best regional performance, but his time of 14.01 seconds is less than 4 than the best time (13.63) run by Gregory Portland's James Cantu. In fact, Williams has run 13.55 this season, which should put him with Cantu, South Oak Cliff's Latorance Dunbar and Dallas Lincoln's Justin Hyde.

Also, the state meet will be the first time that Williams has been pushed this year.

"I think it can push me faster," Williams said. "I might have to go catch somebody for a change and we will see what I am made of."

GLOVER: Soph has 6th best qualifying jump

(From 1C)

equally important.

"That builds up my confidence," Glover said. "It makes me feel I can go up there and compete well. I am more relaxed and confident."

Glover, who comes into the state meet ranked sixth based on regional qualifying jumps, isn't going to change his routine or get caught up in "who's jumping what." He didn't before regionals, where he happened to be ranked sixth going into

the meet.

"I want to PR what I got at regionals," Glover said. "Anything can happen at state, just like what happened at regionals."

The fact is Glover is in a unique position as a sophomore. No matter how he does this year, he has two opportunities to make it back.

Glover's best days are also in front of him. He is 16 years old, still has room to grow physically and most importantly has an appreci-

ation for the sport.

"T.J. likes the event and wants to get better," Meeks said. "There are a lot of good athletes who can't get better, because they don't want to."

As a sophomore, Glover is also further along than where Andrews was as a junior. Andrews went on to set the school record at 49-10 his senior year. That is a record Glover wants, and will probably keep pushing him until he gets it.

"Nobody thought he could jump 48 feet," Meeks said when asked how far he can eventually go. "T.J. will be the only factor. There is no telling what he is capable of doing."

Here are the regional qualifying jumps for each of the eight competitors in this weekend's UIL state triple jump:

T.J. Glover, Lee 48-0
Trey Ivory, Lubbock Coronado, 47-1
Brandon Evers, Pflugerville, 50-3 1/2
Chris Stewart, Tyler, 48-6 1/2
Joe Collins, MacArthur, 50-4
Ivan Peterson, Alief Elsik, 48-7 1/2
Quil Redden, Converse Junction, 48-3 3/4
Billy Hunter, C.C. Carroll, 47-9 3/4

LOCAL SPORTS

Little Dawgs win regionals

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. —

The Little Dawgs, an independent Junior Olympic volleyball team, won the Sun Country Regional College Volleyball Tournament here on May 2-3.

The Little Dawgs, who have qualified for the Nile Girls USA Junior National Volleyball Championships in Dallas on June 26th, defeated Amarillo Hyrax in the finals, 9-15, 15-12, 15-13. Previously, the Little Dawgs won their pool and opened bracket play with wins over the Amarillo Diggers (15-4, 15-8) and Albuquerque Prism (15-8, 15-5).

The team members are Melaine Campbell, Laura Copeland, Nikki Davis, Hillary Holm, Kristin Sizemore, Elizabeth Smith, Kelli Taylor, Tessa Turland, and Claire Williamson. The coaches are Tammy Smith, Julie Truitt and Carolyn Copeland.

Strike Force wins tourney

The Strike Force softball team won the 14-under division of the MUGS 1998 Mothers Day Classic this weekend.

Odessa Sting claimed the title in the 12-under and Dream Team won the 10-under title.

Results from the MUGS 1998 Mothers Day Classic:
10-Under Division: 1. Odessa Sting, 2. Odessa Ann Smith Institute, 3. Odessa Castles, 4. Odessa A-L Embroidery.
12-Under Division: 1. Odessa Sting, 2. West Texas Wind, 3. Stars, 4. Sandhill Rattlers.
14-Under Division: 1. Strike Force, 2. Magic, 3. Odessa Sting, 4. Odessa Diamonds.

Black Magic wins USA Spring Cup

AUSTIN — The Black Magic '81 boys soccer team from Midland/Odessa won the Under-17 Classic/Premier Division Championship of the USA Spring Cup. In the title game, Black Mag-

ic defeated Austin Chaps 3-1 with the Chaps' lone goal coming with less than a minute to play in the contest. Up to that point in the tournament, Black Magic outscored its opponents 16-0.

Team members for the Black Magic Soccer team are: (from Midland) Spencer Bick, Ross Brunner, Will Brunner, Greg Hunter, Russell Jones, Michael Lackey, Morgan Marulic, Colter Marcum, Austin Seibert, (from Odessa) Chris Nelson, Clint Rice and Michael Strickland.

Abell girls win Odessa meet

ODESSA — The Abell seventh grade girls track team set four new records and won the team title with 138 points.

The record setters were the 400 meter relay, Ashley Haven (100 meters), Ashley Decker (High Jump), and the 800 relay.

Abell Results from the Odessa meet:
400 Relay: 1. Abell (Brandy Parker, Ashley Haven, Danielle Roberts) 53.19 (old record 53.87), 600: 2. Heather Schulte 1:55.67, 100 Hurdles: 1. Theresa Veltman 18.27, 5. Mandy Veach 100: 1. Ashley 12.42 (old record 12.28), 6. Ashleigh Decker.
800 Relay: 1. Abell (Parker, Sanders, Roberts, Haven) 1:53.20 (old record 1:55.03), 300: 2. Decker 48.81, 6. Sanders 236 Hurdles: 3. Veltman 39.83, 200: 1. Roberts 28.90, 4. Hillar Neely 1:20.4, Megan Vales, 5. Jenny Rayos 1:20.92, 2. Abell (Decker, Jessica Stepp, Schulte, Neely).
Shot Put: 6. Nausha Rountree, High Jump: 1. Decker 5-1 (old record 4-11), 4. Heather Schulte, Triple Jump: 6. Clare Edwards.

WT Stars win Classic

AMARILLO — The West Texas Stars 13-under AAU basketball team captured their first place in the Panhandle Spring Classic this past weekend.

The Stars defeated the Hounds (55-28), Texas Twisters (60-31), West Texas Heat (49-39) and Amarillo Jaguars (65-35). The Stars are now 16-4, having won three first place trophies and one second.

The members of the Stars are Abilene's Kierstan Barbee, Alpine's Ariana Dominguez and Midland's Marice Deffenbaugh, Ashleigh Decker, Adrienne Monroe, Adrianna Ross, Shannon Cramer, Stephanie Ordonez, Lauren Hensley, Rachel Olfert, Morgan Hobbs and Ashley Riggs.

Rangers' power leaves Red Sox at Witt's end

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Texas has been hitting all season. Now the Rangers are getting some pitching, too.

Rusty Greer, Kevin Elster and Ivan Rodriguez homered to back seven strong innings from Bobby Witt, and the Rangers beat the Boston Red Sox 8-2 Monday night for their fourth straight victory.

Pitching on his 34th birthday, Witt overcame a two-run first and allowed only five hits. In his previous start against the New York Yankees, he gave up seven runs and four hits in 1 1/3 innings.

"I was trying to be too fine with my pitches and that's not the way I should pitch," said Witt, who started the night with an 8.33 ERA. "I need to be aggressive and that's what I tried to do tonight."

Witt (4-1) and John Burkett had been struggling in the Rangers rotation. Burkett took a perfect game into the seventh inning Sunday night against Cleveland in a 5-3 victory, and Witt followed with his encouraging performance.

"If we keep getting starting pitching like that, we're going to be okay," said Greer. "We had been scoring runs and playing good defense. But the pitchers needed outings like they've had the last couple of nights."

Juan Gonzalez drove in two runs with a groundout, giving him a major league-leading 48 RBIs. Rodriguez got his 1,000th career hit as Texas stopped Boston's three-

AL Roundup

game winning streak.

Rodriguez was playing in his 914th game, making him the second-fastest Ranger to 1,000 hits behind only Buddy Bell, who reached the milestone in 869 games.

"It's a good feeling," Rodriguez said. "Not too many people have done that. I didn't think about that too much. I was just seeing the ball good tonight."

Reggie Jefferson's RBI triple and John Valentin's sacrifice fly put Boston ahead in the first before Witt settled down.

Greer hit a solo homer in the Texas first, then the Rangers took a 4-2 lead in the second against John Wasdin (3-1), making his first start of the season. Rodriguez led off with a single and scored on a double by Lee Stevens, and Elster followed with his fifth homer.

Will Clark walked in the third and Rodriguez hit his sixth homer for a 6-2 lead.

Devil Rays 4, Indians 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Rolando Arrojo pitched eight strong innings for his third straight victory and lead the Devil Rays over the Indians.

Orioles 4, Twins 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Scott Erickson pitched a five-hitter against his former team, and Rafael Palmeiro and Roberto Alomar homered as the Orioles beat the Twins.

Astros 'Livan' right in win over Marlins

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The first complete game of Livan Hernandez's major league career wasn't a success.

Bill Spiers drove in the go-ahead run after a pair of sixth-inning errors, and the Houston Astros defeated the World Series MVP in a 5-3 victory over the Florida Marlins on Monday night.

Hernandez (2-3) struck out a career-high nine, giving up 11 hits and walking three. It was the 26th regular-season start for Hernandez, who did have one postseason complete game, a three-hitter against Atlanta in Game 5 of last year's NL championship series.

Shane Reynolds (3-3) scattered eight hits in eight innings, struck out seven and walked two as Houston won for the 12th time in 15 games.

"They have some good hitters so you can't take any chances or they will hurt you," Reynolds said. "You can't give in to them and it worked out for us."

Reynolds pitched an eight-hitter in his previous start but lost 2-0 as the Chicago Cubs' Kerry Wood tied a major league record with 20 strikeouts and threw a one-hitter.

Braves 8, Reds 1

CINCINNATI — Andruw Jones homered twice and Andres Galaraga added a three-run shot as the Braves

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6. **Before you switch jobs, check on your complete benefits package and the portability and vesting rules of your retirement plan.** The U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that, on average, working women over age 25 switch jobs every 4.8 years. This job-change frequency often prohibits the growth of retirement plan investing requirements, which are often set at five years.

7. **Check on your Social Security Benefits.** The Social Security Administration reports that 66 percent of retirees rely on Social Security for half or more of their income, with the average monthly payment for women totaling \$601. Clearly, Social Security income should be thought of as supplementary income during retirement, not a main source of funds.

8. **Beware of being overly conservative in your investments.** While there is a correlation between your age and the amount of risk you should assume when investing, being too conservative could seriously erode the value of a retirement account that you may need to rely on for thirty years or more. That's why you should think of retirement as a long-term investment and consider keeping a significant portion of your portfolio invested in stocks as long as possible.

9. **Consider long-term-care health insurance.** You can't afford to ignore this important insurance need when you consider that the cost of spending a year in a nursing home could run to \$60,000 or more and easily deplete your entire retirement reserve. (Source: Health Insurance Association of America, 1994).

10. **Don't leave everything to Uncle Sam.** You owe it to your heirs to establish an appropriate estate plan. Without proper planning, estate taxes (that may range from 37 percent to 60 percent), state taxes and income taxes on retirement plan distributions could reduce your estate by over 75 percent (if the majority of your assets are in qualified plans and individual retirement accounts). Essentially, your heirs may receive only a fraction of all you've worked so hard to accumulate.

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Daniel Watts

Terry's Plumbing and Carrier lead the way in refrigerant compliance

Over the next few years, environmental laws mandate the elimination of R-22, the refrigerant used in residential air conditioners. The refrigerant will be phased out as was R-12 in vehicles, except over a longer period of time. R-22 contains chlorine, which has been blamed for reducing the earth's protective ozone layer. As the refrigerant is being phased out over the next 20 or so years, prices are expected to rise and supplies will likely become scarce. Parts on R-22 units will also become more difficult to find and more costly over that time frame. If your air conditioning unit needs to be replaced anyway, now would be a good time to prepare for the future.

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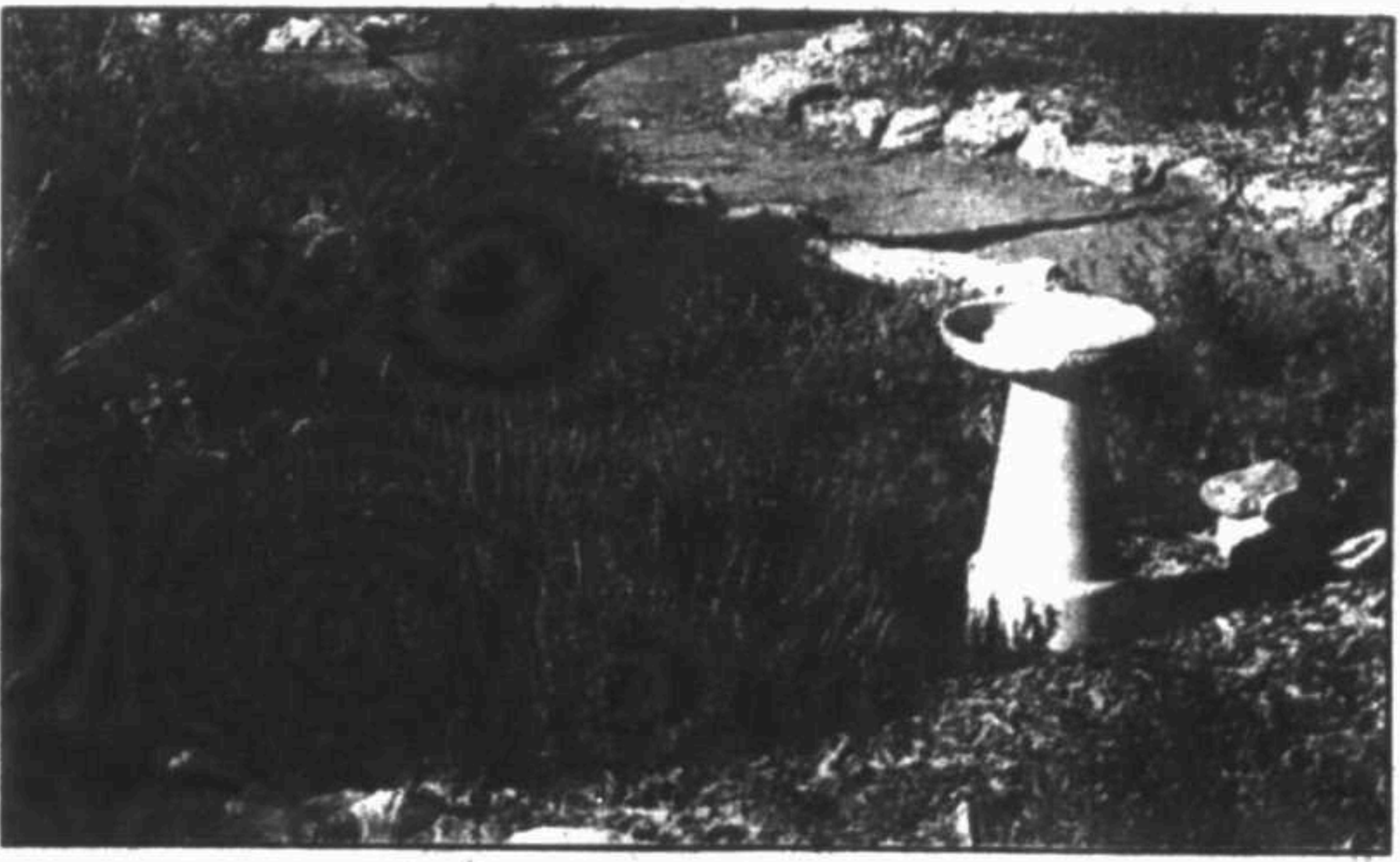
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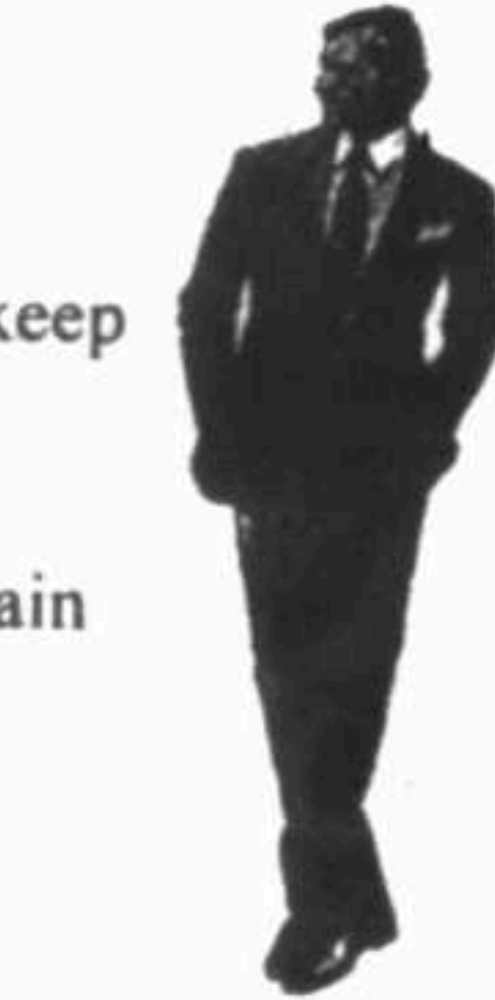
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How To Read The Market In Review

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 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 fields rotated through the week, as follows:

Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration, unless otherwise footnoted.
Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter list.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...

Stock Footnotes: cc - PE greater than 99; dd - Loss in last 12 mos; d - New 52-week low during trading day; p - Dividend in Canadian \$; Stock price in U.S. \$; n - New issue in past 32 weeks; c - Closed and mutual fund; no PE calculated - n - Split or stock dividend of 2 percent or more in last 52 weeks. Trading 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 disbursements based on latest declaration. **Div:** - Preferred; p - Holder owes installment of purchase price; r - Rights; u - Unit; w - When distributed; wt - When issued; wt - Warrants; w - With warrants; w - Without warrants.
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New York Stock Exchange

NYSE

Most Active (\$1 on move)	Most Active (\$1 on move)	Most Active (\$1 on move)
Compag 153082 3170 -1%	SPDR 63363 1104 -1%	DeiCpr 217806 9046 -1%
SBC Com 103258 3835 -3%	PC Quote 61080 4 -1%	PSS Wrd 195959 1474 -1%
Americh 97008 46 +2%	GreyHnd 38498 64 -1%	Microst 126858 843 -1%
DuPont 87892 7970 +5%	TechBach 24009 4 -1%	Intels 119993 8272 -1%
Chryslr 79794 5270 +1%	Nabors 16590 2674 +1%	WorldCom 95978 4274 -1%

GAINERS (\$2 on move)	GAINERS (\$2 on move)	GAINERS (\$2 on move)
OranRk 5314 +11% +26.2	PC Quote 4 -1% +23.1	PC1111 2 +11% +236.8
DeuGIn 941 +17% +22.4	RF Pow 2 1/2 +1% +17.9	PC1111 2 +11% +236.8
StoneC 204 +2% +14.6	GreyHnd 64 -1% +15.1	Luor 32 1/2 +27% +27.8
WetAris 927 +11% +14.1	Cyclocom 2 1/2 +1% +11.8	FM Prop 6 1/4 +1% +26.6
CastCo 187 +1% +11.0	Track 3 1/2 +1% +11.1	DynaMot 2 1/2 +1% +25.0

LOSERS (\$2 on move)	LOSERS (\$2 on move)	LOSERS (\$2 on move)
VParagTr 4 -1% -21.7	TestBach 4 1/4 -1% -47.2	PSS Wrd 14 1/4 -1% -25.5
ApnTr 2 1/2 -1% -18.5	Wreast 3 1/2 -1% -47.2	OmndSp 2 1/2 -1% -20.0
Baco 13 1/2 -1% -18.5	BentC 2 1/2 -1% -47.2	TT Ind 4 1/4 -1% -18.8
DePNe 6 -1% -12.8	Refac 12 -1% -77.7	Imcine 10 1/2 -2% -17.8
PhnSng 5 1/4 -1% -12.8	Nestl 20 1/2 -1% -77.7	Perfume 2 1/2 -1% -17.8

DIARY	DIARY	DIARY
Advanced 1,292	Advanced 268	Advanced 1,758
Declined 1,666	Declined 288	Declined 2,475
Unchanged 569	Unchanged 187	Unchanged 1,364
Total issues 3,527	Total issues 773	Total issues 5,617
New Highs 82	New Highs 25	New Highs 113
New Lows 33	New Lows 10	New Lows 64
Volume 678,003,420	Volume 48,206,050	Volume 723,608,100

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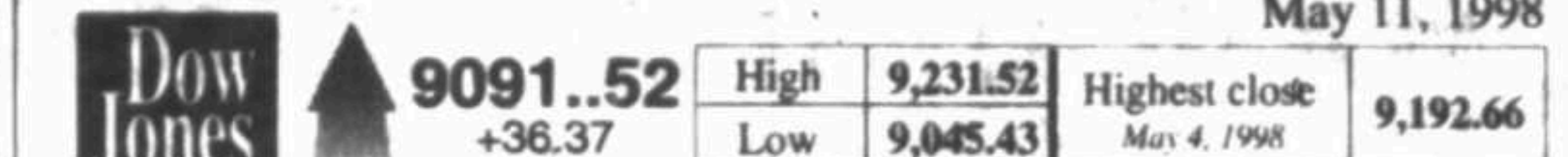
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3,701.42 2,583.17 Dow Jones Transportation 3,408.96 -15.99 -47 +4.68 +29.38

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587.91 422.56 NYSE Composite 575.27 -45 -08 +12.54 +32.07

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Year Ago N/A

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Today \$12.75
Previous Close \$12.75
Year Ago N/A

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Prices steady

NEW YORK — Crude oil was little changed amid speculation that oil producers may discuss further output cuts during a conference of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries underway in Damascus.

During the Arab Energy Conference that began Sunday, Qatar oil minister Abdullah Hamad Al-Attiyah said the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would "for sure" investigate further production cuts if prices stay close to current levels.

Crude for June delivery was little changed at \$15.17 a barrel, up 4 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Oil fell 23 cents to \$14.90 in early trading, activating pre-arranged buy orders placed by traders using charts and graphs to predict future trading behavior. The buy orders triggered a 59 cent gain in one hour to the day's high of \$15.49.

Petroleum products also were little changed. May gasoline rose 0.28 cent to 52.30 cents a gallon on the Nymex.

Dollar mostly higher

NEW YORK — The dollar rose against the mark and other European currencies Monday as traders increasingly discounted the idea of Germany hiking interest rates soon.

The dollar edged lower against the yen on renewed fears of intervention to back up the Japanese currency. In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 132.75 yen, down from 132.83 late Friday. The dollar bought 1.7766 marks, up from 1.7701.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Friday: 1.4850 Swiss francs, up from 1.4800; 5.9580 French francs, up from 5.9325; 1,752.00 Italian lire, up from 1,744.00; and 1.4352 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4363.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.6297, down from \$1.6393.

Dow gains

NEW YORK — Blue-chip shares managed a small gain, but most stocks fell Monday as another day of big mergers only provided a fleeting distraction from the renewed concern about interest rates.

The Dow Jones Industrial average rose just 36.37 to close at 9,091.52, and would have barely finished higher if not for some hefty gains from DuPont and General Motors.

An early gain of nearly 135 points had briefly put the Dow within 3 points of last Monday's record of 9,192.66 by the blue-chip measure.

The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 1.50 to 1,106.64, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 16.30 to 1,848.07.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by a 9-to-7 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 560.84 million shares.

The NYSE composite index fell 0.45 to 575.27, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 0.20 to 744.03.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 2.60 to 476.90.

PolyGram deal

NEW YORK — Seagram Co., seeking a strong music business to keep up with its huge rivals, is reportedly close to acquiring PolyGram, the world's biggest record company, for \$9 billion to \$10 billion.

Shares in London-based PolyGram rose 6 percent after Monday's report in The Wall Street Journal, which the companies would not confirm.

The Journal said Seagram turned to PolyGram after talks with Britain's EMI Group PLC unraveled last week. Seagram, the owner of Universal Studios, is apparently trying to bolster its relatively small music business to catch up to competing entertainment conglomerates such as Time Warner Inc. and Sony Corp.

Survey: OPEC cuts less than promised

■ Middle East Economic Survey says cartel only met 58 percent of goal; traders expected to take numbers in stride.

N.Y. Times News Service

LONDON — Oil output cutbacks by members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in April "fell a good way short" of promised goals, the Middle East Economic Survey reported.

The 10 OPEC members participating in a global output reduction agreement produced a total of 26.265 million barrels of oil a day in April, according to MEES. That represents a reduction of 722,000 barrels a day from the February bench-

mark of 26.987 million barrels used by OPEC to measure production cuts, or 58 percent of the 1.245 million barrels a day they had promised to cut.

Output from all 11 OPEC members — including Iraq, which wasn't part of the agreement — totaled 28.345 million barrels a day in April, down 475,000 barrels from March, according to MEES. There is no OPEC February benchmark for Iraq.

The OPEC members were among 17 producers that promised output cuts totaling 1.72 million barrels a day, or 2.3 percent of world supply, to boost prices that fell to a nine-year low in March.

Estimates of the cutbacks from MEES, a Cyprus-based newsletter, are far below the more than 1 million barrels a day most news organizations and analysts,

including Bloomberg News, have said the OPEC members cut.

While MEES' output forecasts are widely watched by traders and market analysts, they will be assessed in relation to other reports, traders said.

"The market will bear these numbers in mind, but it won't fully believe them," said Leo Drollas, deputy director of the Centre for Global Energy Studies in London. "The market will assign a certain weight to the information" and give it more credence later if other reports confirm it.

Bloomberg News estimated last month that the 10 OPEC members made good on 94 percent of their pledge by reducing April output by 1.167 million barrels a day. Other reports also have put the cuts above 1 million barrels a day.

MEES estimated that Iran's production rose by 210,000 barrels a day to 3.833 million barrels a day in April from the February baseline of 3.623 million barrels a day. That's more than the increase of 162,000 barrels shown in April figures Iran submitted last week to OPEC.

Iran has said its February production was close to 3.942 million barrels a day, 319,000 barrels a day higher than OPEC's benchmark, MEES noted. That would account for Iran's contention that it cut production last month, the newsletter said.

Most forecasters believe Iran produced far below 3.942 million barrels a day in February. Bloomberg estimated Iran produced 3.7 million barrels a day in February.

DuPont plans divestment of Conoco

Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. — DuPont Co. said Monday it will divest its long-held energy business Conoco Inc. as part of a company restructuring.

The divestiture will begin with an initial public offering of 20 percent of Conoco stock in what DuPont said would be one of the largest such offerings in U.S. history.

DuPont intends to divest its remaining interest in Conoco either through more stock offerings or a spinoff to shareholders.

Houston-based Conoco currently has revenues of about \$22 billion and has a presence in 40 countries. Among U.S.-based companies, it ranks ninth in worldwide production of liquid petroleum, eleventh in the production of natural gas and eighth in refining.

"Conoco has been a strong contributor to DuPont's earnings and cash flow for nearly 17 years," said DuPont President and CEO Charles O. Holliday Jr. "However, we believe that value and growth can be enhanced for DuPont's materials and life sciences businesses and for Conoco by separating the two operations."

Conoco President and CEO Archie W. Dunham said Conoco is "a much stronger company today than it was just



Conoco President and CEO Archie W. Dunham, left, smiles as DuPont President and CEO Charles O. Holliday Jr., right, responds to a question during a press conference Monday in New York. DuPont Co. announced it will divest its long-held energy business Conoco Inc. as part of a company restructuring.

a few years ago."

Dunham, 59, will serve as president and chief executive officer of Conoco Inc. DuPont, which will hold more than 80 percent of Conoco after the initial public

stock offering, will retain majority membership on the board. Dunham is expected to become Conoco chairman as DuPont reduces its ownership to less than 50 percent.

Sunbeam restructuring to eliminate 6,400 employees

Associated Press

MIAMI — Living up to his nickname, "Chainsaw Al" Dunlap, chairman of the Sunbeam Corp., announced Monday that four of every 10 jobs will be cut as the company absorbs the Coleman, Mr. Coffee and First Alert brands.

Along with the 6,400 jobs cut in the United States and Mexico, eight plants and 30

warehouses will be closed and 10 headquarters will be consolidated into one being built in Boca Raton.

In March, Dunlap announced Sunbeam was buying the makers of Coleman camping gear, Mr. Coffee machines and First Alert smoke alarms for about \$1.8 billion.

By then, Dunlap — who got his nickname from his pitiless cost-cutting at

Scott Paper Co. — already had slashed half of Sunbeam's 12,000-employee workforce and closed nearly three-quarters of its factories and warehouses.

The latest round of cutbacks came as Sunbeam announced a first-quarter loss of \$44.6 million, compared with a profit of \$6.9 million during the same quarter last year.



Apple Computers Inc. interim chief executive officer Steve Jobs gestures with a poster of Lucy and Desi Arnaz in background at the Apple Developer's Conference in San Jose, Calif., Monday. Jobs unveiled the Mac OS X which will be available in the Fall of 1999.

Apple plans less wrenching revamp of operating system

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Apple Computer Inc. has abandoned a plan to radically alter its Macintosh operating system, responding to demands from Mac users and developers for a less wrenching update of the core program.

Apple instead will combine advanced features from Rhapsody — once intended as the future software for running Macs — with the existing operating program, company co-founder Steve Jobs said Monday.

The new Mac OS X software — appearing on Apple's high-end computers next year — weaves in Rhapsody's ability to let users perform several tasks at once and protect the computer from crashes. But unlike Rhapsody, the new system will run software that runs on existing Macs.

"(It's) a very simple, clean strategy that's going to take the Mac OS into the next century — a little bit of evolution for a lot of revolution. We think we're on the right track," Jobs told 4,000 attendees at Apple's annual conference for software developers.

Apple, meanwhile, will further update

its existing Mac operating program, Mac OS 8, with an enhancement later this year to be known as Mac OS 8.5.

Jobs, Apple's interim chief executive officer, needed to win over software developers who in recent years have increasingly turned to writing software for rival personal computers using Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating system.

Developers have been confused about what Apple planned to do with Rhapsody, particularly after a management shake-up last July that returned Jobs to the company's helm. Many developers were cool to Rhapsody, which would have forced them to completely rewrite their programs for the Mac.

But software makers on Monday generally were pleased by Apple's new plans and eager to learn more about Mac OS X.

"It sounds a lot better than what I heard last year," when Apple was devoted to Rhapsody, said Allen Wallace, chief software engineer for Digital Technology International, a maker of computer systems for newspapers. "It just sounds a lot easier."

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Finding tax-friendly stock funds means detective work

By Eric Tyson

Q: I have maximized contributions into my company's 401(k) plan and want to invest in stock mutual funds of my own choosing outside the 401(k) plan. However, I am concerned about getting hit with lots of taxes from funds I invest in. What should I look for in the stock funds I invest in, to minimize taxation?



Tyson

A: Unfortunately, stock mutual funds don't have a tax-free version as bond and money market funds do. Thus, finding tax-friendly stock funds requires a bit more detective work.

As you already seem to recognize, unless a stock fund investment is held inside a retirement account, the distributions from the fund are taxable. For investments inside a retirement account, you don't have to worry about the tax friendliness of your mutual

fund selections. They can generate all the distributions they want; the federal and state governments get none of your annual returns — at least not until you withdraw the money.

If you're in a high enough tax bracket, stock distributions in a non-retirement account can be a significant tax burden. Unfortunately, with stock funds more than any other type, investors often focus exclusively on the pre-tax historical return, ignoring the tax implications of their fund picks.

Although there are no tax-free stock funds, you can invest in ones that are "tax-friendly" — ones whose investing style keeps distributions to a minimum.

First, look for stock funds that engage in what is known as "buy and hold" investing.

There are two types of stock fund distributions: dividends and capital gains. Capital gains distributions are generated when a fund manager sells a stock for a profit; that profit must be given out to the shareholders. Some fund managers do lots of tinkering with their portfolios, and because of their

frequent trading, their funds tend to produce more distributions. But other fund managers are more "buy and hold" investors, who produce fewer capital gains distributions.

Index mutual funds, which maintain more stable investment portfolios, tend to produce fewer capital gains distributions, since they hold their securities longer.

Secondly, give preference to stock funds that focus on growth stocks. Some corporations that issue stock — especially older, larger, more-established companies — typically distribute a portion of their annual profits in the form of a dividend to their shareholders.

Companies can choose not to issue dividends. Fast-growing companies — especially smaller ones — tend to reinvest profits back into the company to fuel further growth. When done successfully, what you as an investor in such a company "lose" in dividends can be more than made up by appreciation in the stock price, which reflects the company's growth. By focusing on stocks of such companies — known as

"growth stocks" — mutual funds can minimize taxable dividend distributions.

Last but not least, look for mutual funds that attempt to offset gains with losses. If a fund manager, say, sells some stock for a gain of \$10,000 but sells other stock for a loss of \$10,000, then capital gains amount to zero.

Some funds, managed specifically to minimize distributions, employ that offsetting technique to lower their capital gains.

The Vanguard Group of mutual funds specializes in offering tax-managed stock funds, and I expect to see more companies offering such funds in the near future.

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Hobson restructuring life after drug arrest

By Jenna Halvatgla
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FAIRHOPE, Ala. — On most days, Butch Hobson can still be found at the ballpark, wearing his old Boston Red Sox cap with his name smeared in black ink under the bill.

"You're too close to the plate, step back," he yells to one player. "Get your glove under the ball," he tells another.

But Fairhope Municipal Stadium is a long way from Boston's Fenway Park and the baseball players he's working with are not Red Sox. They're little kids.

"I'll give you \$5 if you don't swing at the first pitch," he tells 7-year-old son K.C., who still swings at it.

"He always does," Hobson says, sighing.

It's been a long fall from grace for the 47-year-old Hobson, the former Red Sox manager who is slowly trying to put his life back together after his 1996 arrest on cocaine charges. Learning to make a life outside of professional baseball, Hobson has been earning money through clinics and private lessons for children in this well-to-

do bayside resort town on Alabama's coast.

But with a wife and three young children to support, \$25 a lesson doesn't always pay the bills. So Hobson, a Tuscaloosa native, is considering moving his family to New Hampshire to take a public relations job with an oil company.

"It's a good job with a salary and benefits," said Hobson, also a special assignment scout for the Red Sox.

Still, it will be hard for Hobson to leave Fairhope, the community that embraced him when his drug problems were making headlines and leading the nightly newscasts.

A former two-sport star at the University of Alabama, Hobson went on to an eight-year playing career in baseball before managing the Red Sox for three seasons. He was fired from that job, but picked up by the Philadelphia system, where he managed at Class AAA Scranton-Wilkes Barre, Pa., a job he lost when he was caught in a drug sting.

More than 2 grams of cocaine were delivered to his hotel room in Pawtucket, R.I., where his team was playing. Police were at his door minutes later with a search warrant and found the cocaine in his shaving kit.

He refused to admit guilt but agreed to enter a state program for first-time criminal offenders. To this day, he says he was not

expecting the package — sent from a former high school teammate in Birmingham — that was worth about \$120.

"It's like you grow up with people and you don't separate yourself from them when you know the things they are into aren't right," he said. "But one day those people are going to go down and when that guy does, he's going to remember your name. That's what happened to me. As athletes, you are targets."

A born-again Christian, Hobson says he stopped using drugs long before the package arrived at his hotel room. He says his drug usage began when his playing career did.

"I was a country boy from Alabama," he said. "I did what they put out on the table."

"That's what happens in professional sports. You get these young kids who make it big and travel from city to city and you feel like you have to do everything the city has to offer. It's hard to say no."

As part of his settlement, Hobson agreed to 60 hours of community service. He said he's completed it and then some.

"I go before children and I can tell them from experience what drugs and alcohol can do to you," he said. "At one point in my life, I had a cocaine problem, so I can say, 'Look at me, look what happened to me.' If I reach just one kid

in the crowd of 1,000, I've accomplished something."

Still, public speaking wasn't the way Hobson envisioned spending this part of his life — baseball is in his blood.

Hobson has three grown daughters from his first marriage and regrets not being there to raise them because of baseball. But his wife would understand if the sport took him away again.

"If a job came along, he says he would probably think about it," she said. "I would encourage him to take it because there's been no closure to that part of his life."

Hobson said his three boys — he also has a 5-year-old and a 1-year-old — don't even know why he's not a coach anymore.

"K.C. thinks I got fired for arguing with an umpire because that's the clip all the stations used when I was arrested," he said. "When they're older, I'll tell them about it."

Last winter, Hobson said he called all the general managers in the American League about a job.

In the meantime, Hobson works as a Red Sox scout and will continue in that capacity if the family moves to New Hampshire. And for right now, he's content.

"I try to teach children that the best smell in the world is the smell of a baseball," he said. "And what a wonderful game this is."

Clay trips up Korda in Italian Open loss

Associated Press

ROME — Petr Korda got stuck in the clay at the Italian Open on Monday, and quickly lost a chance to regain the No. 1 ranking from Pete Sampras.

In this important tuneup for the French Open, Korda was clearly off his game and was beaten 6-2, 6-4 by Morocco's Hicham Arazi. Korda, the Australian Open champion, was seeded No. 2 and joined No. 5 seed Greg Rusedski and No. 7 Jonas Bjorkman in making early exits from the \$2.4 million tournament.

Korda had an outside shot to reach No. 1, provided he reached the final and Sampras was ousted early on. Sampras plays Tuesday in his latest bid to raise his game in preparation for Paris, the only Grand Slam event played on clay and the only one to elude him.

Rusedski, his big serve slowed on the slow clay of Foro Italico, lost 7-5, 7-6 (10-8) to Bohdan Ulihrach. Bjorkman was eliminated by clay-court specialist Filip Dewulf 6-2, 6-3.

Three former French Open champions — Michael Chang, Gustavo Kuerten and Thomas Muster — advanced. Two-time French champion Sergi Bruguera quit during his match with Sweden's Magnus Norman while trailing 6-3, 1-0.

Korda, a French Open finalist in 1992, sprayed shots wildly and drew derisive whistles from the center-court crowd. Arazi, ranked 54th, jumped ahead 6-2, 2-0 before Korda showed signs of life in the match between left-handers.

Rusedski, ousted in the first round in Rome for the fourth straight time, hurled his racket across the court after he hit a backhand wide on match point.

"Yes, I had a lot of chances," Rusedski said. "I didn't play them right."

Kuerten, the No. 8 seed from Brazil, defeated Spain's Carlos

Tennis Roundup

Costa 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

"I made many mistakes. I shouldn't have in the first set," Kuerten said. "His game surprised me."

No. 15 Chang outlasted Andrei Medvedev 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 on center court. No. 11 Richard Krajicek defeated big-serving Mark Philippoussis 5-7, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1.

Chang, coming back from a knee injury, said he hopes to be in shape in time for the French Open.

"You can't expect to win otherwise," he said. "It's just not possible."

Thomas Muster, a three-time Italian champ, had no trouble against Marcelo Filippini, winning 6-1, 6-0.

Kournikova advances, Capriati loses at German Open

BERLIN — It took Anna Kournikova just 48 minutes to power her way into the second round of the German Open in a session that closely resembled practice.

"I think I'll have some hard tests later in the week, so why not have a comfortable, easy match now," the 14th-seeded Russian said Monday after routing Czech qualifier Radka Bobkova 6-3, 6-1 in a tournament that boasts 26 of the world's top 30 players.

Jennifer Capriati, no longer among the elite as she continues a comeback, had considerable practice. But it didn't do much good.

Capriati turned down a wildcard entry to play through the qualifying field after losing in the first round last week at the Italian Open. She won here Saturday and Sunday to reach the main draw, but lost 6-3, 6-1 Monday to Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn.

"I need match competition — that's why I went into the qualifying," said Capriati, a former Olympic champion.



Hicham Arazi of Morocco hits a backhand during the first round match against No. 2 seeded Petr Korda of Czech Republic at the Italian Open men's clay court tournament in Rome Monday. Arazi won 6-2, 6-4.

But the quicker Tanasugarn took advantage of the American's double faults and numerous unforced errors.

For Capriati, who reached No. 6 in the world in 1991, it was another setback after a promising performance two weeks ago in Hamburg. Reaching the quarterfinals there, she fell to eventual winner Martina Hingis.

Kournikova, a 16-year-old ranked 16th, overpowered Bobkova.

"I'm working on playing out the points and not going for winners right away," Kournikova said. "It worked well today."

The Russian, despite her promising game, has drawn more attention for her appearance than her on-court prowess in her short career. She was recently listed among People magazine's 50 most beautiful people in the world.

She ties to ignore it.

"If I was going to listen to everything, I would have a swelled head," she said. "I can't change anything, so I've gotten used to it."

Top-ranked Martina Hingis and No. 2 Lindsay Davenport are among those who'll play first-round matches Tuesday.

In play involving other seeded players Monday, American Sandra Cacic upset No. 10 Nathalie Tauziat of France 7-5, 6-4; Spain's Maria Sanchez-Lorenzo stunned 13th-seeded Patty Schnyder of Switzerland 2-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3, and ninth-seeded Croatian Iva Majoli advanced with a 6-3, 6-2 defeat of France's Anne-Gaëlle Sidot.

In other matches, Poland's Magdalena Grzybowska beat Syria's Schmielke of Germany 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; Spain's Magui Serna ousted Brenda Schultz-McCarthy of the Netherlands 6-3, 6-2, and Russia's Elena Lichovtseva stopped Taiwan's Janet Lee 7-5, 6-4.

Florida hosting three baseball regionals

By Doug Tucker

AP Sports Writer

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — For the first time since 1992, Florida schools have been selected to host three of the eight regional competitions in the NCAA Division I baseball tournament.

Florida will host the South One Region. Florida State the Atlantic Two Region and Miami, the nation's top-ranked independent, will host the Atlantic One, the NCAA announced Monday.

Ron Wellman, chairman of the nine-man baseball committee, said 23 schools submitted bids to host regionals May 21-24. The winners of the eight regionals will advance to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Also chosen were Clemson in the East Region; Louisiana State, South Two; Wichita State, Midwest; Texas A&M, and Stanford in the West Region.

The hosts are all familiar to college fans. Four of the schools hosted last year and three others last hosted in 1996. Texas A&M, the Big 12 regular-season champion, hosted as recently as 1993.

The committee considers crowd control and

revenue and attendance history and potential as well as a team's win-loss record, said Wellman, the athletic director at Wake Forest. Wellman added that the committee is sensitive to the competitive advantage that teams may get from hosting regionals.

"We look at that and we talk about that," he said. "The fact is the committee feels LSU and some of the teams that have hosted on a regular basis are deserving of the bids they receive. At the same time, we're interested in moving to other sites. But we don't feel we should penalize those who have (made previous successful bids)."

Jim Wright of the NCAA staff said that in the 10 years the regionals have been seeded 1 through 6, 76 teams have had regionals on their own campus and only 39 of those advanced to the College World Series.

"That comes out to just 51.3 percent," Wright said. "People are always talking about how it's such a huge advantage, but statistically that just doesn't bear out. Being a No. 1 seed and the host is a lot of pressure for teams."

Wellman said the committee paused before awarding three bids to the state of Florida.

"All three made excellent bids far as revenue and quality of programs," he said. "We

came out that they should not be penalized for all of them bidding and submitting strong bids. Florida is the No. 1 seed in the Southeastern Conference. Florida State is No. 1 seed in the ACC and Miami is the top-ranked independent in the country. It would have been difficult to penalize any of them for having others from the same area make strong bids."

If the tournament expands next year to 64 teams, which the committee hopes, then neutral sites might be more of a possibility, Wellman said.

However, last week's \$67 million jury award against the NCAA in the restricted earnings case could stop the Division I board of directors from permitting expansion. Four other sports are also trying to go to a bigger bracket.

"It is going to take more dollars from the NCAA and more financial support from the NCAA to expand," Wellman said. "Baseball, we believe, would be a revenue-producer. But all five bracket expansions will be considered as one. And with the cloud of the \$67 million settlement — I think we would be shortsighted if we said that would not have a potential impact on the eventual approval of bracket expansion."

Liberty's Lobo thinks WNBA could be on verge of unionizing

NEW YORK (AP) — Rebecca Lobo of the New York Liberty thinks the WNBA will be ripe for a players' union at the end of this season, and raising the minimum salary and certifying agents will be a priority.

"I think it's important for the players to get a union," Lobo said Monday on the eve of the opening of training camp. "Do we need one so that we can demand million-dol-

lar salaries? No. We need one for little reasons, so that the lowest-paid players are making more than \$5,000."

Lobo, who earned a six-figure salary in the inaugural 10-week season last summer, is among the highest paid players in the league. The average WNBA player made between \$20,000 and \$40,000 last season.

Lobo said many players' two-

year contracts will expire after this season and the time will be right to negotiate for a union. WNBA president Val Ackerman said any move to unionize is up to the players.

"The whole process is a player decision," Ackerman said. "The whole issue and when is a good time is entirely up to the players. Our approach would be to try to be constructive."

Ackerman said the league gave

a raise this season that was higher than contractually promised. She declined to give the amount.

She also said that practice players, who did not play in games or travel with the team, have been phased out this season. Lobo said the influx of uncertified agents is another reason to unionize.

"We need one so that we can guard (against) the agents who are getting involved," Lobo said.

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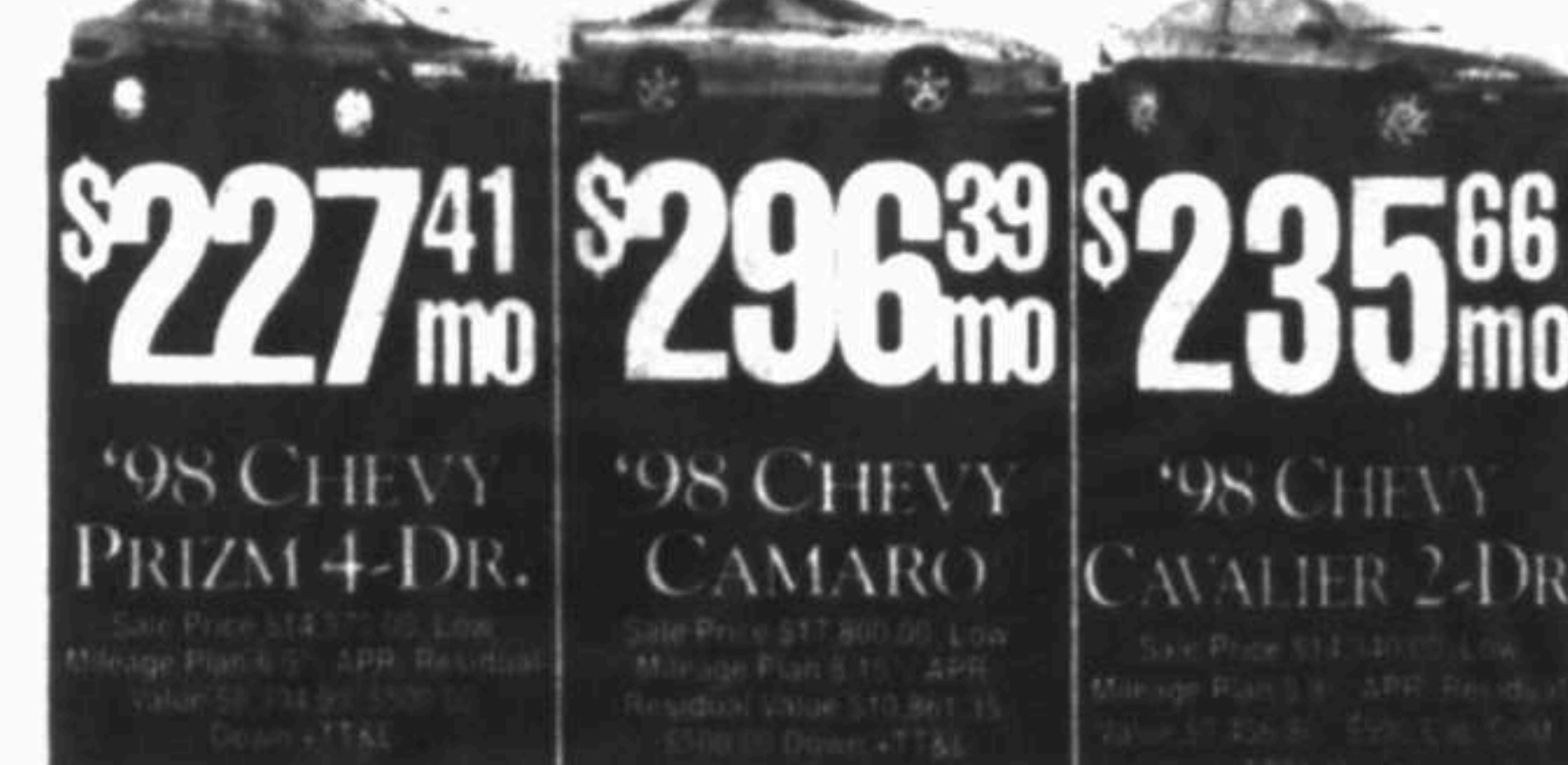
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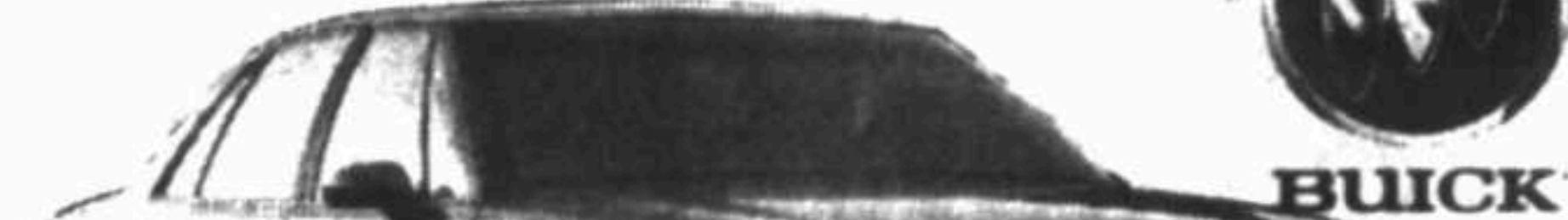


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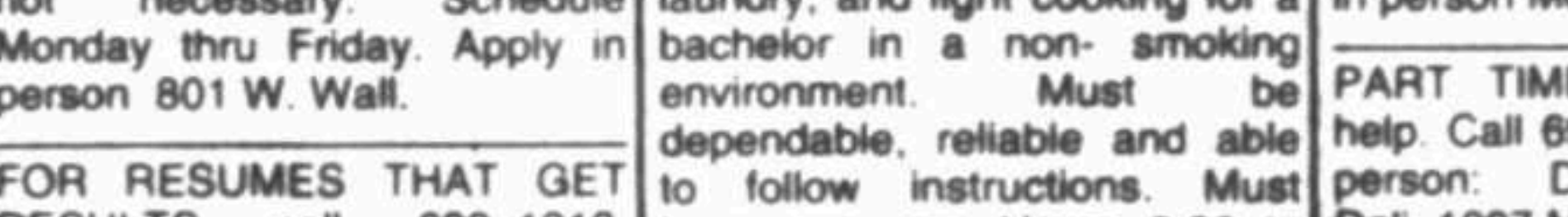
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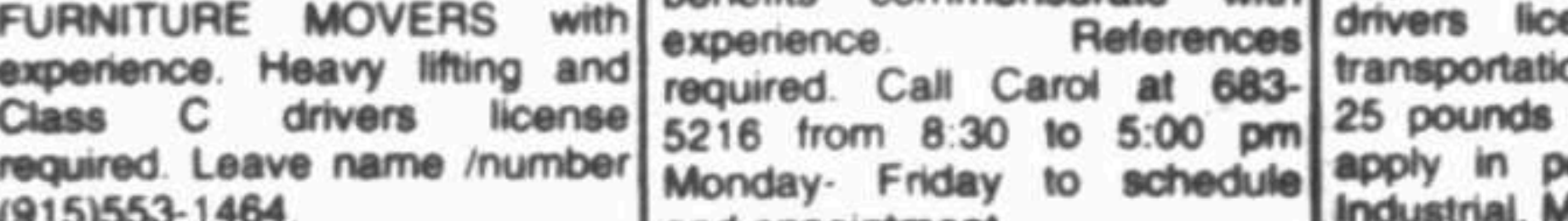
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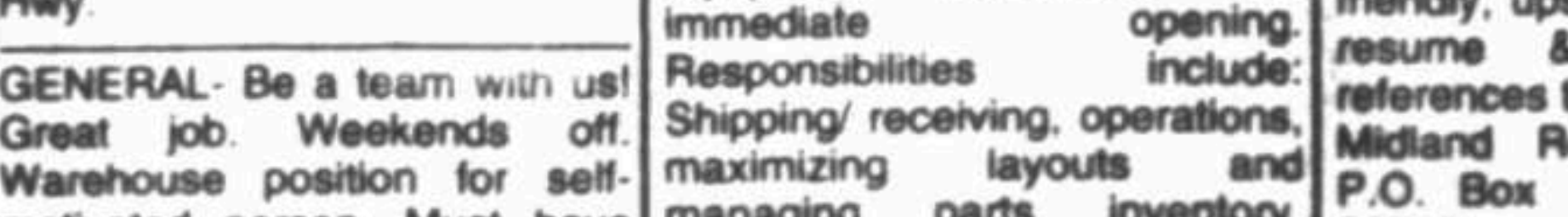
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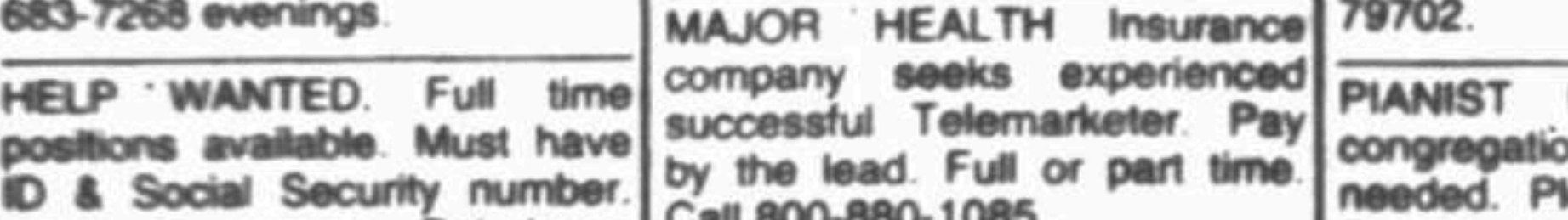
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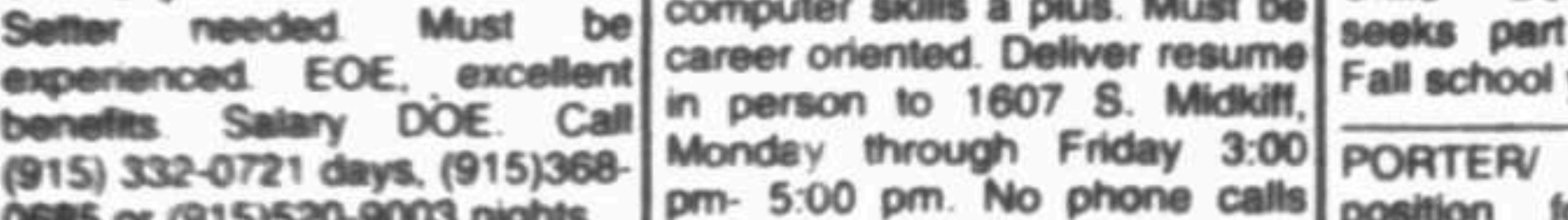
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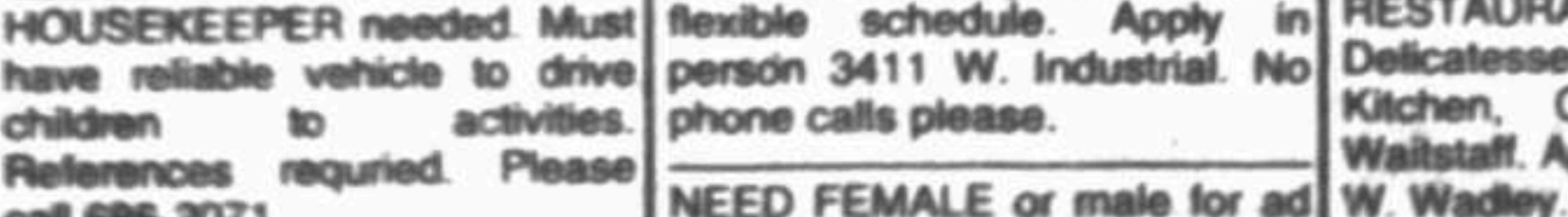
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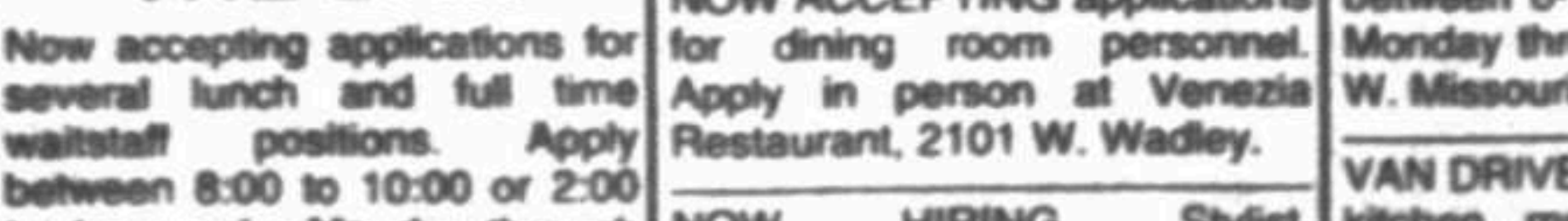
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'98 CHEVY BLAZER 4-DR.
Vortec 4300 V6 Eng., AM/FM Stereo with C.D. Player, CS Trim, P/Windows, Locks & Mirrors, Tilt, Cruise.



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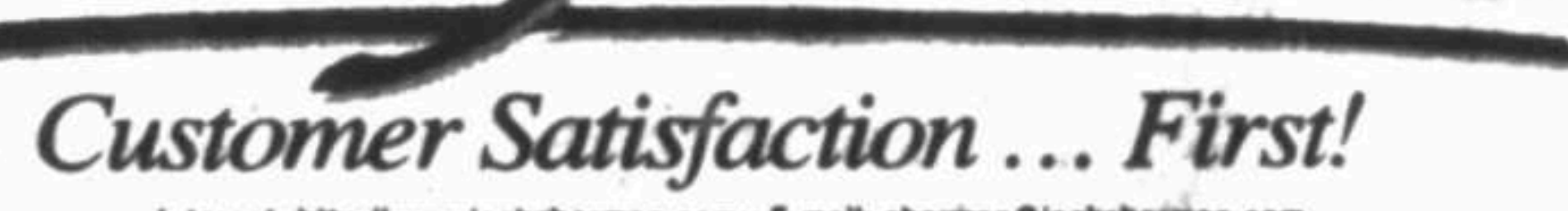
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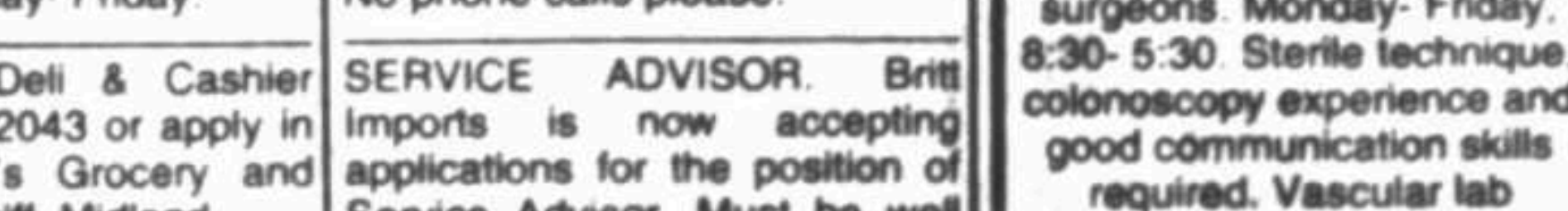
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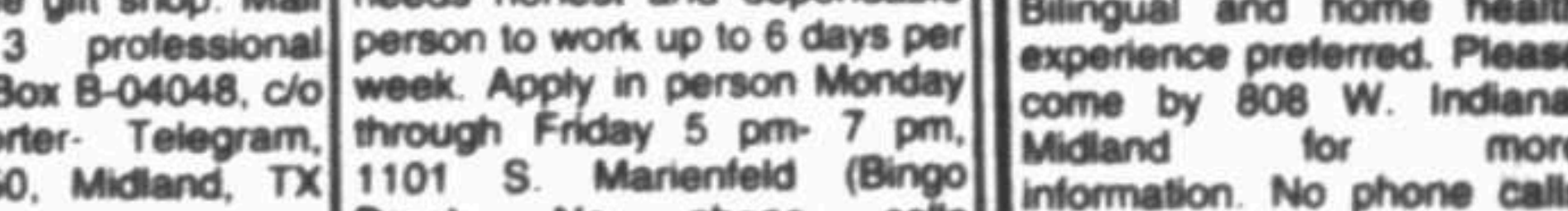
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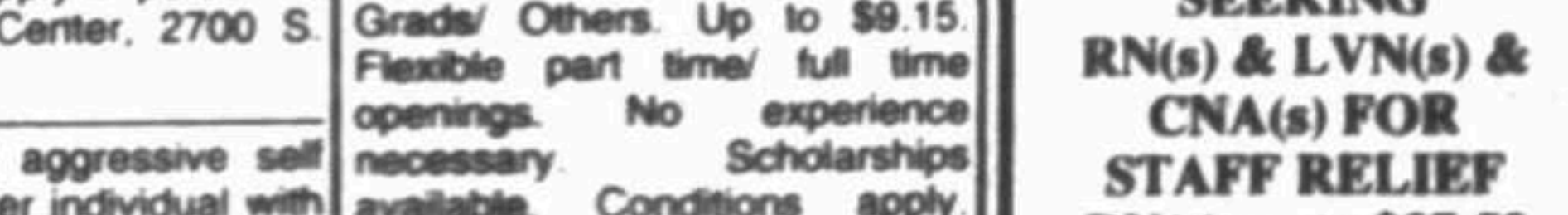
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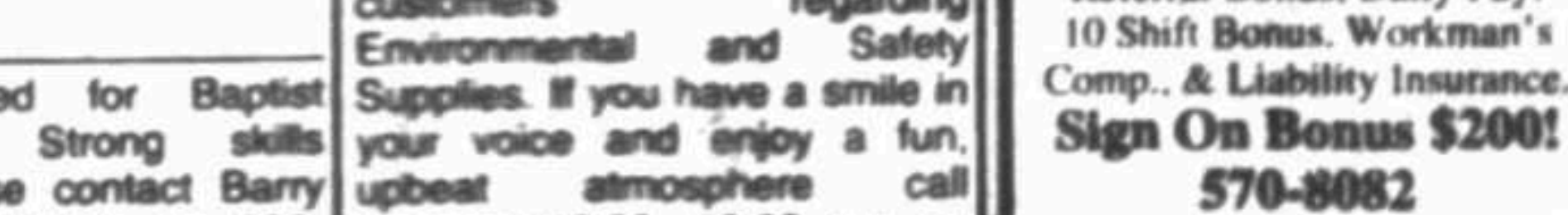
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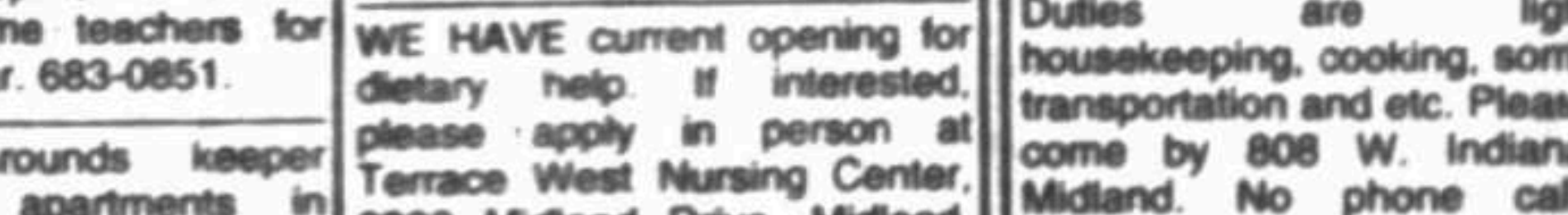
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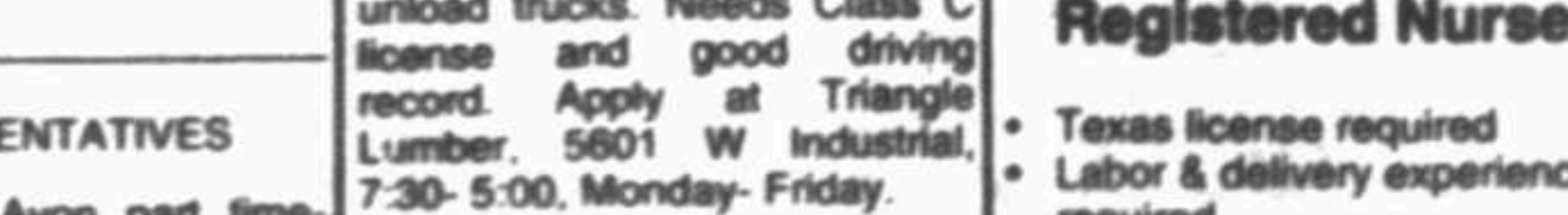
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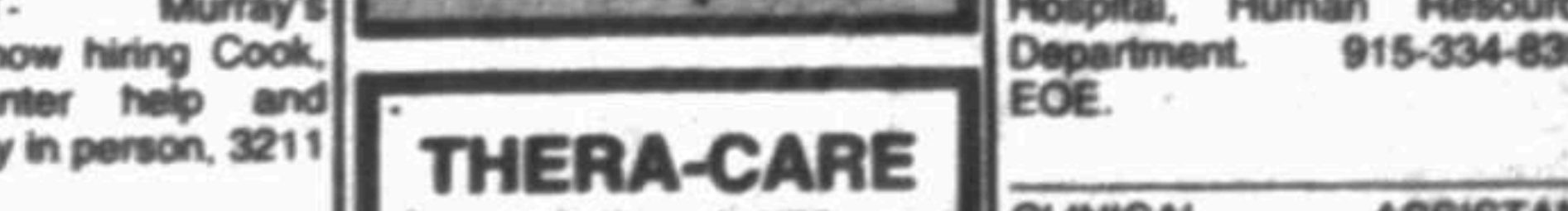
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Firebird. \$800. Information, 561-18.

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1990 Malibu. Excellent condition. \$1,250. Days. 694-3197.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

LEASE/DIVISION ORDER ANALYST

Independent oil and gas producer seeking a lease/division order analyst with a minimum of 5 years experience. Position will include land secretary duties for the land manager as well as preparation and maintenance of division orders and maintaining of land records/files. Will require computer knowledge of WordPerfect, Wordpro, Excel and Lotus as well as the ability to input and maintain land records on the mainframe system. Salary will commensurate with experience. Benefits package applies. Please submit resume, salary requirements and references to Box T-05106, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

311 Medical Help Wanted

CERTIFIED MEDICATION AIDE

TRINITY TOWERS is now accepting applications for a full time CMA in the personal care department. If you enjoy and are dedicated to caring for the elderly come join our team. Great benefits. Applications can be completed at 2800 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701 and returned to Jean Box. EOE

312 Professional Help Wanted

Costilla Energy, Inc. Administrative Assistant

Immediate opening for an individual with at least years experience in an administrative position. Intermediate skills in Microsoft Word and Excel, preferred. Non-smoker. Good people skills required. Submit resumes by mail or FAX. No phone calls please.

311 Medical Help Wanted

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDES

Caring, dependable, needed for all shifts. Competitive pay rates, \$8.00/hr. for certified, only incentive bonus after 90 days. Apply in person, 3203 Sage, Courtyard Care Center.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Employer accepting applications for the following positions: RN, LVNs, Psychiatric Nurses, HHAs, Sitters, Providers. Apply in person at 1030 Andrews Hwy Ste 215, Midland, Texas. No phone calls please.

HOME HEALTH

Agency seeking full time RN home health experience. Must be committed to being a team player. Send resume to: P.O. Box 51093, Midland, Texas 79710.

LVN is needed for Doctors office. Mail resume to 2301 W. Michigan, Midland, TX 79701.

LVNs, GVN's, RN's, CMA's needed for all shifts. Benefits available, good starting pay. Apply in person at 3203 Sage St. Midland.

PARAMEDIC POSITIONS

Open. Winkler County EMS, a 911 Transfer Service located in Kermit, Texas, approximately 40 miles West of Odessa. Phone or fax for application to: Mary Haley, Phone 915-586-5860 Ext 3029, Fax 915-586-5031.

POSITION OPEN for Medical Collections Representative. Experienced in Medicare, Medicaid, PPO and 3rd party insurance. Previous training in Medical Manager software required. **SECOND POSITION OPEN for Full Charge Bookkeeper.** Payable, Accounts Receivable, Windows 95 and Excel software. Salary negotiable. Send resumes to Box B-04044, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

PRIMARY CARE Opportunity for primary care physician. Internist in Ward County, Texas starting July 1998. Send C.V. to 801 A. East 4th Street, Monahan, TX 79756.

RECEPTIONIST needed for busy physicians office. Medical Manager software, bilingual preferred but not required. Send resume to Box P-06094, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

312 Professional Help Wanted

ACCOUNTANTS WANTED

Public accounting firm wants degreed accountants, enrolled agents or CPAs with 2+ years of experience for full or part time positions. Flexible hours and benefits available. Partnership opportunity for the right individual. Knowledge of preparation software and other accounting software packages required. Respond to: Wurster, Armstrong & Williamson P.C., P.O. Box 3487, Midland, Texas 79702. No telephone call please.

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant - Permanent Basin Center of Battered Women and Their Children has an opening for a Client Services Administrative Assistant with proven skills and computer knowledge (Windows 95 & Micro-Soft Office). Must be experienced, very organized, reliable self-starter & maintain strict confidentiality. Fax resume to 686-7186 or mail to P.O. Box 2942, Midland, Texas 79702. Must be received by May 20th, 1998.

APARTMENT LEASING Agent 114 Units. Sales skills. Computer experience. To \$8.00 Hour - Bonus 30 Hours per week. Fax to 689-8125.

ASSISTANT CONTROLLER must have experience in all phases of accounting. CPA preferred or working toward certification. Starting salary based upon experience and ability. Must have verifiable work history. Apply in person at BIDCO Corp. 312 E. 2nd, Odessa.

ASSISTANT TEACHER for small private school. A great love for young children is necessary. 687-2222.

AUTOCADD DETAILER Local metal building manufacturer has opening for CAD/D Operator. Responsibilities include production of field & shop drawings. Experience in construction or manufacturing preferred. Mail or fax resume in confidence to: Standard Structures, Engineering Department, P.O. Box 60335, Midland, TX 79711-0335. Fax (915)337-1540.

DIRECTOR of Christian Education: Full Time. This position will be responsible for providing oversight and coordination of Christian Education program and related ministries. If interested in applying, send a letter of application and a resume to First United Methodist Church, 200 E. Snyder, Hobbs, NM 88240.

315 Sales Help Wanted

Unique Opportunity For Sales Consultants With College Or Equivalent Backgrounds

One of Midland's top automotive retailers is dramatically changing the way people buy cars and trucks. This unique approach utilizes consultants to professionally match the consumers' needs to the appropriate purchase. Although there is an exciting compensation plan to reward performance, the concept of stabilized income for sales consultants working reasonable hours makes the car buying experience fun for both employees and customers.

We require no sales experience. Instead, we seek clean cut, career-minded men and women with college or equivalent backgrounds. After receiving professional training and working in this unique environment, you will be proud that you replied to this announcement and are part of this exciting change.

Apply Tuesday thru Friday

3205 W. WALL, MIDLAND, TEXAS
Ask For John or Jim Bob

Leading Chrysler Franchise In West Texas

Sun Country

has immediate openings for Professional Salespeople. Auto experience a plus but not required. We offer:

- Professional Environment
- Up To 50% Commission
- Opportunity to Advance
- Demo Plan or Demo Allowance
- Monthly Bonus Plan
- Spiffs
- 401(K) Retirement
- Health & Dental Insurance

Apply in Person to Sales Manager Today!

SUN COUNTRY

2510 E. 8th - Odessa

ENTRY-LEVEL SALES

I need 8 teenagers/young adults (or others), ages 14 and up who need \$50-\$200 weekly, working 15-25 hours per week. If you are outgoing, determined, and can follow a simple system... we will teach you and help you succeed. Parents, this is a good opportunity for your son or daughter to learn that "hard work pays off." You will be selling subscriptions to the Midland Reporter-Telegram, with tons of promotions to help you all the way.

Hurry! Call Mr. Money at 567-3431
Leave a Voice Message
(If you don't need money... Don't Call!)

PART TIME = BIG \$\$\$

I need 5 salespeople who know how to close a sale and can work on their own. You will be selling the Midland Reporter-Telegram. You will have designated areas, tons of new promotions, easy sales, and we will help you all the way. Commissions can easily range from \$150-\$350 weekly, working 10-15 hours per week.

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PROMOTIONAL SALES

We still need to fill 6 positions for store booth promotional sales for the Midland Reporter-Telegram. We need salespeople who can close the sale... lots of promotions - easy sales. If you can sell... you can easily make \$100-\$300 weekly commissions... doing part-time work.

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SALES \$60-\$80 A Day

Earn money daily \$60-\$80 a day. No experience necessary. Call James, Monday-Friday, 570-4199.

HIRING DEMONSTRATORS for Christmas Around the World. Your success can be unlimited! You have been given a license to dream big! Choose your own paycheck, set your own hours around the priorities in your life. Taking applications, 1111-A West Wall from 2 pm-7 pm, Friday, May 15th. Contact Pamela Marech, Senior Supervisor, 915-573-5701.

MAJOR OIL FIELD equipment company looking for experienced sales person for new and used pumping unit sales in Permian Basin area. Must be a self-starter with ambition and drive. Please fax resume to (405)341-5182.

MANAGEMENT Position involving phone work. Prior automotive sales preferred. Full time. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume with Jennifer, P.O. Box 62593, San Angelo, Texas 76902 or Fax 1-888-353-2275.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

MUDLOGGERS NEEDED

Experienced inquiries only. Call (830)460-8471.

320 Skilled Trades

WELDERS NEEDED

Experience in shop and field, 1403 Garden City Highway.

318 Management Help Wanted

CENTURY THEATERS

Odessa is now accepting applications/resumes for assistant managers. Expected first year earnings from \$12.00 to \$15.00 plus overtime. To apply come by our office at 4221 Preston Smith Rd. or call 552-7996.

318 Management Help Wanted

CRANE OPERATORS needed with experience. San Angelo area, thru year end. 915-947-9334.

318 Management Help Wanted

SALESPERSON needed. High commission. Call Jason, 522-7876 ask for Jason.

320 Skilled Trades

MECHANICS

American Energy Services, a fast growing fracturing and acidizing company, has several openings for Mechanics at our Midland, Texas District.

Requirements:

- Minimum 21 years of age
- Good driving record
- Pass DOT physical and drug screen
- Class A CDL license preferred
- Must be willing to relocate to Midland Texas

Benefits:

- Excellent Medical / Dental plan
- Prescription Card
- Optical Coverage
- Life Insurance
- 401K retirement plan
- Annual Bonuses
- Safety Bonuses
- Paid Vacations

Please apply at: 2401 E. I-20 Access Rd. Midland, TX or call (915) 570-4899 Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Come Grow With US

320 Skilled Trades

GAS COMPRESSOR TECHNICIANS

needed with experience. Apply at: Hanover Compression 682-0301.

320 Skilled Trades

6-CABLE INSTALLER

experience a big plus but will train the right person. Starting \$8 per hour plus benefits after 3 months. Must have reliable pickup, well groomed and able to work with public. Call 699-0900.

320 Skilled Trades

ELECTRICIANS

Large Electrical Contractor and Service Company has immediate openings for electricians. Helps and trainees. Top pay, benefits and training. year round work. Fax resume or call E-MC Electrical, Inc. Phone (817)695-1313, Fax (817)608-0997.

320 Skilled Trades

EXPERIENCED Cabinet Maker. Campbell Construction Company seeking experienced Cabinet Maker. Layout & Cutout experience a must. Benefits & advancement possibilities. Apply at 241-A Spring Park Drive, Midland, Texas 79705 or send resume to P.O. Box 11293, Midland, Texas 79702. Salary DOE.

320 Skilled Trades

EXPERIENCED DRY wall hanger. Experienced only need apply! Leave message 559-4879.

320 Skilled Trades

LEAD MECHANIC Knowledge of diesel and gas. Competitive salary and benefits, possible 4 day work week. Call 682-8077.

320 Skilled Trades

NEED EXPERIENCED HVAC Tech/ sheet metal mechanic. We have insurance, paid vacation, holidays, uniforms. Apply at Teaco Mechanical, 3906 N Chadbourne St. SAN ANGELO, TX 76903 915-653-1011.

320 Skilled Trades

PLUMBER Licensed Commercial Plumber. Apply in person at Permian Air Conditioning at 311 West 42nd Street, Odessa.

320 Skilled Trades

RESIDENTIAL CARPENTERS and Carpenter. Help with remodeling. Call 684-3843 for appointment/interview.

320 Skilled Trades

SUBCONTRACTOR NEEDED to install steel siding, windows and seamless gutters. 570-5551.

320 Skilled Trades

VALVE & Instrument Technician with experience for both house and field work. Expertise in Fisher Control Valve repair is required. Salary DOE. Send resumes to: Box P-06092, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

320 Skilled Trades

335 Adult Care Needed

NEED PERSON to take care of both house and field work. Must follow explicit instructions. Must be loving, kind, patient. Call 697-6154.

320 Skilled Trades

336 Adult Care Providers

INHOME CARE your locally owned service. If you need dependable help call 570-4475, ask for Tonya or Jackie (Low Rates).

320 Skilled Trades

24 HOUR CARE for elderly \$1,000 month - private room, 9975 semi-private 687-2533.

320 Skilled Trades

PRIVATE DUTY in your home. 20+ years experience in long term care. Excellent references. Nights, evenings or weekends. Call 520-4736, leave message.

320 Skilled Trades

341 Child Care Providers

TWO LOVING mothers will baby sit in our home 7:30 am-6:30 pm 6 months and up. Lunch and snacks provided. With references. Please call 689-0591 or 699-6076.

320 Skilled Trades

WILL KEEP children in our home, ages 2 & up day or night. Henderson area, near park, reasonable rates. Call 522-7834.

320 Skilled Trades

HAVE IMMEDIATE opening for 2 or 3 year olds. Excellent references. Hot lunch/ snacks. 684-5934.

320 Skilled Trades

MS DEBRA'S Daycare. Nursing degree. Large playroom. Immaculate, loving home. Enclosed yard. Meals & Snacks. 9 Years experience. Preschool program. References. 520-8114.

320 Skilled Trades

TWO GRANDMOMMIES Active learning program for toddlers. Love, meals, CPR, first aid. Come visit. 694-9871.

320 Skilled Trades

"HAPPY ADS" for any occasion. Call 682-6222 for more information.

432 Household Furniture

OAK TRIM Entertainment Center (10 shelves), only 6 months old, excellent condition, \$225. 622-8308.

HIDE A BED \$75, 3 swivel rockers (2 at \$50, 1 at \$25), and trundle bed \$75. 694-4036.

LIGHTED DISPLAY cabinet, very large, white with oak trim & glass shelf. \$90. 520-8308.

CONTEMPORARY Kitchen dining table, rectangular shaped glass top with black base and 6 black chairs. New, too large for my kitchen area. \$700. 570-5577.

PRICE REDUCED! Used 16x40 storage building/ shop 10' walls, double doors. Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

4 PIECE Drexel queen bedroom set. Glass/ chrome base dining table and 6 chairs. 685-7605.

SOLID WOOD queen headboard, dresser & mirror, chest of drawers, \$250. 682-5663.

432 Household Furniture

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards - Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

WATERBED for sale, single size with 6 drawers and heater, good condition. 620-0581.

435 Household Appliances

ELECTRIC STOVE/ oven, GE, self-cleaning, almond, built in microwave. \$250. 689-6351.

WHISTLING Washer & Whirlpool dryer for sale \$100. Each. Call 684-5713.

ELECTRIC STOVE/ oven, glass, ceramic cooktop, self-cleaning, 1 year old. Whirlpool, white. \$300. 689-6351.

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

★ FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. 567-5221.

KENMORE REFRIGERATOR, white, \$150. Please call 686-0678.

COOLERS, Washers & Dryers for sale. See Habla Espanol. Call Voice Mail 499-6986.

435 Household Appliances

GRADUATION GIFTS: Avoid duplications. Spend what you want. They choose what they want. Gift Albums 570-4505.

DREAMER CANDLES, Aroma Therapy Products, Teddy Angels, Picture frames, Stone Critics. More! Anna Marie Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring.

★ BIBLE TALK What is Gospel Obedience? 520-0381. Free recorded message.

PRICE REDUCED! 24" Display model above ground pool. Complete package. Financing and installation available. 563-3108.

STATIONARY EXERCISE bike and a rowing machine. \$25. 310 McDonald.

435 Household Appliances

415 Misc. Wanted

WANTED: EXOTIC BIRDS (Parrots etc.) clean bird cages. Tame and wild. 683-7068. Please 563-7396.

SOUTHWEST Company Club of 500 or more. No prize money awards wanted. Will pay top dollar \$67-5039.

435 Household Appliances

430 Household Goods

KENMORE WASHER/ dryer, stove, microwave, freezer, printer, bunk beds, sofa, chairs, ottoman, Little Tykes. 520-3697.

MOVING SALE! Miscellaneous items including living room, bedroom and patio furniture, pool heater, water softener, and gazebo. Please call, days 687-8208, nights 682-6985 for more information.

USED 3 Person hot tub/ spa. Good condition. Must sell this week! Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

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SALE 2 Desirable Lots in Garden of Memories. Resthaven Park \$1,250 Each. Call 682-0602.

TOO MANY Wheels, selling 90 car, needs new engine. \$100. Kettcar \$30. Big Jake Power Wheels. \$60. Boys BMX needs tubes. \$25. Boys 14" bike. \$25. Tricycles. \$25. 515-682-1709.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, wheelchair, space saver Junior scooter, 1 Oxyline mini oxygen system, bathtub chair and grab bar. Oxygen bottles and holder. Stationary bike. 682-7121 or Pager 563-7344.

ORIGINAL BEANIE Babies for sale, \$12. Lots to choose from! Call 699-4743.

HEALTH MADE convenient! Vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and specialty supplements. delivered to your door. 570-4505.

BEDROOM SET, night stand, bookshelves, dresser with mirror, queen size bed set \$400. Box Stradivarius trombone, excellent condition. \$1,500. 520-2827.

MAGIC CHEF Microwave, \$75, leather chair, ottoman, \$100, Magnavox 25" TV, remote. \$200. Ladies dress shoes size 7 1/2 slim, never worn. 694-3177.

EVAPORATIVE COOLERS, Lawnmowers, Cook Stoves, Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers, Couches, Dining Furniture, Antique Furniture/ Other. 570-4851.

GREENHOUSE, wired 10x16, fully equipped and vented. Excellent condition, \$1,000. For more information call 686-8337.

STORM DOOR 32" x 81". Complete aluminum full glass. \$40. Call 697-3323.

FITNESS FLIER exerciser, like new. \$50. Please call 697-0041 ask for Kim.

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DICK'S FIREWOOD Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453-2151, Fax 1-(915) 453-4322.

DICK'S FIREWOOD, Spring Special 5/1/98 - 6/1/98 only! Oak, Mesquite, Cedar. Office 1-915-453-2151. Fax 1-915-453-4322. Delivered and stacked.

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