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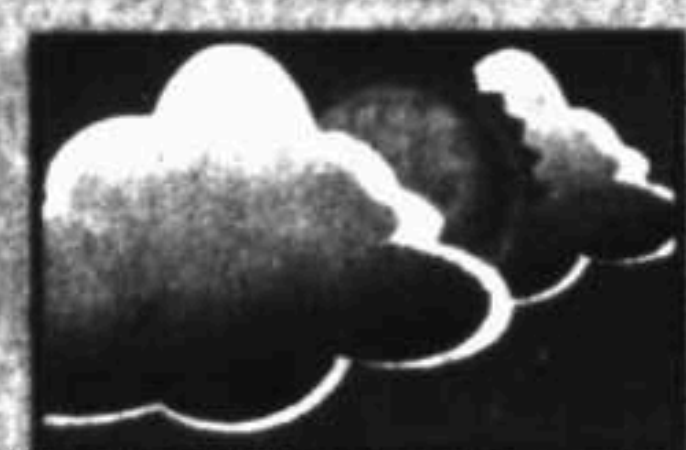
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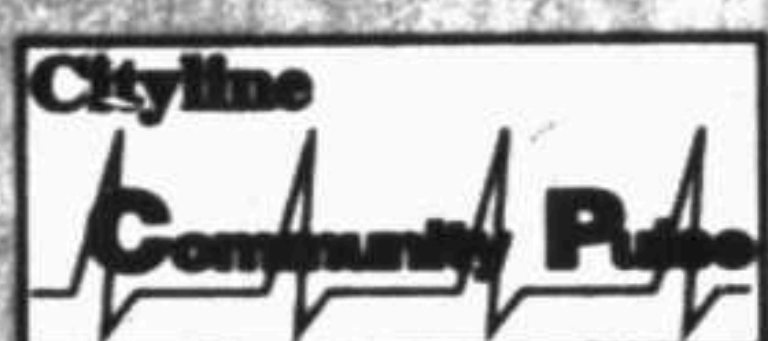
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The community and project receiving the most votes will be the recipient of the 1997 Midland Community Spirit Award.

For additional information on each of the finalists, see Page 6A.

No winners

AUSTIN — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas, state lottery officials said. They said the estimated \$4 million jackpot will rise to about \$9 million for Saturday night's drawing. The numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery from a field of 50 were: 32-37-40-41-45-46.

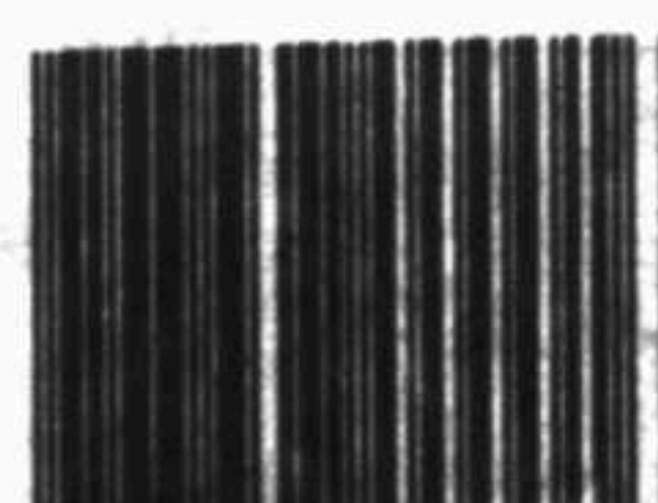
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DPS: To Serve & Protect - Not Kill & Destroy Waco/Ruby 'Gage/Here?

Above, Rocky Otwell, son of Pastor W.N. Otwell, holds a sign to DPS. Below, Pastor W.N. Otwell lends verbal support to Rick McLaren. Below, Mike Cox gives a press conference Wednesday.

Photo above by Tim Fischer
Photo below by Curt Wilcott

**Supporters encourage McLaren to stand firm**

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

FORT DAVIS — A Richard "Rick" McLaren cheering section is heralding the Republic of Texas separatist leader in his stand for Texas as an independent nation.

"I do believe that somebody ought to take a stand, a firm stand," said W.N. Otwell, a 60-year-old "God Said" minister in the East Texas community of Mount Enterprise and a 1990 Texas gubernatorial candidate.

McLaren, who is holed up in his embassy in the Davis Mountains Resort outside Fort Davis, claims to be a Republic of Texas ambassador who has sought recognition by the United Nations.

McLaren and 12 cohorts are quartered in the embassy while scores of armed law-enforcement agents from a number of federal and state agencies are backing up Texas lawmen who are seeking to peacefully serve arrest warrants on six members of the group.

Otwell said that McLaren should remain steadfast in his convictions and "to get what he wants or go down."

"Nobody is going to follow anyone if they don't stand firm," Otwell asserted.

Otwell said that "there is always,

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"This is not the Alamo. This is not San Jacinto. And I am not Davy Crockett. We are just a state law-enforcement agency trying to bring ... justice."

—Mike Cox
DPS spokesman



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

McLaren cuts phone, fax messages to DPS

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

FORT DAVIS — Optimism for Republic of Texas separatist leader Richard McLaren's surrender faded Wednesday after he cut off telephone and fax messages and negotiations with Department of Public Safety officers.

McLaren's attorney, Terry O'Rourke of Houston, had seemed encouraged late Wednesday that he might effect McLaren's surrender if he were "treated with dignity and respect" and if he is allowed to appear in federal court instead of Texas district court.

McLaren, who is charged with organized criminal activity, "wants to be heard in United States court," O'Rourke said. "I am making that happen."

McLaren may be tried in federal court under "law of nations" if he ever surrenders from his trailer-house "embassy" in the Davis Mountains Resort outside Fort Davis, O'Rourke said.

Meanwhile, McLaren will not be granted diplomatic immunity as an ambassador from a foreign country,

For continuing updates on the Republic of Texas standoff, visit the Midland Reporter-Telegram's home "www.mrt.com"

according to DPS spokesman Mike Cox.

For some time now, McLaren has petitioned the United Nations to recognize him as the ambassador of an independent nation — the Republic of Texas.

McLaren, his wife and 11 other people are holed up in his embassy, where until early Wednesday morning had been negotiating with Texas Rangers Capt. Berry Caver and O'Rourke by telephone and fax.

Ideally, O'Rourke said that he would prefer to have face-to-face meetings with his client but, "I am concerned for my own personal safety."

Before Wednesday's shutdown in negotiations at McLaren's insistence, DPS officials "felt we had an open dialogue with him," Cox said. "But, kerplunk, the wheel fell off," Cox said in reference to a Texas saying when things go awry.

After the breakdown, power and water was cut to

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**Republic's president: We've never been allowed to vote ourselves back into union**

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

The current Republic of Texas has its roots in 1936, when the republic declared its right of self-governance from the Republic of Mexico.

According to Odessan David Johnson, president, the current Republic became a state body politic in December 1995 in a town called Bull Verde.

"There was a convention of delegates, which selected key people for government positions on the provisional government council," he said, describing the provisional government as being put together in order to organize a constitution for the citizens to vote on.

Though his organization has disavowed self-styled ambassador Richard McLaren, now locked in a standoff with law enforcement officials, he credited McLaren with renewing the movement.

McLaren, he said, had property in Fort Davis that the government was trying to seize illegally.

"In the process" of fighting the seizure, Johnson said, "he discovered deficiencies in the annexation dates. In his research and by talking to people who study constitutional law, he discovered Texas was never legally a part of the United States."

Since then, "we've been in the process of getting all the legalities done. We've taken it to the World Court, which has ruled in favor of the republic," said Johnson, who became president in November 1996.

"I'll take this 100 percent political — no liens, no lawsuits, no civil disobedience. We have to win the

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Petroleum Museum inducts 5 Midland oilmen into hall of fame

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Described as "shining stars of the Permian Basin" five prominent oilmen were inducted into the Petroleum Hall of Fame Wednesday during a ceremony at Midland Center.

Inducted were L. Decker Dawson, founder of Dawson Geophysical; Joseph I. O'Neill Jr., a pioneer Midland producer; B.J. "Joe" Pevehouse, founder of Adobe Oil & Gas; and Carlton Beal and Allen K. "Moose" Trobaugh, founders of BTA Oil Producers, who were inducted as a team.

Jack Hightower, chairman of the Petroleum Hall of Fame Committee — which selects the inductees — noted that it was the first time in the history of the Petroleum Museum that all the inductees were from Midland.

"It means so much to our family that Moose was inducted with this group," said Melba Trobaugh, "because we were all neighbors and we were all friends. And, they were all dedicated oilmen, and not a one considered the oil business as work."

More than 550 people attending the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony reviewed the accomplishments of the five inductees in a video presentation narrated by Jane Phares, director of the Petroleum Museum.

Dawson, the only living inductee, helped pioneer the geophysical industry in the Permian Basin.

A graduate of Oklahoma State University, he worked for Magnolia Petroleum Co. before joining the military for four years of active duty. After completing his military service, Dawson joined Republic Exploration Co. in 1946, working in Mississippi,

Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. He was transferred to Midland in 1950, and formed Dawson Geophysical in 1952.

"It doesn't seem that I belong among such giants of the industry, as the men I am being inducted with tonight," Dawson said. "We are truly honored."

Joseph I. O'Neill Jr., son of inductee Joseph I. O'Neill Sr., described the individuals being inducted into the Petroleum Hall of Fame as true pioneers. "If my father were here he would have considered this the culmination of his career."

Joseph I. O'Neill Jr. was a football hero, 1937 graduate of Notre Dame and a former FBI agent who singled out Midland and the oil business for a career.

He and his partner, John Castleman, struck it rich by

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U.N. begins airlift of refugees to Rwanda

KISANGANI, Zaire (AP) — The United Nations flew 236 children home to Rwanda on Wednesday after rebels unexpectedly dumped truck- and trainloads of sick and hungry refugees on unprepared aid workers in Kisangani.

"This is a chaos," U.N. refugee spokesman Kilian Kleinschmidt said of the refugees' sudden arrival from camps in northeastern Zaire. "As far as I know, we could have 10,000 people here tomorrow."

After weeks of balking at United Nations plans for the biggest refugee airlift ever attempted in Africa, the rebels are now pressing to complete the operation in 60 days.

The first flight of 186 refugee children reached Kigali, the Rwandan capital, Wednesday afternoon, followed by a second flight of 50 more children. U.N. workers hoped to fly 1,200 more refugees home Thursday.

Aid workers were shocked when the rebels began bringing hundreds of sickly refugees to Kisangani on trucks and trains from refugee camps south of the city.

The rebels, who have taken control of the eastern half of Zaire in a seven-month campaign to oust President Mobutu Sese Seko, have given the United Nations a 60-day deadline to get the 80,000 Rwandan refugees south of Kisangani back home.

"They want repatriation, but under their rules," said Pierce Gerety, a top U.N. representative

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All the U.N. trucks in the region were being used to transport refugees from Kisangani to the airport, leaving none to take food to the camps.

Last week, the refugees fled into the jungle when Zairian mobs attacked them, reportedly killing hundreds. Rebels sealed off the area to aid workers for nearly a week, making it impossible to bring in food or medicine. Some refugees say rebel troops fired into the camps.

Faced with mounting evidence of massacres, rebel chief Laurent Kabila assured U.S. envoy Bill Richardson that anyone found responsible for killings would be punished.

Richardson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, toured a transit camp Wednesday near Kisangani. He appeared visibly distraught at the sight of a refugee mother still clinging to her dead baby.

The U.S. envoy then headed to Kinshasa, the capital, and announced that Mobutu and Kabila would meet Friday on a South African naval ship for talks chaired by the United Nations and attended by other African presi-

ents. "This is an historic occasion that hopefully will lead to peace in

south of Kisangani, where at least 10,000 refugees have gathered in the last few days.

"People are definitely in desperate need of food. They were fighting over biscuits," she said. She said the WFP was bringing food to Biaro by train. It planned to fill the empty boxcars with refugees for the return trip to Kisangani, so they could be airlifted out.

Since the UNHCR remains responsible for the refugees when they reach Kigali, it has set up a transit camp there and will have way stations along the roads most refugees will use to walk home.

The refugees are among 1 million Rwandan Hutus who fled into Zaire to escape retaliation for the Hutu government-led slaughter of 500,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus in 1994.

Most of the Rwandans Hutus have since returned home; those who remain are increasingly in danger from the rebels and local Zairians, who resent the food aid the refugees get.

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State Department releases report on political terrorism

N.Y. Times Service

WASHINGTON — International terrorist attacks killed 311 people worldwide last year, one of the highest death tolls recorded, the State Department said on Wednesday in its annual report on political terror.

Nearly 200 of those deaths were the work of the Tamil Tigers, a separatist group in Sri Lanka, the report said.

Once again, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, the Sudan, Syria and Cuba are on the State Department's list of nations that sponsor such attacks. But the report said that only Iran, by assassinating dissidents abroad and supporting violent groups, was directly linked to any of the terrorist bombings and killings last year.

No international terrorists struck the United States last year, the report said; it made no mention of the midair explosion of TWA Flight 800 off Long Island in July, which killed 230 people. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is still not sure what caused the disaster.

And no attack anywhere in the world last year came close to the April 1995 explosion that killed 168 people at a federal office building in Oklahoma City.

"Domestic terrorism," the report said, "is probably a more widespread phenomenon than international terrorism today," taking a far higher toll in nations like Sri Lanka, Algeria, India and Pakistan as well as the United States.

Still, 24 American citizens died in international terrorist attacks last year. Nineteen were killed in the June 25 truck bombing at an American military base near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Five more died in bombings and shootings in Israel.

The Dhahran attack remains unsolved. "Eventually, we are going to get to the bottom of this," John Lewis, the FBI's assistant director for national security, said on Wednesday.

The 436 international terrorist incidents recorded in 1996 represented a 25-year low, and most were minor blows against commercial targets that killed no one. The deadliest attacks were carried out by the Tamil Tigers of Sri Lanka. The group carried out the biggest bombing of 1996, an explosion in downtown Colombo, the capital, that killed 90 people in January, and it blew up a commuter train in July, killing 70.

The second-deadliest group of 1996 was the Islamic Resistance Movement, better known as Hamas, whose most militant factions want to establish an Islamic Palestinian state in place of Israel. A Hamas suicide bomber blew up a bus in Jerusalem on Feb. 25, 1996, killing 26 people, including 3 Americans. A second struck a Tel Aviv shopping mall a week later, killing 20.

By the State Department's definition, nations cannot commit acts of terrorism, only "subnational groups or clandestine agents" who carry out "politically motivated violence" against innocents. If a nation's air force bombs civilians, that is not terrorism; if civilians blow up a plane, it is.

But nations can sponsor terrorist groups and agents. The seven nations on the State Department's terrorism list are barred from receiving U.S. military and economic aid or importing American-made items that can be used for military purposes.

Still, the report said, there was no evidence directly linking Cuba, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Sudan or Syria to acts of state-sponsored international terrorism in 1996. Only a presidential order can remove a nation from the terrorism list. Only one nation — Iraq —

has ever been removed. That decision, in 1982, came while Iraq was at war with Iran, and it was reversed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990.

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Major tries to convince voters there's hope for Conservatives

■ Tony Blair's Labor party has sizeable lead as British go to polls today.

Associated Press

LONDON — Someone has to lose Britain's national election today, the governing Conservatives or the pollsters.

Tony Blair's Labor party ended the campaign with a fat lead in the polls, while Prime Minister John Major gamely struggled to convince voters there was still hope for his Conservatives.

"I understand why some people find the argument for change attractive," Major said Wednesday at the start of a last day of dogged campaigning. "Eighteen years is a long time ... and it's easy to overlook the achievements."

Blair told a rally in Stockton-on-Tees: "The pundits may have written this election off and said it's all over, the media may say that, the Tories may have given up, but I tell you, this election is not over until it is over ..."

At six weeks, it was the longest British campaign in memory. Major's calculation was that Labor would crack under the pressure, and that a growing, low-inflation economy would spread cheer among wavering voters.

Throughout the campaign, however, the polls have shown a strong tide running against a Conservative Party that has won the last four elections and dramatically changed the British political landscape since Margaret Thatcher's first win in 1979.

The polls showed Labor ahead five years ago, too, but not on the scale of recent surveys, which mainly have indicated 16- to 22-

point leads.

However, a Gallup poll being published Thursday in the pro-Conservative Daily Telegraph put Labor 13 points ahead, a 7-point drop. Gallup, which has been polling for the newspaper daily, interviewed 1,739 people on Tuesday and Wednesday. The margin of error was plus or minus 3 percentage points.

An ICM poll for the liberal Guardian gave Labor a 10-point lead, up from a 5-point lead in last week's ICM survey — the only poll of the campaign to fan Conservative hopes. ICM interviewed 1,161 people in a poll with a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Conservative hopes rested with the undecideds, last-minute switchers, over-confident Labor supporters not bothering to vote, and the liars — those who, as in the last election, wouldn't admit even to pollsters that they supported the government.

Major, 54, who seemed relaxed and confident as he roamed the country, scrapped some of the party's prepared television broadcasts to put himself in front of the camera, speaking in the soft tones of a doctor pleading with an unreasonable patient.

Blair, 43, a more edgy performer and nervous at the start, radiated energy and determination at the end.

It was small comfort to the Conservatives that the election largely was fought on their terms: Blair's Labor Party pledged not to raise personal income tax rates and not to exceed Conservative spending ceilings; not to renationalize the industries such as British Airways, British Telecom and the British Rail, which Thatcher and Major sold to private

owners; and he promised to be tough on crime.

Labor even swiped an old Tory symbol, the bulldog, for one of its TV broadcasts.

Unlike the disciplined Labor party, more than 200 Conservative candidates publicly dissented from Major's policy. The Conservative campaign also stumbled over the "sleaze" issue, which dominated the first week of the campaign.

One parliamentary campaign pitted former BBC war correspondent Martin Bell as the "anti-sleaze" candidate against Conservative Neil Hamilton, who has been accused of accepting cash-filled envelopes to represent private interests in Parliament. Another Tory MP, Tim Smith, admitted accepting such envelopes and resigned March 26.

The clearest difference was on the future of the nation: Labor promised to give limited self-gov-

ernment to Scotland and Wales, while Major said that eventually would break up the United Kingdom.

Northern Ireland was not an issue, despite Irish Republican Army bombs and false warnings that often disrupted transportation during the campaign.

While the opposition hammered home a message of "new Labor, new Britain," Conservatives abandoned one advertising theme after another: a poster showing Blair with demonic eyes, then an aging lion shedding a red tear over the impact of Labor policies, then a picture of Blair as a puppet on the knee of German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

As Major grittily struggled on, cynics said it might get worse: he might win — narrowly back in power to be the target of anti-European, right-wing rebels who harassed him throughout his five-year term.

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Mexican anti-drug agency replaced due to corruption

MEXICO CITY (Hearst) — The Mexican government did away with its corruption-riddled drug enforcement agency Wednesday, replacing it with a much smaller group of specially selected agents who, officials hope, will be immune to payoffs.

The overhaul, the latest in a long string of reorganizations of the country's anti-narcotics effort, came just five days before President Clinton's state visit here. Narcotics enforcement is expected to be one of the more contentious issues under discussion.

Attorney General Jorge Madrazo, who announced the shake-up, said members of the new unit will be selected after rigorous drug and psychological testing and will be partly trained by the United States and other countries.

He said the government opted to abolish the 4-year-old National Institute to Combat Drugs, the rough equivalent of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, because of its rampant corruption and "ineffectiveness in the dismantling of the drug cartels." The Mexican drug agencies fall under the federal Attorney General's Office.

Word of the impending change first leaked in February, while the U.S. Congress was debating whether to certify Mexico as a full ally in the war against narcotics after the arrest of the drug institute's director, army Gen. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo.

Gutierrez, who was Mexico's drug czar for about two months, was jailed on charges of taking bribes from Amado Carrillo Fuentes, considered by many to be Mexico's most powerful cocaine trafficker.

"(The overhaul) has a lot to do with the pressure of the (U.S.) Congress," said Jorge Chabat, a leading Mexican analyst on the country's counter-narcotics policies.

President Ernesto Zedillo insisted before the overhaul was announced that the changes in

Mexico's drug strategy was of his own design.

"This is not something that has been suggested by the government of the United States," Zedillo said in Atlanta on Tuesday. "No way," Madrazo said Wednesday that a "reduced number" of agents would form the backbone of the new agency, to be called the Special Prosecutors Office for Crimes Against Health.

He said the new drug agents will be better paid than those in the past, helping them resist the temptation of bribes from narcotics traffickers.

The new agency will be headed by Mariano Herran, a lawyer who replaced Gen. Gutierrez as the head of the now-defunct anti-narcotics agency.

"The step we are now taking ... means the re-creation of a clean and efficient environment for developing the tasks of intelligence and general operations in the fight against drugs," Madrazo said.

Madrazo offered few other specifics about how the new agency will be radically different from its predecessors.

At least 27 killed in Albanian depot explosion, police say

TIRANA Albania (AP) — An explosion in an underground weapons depot killed 27 people and destroyed nearby homes in a remote central Albanian village, witnesses said today.

The blast occurred Tuesday, but fire continued to rage in the tunnels housing the ordnance today. That, and continued explosions, prevented residents of Selize from recovering the remains of many victims.

The village is less than 20 miles northeast of Tirana, the capital, but it is unapproachable by car. The area's inaccessibility led to erroneous reports earlier about when and exactly where the blast occurred.

The main explosion occurred when thieves were trying to remove munitions from the depot, said Italian Lt. Col. Giovanni Bernar-

di, spokesman for the multinational force that arrived to restore order in the Balkan country April 15.

Bernardi said the cause of the explosion was still unknown, but that the victims apparently were all civilians.

Munitions at the depot, like many in Albania, were stored in underground tunnels. Police said most of the dead were inside the tunnel when it exploded, and flames spread to an adjoining tunnel.

Dozens of families lived near the tunnels, and the Defense Ministry said some houses had been destroyed.

Although the rebellion that swept Albania earlier this year has quieted, looters continue to ransack depots, often setting off explosions when they light torches to illuminate the

warehouses. The Defense Ministry has broadcast televised warnings on the risks and tried to educate people on how to handle weapons.

Citizens looted armories throughout Albania when anti-government protests inspired by failed financial schemes spiraled into rebellion. Hundreds of thousands of weapons have fallen into the hands of civilians and criminal gangs.

During the early days of the rebellion, many people were killed by random gunfire, but deaths now increasingly have been by criminals robbing travelers or extorting protection money from businesses. More than 400 people have been killed in the unrest since January.

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Midland forecast

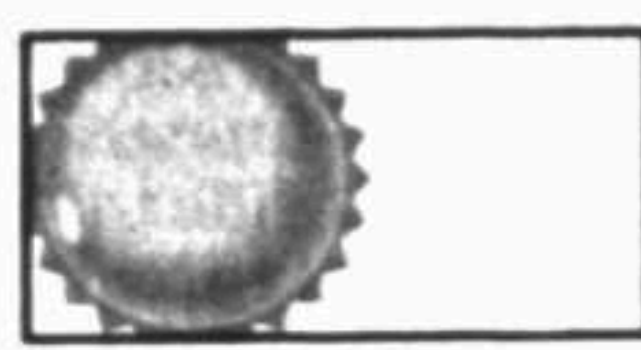
3-day forecast



Today
Windy
High 90
Low 57



Friday
Partly cloudy
High 80
Low 57



Saturday
Sunny
High 76
Low 46

Today's forecast call for partly cloudy skies and a high near 90 with southwest winds at 15-25 mph and gusty. Tonight should be mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers or thundershowers and a low in the upper 50s, according to the National Weather Service in Midland. Friday should be partly cloudy and breezy with a high near 80.

After an overnight low of 60, Wednesday's high reached 83, compared to the record high for that date of 96 set in 1948. The record low was 41 set in 1960.

Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Monday00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday00 in.
Total for month00 in.
Total for year2.02 in.

Yesterday's temperatures
High83
Low60
Normal high84
Normal low54

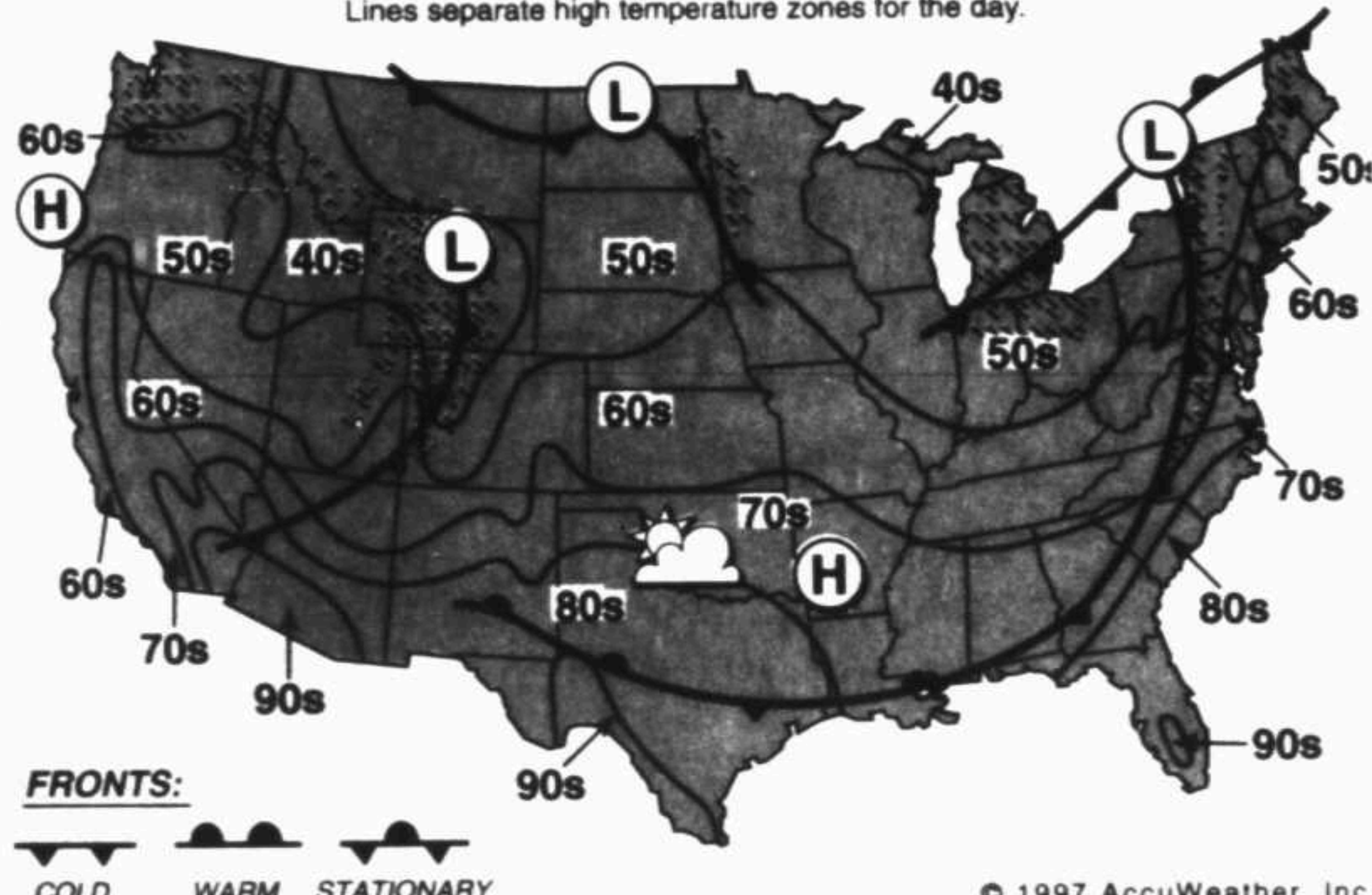
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National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, May 1.

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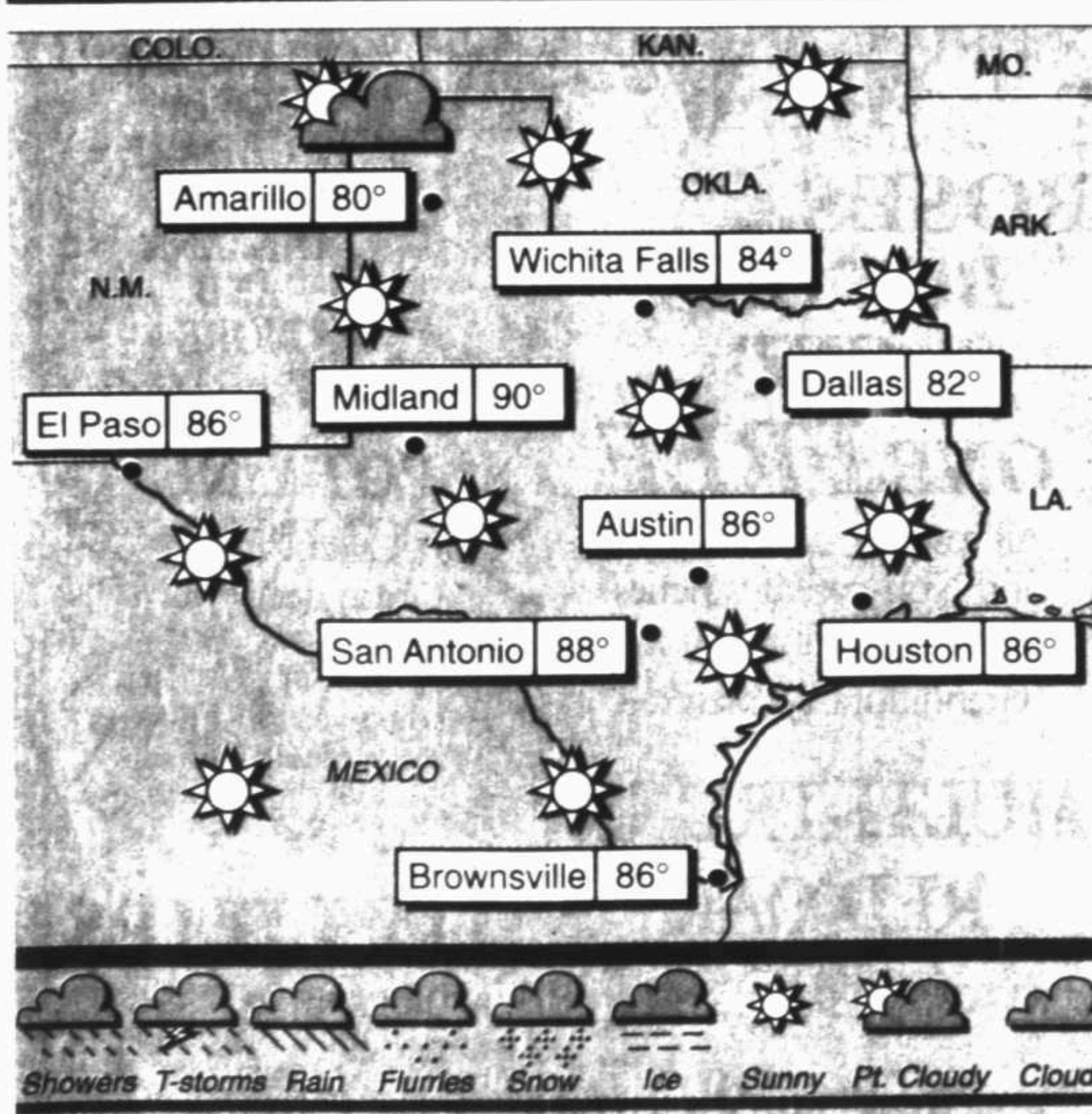
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United States temperatures

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

City	High	Low	Precip	Wind	Clouds
Albany, N.Y.	78	39	m		
Albuquerque	72	51	cl		
Amarillo	67	47	cl		
Anchorage	52	35	cl		
Asheville	72	48	cl		
Atlanta	76	51	cl		
Atlantic City	67	45	m		
Austin	84	64	cl		
Baltimore	74	41	m		
Bellingham	59	39	cl		
Birmingham	79	50	cl		
Bismarck	59	26	cl		
Boise	52	43	cl		
Boston	74	42	m		
Brownsville	85	70	cl		
Buffalo	72	44	m		
Burlington, Vt.	73	42	m		
Casper	61	33	cl		
Charleston, S.C.	76	54	cl		
Charlotte, N.C.	81	40	cl		
Chattanooga	76	51	cl		
Cheyanne	53	31	m		
Chicago	58	52	cl		
Cincinnati	77	45	cl		
Cleveland	73	44	cl		
Columbia, S.C.	79	49	cl		
Concord, N.H.	77	41	cl		
Dallas-Ft. Worth	81	64	cl		
Dayton	76	45	cl		
Denver	64	34	cl		
Des Moines	48	48	cl		
Detroit	70	47	cl		
Duluth	40	32	cl		
El Paso	83	66	cl		
Evansville	82	45	cl		
Fargo	63	36	m		
Flagstaff	66	36	cl		
Grand Rapids	70	50	cl		
Great Falls	58	33	cl		
Greensboro, N.C.	72	46	cl		
Hartford, Spfld.	77	39	m		
Helena	58	36	m		
Honolulu	86	73	cl		
Houston	84	67	cl		
Indianapolis	81	48	cl		
Jackson, Miss.	83	54	cl		
Jacksonville	80	58	cl		
Juneau	53	36	cl		
Kansas City	62	61	cl		
Las Vegas	87	68	cl		
Little Rock	83	56	cl		
Los Angeles	74	59	cl		
Louisville	82	49	cl		
Lubbock	74	52	cl		
Mankato	79	56	cl		
Miami Beach	84	67	cl		
Midland-Odessa	83	61	cl		
Milwaukee	58	57	cl		
Minneapolis	45	39	cl		
Mpls.-St. Paul	45	39	cl		
Nashville	79	46	cl		
New Orleans	78	57	cl		
New York City	72	52	m		
Norfolk, Va.	72	43	cl		
North Platte	62	42	cl		
Oakland	68	59	cl		
Oklahoma City	46	45	cl		
Omaha	46	45	cl		
Orlando	81	57	cl		
Philadelphia	72	46	cl		
Phoenix	91	70	cl		
Pittsburgh	76	38	cl		
Portland, Me.	58	31	m		
Portland, Ore.	58	48	cl		
Providence	71	39	m		
Raleigh-Durham	76	42	cl		
Rapid City	59	37	cl		
Reno	63	37	cl		
Richmond	75	43	cl		
Sacramento	49	77	cl		
St. Louis	82	57	cl		
Salt Lake City	63	41	m		
San Antonio	88	64	cl		
San Diego	62	69	cl		
San Francisco	65	52	cl		
San Juan, P.R.	92	75	cl		
Santa Fe	68	42	cl		
St. Ste. Marie	44	38	cl		
Seattle	50	43	cl		

State forecast



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Texas temperatures

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

City	High	Low	Precip
Abilene	77	63	
Alice	95	64	
Amarillo	67	47	
Austin	84	64	
Beaumont	79	67	0.01
Brownsville	85	70	
Childress	73	55	
College Station	82	64	
Corpus Christi	89	72	
Cotulla	92	68	
Dalhart	86	46	
Dallas	82	67	
Del Rio	94	59	
Denton	77	63	
El Paso	83	66	
Fort Stockton	81	64	
Fort Worth	77	69	
Galveston	82	67	
Houston-Hobby	82	67	
Houston-Intercontinental	84	67	

Correction

Commencement exercises for West Texas Baptist Institute Seminary are set for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Tall City Baptist Church, 3500 Anetia Drive. The public is invited to attend. The time was incorrect in an earlier edition. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

1997 Midland Community Spirit Award Finalists

TRI-CITIES, WASH.

"Nothing is impossible"

Someone once said that the opportunities in America are so great that the motto for this country could well be "Nothing Is Impossible."

It was that kind of irrepressible spirit and we-can-do-it attitude that several thousand residents of Tri-Cities, Wash., demonstrated when they pulled together to build the first Hospice House in eastern Washington.

And the attitude and actions of those who made the beautiful facility a reality was the same as that exhibited by Hospice volunteers themselves — quiet, humble and loving without any regard for praise or recognition.

The idea was born when it was realized many people could not afford to take the time off from their work to care for a terminally ill family member. And although Hospice volunteers fill a big part of the void, there needed to be a place where patients could live during their final days in an environment as close to home as possible, staffed by those who know how to make death easier both for the dying and for the living.

The result of more than 24,000 hours of work by 3,000 volunteers was unveiled Nov. 17, 1996, when Tri-Cities' beautiful new 9,000-square-foot facility was opened.

Built solely by donations and with all volunteer labor, Tri-Cities Hospice House is a \$1.2 million mortgage-free facility built on land donated by a church. Area businesses donated materials or offered hefty discounts; architects, engineers and landscape designers donated their services while others cooked and baked for work crews. And when the structure was finished, others took over, painting walls and laying carpet. Finally came the needed home furnishings and special medical equipment — all donated.

Based on the belief that those who have benefited from Hospice will tell you it's "the work of angels," on Aug. 16, 1996, community residents came together at "An Evening for the Angels," a musical tribute to the new Hospice House and Counseling Center and to the compassionate and caring people who would operate it.

FORSYTH, GA.

"The right thing to do."

What do you do when hundreds of teenagers, between 500 and 600 of them, are literally dumped in your small community with no provisions for food, shelter or transportation? And the buses that left them drive off?

If you're a citizen of Forsyth, Ga., 50 miles south of Atlanta, you deal with it. You meet the challenge.

That's just what residents did when they noticed something was wrong early on July 25, 1996, when chartered buses began dumping young people in their community. Just a few at first, then about 50 at a time. Investigation quickly revealed that the teen-agers were from throughout the U.S. A private company had contracted with the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games to provide employees for concession stands, souvenir booths and other outlets at each Olympic event site. The youngsters had responded to ads promising jobs, game tickets, food, housing and transportation.

But something went wrong and when they arrived in Atlanta they found the promised facilities not available. There were no rooms in Atlanta; other workers had been put to work; buses to return them to their homes did not exist.

No one knew just why the first ones were dumped out at Forsyth but the word must have spread and soon hundreds were there.

Residents immediately showed up to help. Feed 600 teen-agers on the spur of the moment? With the help of volunteers, food and outdoor cookers were rounded up. The local hotel-motel owner came to the rescue and an available school building was opened while a church offered space for the overflow. Other residents took kids into their homes, taking care of all their needs.

Volunteers showed up as cooks, servers and cleanup help. Television connections enabled the youngsters to watch the games; a phone bank was set up so they could call worried parents. Individuals and business owners continued to contribute food and then made donations to a fund to help cover expenses and aid parents, many of them needy, in providing transportation home. Slowly over the next six days the teen-agers left Forsyth with memories they probably will keep for a lifetime.

Why did the folks of Forsyth rally to provide so much help to so many no one even knew? As one volunteer put it: "It was simple. It was just the right thing to do."

McLaren's homepage no longer available on Internet

By Jimmy Patterson

Staff Writer

Being in the middle of his own attempted revolution didn't prevent Richard McLaren from staying wired and communicating with the outside world — at least until shortly after noon Wednesday.

Law enforcement officials in the Davis Mountains reported that phone service was cut off from McLaren's tiny embassy Monday, but the self-described ambassador of the Republic of Texas continued to update his Web site, apparently either through a cellular phone or some sort of satellite hook up.

Then, shortly after noon, a message appeared on the Overland Network — the Internet service provider that houses McLaren's page — that said the requested information was "Not Found" on the server.

"The requested object does not exist on this server. The link you followed is either outdated, inaccurate, or the server has been instructed not to let you have it," the message read Wednesday.

Todd Jagger, who operates Overland Network in Fort Davis, said he was unaware the page had apparently been removed and said he had no knowledge of why it was not available.

McLaren's last update came at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, and read:

"Status: RED Alert Now in Effect!!"

"Update for April 29th, 1997, 11:30."

"Word just reached us that they are moving APC into our area. National Guard units are now involved so Governor (sic) Bush (or his daddy) has issued the order to wipe us out. More later if possible."

Just 90 minutes earlier, McLaren posted the following on his "Net site: Sorry for the slowness in updating, without land lines I have to get this up with covert difficulties from a remote location. Last night the blood of Texans was warmed by the support of our fellow Americans who have joined with us in a bold move to take back America for the People and not the UN or the One World Government. The word on the shortwave was that if these UN, US, INC. and STATE OF TEXAS, INC. agents violate this diplomatic mission's sovereign immunity as granted by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, that the People's militias of America will issue a joint declaration of war on all of these foreign agents operating in disguise as the government of the People known as the FED."

On Tuesday, Jagger said he is in no way a sympathizer with the Republic of Texas or its actions, and assured he would take away McLaren's Internet hookup if it is ever determined McLaren is using the site for illegal purposes.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLO.

"We will never forget"

It began as only a single lightning bolt hitting a single tree on July 2, 1994, but before it was over 14 brave firefighters — 11 men and three women — were dead in a blazing inferno that lasted nine days and was one of the deadliest forest fires in history.

"A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers," President John F. Kennedy once said.

The story of the residents of Glenwood Springs, Colo., is a story of people honoring people and living the pledge they made: "We will never forget!"

Forget they did not. Immediately after the tragedy they set out to remember the firefighters from as far away as Oregon, Idaho and Montana who had come to their aid and, in doing so, had lost their lives.

Through raffles, bake sales, donation jars and dozens of other fund-raising projects a total of \$140,000 had been raised and a year later, on July 6, 1995, the results of their efforts were unveiled.

An impressive bronze monument and sculpture of three firefighters were erected to honor those who lost their lives as well as other firefighters everywhere. A memorial trail was opened along the path where the men and women had died, each location marked by a granite cross. In another area, residents developed a new park featuring 14 large boulders, each bearing a bronze plaque with a firefighter's name. Others in the community created individual quilts to be presented to representatives of each of the 14 families who were flown to Glenwood Springs for the dedications, with lodging and meals provided.

Volunteers had built trails, an observation point, monuments, educational dioramas and provided food, paving labor, landscaping and materials. They were then on hand to honor the relatives who had lost loved ones and who were recognized through the day at a series of receptions, presentations and ceremonies.

In every possible way, the residents of Glenwood Springs and the surrounding area had lived up to their pledge and proved that they truly "will never forget."

HISTORY: President says he'll live by Texans' vote

(From 1A)

hearts and souls of the people of Texas and take this to a vote in two years. We'll live by that vote."

It was McLaren's tactics, Johnson said, that prompted the organization to impeach him and strip him of his office, powers and duties with the Republic.

"Rick McLaren does not represent the Republic of Texas," Johnson said.

"He was trying to enrich himself off the liens. He did some good for us on the legal work, none of us

know what happened to him in the last eight or nine months. He's been isolated in the hills too long," said Johnson, adding that his organization had sent envoys and worked with law enforcement officials to convince McLaren to leave Fort Davis.

He likened McLaren's insistence that he is still the chief ambassador for the Republic to President Nixon, who, if Congress had impeached him, formed his own government and said he was still president of the United States.

Johnson said that the docu-

ments supporting the organization's belief that Texas illegally annexed to the United States come from congressional records, which he said show that Congress had no right under the Constitution to annex a foreign nation, which the Republic of Texas was after it won independence from Mexico.

He said that on March 1, 1845, when President James K. Polk signed a joint resolution admitting Texas to the union, it had no legal standing because joint resolutions are not law but declarations of what Congress wants to do.

He said the Republic's strongest case is what happened on Feb. 2, 1861, when Texas voted to secede from the union and affiliate itself with the Confederacy.

"The real core of this matter is that we've never been allowed to vote ourselves back into the union," he said, explaining that all southern states except Texas were ordered to rescind their secessions. Texas would have had to vote on re-entry, an election he said has never been held.

CHEER: Paster would like to visit McLaren

(From 1A)

always, somebody, if it is necessary — to carry McLaren's banner if he were martyred.

"I embrace his conviction on this Republic of Texas," Otwell said. "It is an independent nation, a nation of its own, a republic of its own."

While Otwell was extolling his political-religious message alongside the highway leading to a Texas Department of Public Safety barricade, his 37-year-old son, carpenter Rocky Otwell, held a large poster that read: "DPS: To Serve & Protect — Not Kill & Destroy. Waco/Ruby Ridge/Here?"

"I am out here praying and hoping for the best," said the younger Otwell.

The son seemed to work more in the background than his father. "My dad is more courageous in (political) areas."

The elder Otwell is pastor of a 150-member Baptist church in Mount Enterprise. He formerly headed up a Fort Worth church and a home for boys.

"We are a peaceful people," the son said. "But we are vocal about what we believe."

The Otwells operate a "helping-hands" ministry. "We take homeless people off the street and help them," said the son.

In supporting McLaren in spirit, the senior Otwell said he would like to visit with McLaren and if that request were granted by the DPS, Otwell said he would tell McLaren, "Don't you give up. Don't you quit."

Otwell said that McLaren has "got a truth."

"I believe that God has given us a place to raise our families, save our families. There is no place in the world. There is no nation you can go to" that affords the freedom of the Texas he sees in his vision.

Otwell said.

The elder Otwell, a native of Arkansas, said that "as far as I am concerned Texas has got its problems. But you still have got a lot of God-fearing people in this state. This is a family state. It is a hub for families and God-fearing people. I do believe that he (McLaren) has got a truth here."

In alluding to McLaren's steadfastness in claiming Texas' independence, Otwell said, "When it comes time to stand, you have got to stand. That is what it is all about."

In viewing Texas as a republic, Otwell said, "I believe this really is a resurrection of true America, a rediscovery of America."

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 32-37-40-41-45-46. Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$4 million.

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-3-0.

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STANDOFF: McLaren loses power, water at his embassy

(From 1A)

the embassy, according to O'Rourke. It is not known if the group has access to well water. Phone and fax lines between McLaren and the DPS were still operational.

Cox said that the DPS "would appreciate hearing from him a g a i n." "We thought we had an understanding (Tuesday) in resolving the crisis in a peaceful way with the conditional surrender of McLaren, his wife and perhaps other members of the band," Cox said. "I don't know what went wrong. I think it is a lot of game-playing."

Of the 13 people in McLaren's embassy, six are charged with engaging in organized criminal activity and three of those are charged with aggravated kidnapping.

On Sunday, the trio — two men and a woman — donned in camouflaged uniforms bearing Republic of Texas decals, allegedly stormed the resort home of Joe and M.A. Rowe with weapons firing and struck Rowe with the butt of a rifle.

The couple, who were held hostage, were released in exchange for Robert Scheidt, a cohort of the trio. Scheidt had been arrested on the resort by Jeff Davis County Sheriff Steve Bailey

for criminal trespass and carrying unlawful weapons, including an assault rifle.

Cox said that the DPS is interested in serving felony arrest warrants to six people, including McLaren, in the embassy. "And they will be served."

"We don't want to match our guns against their guns," Cox said of the DPS and the backup forces. "That is not our interest whatsoever. We are not interested in a revolution here. We are not interested in any conflict at all. Our interest is serving those felony warrants."

Untold numbers of armed county, state, and federal law enforcement officers, including FBI, U.S. Secret Service, DPS, sheriff's deputies, and a SWAT (Special Weapons Assault Team) unit, have set up forces within the resort and in the proximity of McLaren's embassy.

In addition, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice has sent horses, riders, and tracking dogs into the resort.

Of McLaren's self-described status as a Republic of Texas ambassador, Cox said, "If he wants to send us a diplomatic pouch from his embassy, we will accept it."

McLaren has long claimed "diplomatic immunity" based on his stand that Texas is really a republic — an independent coun-

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— Mike Cox
DPS spokesman

try. Formed in 1836 after winning independence from Mexico, McLaren alleges that the Republic of Texas was illegally annexed to the United States in 1845.

McLaren has advocated taking the statehood-republic issue to a vote of the people of Texas to either affirm Texas' republic status or confirm its statehood.

Cox addressed the possibility of outside militias sympathetic to the Republic of Texas trying to move into the resort to reinforce McLaren. On Wednesday morning, Texas Rangers arrested seven people in two vehicles at a Pecos truck stop for carrying assault-type weapons and "some explosives," Cox said.

"We don't want those people to feel like they need to come here," Cox said. "This is not the Alamo. This is not San Jacinto. And I am not Davy Crockett. We are just a

the Rowe couple last Sunday.

"These people (Republic of Texas) say that the most sacred thing to have are rights of personal property and the sanctity of a person's home."

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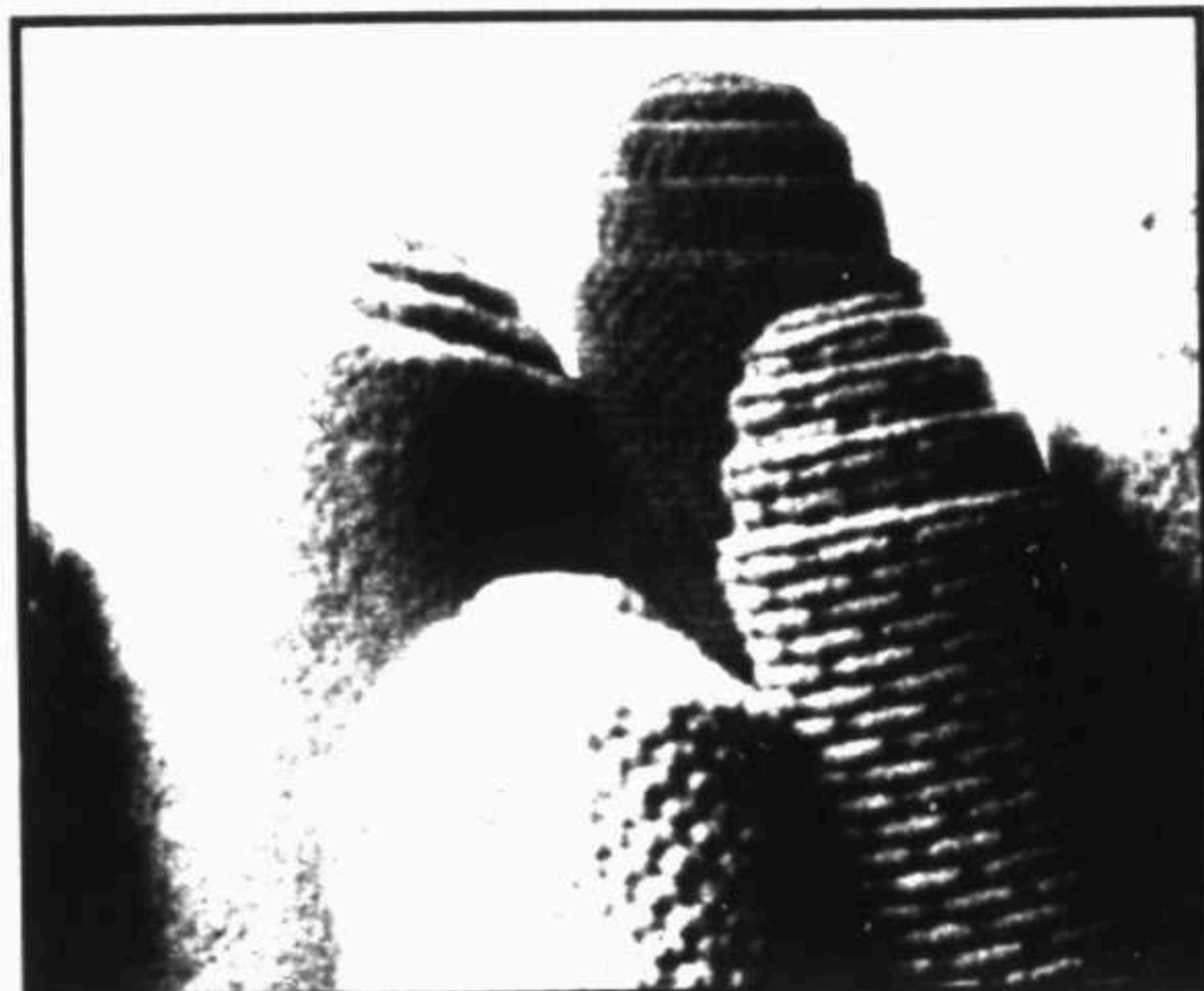
During his press conference at Point of Rocks near the entrance to Davis Mountains Resort, Cox pleaded with McLaren to resume

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Reno defends decision not to seek investigation by independent counsel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno firmly defended her decision not to seek an independent counsel's investigation of campaign financing, telling Republican critics Wednesday that she won't yield to "pressure from any quarter."

Republicans accused the attorney general of misreading the law and of ignoring clear conflicts of interest that cry out for an independent investigation.

Reno, grilled by Senate Republicans, said Justice Department prosecutors had found no evidence of wrongdoing by high Clinton administration officials that would warrant seeking an independent counsel.

"We do not have any specific and credible evidence that any covered official violated the law. If you have any such information forward it to us and we will review it," Reno told Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"Let me be absolutely clear: I am not going to violate my oath in this matter because of pressure from any quarter, not from the media, not from Congress, nor from anywhere else," Reno said.

"To do so would be wrong, and I will have no part in it," Hatch persisted.

"All of the persons or entities under investigation have strong ties to the inner circles of the White House and its re-election campaign," Hatch said.

"If this does not present the attorney general with a conflict of interest, I would like to know what does," Hatch argued that Reno was applying an outdated standard that was in place before Congress changed the law in the early 1980s to make it easier to trigger court appointment of an independent counsel.

"With all due respect, I believe you are misinterpreting the statute," Hatch told the attorney general.

"That is the standard applied by previous attorneys general," Reno shot back.

"I don't care what prior attorneys general said," Hatch said. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., not-

ed that Democrats did not criticize one of Reno's Republican predecessors, William P. Barr, when he used the same standard not to seek an independent counsel at one point during the Bush administration.

"It's all right when the Republicans interpret the law, but it is not all right when the Democrats interpret the law the very same way," Leahy said.

Hatch asked Reno if it wasn't true that "there are at least facts or suspicious circumstances suggesting illicit fund-raising activities from the White House?"

"I don't do things based on just suspicions," Reno said.

Justice Department prosecutors are investigating whether illegal campaign contributions from foreign countries, notably China, was funneled into Democratic Party coffers to buy influence at the White House.

They are also scrutinizing the activities of Democratic fund-rais-

ers John Huang and Yah Lin "Charlie" Trie. The two raised most of the nearly \$3 million returned by the Democratic National Committee because the donations came from questionable sources.

Reno disclosed that FBI Director Louis Freeh this week had briefed Samuel Berger, President Clinton's national security adviser, on intelligence about China, similar to what the Senate Intelligence Committee recently received.

The two agreed that Freeh "would not go into certain matters because of the ongoing investigation," Reno said. "We are keeping the White House fully informed consistent with the needs of the criminal investigation."

The White House and the FBI had feuded earlier this year after it was discovered that National Security Council aides did not forward information from an FBI briefing on the belief that the bureau did not want it passed along to the president.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., argued that there was "specific and credible evidence" from political consultant Dick Morris that

the Clinton campaign violated election laws by illegally spending "soft money" raised for the Democratic Party on ads promoting the president's re-election.

Morris wrote in his memoirs that Clinton personally directed the production and placement of Democratic Party ads, which

were financed with soft-money donations for which there are no contribution limits.

"I don't think you can show a violation of the law," Reno said. "It is presumed there will be coordination between the candidate and the party."

'I don't do things based on just suspicions.'

— Attorney General Janet Reno

Chelsea opts for Stanford — 3,000 miles away

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ending months of speculation and rumor, Chelsea Clinton chose Stanford University as her next home, putting 3,000 miles between her and the iron gates on Pennsylvania Avenue.

"Planes run out there and phones work out there. E-mail works out there, so we'll be all right," President Clinton sighed.

The first couple's only child announced Wednesday in a single-sentence statement from Mom's press office that she would enroll at Stanford next fall.

"I'm just grateful this day has come," said first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton after being questioned almost daily about Chelsea's pick. "I think she wanted to branch out and be her own person ... make her own mark in the world."

The elite California university, with its sunny campus in the

foothills south of San Francisco, had received 16,840 applications for just 1,610 freshman slots.

Chelsea, 17, toured the mission-styled campus with her mother last September and returned for a final look by herself only last weekend. Its world-class medical school may have been irresistible to the aspiring doctor; windsurfing classes on the San Francisco Bay could be a tempting side dish.

As a freshman, she will live in a dormitory. And she might want to risk her ballerina's knees and learn to Roller Blade: it's a preferred means of navigating the sprawling campus.

Tuition, books, room and board will set the Clintons back more than \$31,000 a year, and they are unlikely to get a break. While Chelsea is known as an exceptional student at Washington's private Sidwell Friends School and was one of only 15,000 students nation-

wide to qualify as a National Merit semifinalist, Stanford scholarships are reserved for low-income students and athletic recruits.

The president's proposed "HOPE scholarship," a \$1,500 per year tax credit for college tuition, would do little to dent the bill — even if his \$200,000 salary didn't disqualify him.

In keeping with the strict zone of privacy kept around the president's daughter, aides refused to elaborate on the decision that was kept top secret to the end.

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Dole to begin job at law firm

WASHINGTON (AP) — After four decades in public life, 73-year-old Bob Dole starts work Thursday with a high-powered Washington law firm. The former Kansas senator and presidential candidate is preparing to write a book, give speeches around the country — and retain a voice in Republican politics.

"It's going to be Bob Dole Enterprises, I guess," Dole, grinning, told an interviewer. The former Senate majority leader said he will never lobby Congress or the executive branch for Verner, Lipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand. The downtown firm's long client list includes more than 90 Fortune 500 companies and some foreign governments.

"To me, it's just demeaning," Dole said of lobbying. "I've worked with these guys. You sort of go up there with your hat in your hand. Having been the leader, I wouldn't feel quite right about it."

Dole's main duty will be bringing in new clients, a task he can combine with traveling the nation making speeches and raising money for the planned World War II memorial in Washington. He also is working out a deal to write a book he hopes to have ready in the fall about "things that have been important in my lifetime that might have some value for readers."

To take up his new digs at Verner, Lipfert, Dole finally is moving out of his GOP presidential campaign office suite near Union Station, where "Dole For President" signs still adorned the windows Wednesday.

As a moving crew taped up boxes and gingerly took pictures off the walls, Dole took time out to discuss his new job and future projects, his views of the current political landscape, even the potential for a presidential run by his wife Elizabeth Dole in 2000.

Although Mrs. Dole "sees these polls coming out," Dole said "it's way too early" for her to consider such a bid seriously.

Witness: McVeigh revealed bombing plan

■ Defense attorney tries to cast doubt on testimony by questioning witness about her drug use.

Associated Press

DENVER — A woman who testified that Timothy McVeigh confided detailed plans to blow up the Oklahoma City federal building was portrayed today as an opportunistic liar who turned against her friend to save her own skin.

Lori Fortier, the wife of one of McVeigh's Army buddies, initially told the FBI she knew nothing about the bombing. But she later began cooperating with prosecutors and testified under immunity Tuesday that McVeigh told her months before his plans to blow up the federal building in retaliation for the government siege on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas.

"Mrs. Fortier, would you agree with me that you either made false statements to the Federal Bureau of Investigation ... or you're making false statements to this jury of strangers?" McVeigh attorney Stephen Jones asked during cross-examination. The question was quickly disallowed.

Through his questions, Jones suggested that Mrs. Fortier and her husband, Michael Fortier, changed their stories only after they learned co-defendant Terry Nichols was arrested and they feared they could be next.

"Within a few days after Mr. Nichols was charged, your husband contacted the FBI and said the two of you wished to change your statements?" Jones asked. Mrs. Fortier acknowledged that was true.

Michael Fortier has pleaded guilty to lesser charges in exchange for his testimony and could face up to 23 years in prison. Mrs. Fortier is testifying under immunity from prosecution.

"Everything that you may have

said yesterday and today which implies criminal responsibility, you can't be prosecuted for?" Jones asked.

"Yes," she replied.

At Jones' request, Mrs. Fortier read aloud a news release she and her husband issued shortly after McVeigh's arrest.

Called, "Judge not, for ye will be judged," the release stated in part: "It truly sickens me when I see my friend's face, yes my friend's face, portrayed on the cover of Time magazine as the face of evil."

"Timothy McVeigh is a close friend of my family and mine. From knowing him I believe in no way that he was responsible for this crime. Timothy McVeigh has already been crucified by all the lies put forth in the media," the statement said.

"You were not distancing yourself from Mr. McVeigh, were you?" Jones asked.

"No," Mrs. Fortier said.

McVeigh stared intently at Mrs. Fortier during her testimony, leaning back in his chair with his hands folded in front of him.

Mrs. Fortier testified Tuesday that McVeigh diagramed his plans for the bombing by placing a dozen soup cans on the floor to show how he would arrange the barrels in the truck for maximum destruction.

Six months after that meeting in the living room of her Kingman, Ariz., mobile home, a truck packed with nearly two tons of fuel and ammonium nitrate fertilizer exploded outside the Oklahoma City federal building, killing 168 and wounding more than 500.

McVeigh, a 29-year-old Gulf War veteran, faces the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy in the April 19, 1995, bombing, the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S. soil. Nichols is to be tried later.

Mrs. Fortier said in her direct testimony that McVeigh focused on the Oklahoma City federal building because it was "an easy target and

that it was a building that housed some of the people that were in the Waco raid."

She said McVeigh told her details of his plan, including that he and Nichols stole explosives from a Kansas quarry and that he bought fuel for the bomb at a racetrack.

In his cross-examination today, Jones turned his attack to Mrs. Fortier's drug use. She admitted both she and her husband smoked pot and took methamphetamines. "During some of the times of these events that you're talking about you were using speed?" Jones asked.

"I wasn't using speed on the day that he came and told us that," she replied.

Jones tried to suggest that his client was nothing more than a "Walter Mitty" character, a man who merely fantasizes about grand deeds.

Mrs. Fortier said she didn't want to believe McVeigh was serious about the bombing. "I didn't want to think he was serious because he was a friend of ours," she said.

Jones asked, "All you would have had to do to prevent the deaths of these 168 people was to pick up the telephone?"

She replied, "Yes."

He responded, "But you didn't, did you?"

She said, "No."

During a break, Nichols' attorney Michael Tigar held a news conference to belittle Mrs. Fortier's testimony. He is not bound by the judge's gag order.

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Inductees served community well

Five new names were added Wednesday to the list of those honored by the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame for their lifetime achievement in the petroleum industry.

The five — L. Decker Dawson, Carlton E. Beal, Allen K. Trobaugh, Joseph I. O'Neill Jr. and B.J. "Joe" Pevehouse — were all deserving of this significant honor. All the inductees are deceased with the exception of Dawson and all are well-known in Midland not only because of their leadership roles in the oil and gas industry, but also their laudatory civic involvement.

Dawson is president of Dawson Geophysical Company, a firm he founded in 1952 after moving to Midland and which has been a leader in the oil and gas industry.

Beal and Trobaugh, who were inducted as a team, were partners in BTA Oil Producers which became one of the Southwest's largest family-held independent oil and gas partnerships.

O'Neill entered the oil industry in 1949 as a lease broker with partner William P. Castleman Jr. and they moved to Midland, drilling their first well in June that year. Although Castleman later moved to Dallas, O'Neill remained in Midland as an independent oil operator, eventually participating in the drilling of more than 750 wells. He also was elected first president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association in 1962.

In 1960 Pevehouse formed Adobe Oil Co. which later became one of the most successful independent oil companies in the nation. Eventually the company was merged into Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. Pevehouse was recognized for his achievements and leadership in the Texas oil and gas industry with a resolution from the Texas Legislature.

For all their achievements in the oil and gas industry, the five men also must be recognized for their leadership and contributions to the civic life of Midland. Between them, they served the community of Midland through involvement in the Midland Chamber of Commerce, Midland Community Theater, Midland County Hospital District, Midland Memorial Hospital, Trinity School, the United Way of Midland, YMCA, High Sky Girls Ranch, Midland College, Trinity Towers, the Salvation Army, Permian Basin Petroleum Association and much more.

All five had a tremendous impact on the business and civic life of Midland and are appropriate inductees into the Petroleum Museum and Hall of Fame.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Medicare study says trust fund in danger

As if to reaffirm the obvious, yet another study by Medicare trustees has reported that the program's hospital trust fund is headed toward insolvency by 2001.

A similar report last year reported the same findings, so by substituting more study for corrective action, Congress has squandered a year. Last year's presidential election virtually assured that nothing would get done, but this year offers no such excuse.

Adjustments are required both in the short term, which amounts to the four years before the hospital fund runs out of money, and in the long term. Beginning in 2011, the huge baby boom generation will begin to retire and draw on Medicare benefits. Fundamental adjustments will be necessary if the system is not to be overwhelmed before 2025.

In the next five years, if nothing is done, the trust fund will contribute \$148 billion to the budget deficit, according to the trustees report. President Clinton has proposed to cut about \$100 billion in payments to providers during that period, which he argues would provide some breathing room until 2008 to revise the program for long-term viability.

One promising administration proposal would remove home-care services from the hospital trust fund and finance them much like doctor and laboratory services by drawing at least in part on general revenues, which is a sound starting point. Financing now comes from payroll taxes paid into the Social Security system.

The White House and Congress have dodged, delayed and "medigogued" the issue. Time is running out. Adequate, affordable health care for generations of elderly to come is at stake.

— Fort Worth Star-Telegram

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, May 1, the 121st day of 1997. There are 244 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 1, 1898, Commodore George Dewey gave the command, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley," as an American naval force destroyed a Spanish fleet in Manila Bay.

On this date: In 1786, the opera "The Marriage of Figaro," by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, premiered in Vienna.

In 1893, the World's Columbian Exposition was officially opened in Chicago by President Cleveland.

In 1931, New York's 102-story Empire State Building was dedicated.

In 1931, singer Kate Smith began her long-running radio program on CBS.

GEORGE F. WILL

Lott's seriousness tested by amended ABM treaty

WASHINGTON — The president's sugary Philadelphia "summit" on volunteerism suggests a political era of good feeling or, what is much the same thing, an era of no thinking. However, last week there was a welcome sign of seriousness — an infusion of ill will into the political argument. Unfortunately for Republicans, it is within their ranks.

Shortly before the Senate ratified the Chemical Weapons Convention, the man who made ratification possible, Trent Lott of Mississippi, his patience sorely tried, approached another Republican on the Senate floor to complain about how hard it is to get along with conservatives. The majority leader apparently finds his party's base tiresome.

The base reciprocates the sentiment. Its description of Lott as "Dole with a drawl" is not intended to compliment Lott or his predecessor, who, when he announced his resignation from the Senate, said he would go either to the White House or home. The latter turns out to be a Washington law firm. In transition to that redoubt, Dole issued his retraction of his faint toward opposition to the CWC that he voiced during the presidential campaign, when those tiresome conservatives had to be placated by faux hostility to the arms control fetish. Conservatives' consolation in all this has been a glimpse of the Dole presidency they missed getting.

Now, intelligent, honorable people disagreed about ratification of the CWC. A few conservatives conscientiously supported it. Lott's offense, the sting of which will long linger, was not just his charade of agonizing about ratification, but also the main reason he gave for reaching his foregone conclusion. He said the president had given him "an ironclad commitment" to "exercise our right of withdrawal" in the event of certain specified developments.

Leave aside the fact that Clinton wrote only of being "prepared" to withdraw under certain circumstances. And leave aside the fact an ironclad Clinton commitment is an oxymoron, and should be ludicrous to a leader of the Republican Party, the fax machines of which spew geyers of documents about Clinton's broken promises. And leave aside the fact that the CWC will last longer than Clinton's presidency and Clinton's letter does not bind his successors.

However, surely Lott understands how unlikely it is that any president will withdraw from any arms control agreement. This is because of the perverse dynamic of the arms control "process," of which Lott's ratification vote is evidence.

Many supporters of the CWC agreed with opponents that it is largely unverifiable, unenforceable and, in some provisions, potentially dangerous. However, those supporters argued that a bad agreement is better than no agreement because at least we will be "engaged in the process" and able to "shape the interpretation and application" of the agreement. And when violations of the CWC occur, the arguments presented for ratifying it will be employed to demonstrate the "urgency" of not withdrawing from it.

But, then, the very existence of the CWC will make the U.S. government reluctant to recognize violations of it. Remember (to cite one from dozens of possible examples) the case of the Soviet radar at Krasnoyarsk.

It was, as American conservatives charged and as Russian officials eventually acknowledged after the Soviet Union collapsed, part of a ballistic missile defense project in violation of the ABM treaty. But for too long after the radar was built, U.S. intelligence and diplomatic officials refused to call it a violation.

Why? We have intelligence agencies to tell us what is happening abroad. Had there been no ABM treaty, the radar would have been promptly identified as what it was. But with the ABM treaty, a candid characterization of it would mean a crisis with our "partner in the arms control process," with whom we were negotiating other agreements (some of them rationalized as ways of keeping the "process" going). Thus does anxiety about jeopardizing the "process" produce the politicization of intelligence.

Lott has been around long enough to understand all this. If he doesn't, Republicans need a new leader. If he does, he needs an occasion to demonstrate that understanding. An occasion is coming.

One price Clinton paid for Lott's collaboration was to agree — this is no more than constitutional propriety — to submit for Senate ratification the "demarcation" provisions negotiated with the Russians that amend, by extending the scope of, the ABM treaty. They impossibly limit possible future theater (less than strategic range) missile defenses and reflect the administration's apparent desire to inflict on missile defenses a death of a thousand cuts. This subject, which is more important than the CWC, will test Lott's seriousness.

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CAL THOMAS

Volunteer summit big government by another name

One hesitates to be critical of the Summit for America's Future in Philadelphia because the motives of most of those involved appear to be as pure as those who love their mothers, eat apple pie and salute the American flag.

But from President Clinton's definition of volunteerism, to the summit's virtual snubbing of churches and other religious bodies which, according to the Gallup organization, already contribute 60 percent of the volunteer effort in this country, it quickly becomes clear that this summit is a stealth way to expand government programs and government's reach in spite of a growing awareness of government's inability to reach beyond externals and enter the human heart and soul, where the core of the problem lies.

In his radio address last Saturday, the President called for \$2.75 billion in additional spending to teach children to read by the end of the third grade. He wants another \$300 million for "challenge grants" to help parents help their children become effective readers. And he's trying to keep his AmeriCorps "volunteer" program alive in the face of Republican attempts to cut this boondoggle. AmeriCorps participants receive living allowances and nearly \$5,000 a year for college. When people are paid, they can hardly be considered volunteers.

According to the official volunteer summit Web page on the Internet, there are 15 million at-risk young people in America.

Are there enough volunteers who have the time, resources, skills and motivation to separate themselves from the responsibilities they should be exercising with their own children to make sure an at-risk child does his homework and receives love and nurture?

Can a volunteer convince a young girl she is valuable so she won't confuse love with sex and bear children out of wedlock or have an abortion?

Will cleaning graffiti from walls in a photo opportunity mean that graffiti will never return? Only if the graffiti of life is removed from a heart.

Instead of this summit on volunteerism, it would have been better to have a summit on liberalism and secularism, the twin evils that have brought forth upon this continent conditions that all of the volunteers in the world cannot reverse. The list of horrors is long and getting longer.

More than a million people are incarcerated. Streets are unsafe and entire neighborhoods unlivable because of crime and the fear of crime.

Social, psychological, physical and spiritual diseases from the consequences of sexual permissiveness and hedonistic living stalk the nation.

"The Divorce Culture," as Barbara Dafoe Whitehead calls it in her new book, is devastating young lives unto the third and fourth generation.

ART BUCHWALD

Decision to regulate cigarettes, and allow ads, interesting

A federal judge in Greensboro, N.C., ruled that the Food and Drug Administration can regulate tobacco products but cannot have any control over advertising and promotion of the product.

It is an interesting decision, since cigarettes are now considered a dangerous drug, but the producers can advertise and promote it so more people will use it.

As soon as the decision was announced, the advertising agencies went into full throttle.

Allen, Allen & Zagreb, who have the Choke Cigarette account, brought ideas for a new campaign into the Choke offices.

Bud Allen held up the sketches, while Charley Allen did the talking.

"Here's one that the boys in the back room came up with. 'If Choke wasn't good for you, the FDA wouldn't want to control it.'"

"Or how about this: 'People who stand on sidewalks in front of their office buildings love Chokes so much, they are willing to risk sub-zero temperatures, while nonsmokers stay warm inside.'"

Mike Zagreb said, "We want to give Choke a masculine image. We will show a guy falling off his horse. He is holding a Chokeboro in his hand, and he's saying, 'No Washington bureaucrat is going to tell me when to fall off my horse. And no FDA flunky is going to tell me how much nicotine I need to be a man.'"

Buddy Allen said, "We have to inject joy into our ads. This one shows a bunch of party-goers blowing smoke rings in the air. One is saying, 'People who sit in the nonsmoking side of a restaurant will never know what fun they're missing.'"

Zagreb holds up another poster. "In this one, a little boy is saying, 'The reason I smoke Chokes is that theirs is the only cigarette pack displaying a picture of a Foreign Legionnaire kissing a Camel on the lips.'"

Zagreb then jumped onto the conference table and began to sing, "Puff the Magic Dragon, Puff a Choke today, Better to smoke a ciggy, Than to smoke the FDA."

The board was not impressed. One executive said, "Let's hit this thing head on. Why don't we have a Death's Head on the package with a President Clinton look-alike in the ad saying, 'The reason I fell down those steps is that I smoked a Choke cigarette — it wouldn't have happened if I had inhaled.'"

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Herman wins Senate confirmation

WASHINGTON (AP) — After four months of political roadblocks and questions about her professional conduct, Alexis Herman won Senate confirmation to be labor secretary Wednesday.

Republicans removed a hold on the nomination after President Clinton agreed to drop plans to issue an executive order telling federal agencies to consider awarding construction contracts to unionized companies.

President Clinton cheered the 85-13 Senate vote — and the removal of the obstacles that had blocked it.

"I want to thank the Senate for its strong show of support for Alexis Herman," Clinton said in a statement. "There was never any question that she was highly qualified to be secretary of labor."

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., expressed the same view.

"We've known now for some time that the delay in confirming Ms. Herman had little to do with her qualifications," he said. "I am very pleased that at long last, Ms. Herman will have a chance to serve in her position."

The GOP and business groups claimed victory in the dispute over use of unionized workers for federal construction projects, but the White House said Clinton would send agencies a memo similar to the proposed executive order.

"I didn't have a problem with Alexis Herman being secretary of labor," Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., who had placed the hold on Herman's nomination, said moments before Wednesday's vote. "My purpose was to make sure that the administration does not try to legislate by executive order."

Her confirmation makes the CIA directorship the last seat to be filled in Clinton's Cabinet. George Tenet has been nominated for the job. Clinton's first choice, Anthony Lake, withdrew from a contentious confirmation process.

After fending off questions about her professional conduct as head of the White House Office of Public Liaison, her nomination hearing had gone smoothly and she was expected to quickly win confirmation.

But she was again frustrated

after the administration promised labor unions that it would change federal contract guidelines.

A White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the presidential memorandum would have the "same substantive effect" as an executive order amending federal contract guidelines. The memo will encourage agencies to award contracts to unionized companies. But neither the executive order nor the memo would require that they do so, the official said.

But business groups characterized the agreement as a victory.

"This clearly is a decisive victory for the American taxpayers, for all construction workers and the American business community," said Bruce Josten, vice president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "It clearly shows the initial proposed draft from the White House was fatally flawed."

Word of a deal came just hours after Senate Democrats blocked action on Republican legislation in an effort to pressure the GOP into allowing a vote on Herman's nomination.

Scientists: Laxative ingredient causes cancer

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — An ingredient used for more than 90 years in a common laxative causes cancer in laboratory rats at high doses, a new study by federal scientists shows.

Rats fed high doses of a compound called phenolphthalein, one of the ingredients in the popular laxative Ex-Lax, developed lymphomas after six months, according to researchers at the National Toxicology Program office in Research Triangle Park, N.C.

The doses of phenolphthalein that caused cancer were 30 times higher than humans would absorb from prescribed doses of the over-the-counter laxative, according to officials of the Food and Drug Administration.

June K. Dunnick of the Toxicology Program said tumors taken from the laboratory rats were tested for the presence of a gene called p53 and that of 21 cancers tested, all lacked that gene. P53 is a cancer suppressor gene, and it is missing or flawed in many human cancers.

"There was clear evidence of the loss of p53," said Dunnick.

The report was presented at a meeting of the Carcinogen Assessment Committee of the FDA. The committee went into executive session, excluding the public, without taking action.

Joseph J. DeGeorge of the FDA, chairman of the committee, said his group would make a report to another FDA committee which, in turn, could decide whether the agency will move to restrict or modify the use of phenolphthalein in laxatives.

Mark B. Gelbert, vice president of Novartis Consumer Health Inc. of Summit, N.J., the manufacturer of Ex-Lax, said the product has been sold since 1905 and that the company knows of no health risks from the product when consumers follow the directions on the package.

"We believe that the dose levels used to test on the rats is very high," said Gelbert. He said the rats used in the study may not be a "valid model for determining risks in humans."

"Based on over 90 years of human use, we still believe the drug is extremely safe," he said.

The new study is the second to show that phenolphthalein may pose a cancer risk. The National Toxicology Program scientists a year ago found that high doses of the compound fed to rats for two years caused a variety of tumors.

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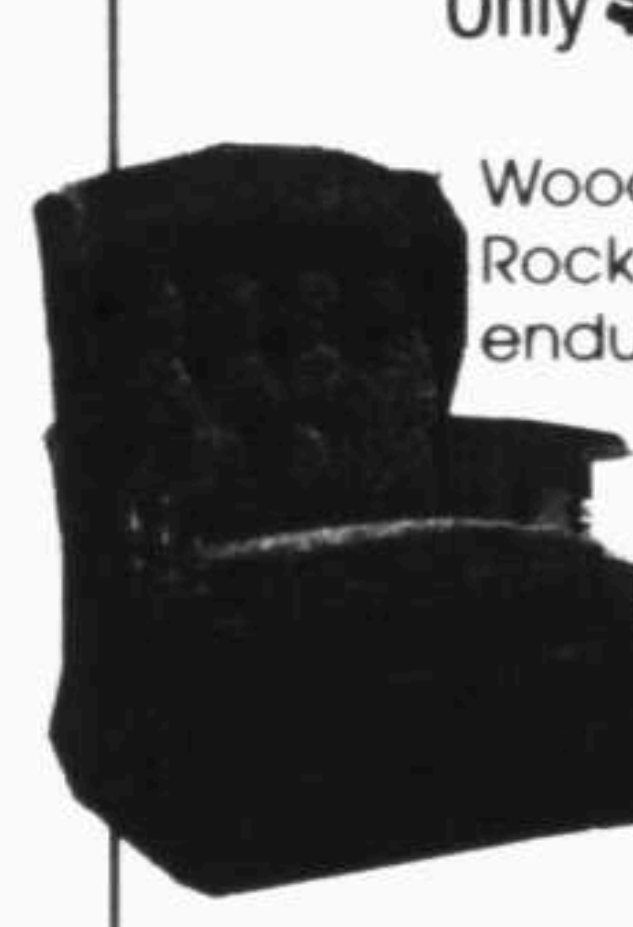
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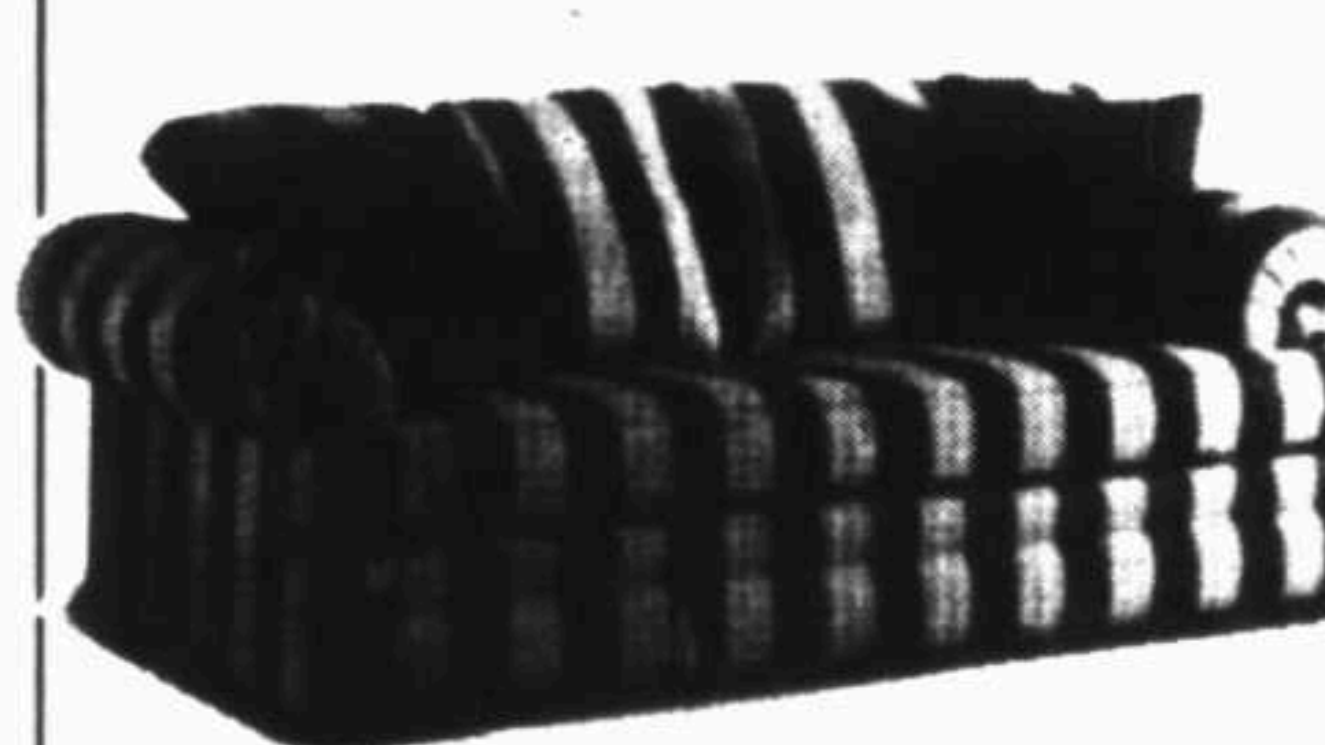


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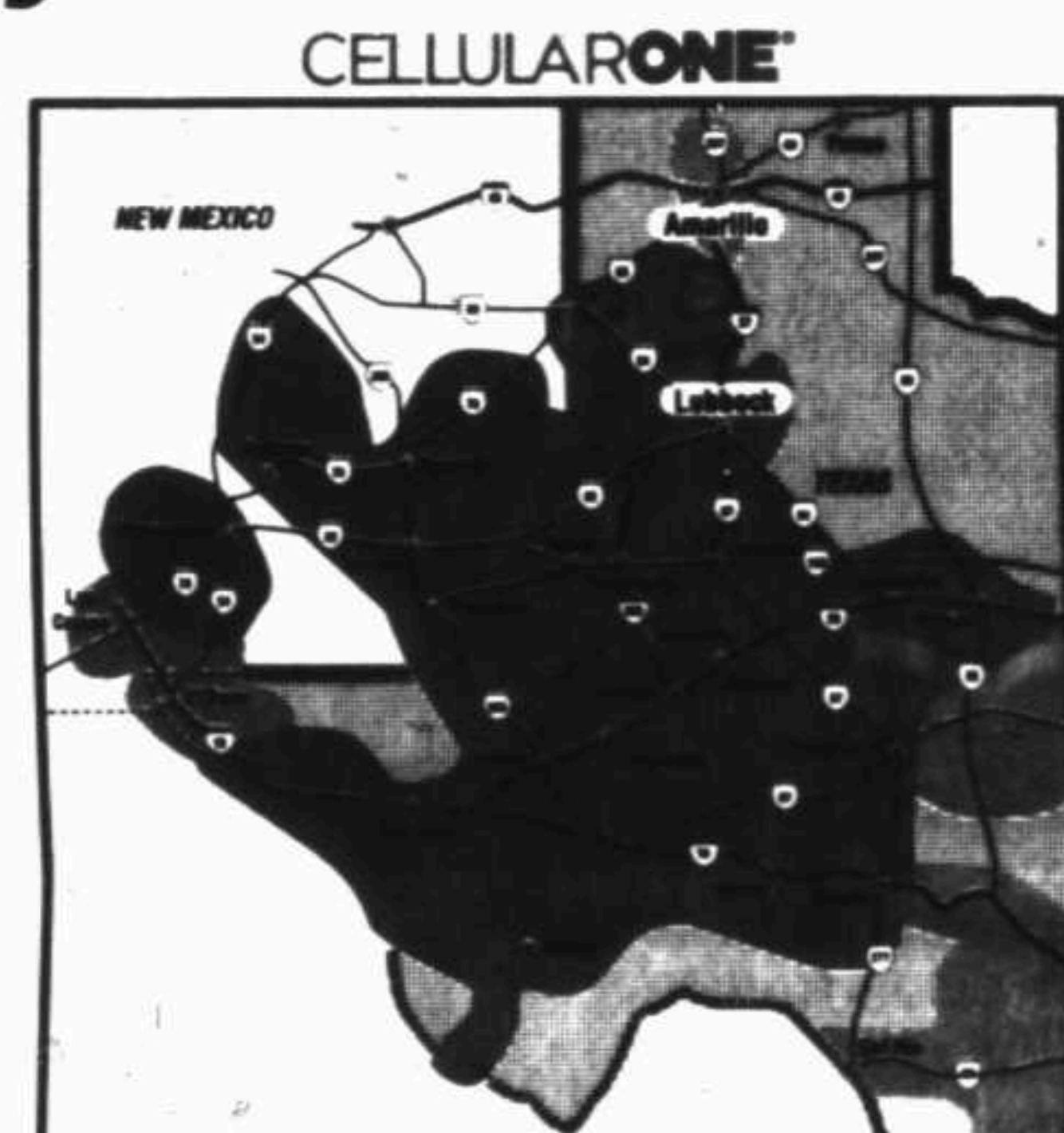
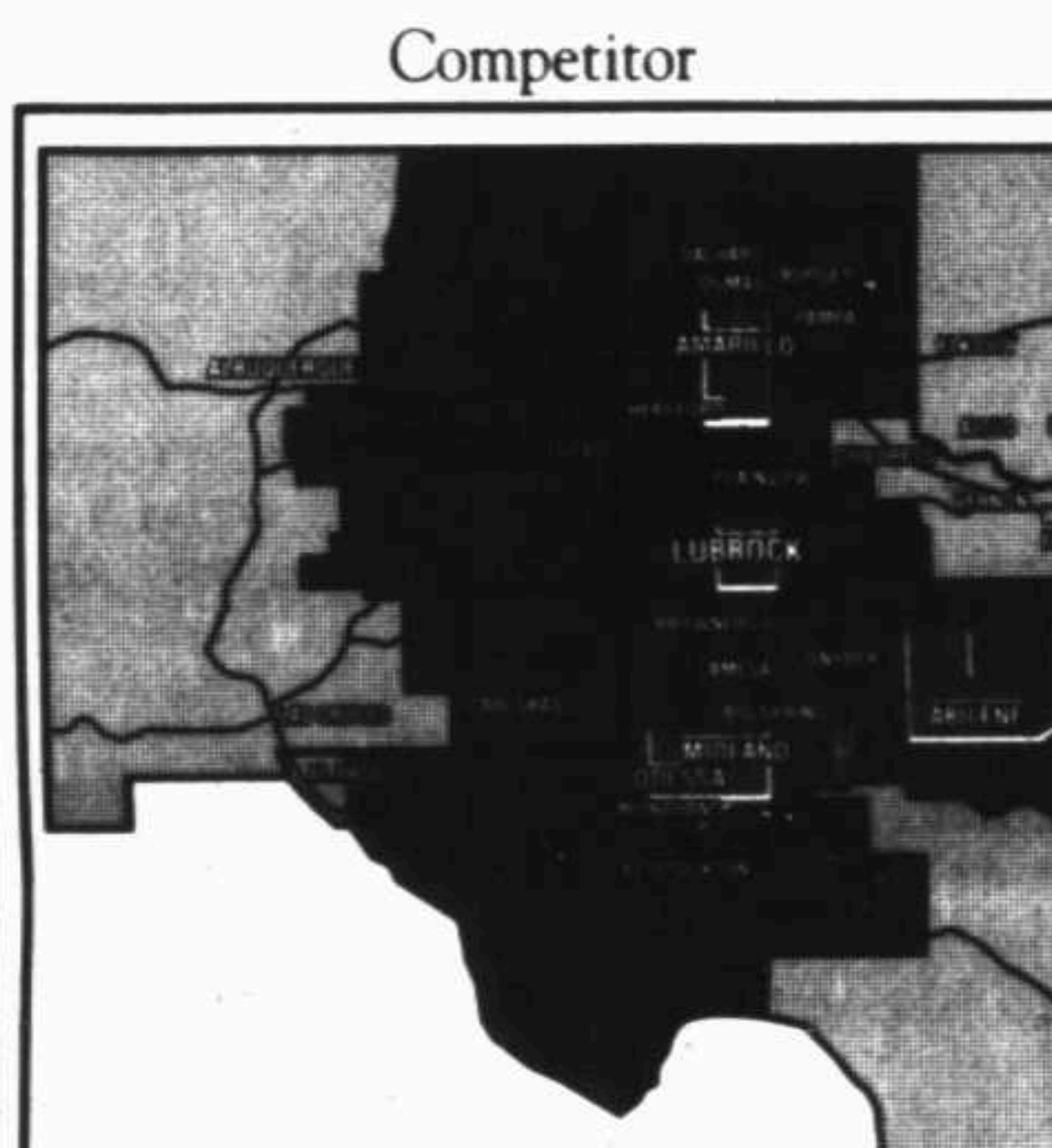
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Study of 25,000 supports theory that exercise prevents breast cancer

BOSTON (AP) — A large new study provides some of the strongest evidence yet that regular exercise helps protect women from breast cancer.

The research, conducted in Norway, found that women who exercise at least four hours a week have about a one-third lower than usual risk of breast cancer.

Exercise already has many proven benefits, including protection against heart disease, stroke, diabetes and brittle bones.

Whether it truly prevents breast cancer, though, is less clear, and the latest study is unlikely to convince all skeptics. They note that women who work out a lot also usually have other healthy habits, so it's difficult to say whether the exercise is truly what's warding off their cancer.

At least a dozen studies have found a link between exercise and less breast cancer. The latest, conducted by Dr. Inger Thune and others from the University of Tromso, was published in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

It followed 25,624 women who filled out questionnaires about their leisure and work activities in the 1970s and early 1980s. After an

average of 14 years, 351 of these women had developed breast cancer.

The researchers found that after they took into consideration women's weight, pregnancy histories and other factors, those who got regular exercise developed significantly less breast cancer.

The effects of exercise seemed to be especially important for women before or shortly after menopause.

Dr. Joanne Manson, co-director of women's health at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, said the findings make biological sense: Exercise prevents obesity, which is linked to breast cancer. It

also can delay the onset of puberty and reduce estrogen levels throughout adulthood, factors that are also thought to lower the risk.

"The study suggests a promising role for exercise, which is a modifiable lifestyle factor, in preventing breast cancer," Manson said. "This is particularly good news,

since so many other risk factors are not modifiable."

In an editorial in the journal, Dr. Anne McTiernan of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle cautioned that much more research is necessary before experts can feel confident that exercise actually prevents breast

cancer.

Even though women should be encouraged to exercise, she wrote, "With respect to whether exercise reduces the risk of breast cancer, too many questions remain for women and their doctors to make informed decisions on whether, how and how much to exercise."

FDA weighs approval of Prozac use by children

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Dr. Paul Riley has prescribed Prozac to chronically depressed and obsessive-compulsive kids almost since it appeared on the market in 1988.

After 35 years as a pediatrician and child psychiatrist, Riley says he knows from experience that Prozac and drugs like it are safe and effective.

"I lived in the old days when we didn't have antidepressants," said Riley, now at St. Vincent Stress Centers in Indianapolis. "Fifty percent of the people were dead" — from suicide — "within a year. People don't remember that, but I do."

Now the Food and Drug Administration is considering formally approving Prozac for children, a move that could help open a huge market for Eli Lilly and Co., the Indianapolis-based maker of the drug.

Some worry, though, that there haven't been enough studies of the drug's effects on children.

And others are concerned that doctors will dispense Prozac for typical adolescent moodiness, in the same way that the hyperactivity drug Ritalin is said to be overprescribed to children who are merely rambunctious or unmotivated.

"Once the drug is on the market, its use is totally up to individual physicians, and hopefully it's based upon sound scientific fact and not marketing," said Larry Sasich, a research analyst for the consumer group Public Citizen.

Doctors can legally prescribe FDA-approved drugs for non-approved uses. But formal FDA approval would allow manufacturers to actually market the drugs for kids. That could bring around many doctors and parents who might be wary of giving Prozac to a youngster.

Young people could represent a huge new market at a time when drug companies have seen sales of their best-selling antidepressants begin to slow. Millions of children and adolescents are believed to suffer from depression or obsessive-compulsive disorder, and advocates say many go untreated.

"The only way you could boost further growth is go after other markets, and one potential market is the adolescent market," said industry analyst Hemant K. Shah.

Last year, U.S. physicians prescribed Prozac and competitors Paxil and Zoloft to more than 580,000 children and adolescents, according to the research firm IMS America Ltd.

About 28 million adult Americans in 1996 took the drugs, which are known as serotonin reuptake inhibitors for their ability to boost brain levels of the mood regulator serotonin.

Prozac, the most established of the class of drugs, produced \$2.36 billion in sales last year.

Eli Lilly sent the FDA test data in December. Pfizer Inc. has submitted data on Zoloft, SmithKline Beecham PLC is conducting tests of Paxil, and Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. and American Home Products Corp. are preparing to test their entries.

Last month, the FDA cleared Luvox, a similar drug jointly marketed by Solvay Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Pharmacia & Upjohn Inc., for the treatment of obsessive-compulsive disorder in children and adolescents.

Fueling the doubts about antidepressants for kids is a lack of data on how they affect youngsters.

"I think pharmaceutical companies have to be exceptionally careful because any side effect or abuse issue could come back to haunt them," Shah said. Physiologically, children "handle drugs in different ways, and those age groups may be particularly susceptible to adverse reactions," Sasich said.

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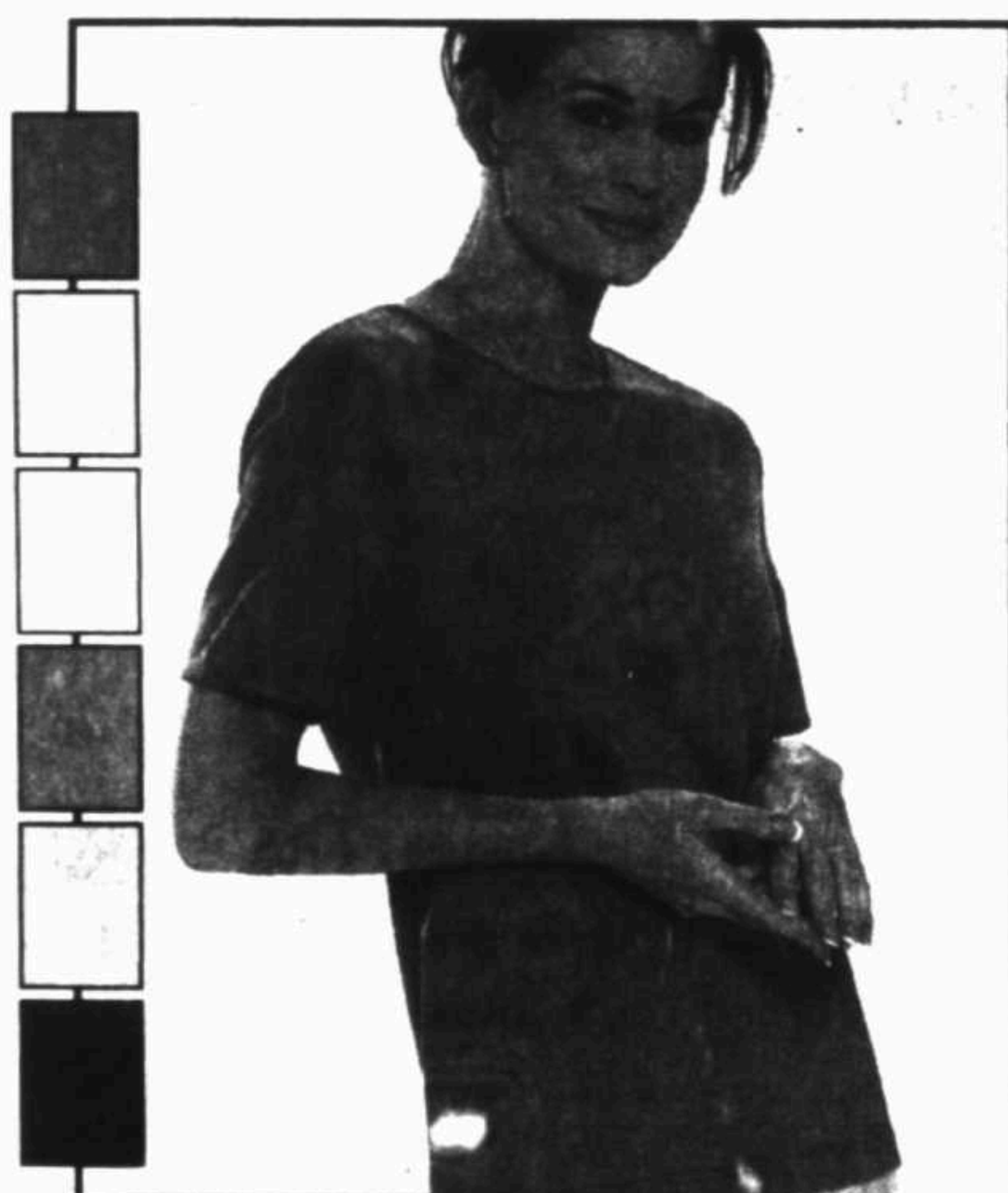
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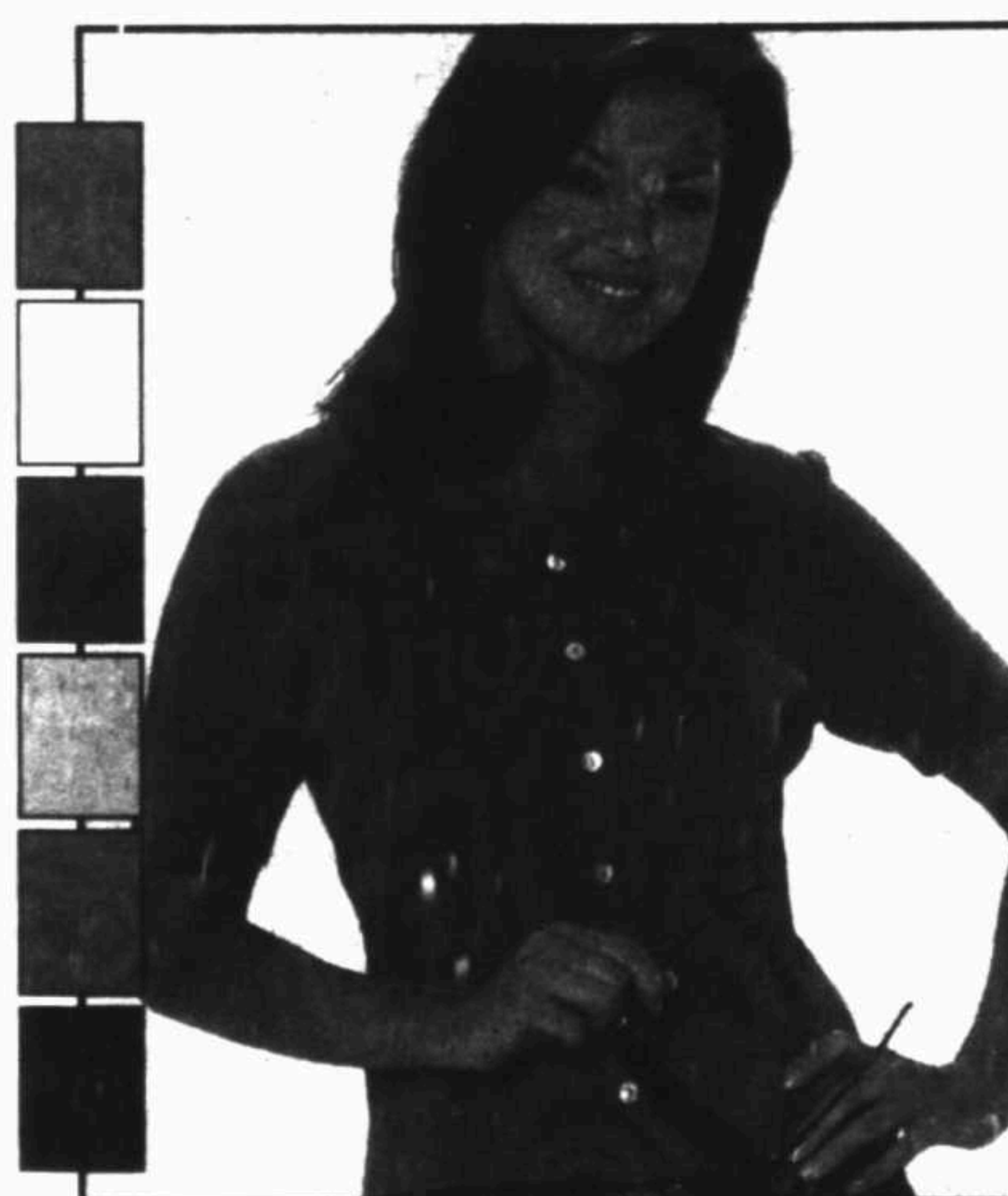
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You Can Soar! World Wide Flight '97 Update

Plane location: Chiang Mai, Thailand
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Chiang Mai weather: Partly cloudy with afternoon showers, 93 degrees

Linda Finch skirted storms along the way for the 634-nautical mile flight into Chiang Mai. "The Land of Smiles," as Thailand is sometimes called, is experiencing its monsoon season, which presents a flight challenge as it did 60 years ago. Amelia Earhart also ran into rainstorms that caused her delayed departure to Bangkok, Siam. In 1939, two years after Ms. Earhart's disappearance, the Kingdom of Siam became a constitutional monarchy and changed its name to Thailand. Ms. Finch spent limited time in public after the arrival and will spend today nursing a cold. She plans to fly to Bangkok on Friday. Call Cityline at 560-2400 and enter category 3200 for the latest pilot log.

INS questions

The El Paso District of the Immigration Naturalization Service has a toll free number, 800-870-3678, that eligible immigrants can call to obtain benefit forms. The forms, including citizen applications, will be mailed. Persons who have questions regarding benefits or other related matters may call 800-375-5283 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. English or Spanish-speaking INS representatives are available.

Traffic signals

Traffic lights at the intersection of "A" and Texas will flash red in all directions today and Friday while city workers install new signal poles. Between Monday and Friday of next week, Shell Street will be closed between Midland Drive and Geraldine while the city installs a water line.

MFD open houses

The Midland Fire Department has planned six open houses 10 a.m.-noon on three Saturdays beginning May 10. The locations of the open houses are: May 10: Station No. 3, 1710 N. Edwards St. and Station No. 8, 3301 Haynes Drive; May 17: Station No. 4, 405 E. Solomon Lane and Station No. 6, 4317 Thomason Drive; and June 7: Station No. 5, 2210 W. Golf Course Road and Station No. 9, 6005 N. Midland Drive.

TODAY'S AGENDA

Project ADAM, (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men) - Support group, 6:30-9:00 p.m., 689-8428 or 520-0277.
Bereavement Support group, 7 p.m., Hospice of Odessa, Texas Commerce Bank, fourth floor, 332-1431, 332-0891.
Midland Council for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, 1 p.m., 3919 Roosevelt Dr., 694-1327.
Midland Apple Users group, 7:30 p.m., 683-6289 or 683-3516, open.
Parents Anonymous, Weekly self-help meetings and parent education to prevent abuse and improve family relationships, 520-2282.
Post traumatic stress disorder support group for women, 6 p.m., Community National Bank, 601 E. Florida Ave., 570-9412.
Pavilion support group, 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 915-362-2567 or 362-6478.

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MC announces philanthropy program

Students to earn scholarships through fund-raising efforts

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland College students will get hands-on experience in philanthropy under a new program announced Wednesday by the college and the Abell-Hanger Foundation.

This fall the program will create a new club, Students in Philanthropy, comprised of 25 students who will serve as charter members of the club. Serving in the club will qualify them for a scholarship from the foundation and meet the scholarship's community service requirements.

The students will be required to raise \$500 before Feb. 1, 1998, through a fund-

raising project. Once the \$500 is raised, the Abell-Hanger foundation will award a matching grant of \$7,500.

Approximately 60 non-profits will apply to the group for funding grants and the students will have to evaluate, prioritize and decide who gets the grants, said Midland College President David Daniel.

"Our community has a history of philanthropy," he said. "The Abell-Hanger Foundation is a perfect example. The people and organizations here know about giving and we want that to continue generation after generation. We want to grow a generation that knows the value of giving."

Arlen Edgar, chairman of the board of

trustees for the Abell-Hanger Foundation, said he and board president David Smith came across the idea at a conference of philanthropic foundations in Houston last fall.

A similar program was available in Colorado high schools, Edgar said.

"They formed in each high school a foundation board of students so they could learn firsthand and get hands-on experience in philanthropy," he said.

"David and I were excited by this program and knew Midland College would be ideal for it," he said. "We also knew it was an ideal adjunct to the Abell-Hanger Foundation."

Under the rules of the program, no non-profit can receive funding two years in a

row, Daniel said.

Robert Haines, director of financial aid for the college, said that applications had been placed in the Scharbauer Student Center and faxed and delivered to Midland and area high schools. He said he expects at least 100 applicants by the June 15 deadline.

Laura Walker, Midland College's Non-profit Services Coordinator and sponsor of the new club, said interviews will be conducted during the summer with the 25 members announced in late summer.

Agencies receiving grants will be announced during a special SIP Grants ceremony next spring.

A WORTHY CAUSE or two



"Jailbird" Steve Holston is on the phone trying to raise "bail" while accepting a donation from Toni Thrash Wednesday at Midland Park Mall. City officials, educators and business people were "behind bars for good," the annual fund-raiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Joyce Low, left, gets a high-five from a competitor after hitting a good drive during the Rally for a Cure Golf Tournament Wednesday at Green Tree Country Club. More than 100 women were expected to play in the tournament that is a benefit for the Dallas-based Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and Allison Cancer Center.

Photos by Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram



Craddick's daughter lobbies for legislation he co-sponsored

AUSTIN (AP) — A House committee has approved a bill that was lobbied for by the daughter of the committee chairman, who co-sponsored the legislation.

The bill, aimed at curbing lawsuits filed by cities against a host of energy companies to collect unpaid pipeline franchise fees, was approved 7-1 by the House Ways and Means Committee and sent to the full House.

Rep. Tom Craddick, a Midland Republican, chairs that committee. He also co-sponsored the legislation, even though his daughter was hired to lobby for the bill. The Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday.

Christi Craddick, a registered lobbyist for the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, told the newspaper she was hired by the trade group this legislative session to work specifically for passage

'We've talked about every issue but, frankly, I haven't lobbied him.'

— Christi Craddick, registered lobbyist and daughter of Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland

of the pipeline bill.

Ms. Craddick, 26, said she discussed the bill with her father and his decision to become a co-sponsor, but never asked for his vote.

Craddick said he wasn't influenced by his daughter's involvement.

"We've talked about every issue but, frankly, I haven't lobbied him," Ms. Craddick said. "We see each other often, but we don't involve ourselves in each others' issues."

Karen Lundquist, general counsel for the Texas Ethics Commission, said there

are no rules against children or spouses lobbying legislator-relatives.

It is also not against the rules for legislators to sponsor or vote on a bill for which family members are lobbying, she said.

Ms. Craddick has been a lobbyist since 1995 and has been working for the energy company group since January. Filings with the Texas Ethics Commission indicate she earned between \$10,000 and \$24,999 for the assignment.

The Craddicks say they see no conflict of interest or ethical problem.

Craddick said he favors the bill because it benefits his district, which is heavily dependent on oil and gas companies.

He said he never thought of recusing himself from voting on the bill and that his daughter's opinion didn't influence him.

Craddick added that he has voted against some of his daughter's clients in the past, but neither he nor his daughter identified any of them.

"If people are hiring her because she's my daughter, they've made a mistake, there's been a communication breakdown, and they are not getting what they paid for," he said.

Ms. Craddick says she is treated by legislators just like any other lobbyist and would never ask her father for a vote.

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Museum presents past to youngsters

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

"There was a time when dogs talked just like people," said Pueblo Indian (Hopi-Tewa-Laguna) Eldrena Douma McMenamy to a hushed crowd of youngsters sitting at her feet.

The storyteller spun a tale of dogs preparing for a feast. "They brought their rattles and began to dance, but they bumped into each other and stepped on each other's tails," she told school children visiting the Museum of the Southwest recently.

In order to have more room to dance, the dogs took off their tails and hung them on cornstalks. Then a disturbance frightened the dogs.

"Ay-i-i-i-i," Ms. McMenamy yelled in imitation of the animals, startling her audience. The dogs later returned to the party site and put their tails back on. But lo and behold, they all put the wrong

tails on.

"That's not your tail, the dogs said. The rest of the evening the dogs went from village to village searching for their tails," Ms. McMenamy said. "To this day, the first thing a dog does when it meets another dog is check its tail hoping it might be its own lost tail."

Speaking of Native American lore, Ms. McMenamy told many stories over several days as the museum presented activities for Texas Archaeology Awareness Month.

The Indian storyteller was raised on reservations in New Mexico and Arizona. She spoke to many groups of children — more than 1,770 area fourth-graders visited the museum over three days, rotating from room to room. Students came from Midland, Odessa, Monahans, Pecos, Big Spring, Balmorhea, and Stanton.



Some of the more than 1,770 fourth-graders file past archaeology displays at the Museum of the Southwest during recent activities for Texas Archaeology Awareness Month.

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POLICE REPORTS

Fatal accident

A 23-year-old Midland man is dead following a vehicle-pedestrian accident late Tuesday on Texas Highway 349 near the Midland Country Club.

Shortly before midnight, police responded to the accident after a motorist noticed a woman standing in the highway, according to police reports.

Police investigators determined that 36-year-old Sylvia Alvarado of Lamesa was traveling north when she struck Joseph Anthony Diaz, who, after having car trouble, was walking in the middle of the right northbound lane.

Diaz was pronounced dead at the scene and Ms. Alvarado was transported to Memorial Hospital and Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries.

No charges have been filed at this time and the incident is still under investigation.

Midland Police Department Tuesday

Burglary of a building: A lock was reported broken at 3018 W. Kentucky Ave. It was reported at 11:30 p.m.

Vandalism: A rock was reportedly thrown through the window of a home at 801 S. Weatherford St. It was reported at 11:55 p.m. by Susie Uriegas.

Wednesday

Burglary of a vehicle: A rear window was reportedly broken in a vehicle at the intersection of Midkiff Road and Industrial Boulevard. It was reported at 8:15 a.m.

Theft: Lug nuts and hub cap covers were reported stolen at 600 Liddon Ave. It was reported by Donna Law.

Burglary of a residence: A window was reported broken at a home at 1607 Standolind Ave. It was reported at 9:02 a.m. by Jerry Krueger.

Theft: Vinyl top ornaments and a hood ornament were reported stolen from 608 W. Kansas Ave. It was reported at 12:23 p.m. by Kathy Neepor.

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

MUSEUM: Children see past on display during archaeology event

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In one room Rebecca Vogt described the native plants and materials used in basket weaving. The artist described how cave paintings serve to tell stories in the absence of written records. She spoke of Indians who wove their hair and yucca stalks into baskets, and placed hot stones in baskets to boil water.

Bessie Franklin, a member of the Texas Intertribal Indian Organization, also gave presentations to the fourth-graders.

The students viewed artifact displays, including pottery, in the museum's archaeology exhibit, "The Search for Ancient Plainsmen."

The student events were co-

sponsored by the Midland Archaeology Society and made possible in part by a grant from the Arts Assembly of Midland.

Currently on display at the museum are hundreds of colorful and innovative works of art created by Midland County school students. They will be on display through May 11.

The museum is located at 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Public hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Sunday from 2-5 p.m. For more information call 683-2882. There is no admission charge.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Lee High School students Mike Bargsley, from left, Donny Hernandez, Lee Gonzalez and Thomas Freeman rehearse for the school's production of "The Odd Couple."

Lee drama students to present Neil Simon's 'The Odd Couple'

From Staff Reports

Lee High School Theatre students will present "The Odd Couple," Neil Simon's timeless story of the slob bachelor and his meticulous roommate, at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the school.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

The comedy revolves around the hilarious events that ensue when two men with clashing personalities live in the same apartment. The patterns of their own disastrous marriages begin to reappear in this arrangement.

The cast includes Jason Haney as Oscar, the messy

bachelor; and Darren Roegner as the fastidious Felix. The cast includes card players Mike Bargsley, Lee Gonzalez, Thomas Freeman, and Donny Hernandez.

Candice Settle and Leslie Carroll compete the cast as the two British sisters who come to dinner.

Operating lights are Misty Reed, Amy Bowden, and Gina Scarborough. Sound operators are Nicole Early, Elizabeth Black and Lynette Herrera.

The play is directed by LHS teacher Horace Griffin.

Tickets will be sold by cast members and at the door.

OBITUARIES



James Warren

James Alexander Warren was born in Santa Ana, California, on May 15, 1918. He graduated from Lone High School in 1936; attended UCLA; and obtained a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from the University of California at Berkeley in December 1941.

Mr. Warren was drafted by the U.S. Army in March of 1942 and was subsequently accepted into Officers' Candidate School by the U.S. Navy in June 1942. He was part of the Petroleum Inspection Service of the U.S. Navy until November of 1945.

Mr. Warren and his family were moved from Montrose, California, to Midland, Texas, in 1952, by Southern California Petroleum Corporation. He was active for many years at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Midland as a deacon, elder and as a Clerk of the

Session. He continued to work in the petroleum industry in the Permian Basin, eastern New Mexico and Wyoming until he retired from Crown Central Drilling Co. Inc., in 1983. He was a member of St. Mark's Methodist Church of Midland and moved to Garland, Texas, in August 1995. He enjoyed swimming and trout fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane of Garland, Texas; two sons, William F. Warren of Midland, and James D. Warren of Las Vegas, Nevada; four daughters, Katherine W. Vaughan of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Jesi A. Wheat of Richardson, Texas, Mary A. Helen Vollmer of Garland, Texas, and Sarita A. Tate of Millersville, Maryland; a daughter-in-law, Katherine R. Warren of Las Vegas; two son-in-laws, Lee Vollmer of Garland, Texas, and Jerry Tate of Millersville, Maryland; one brother, Richard L. Warren of Foresthill, California; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two nieces and two nephews. She was preceded in death by parents Leroy A. Warren and Ruth A. Warren; and a brother Malcolm L. Warren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York, 10115.

Mr. Warren died late Sunday evening, April 27, 1997, at Horizon Specialty Hospital in Dallas, Texas, of complications following a recent stroke.

Funeral services and interment have been set for 2 p.m. Friday, May 2, 1997, at Resthaven Funeral Home and Cemetery in Rockwall, Texas, with Rev. William S. Caldwell officiating. Visitation will

be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 1997, at the funeral home.

A memorial service for Mr. Warren will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 1997, at St. Mark's Methodist Church, 1701 North Main, in Midland.



Bill Bolch Jr.

Bill Bolch Jr. of Irving passed away Sunday, April 27, 1997. Mr. Bolch was born on January 19, 1927, in Cross Plains, Texas. He was a geologist in the petroleum industry. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1950. He was a member of the Red Raider Club, Texas Tech Ex-Students Association & a Saddle Tramp. He is also a member of First Methodist Church of Midland, Texas, American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Society of Petroleum Engineers (A.I.M.E.),

Permian Basin Petroleum Association, West Texas Geological Society, Natural Gas Society of the Permian Basin, American Gas Association, Trustee with the Irving Symphony. He was Vice President Mineral Property Manager for Nations Bank of Texas from 1984 until his death and was previously, President of Foy Boyd Management Corporation, and Director with El Paso Natural Gas Company for 30 years and Senior Geologist with Reservoir Engineering Department.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma Bolch of Irving; son and daughter-in-law, Bill & Judy Bolch III of El Paso; daughter and son-in-law, Diane Elizabeth and Sonny Rix of Bakersfield, California; a sister, Jimmie Lee McGhee of Victoria, Texas; grandchildren, William H. Bolch IV, Alexandra Lane Bolch of El Paso, Texas, Elizabeth Rix and Tristan Ralph Rix of Bakersfield, California.

Services will be on Thursday, May 1, 1997, at Western Hills Methodist Church in El Paso, at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Fort Bliss National Cemetery with Rev. Russell Parchman officiating. Family will receive friends at Martin Funeral Home, West on Wednesday, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Pallbearers will be Dr. Clinton Dewolfe, Bill Henson, Greg Holcomb, Bill Cantrell, Richard Cantrell, Terry Thomas. Honorary pallbearers will be Les Ludwig, Johnny Mulloy, Lloyd McDonald, Jim Cantrell, Dr. Thomas Roberts, Craig Graf, Dick Wilson and A.M. Derrick.

Memorial donations can be directed to The American Heart Association.

DEATH NOTICES

Lila Henderson

LUBBOCK — Lila Washington Henderson, 81 of Lubbock, mother of Midlander Gary Washington, died Wednesday, April 30, at a Lubbock hospital.

Services are to be 11 a.m. Friday, May 2, at W.W. Rix Chapel in Lubbock with the Rev. John H. Johns officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

She was born Jan. 23, 1916, in Gomez.

She lived in Lubbock since 1931. She was a homemaker, a Baptist and a member of the Rebekah Lodge and South Plains Drifters. She married Clyde Washington Jan. 8, 1933, in Clovis, N.M. He died Nov. 23, 1976. She married Ralph Henderson April 14, 1978, in Lubbock. He preceded her in death on Sept. 23, 1996.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jimmie Washington on Nov. 13, 1989.

Other survivors include a daughter, Vannoy Shaw of Marina del Rey, Calif.; another son Je Don Washington of Lubbock; six

grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Guy Harper

ODESSA — Midlander Guy Wilson Harper, 79, died Wednesday, April 30, at a local hospital.

Graveside services are to be 11 a.m. Friday, May 2, at Sunset Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Jess Little, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Harper was born April 12, 1918 in Star.

He was a retired maintenance supervisor for University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Rough Riders Rodeo Club.

Survivors include his wife, Neoma Harper of Midland; two sons, Jim Harper of Albuquerque, N.M., and Guy Lee Harper of Ruidoso, N.M.; a daughter, Brenda Pierce of Odessa; three sisters, Juanita Carnes of El Paso, Imajean Cox of Arizona and Norma Lee Campbell of El Paso; and four grandchildren.

William Leek Jr.

ODESSA — William "Bill" Oral Leek Jr., 73, of Odessa died Tuesday, April 29, at his residence.

Services are to be 2 p.m. today, May 1, at Second Baptist Church in Odessa with the Rev. Bruce Troy officiating. Burial is to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

He was born July 22, 1923, in Covington, Okla.

He owned Leek Fire and Safety

Equipment. He moved to Odessa in 1951 from Oklahoma. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of Second Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Leek of Odessa; a daughter, Suzanne Taylor of Marble Falls; two sons, Ron Peoples of Fort Worth and Dan Peoples of Irving; a brother, Don Leek of Odessa; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Family requests memorials be directed to the Second Baptist Church Memorial Fund.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

There is no charge for death notices of residents or former residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

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

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

House delays Amtrak loan plan

AUSTIN (AP) — The state has many important things to do with its money and shouldn't make a loan to a quasi-government agency, two lawmakers said Wednesday.

Reps. Yvonne Davis, D-Dallas, and Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, opposed a bill allowing the state to make a \$5.6 million loan to Amtrak. The loan, which would have to be repaid by 1999, is meant to keep the Texas Eagle passenger train route on track in the state. The route has been threatened by funding cuts from the federal government to the train company.

Grusendorf raised procedural questions about the bill, forcing it to go back to a House

committee because there was not enough public notice given when the committee considered the bill.

With the session ending June 2, Grusendorf said the bill still could come back to the full House, but "faces a time crunch."

"I don't think there is broad support for subsidizing trains in Texas," Grusendorf said. "The fare ought to cover the cost."

Ms. Davis said too many state projects are set aside or delayed because of money shortfalls, "and here we are making a loan to a private interest."

"We need to use the state money for state needs," she added.

GASOLINE: Attorney general didn't have case, executive says

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initially pursued a \$1 million penalty against each of the six companies involved, and has now settled for a total of \$300,000 from the respondents in order to cover the costs of the state's legal fees, tells me that they finally realized they didn't really have a case," Stephens said.

The lawsuit was originally filed in the 118th District Court in Howard County, but following a

change of venue request, was moved to Sweetwater.

With a trial date set for May 5, the defendants opted for the settlement agreement.

The case was prosecuted by attorneys with Morales' antitrust section, including assistant attorney generals Pedro Perez, Jr., Susan Huber, Rebecca Fisher and Jim Wenzel and investigators Gary Beaubien, Kay Thomas and Rudie Berger.

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AREA IN BRIEF

Festival of Art continues

ODESSA — The first annual Festival of the Arts at Odessa College continues through Saturday.

A photography and art open house is set for Sedate Hall today. OC culinary arts will provide the refreshments. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a color printing demonstration at 7 p.m., an Adobe Photoshop demonstration at 7:15 p.m., a showing of mat cutting and presentation procedures at 7:30 p.m., and an Internet demonstration at 7:45 p.m., all in Sedate Hall, Room 203.

In addition, an OC Arts Students Exhibition is on display in the Learning Resources Options Gallery.

Two concerts scheduled by an OC alumni choir are set for 6 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Deaderick Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children.

In addition, Jerry Dugan and West Wind will perform from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday at a free dance in front of the Learning Resources Center at Odessa College.

CWU Fellowship Day set

Women of Midland are invited by Midland Church Women United to participate in CWU May Fellowship Day to be held at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave., at 10:30 a.m. Friday. This year's service is entitled "CWU — Sowing Seeds in Prepared Soil."

Midland CWU will meet in executive session at 9:30 a.m. on World Fellowship Day. At 10:30 a.m. the community worship service will take place.

The offering received at this service will be used in Midland to further the building of community among the churches here.

A salad luncheon will follow as an opportunity for fellowship for the women. Reservations are not required. Women attending are asked to bring a salad, bread, or dessert item. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Nursery care will be available. For reservations call the church, 684-7821.

For more information on Church Women United contact the organization at 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10015.

'Worship with Children' scheduled

Today is the deadline to register for the workshop "Worship with Children," sponsored by First Christian Church.

It is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday and from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday.

The class size is limited. Reservations may be made by calling First Christian Church, 682-2541.

The workshop utilizes the Worship/Education Center materials and classrooms. Cost is \$50 a person including Saturday lunch and the textbook. Participants will focus on teaching the art and use of the language of faith as found in parables of the Bible, sacred story, church liturgy, communion and baptism.

Three age levels will be presented: 3-4 years old, K-first, and second-third grades. Pam Leibrock, who has directed this ministry for 13 years, will be facilitating with Kay Maddox and Diana Garrett. The curriculum is based on "Young Children and Worship" by Sonja Stewart and Jerome Berryman.

Lighthouse church hosts singers

The Lighthouse C.O.G.I.C. hosts the King Family Singers at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Midland Center, 105 N. Main St.

The concert also features local gospel artists.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets call 683-8834 or KJBC Radio, 570-1150.

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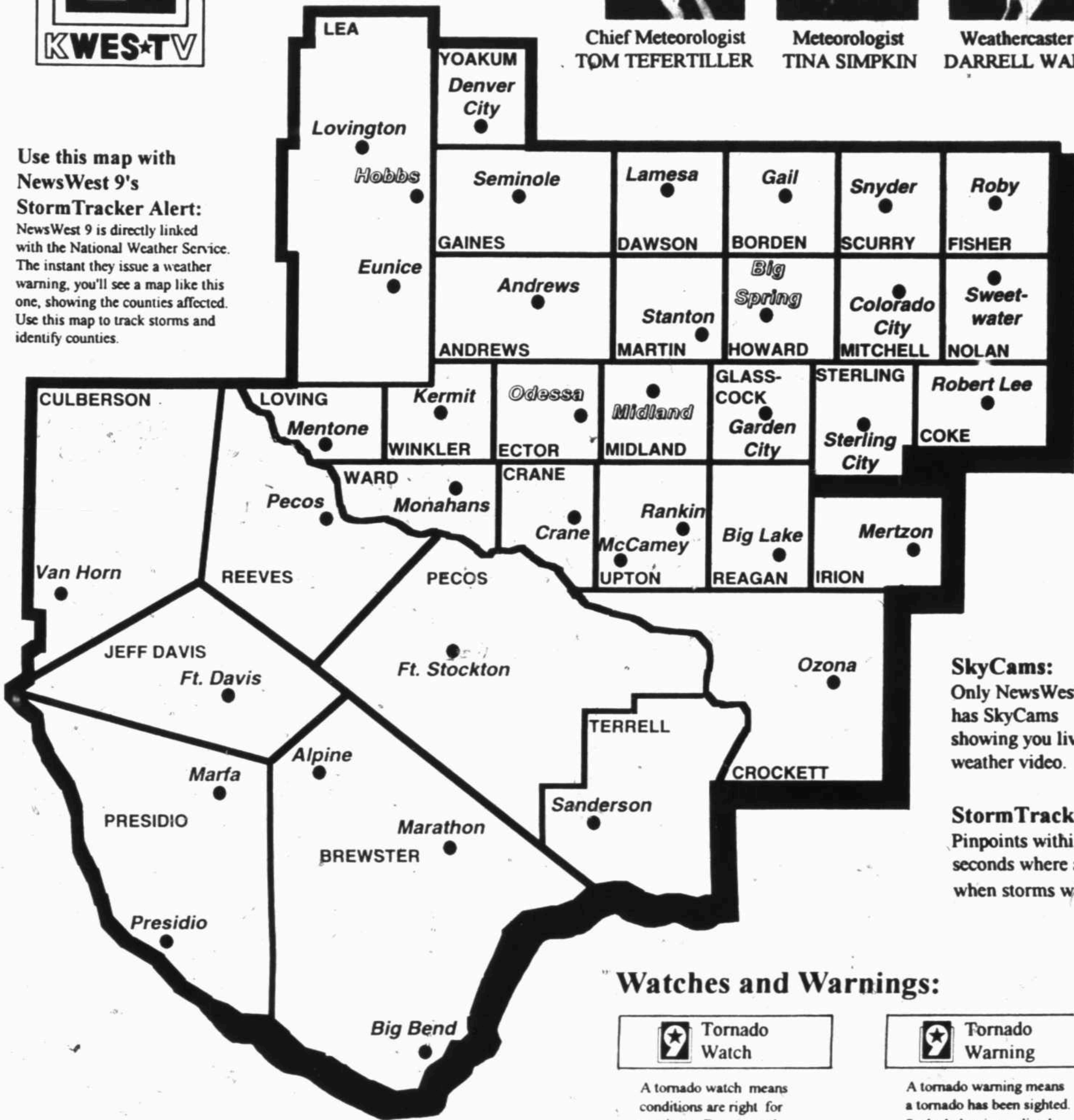


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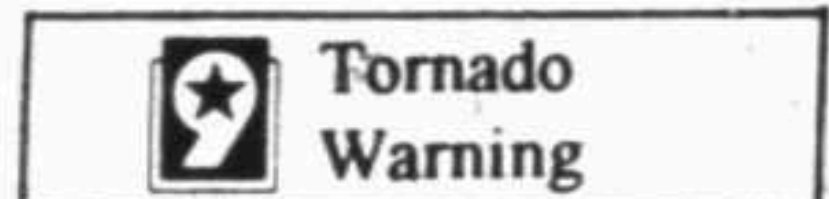
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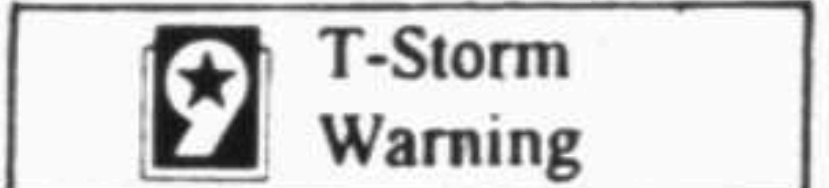
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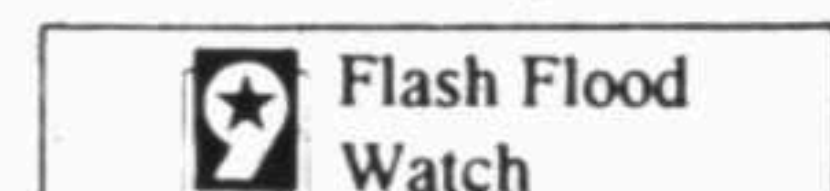
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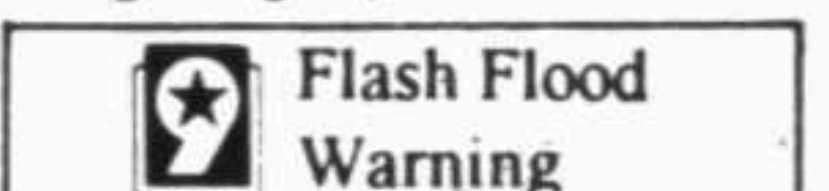
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Republic of Texas factions talk reunification

DALLAS (AP) — Leaders of two rival Republic of Texas factions say Richard McLaren's standoff in the Fort Davis mountains is reason enough to consider reuniting with their former comrade.

"Texans are like any family," Archie Lowe, president of one of the factions, said Wednesday. "Everyday I would fight with my brothers, but you don't let the guy come from next door and hit him."

"That's when its time to step in."

All three factions believe the annexation of Texas in 1845 was illegal and they are its legitimate government. But unable to agree on a method for gaining Texas' independence, the Republic of Texas dissolved into splinter groups.

Lowe says leaders of the three factions remain and in contact and decided to meet Sunday at the Kilgore Convention Center Sunday to discuss reunification.

Although they haven't gotten involved, Lowe would not rule out the possibility that the other factions may attempt to help McLaren.

"There are no plans to get our BB guns and march out there, but we will do what we can to help the situation get resolved so that no one gets hurt," Lowe said.

Louis Thompson, secretary of state of the division led by David Johnson of Odessa, said he expects that Sunday's meeting will yield an alliance.

"We all are working toward the same thing so we might as well

work together," Thompson said.

McLaren's group, while still bitter over the breakups, is willing to broker a truce, said his spokeswoman, Jeanette Kinman of Quinlan.

The other factions are realizing that they'll all lose clout if McLaren is jailed, she added.

"They would have never had any ground to stand on without Rick," she said. "If they want to reunite, that's great. We have to work together."

The dissent began in November when Johnson's group broke away from the Republic, which was then under McLaren's leadership.

The Lowe-McLaren faction opposed Johnson's plan to sell bank charters to fellow members of the Republic's ruling council.

They contended the sales create a conflict of interest for council members.

After Johnson left, McLaren was impeached in February by several leaders of the original group because "he tried to usurp authority and wanted to take the group into an unlawful direction," Lowe said.

Some followers continue to consider McLaren the group's leader.

All three factions have one area of common ground: they blame the government for the standoff.

"It wouldn't be happening if the government would acknowledge people's right to choose their own destinies," Lowe said.

Said Thompson: "Things have gone too far for us all to just sit and watch."

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Scholars: Texas' history unique, legitimate

DALLAS (AP) — Remember the Alamo? Texas' unique history under six flags — including the Republic of Texas' from 1836 to 1845 — has long fed a romantic mythology of independent frontiersmen willing to give up everything for liberty.

But problems ranging from finances to raiding Indians spurred citizens of the infant nation to vote to join the United States on Dec. 29, 1845. Legal scholars say that even if Texas' annexation were illegal — as the separatist group called the Republic of Texas claims — Texas has been a state too long to declare otherwise now.

"I think it was constitutionally annexed," said Ralph Brock, a professor at the Texas Tech School of Law in Lubbock. "And if it wasn't, time cures a multitude of evils."

The 1990s Republic of Texas movement contends that Texas' government is a sham and its officials impostors for the legitimate national government represented by Republic members. Thirteen believers have been holed up in remote West Texas since taking two neighbors hostage Sunday and later releasing them.

The group's claims go back more than 150 years to the days of Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett and William B. Travis. After those heroes and others died defending the Alamo in March 1836, Texas gained its independence from Mexico at the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21 of that year.

But the fledgling country was indebted, thinly populated and surrounded by hostile neighbors. Plains Indians hemmed settlers in on the north and west, and to the south loomed Mexico, which continued to consider Texas a wayward province.

In 1844, the U.S. Senate defeated a treaty to annex Texas to the United States. But after an overwhelming majority of Texans voted to join the United States in 1845, Texas became the 28th state by a joint resolution of both houses of Congress.

Republic of Texas members say Texas could be legally joined to the Union only by treaty.

In an article to be published this summer in the Texas Tech Law Review, Brock takes aim at the group's claims.

"Texas could not have been made a state by treaty because the

Constitution says Congress shall admit new states," he said Wednesday.

In addition, a principle of international law known as acquisitive prescription says that "even if a country acquires territory illegally, if the territory acquiesces long enough, under international law it's going to be deemed to be a valid acquisition," Brock said.

He noted that since it has been a state, Texas has sent Washington two presidents, two vice presidents and two speakers of the House.

Another concept called the doctrine of estoppel also applies, he said.

"If you ask the other side for something and you get it, then you can't come back and say this was an illegal transaction," Brock said. "Texas asked to be annexed to the U.S."

Not all legal scholars are interested in analyzing the theories of a small group of separatists.

"Any attempt to treat seriously these claims is, I don't know what the right word is, silly," said Mike Sharlot, dean of the University of Texas law school.

Bill would allow home, private school students in UIL activities

AUSTIN (AP) — Barry Brooks' children are educated at home, but he pays taxes to support public schools. So he says it's only right that school sports and other extracurricular activities be open to his children.

"The biggest part of my tax bill is Austin ISD (Independent School District)," said Brooks, whose 18-year-old son was home schooled, as are his three daughters. "I think it's a fairness issue."

Brooks, who said his son would have liked to participate in public-school soccer, favors a bill by Sen. Jerry Patterson would allow private schools and home-school students to take part in activities sponsored by the University Interscholastic League. The Senate Education Committee heard testimony on the bill Wednesday but did not vote on it.

The UIL oversees academic, music and athletic competitions for public schools. UIL rules now allow member schools to play private schools in non-conference competition, but do not allow the private schools to compete in contests leading up to state championships.

Public education officials have expressed concern about allowing students who opt out of the public school system to "cherry-pick" programs and activities in which they want to participate.

There also have been concerns expressed about how non-public

school students could be held to the same academic standards that public school students must meet for extracurricular participation and the potential for recruitment of top athletes by private schools, which don't have attendance zones.

Eric Hartman of the Texas Federation of Teachers said the proposal would allow "an end-run around academic standards."

Patterson's bill would allow home-schooled children to participate in UIL activities on behalf of the public school they would be assigned to attend based on residence. The child's instructor — likely a parent — would provide an affidavit to the principal that the child met grade requirements.

It also would allow private schools to compete, and some lawmakers said private school students could play on public school teams as the measure is drafted.

"The premise is that home schoolers and private schoolers pay school taxes... so they're paying for public education," so such students should be allowed to compete in UIL activities, said Patterson, R-Pasadena.

If such parents are denied the right to participate in public school programs they help finance, he said, they should not be required to pay school taxes.

The non-public school-UIL bill is SB100.

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FDR memorial a stroll through history

Despite angry opposition, structure a memorable tribute to Roosevelt

By Harry Rosenthal
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Washington is honored with a towering obelisk, Lincoln sits grandly in a temple and Jefferson stands tall and imperious in a columned structure he might have designed. Franklin D. Roosevelt's sprawling new memorial offers a walk through 20th century history.

Visitors will stroll through four outdoor garden "rooms" on the 7.5-acre site, becoming a participant in the life of the 32nd president. They enter in 1933, when Roosevelt sought to pull the nation out of the Great Depression, and move through years of war to the victory that was at hand when the president died in 1945.

The finish of the memorial's stone walls chronicles the deterioration in the president's health — from smooth and fine at the beginning, to rough at the end.

The memorial, designed by Lawrence Halprin, is scheduled to be dedicated Friday.

Water plays a big part throughout, from waterfalls to reflecting pools. Roosevelt's life revolved around water, from his home in Campobello in Canada where he contracted the polio that crippled him, to the time he spent convalescing at Warm Springs in Georgia, and the historic wartime meetings held on ships in the Atlantic. He was a sailor who once was undersecretary of the Navy.

The memorial itself is sandwiched between water. On one side: the Tidal Basin — known for the cherry trees that line its shores. On the other: the Potomac River.

Room One sets the stage for the memorial. The visitor sees a life-size bas-relief of FDR in a familiar setting, waving from an open car during the parade after his first inauguration.

Carved in carnelian granite are his words from an oft-quoted speech: "I pledge you, I pledge myself, to a New Deal for the American people."

In Room Two, images of the Depression appear. Three sculptural ensembles capture the mood: Despair, a worn and weary rural couple; Hunger, life-size figures in a bread line; and Hope, a man listening to an FDR "fireside chat" on the radio.

"I never forget that I live in a house owned by all the American people and that I have been given their trust," says one inscription quoting the president. "I see one-third of a nation ill-housed, ill-clad and ill-nourished," says another.

In Roosevelt's third term came World War II; the granite wall in Room Three is reduced to rubble, symbolizing the havoc of war. A 9-foot-tall sculpture by Neil Estern shows FDR with his cape draped around him and his dog, Fala, at his feet.

"I have seen war," says the quotation on the wall. "I have seen war on land and sea. I have seen blood running from the wounded ... I have seen the dead in the mud. I have seen cities destroyed ... I have seen children starving. I have seen the agony of mothers and wives. I hate war."

In Room Four, the theme becomes The Seeds of Peace — symbolized by a dramatic waterfall cascading into a series of sparkling pools. By then, first lady Eleanor Roosevelt had

championed formation of a United Nations and she is shown in a sculpture with the U.N. symbol in the background.

No other presidential memorial honors a first lady.

The memorial may yet see the addition of another sculpture.

Activists for the disabled complained that none of the memorial's sculptures suggests Roosevelt in a wheelchair or the steel braces he wore and that this treats his disability as something shameful. Taking the opposite view are those who say Roosevelt himself went to great lengths to conceal his paralysis and that the memorial should not emphasize his disability.

Saying that Americans should understand that "this great president was great with his disability," President Clinton last week promised to ask Congress to order the addition of a statue or bas-relief depicting Roosevelt in a wheelchair.

As it is, a wheelchair is displayed in the memorial's entry building. And in the final room, a carved-in-granite time line of the landmark events in FDR's life mentions that after his polio in 1921, he never walked again unaided.

As they leave the memorial, visitors are left with an evergreen thought from Roosevelt:

"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith."

President took office and the country took heart

By Mike Feinsilber
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — In 1933, when Franklin Delano Roosevelt became president, this nation was desperate. A quarter of the country was out of work. Millions were hungry. Farmers aimed guns at creditors to keep their land. The banking system simply ceased to function. The Communist Party staged hunger marches.

It was terrifying. A revolution seemed possible. The Great Depression had been under way for four years. It was worldwide, and times had gotten only worse.

And then came Roosevelt: buoyant, charming, optimistic, cheerful, resourceful, energetic. With a rich, reassuring voice and a jaunty smile, a battered fedora and a cigarette holder cockily held between his teeth.

He took the oath and boldly asserted: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

And the country took heart.

FDR went on to be re-elected for three more terms, the only president elected to more than two. In the 12 years before he died in office, he took the country through its greatest domestic crisis since the Civil War and forged the alliance that defeated fascism.

And now, 52 years after his passing, America honors this man Roosevelt with a garden memorial, close to the Potomac, of trees and moving water and stone bearing the words that roused the country.

Roosevelt was the most important president of the 20th Century, as deeply loved and as bitterly hated as Lincoln the century before.

His conservative critics said he seized unconstitutional power. They accused him of taking America toward socialism. The rich, through clenched teeth, called him a traitor to his class. Reformers and radicals on the left decried his caution and his devotion to capitalism.

And as German armies blitzkrieged Europe in the late 1930s and Japan invaded Asian neighbors, Roosevelt was denounced anew. Isolationists said he connived to sucker the country into a war that was none of its business. Interventionists said he was timid about shoring up Britain, France and China in their darkest hours.

Roosevelt's unexpected death on the verge of victory in 1945 — in the 83rd day of his fourth term — touched the nation as had the death of no president since Lincoln. In 1948, a poll of historians listed only three presidents as "great" — Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt. Another historians' poll this year agreed.

Before Roosevelt, Washington was a sleepy capital with little impact on the everyday life of a large nation.

Before Roosevelt, the federal government was indifferent to the plight of the poor. It did not concern itself with the hours, wages and working conditions of Americans or provide for them in their old age. Roosevelt's New Deal gave America the government it has now.

And the man who did it was a patrician. The only child of a distant father and a domineering mother, he studied under tutors and governesses until he was 14 and was a shy boarding school student and an indifferent scholar at Harvard.

A fifth cousin of President Theodore Roosevelt, he dropped out of law school and, over his mother's objections, married a

distant cousin, Eleanor Roosevelt. He dabbled in business, got elected a state senator and served as undersecretary of the Navy in World War I. In 1920, the Democrats nominated him, at age 38, for vice president.

The ticket lost, but the dashing Roosevelt was seen as a rising star.

Then polio struck. He was vacationing with his five children on Canada's Campobello Island in 1921. Within two days, "my left leg lagged," he recalled later. "Presently, it refused to work, and then the other." He would never walk again unaided.

He fought back with endless hours of exercise. He regained use of his hands. Heavy steel braces allowed him to stand. But his political career seemed over.

Roosevelt found relief in the restorative mineral waters of Warm Springs, Ga., an old resort that he bought and that provided low-cost treatment for his fellow victims — "the polios," he called them.

His mother wanted him to retire, but with the encouragement of Eleanor, he made a spectacular reappearance in 1924: Leaning heavily on a son, he painfully struggled down the aisle to the podium of the Democratic convention to nominate New York Gov. Alfred E. Smith for president.

Four years later, Smith persuaded Roosevelt to run for the governorship. He won, ran a progressive administration, and won again.

Still, some thought him a lightweight. Columnist Walter Lippmann wrote, "He is a pleasant man who, without any important qualifications for the office, would very much like to be president."

No one thought that way after he defeated incumbent Herbert Hoover and took charge. In Roosevelt's first 100 days, Congress passed 15 major laws. The legislation reopened banks, provided relief for the jobless, insured bank deposits and created the Tennessee Valley Authority to bring electricity, work and water

to seven impoverished Southern states.

One law created the Civilian Conservation Corps, which put half a million young men to work planting trees, fighting erosion, protecting wildlife, developing parks, restoring historical sites and building dams — and offering the dignity of work.

In those 100 days, Roosevelt held 30 news conferences, delivered two "fireside chats" on the radio and sent 15 messages to Congress, asking for new laws. In 1935, he got Social Security through Congress, giving ordinary people a measure of financial security in old age, infirmity and unemployment — probably the single most popular program ever enacted.

If something did not work, Roosevelt would try something else. Through it all, he governed from a wheelchair, but made great efforts to conceal his disability. Many were barely aware of it.

"He may have become president even if he hadn't contracted polio," one historian said, "but with the disability he became more compassionate, made more widespread contacts, concentrated on his priorities and learned to bide his time before making a crucial decision."

Eleanor Roosevelt, doing what no first lady ever had done, went everywhere, serving as FDR's eyes and ears. A consummate politician and an uncompromising humanitarian, she pestered him ceaselessly with the social problems — of blacks, of women, of workers, of children — that she had observed.

Roosevelt cherished Eleanor for her wisdom, but he turned to his wife's social secretary, Lucy Mercer Rutherford, for emotional sustenance, forever straining his marriage.

He was wily. He played one aide against another. His denunciation of "economic royalists" smacked of class warfare. He was disorganized.

His acute political judgment failed him in 1937 when he tried to

"pack the court," adding as many as six justices to a nine-man Supreme Court that had overturned New Deal laws, one after another. He was slapped down.

Dependent on Southern support in Congress, he ignored the racism in American law and society. He sanctioned the wartime detention of 110,000 people of Japanese descent. He ignored pleas to save European Jewry from the Holocaust. He was arrogantly indifferent toward his three vice presidents, not even informing Harry Truman about work on the atom bomb. A dying man, he ran for a fourth term that he was too infirm to handle.

But he led! He connived to find ways to ship tons of arms to Britain and China before the country entered the war, against the advice of military leaders and the opposition of the isolationists.

After Pearl Harbor, he laid out breathtaking mobilization plans — one-year production goals of 60,000 planes, 45,000 tanks, 20,000 anti-aircraft guns.

On April 12, 1945, Roosevelt was in his Little White House, in Warm Springs, sitting for a portrait when he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and died.

The entire nation mourned: thousands waited through the night to glimpse the funeral train on its 800-mile trip to Washington. He had held office so long that many could not imagine anyone else in the job.

The Warm Springs portrait remained unfinished, hazy. But his legacy is in fine focus: A compassionate, activist government. That's his monument too: he gave America a new deal.

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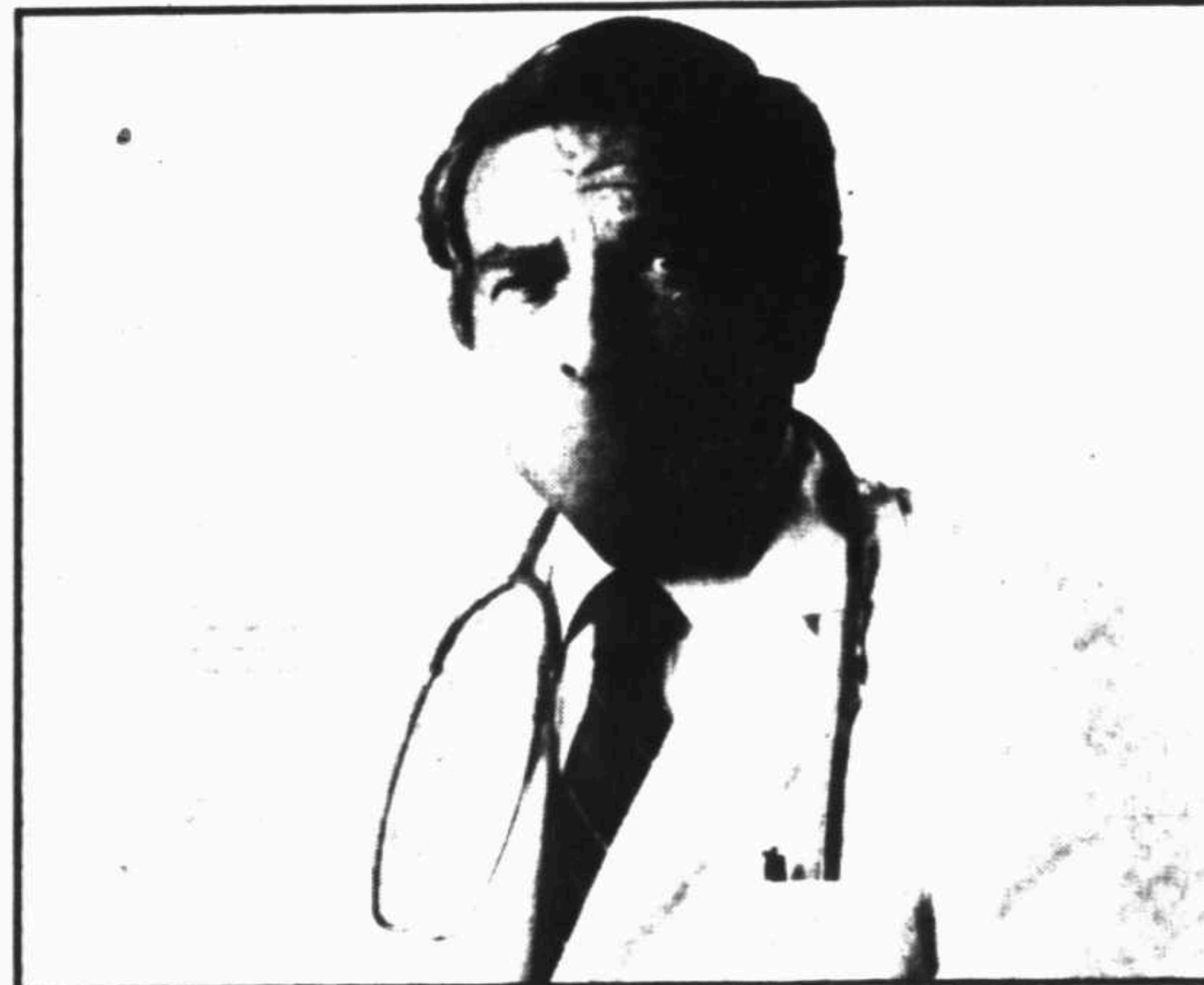
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Volunteerism: A theme for all parties and presidents

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — With a huge splash of television coverage more often accorded major disasters, the nation this weekend will celebrate an American tradition that has few dissenters — helping one's neighbor.

At the "Presidents' Summit on America's Future" in Philadelphia, President Clinton and his predecessors will join for a gathering that represents decades of White House efforts to tap into the energy of community self-help.

Among the past presidents who will speak and help remove graffiti in a rundown neighborhood, Jimmy Carter has turned volunteerism into his career. George Bush gave awards to volunteers every week of his presidency. Ronald Reagan, whose wife Nancy will be his stand-

in for the gathering, made self-help a theme of his speeches.

But not until now has a sitting president staged such a harmonic convergence on the subject. With the help of conference chairman Colin Powell, the retired general who is arguably the most popular leader in the country, the issue has grabbed the news media and spurred a rush of good feeling.

It is far from certain how much headway the estimated 93 million loosely organized volunteers is making against the nation's ills. At the White House this week, the president's top domestic adviser, Bruce Reed, said he could not say whether public service has increased or not. "It's a difficult thing to measure," he said.

Some close students of community service voice concerns that real potential of

community action may be lost in the festivities.

Jeremy Rifkin, a workplace trends expert who was part of the steering committee for the summit, warned recently that it could be "reduced to a self-congratulatory, feel-good event dominated by corporate public relations and political posturing."

Even so, few dissenting words are expected at the conference Sunday through Tuesday, which will bring together about 2,000 community service participants plus elected officials from 140 communities, with assistance from contributions from some of the nation's top businesses.

"Who can object to volunteerism?" said Larry Sabato, a political scientist at the University of Virginia. "This is what conservatives have said for years, and

here's a Democratic president placing volunteerism front and center."

To be sure, Democrats and Republicans are singing slightly different tunes, even if they are in the same hymn book.

For Clinton, volunteerism has been a way to expand the reach of a government otherwise restrained by budget-balancing. He regularly preaches to church and business leaders that they have an "obligation" to hire those forced off the welfare rolls by the reform bill he signed into law last year.

Some liberal Democrats have distrusted the call for self-help as a way to reduce what they see as a government responsibility to the poor. Clinton has tried to bridge the gap by arguing for both private and government action.

Republican presidents, on the other hand, hailed volunteerism as a way to

shift functions back into private hands and thereby help shrink government. In his first year in office, Reagan set up a task force on private-sector initiatives and scored "cynics who dismiss the notion of Americans helping other Americans." Bush institutionalized that move with his "Points of Light" honors for charitable groups and individuals.

Although Republicans stress unpaid private efforts, Clinton has embraced the idea of the government hiring "volunteers."

His pet program, AmeriCorps, sends mostly young people to tutor at-risk students, rehabilitate homes and assist the homebound elderly in U.S. cities and towns. The program will have sent out 100,000 workers by next fall in a program that some Republicans have been trying unsuccessfully to kill.

U.S. investigates word of Iranian tie to bombing

By Eric Rosenberg
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — If U.S. investigators conclude that Iran was behind last year's lethal attack on an Air Force barracks in Saudi Arabia, pressure will grow on President Clinton to retaliate against Iran.

That possibility has led military planners to design a menu of possible violent punishments that U.S. forces could inflict on Iran, with likely targets ranging from Iran's anti-ship missile sites and command centers to oil refineries and suspected chemical weapons plants.

The FBI is investigating whether the Iranian government played a role in the Khobar Towers attack that killed 19 U.S. airmen and wounded 500 last June 25. FBI spokesman Paul Bresson said Friday that the Khobar investigation "was ongoing." He said he didn't know when it would be completed.

Compared to neighboring Iraq, Iran has an unsophisticated air defense system, a fact that would make U.S. aerial forays over Iranian territory relatively less dangerous.

On the other hand, Iran has invested heavily in naval forces, making it a maritime power in the strategically important Persian Gulf, according to U.S. Office of Naval Intelligence and Defense Intelligence Agency reports.

As a result, much of Iran's military might is concentrated along its 800-mile coastline — within striking distance of U.S. Navy jets on aircraft carriers or cruise missiles on U.S. ships.

"There are plenty of lucrative targets that we could get to with ease," said retired Adm. Stanley Arthur, who commanded U.S. Navy forces against Iraq during the Persian Gulf War.

"We could go after certain military targets where there are minimal people involved but a lot of military capabilities, like missile sites, radar complexes or weapons storage facilities," said Arthur.

"We could go after major power plants or refineries that are very accessible or strategic bridge complexes and rails that would be disruptive to the populace, and we could make the case that most of (the targets) support the military," Arthur said.

Anthony Cordesman, co-director of the Middle East program at Washington's Center for Strategic and International Studies, said Iranian targets afford U.S. commanders "a

wide range of possible options."

He cited missile facilities along its coast, naval bases, ships, speed boats and 11 Revolutionary Guard commands outside urban areas that would involve minimal damage to civilians.

Much of Iran's military power is focused on the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow waterway at the mouth of the Persian Gulf through which most of the world's oil supply flows on tankers. U.S. Navy planners say Iran is developing a system to electronically link up Iran's land-based aircraft, surface-to-air missile sites, ship- and coast-launched anti-ship cruise missiles and three diesel powered submarines.

U.S. officials speculate that this system would be a prime target in any attack.

A U.S. military reprisal also could target suspected chemical, biological and nuclear weapons facilities as well as alleged terrorist training areas. U.S. intelligence agencies long have believed that Iran trains terrorists and dispatches them abroad.

"Iran continues to sponsor training in the region and (sends) millions of dollars to a variety of militant Islamic groups such as Hezbollah and Palestinian groups opposed to the peace process," George Tenet, the acting CIA director, told a congressional panel earlier this year.

Picking a target may be the easiest part of the Clinton administration's course of action. Far-tougher problems are establishing whether Iran had a role and, if it did, making a persuasive case to global public opinion in order to justify retaliation.

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen said last week that the administration was wrestling with the proof question.

"The evidence concerning the Khobar Towers bombing thus far is fragmentary, incomplete and very circumstantial," he said. "We do not have any concrete evidence of any country being directly linked to the

bombing."

However, if that link is made, pressure will mount on the administration to retaliate forcefully.

Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., the ranking Democrat on the House International Relations Committee, said last week that "if there is clear and compelling evidence of direct Iranian involvement... the United States must respond vigorously."

"I think we would exercise some military action," Hamilton said.

Kevin Pollack, a Middle East expert at the Institute for Near East Policy, said a U.S. military response "was the only alternative. It's the only thing the Ira-

nians respond to."

But the shadowy underworld of Middle Eastern terrorism compounds the problem of firmly fingering anyone as the Khobar bad guy.

"There's no doubt Iran has assisted the Hezbollah in Lebanon in setting up terrorist training camps," said Graham Fuller, former vice chairman of the CIA's national intelligence council. If some Saudis got training at a Lebanon camp, "can Iran be accused of bombing the American troops?" he asked. "It's difficult to say. The rules of evidence would need to be somewhat strong that there was direct connivance."

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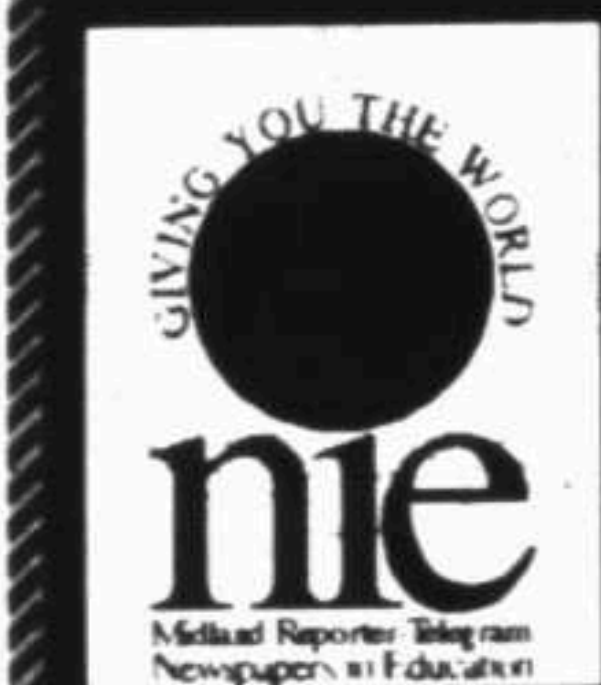
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By Susan Phinneas
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Angry looks, styles with an attitude mark fall fashions

By Susan Phinney
Hearst News Service

NEW YORK — Clothes with attitude. Clothes for women with big shoulders and cold hearts. Clothes for survivors.

Designing minds had those in mind when they created clothes for fall '97. And for retailers and fashion media previewing collections here in April, the messages were loud and clear.

Designers often included a "mission statement" along with the list of garments being shown. Michael Kors promised "rocker chic ... trashy elegance ... taking it to extremes." Jennifer George wrote that her collection was about a woman who "carries a pocket knife instead of a pocket book ... she's a survivor."

Models added to the plot with angry looks as they paced the runways. Disheveled hair and lots of dark eye makeup added to the don't-mess-with-me image.

Designers who recently were advocating fishtail hems, trains on evening gowns, and transparent tube dresses for day, have a new vision of the '90s woman — somewhere between Wall Street wheeler dealer and a serious biker, as in Harley Davidson.

Designers love leather for fall, especially black leather. Black leather pantsuits were shown again and again. But in designing hands, leather also became the top of a ballgown, pants, skirts, shirts and coats or jackets of every description. And they love it with big, bad zippers.

Designers also were inventing new ways to wear pinstripes or chalk stripes. Most were black and gray, but pinstripes also came in red on brown, over just about any contrasting color.

Collection after collection featured these stripes in suits and pantsuits, always with shoulder pads. Sometimes one piece of a two-piece was cut on the bias, so the stripes ran asymmetrically on the skirt.

Calvin Klein was the only major designer who didn't opt for the stripes. He focused on gray flannel and what he called "laser print" stripes — tiny lines of color that looked like they'd been painted at random, and they appeared only on a dress or two.

Jackets — whether pinstriped, tweedy or plain — were single- or double-breasted but always strong in the shoulders and nipped at the waist.

While jackets tended to be cast from the same mold, coats definitely were not. From balmaccan to bathrobe, coats were bold fashion statements. Embossed wools, richly textured synthetics, faux furs and leathers have been used with ingenuity to create great coats.

Daytime dresses have fallen into two categories: coat dress or knit dress. The former look like a jacket gone long; the latter resemble a sweatshirt somewhere between high-thigh and ankle.

Sweater dresses tended to be lightweight and clingy, like a single-cashmere. But there were also rib knits, ribbon knits and other weights. Crocheted garments are another option.

Minimalism was another theme — a simple knit dress, a skirt and sweater, or skirt and pants. Such combinations tend to be so simple and nondescript they become mundane. Several garments in the Klein collection appeared to have nothing more than two side and two shoulder seams.

But skirts or pants with tops are how most women dress. These minimalist styles can be used as background for distinctive jewelry, colorful scarves or other accessories (although designers have shunned them). They also rely heavily on an interplay of texture and fabric for effect. Leather with cashmere is one popular pairing. Another was a tweed paired with a textured fabric, or a contrasting band of color.

Border prints have been seen again and again — decorative borders on hems of tunics or skirts. They ranged from a band of gold lace to what looked like black brush strokes on pale gray. Some appeared made from traditional sari fabrics. Designers also used fur collars, cuffs and borders for interest and contrast.

Knits and leather aren't just for day. A leather halter can turn pants into evening apparel. A knit top can go over a long skirt or silky pants for evening.

Slender columns of panne velvet, chiffon or satin were seen again and again for evening along with dozens of tuxedos for women.

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man's ribbed white undershirt — the tank-top style.

■ Glitter — Fabrics laced with Lurex, usually a silver thread, are everywhere, day or evening, especially in a glittery T-shirt or shell.

■ Stretch — Wools, satins, fake suedes — just about everything but real fur will stretch this fall.

■ Spike heels — Heels four or five inches high are de rigueur. A plain pump with a strap across the ankle is the most popular, but knee-high boots with high heels are another fall option.

■ Accessories — Scarce, but Ralph Lauren showed a simple silver belt — a two-inch band of highly-polished stainless steel that looks like silver — along with some big silver cuff bracelets, worn singly, not in pairs.

■ Eye shadow — Big here. At Calvin Klein, eye sockets were painted an orange color, while other designers favored anything from medium blue to dark gray.

FALL: Season's styles stray from fashion trends, seek a taste level

(From 8B)

printed gown with long, narrow train, resembling an Oriental rug.

"It looks like your dress got caught on a runner on the stairs, and the runner stuck and you kept going," says Oldham.

The kooky collection, unified under the theme of an homage to artisans, highlights incongruities such as patchwork evening gowns paired with quilted vests and jackets that might have been borrowed from skiers and then shrunk. Coats are photo-printed with crewel embroidery, slinky

gowns are covered in glass-beaded fringe to resemble a Mark Rothko painting, and leopard-print pants and coats are smothered in a sea of sequins.

Also in the mix are some perfectly wearable items, such as pinstriped pants, blue denim wrap coats with faux fur trim, and even a conservative boxy-jacket knit suit. It is all part of the fashion collision.

"I just did whatever I wanted to this season," says Oldham. "We're servicing a taste level, not a trend. If you respond to these nutty ideas, feel free."

N.Y. young designers are growing up

By Amy M. Spindler
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — American shows have often seemed like a warmed-over mush of European ideas, taking place as they do in the shadow of the British, French and Italian collections that precede them. In many seasons, the identity of fashion has come down to three proper nouns: Donna, Ralph and Calvin.

But factors have conspired to make this season the first in which voices have risen to challenge the monopoly those houses have held over the image of American fashion. First is the downplaying of trends, a relief after last year's fishy fishtail-dress debacle, a banal message for a season that, frankly, stank. Then there is the infusion of foreign capital, which has given real juice to both Richard Tyler, who showed his new second line Thursday, and John Bartlett, whose first women's collection was a soaring triumph. Both designers can thank Donatella Girombelli, who hired Tyler to design Byblos and is now backing Bartlett.

It also seems that New York designers are growing up, growing into their signatures and skins. The steadfast strides of both Anna Sui and Vivienne Tam, who have beaten the system by building their own boutiques, keeping prices well below designer levels and addressing the young, has made them powers to reckon with.

Polly Mellen, the creative director of Allure, has made skewering fashion's lemmings her favorite cause. So, when she muttered after the fourth outfit in Bartlett's show, "A star is born," it was a pretty good appraisal. Bartlett has been designing men's wear for five years. Bartlett is one of the few designers who is comfortably and openly gay, and his men's-wear shows are often hilarious commentary on homoerotic themes. They have made some people question whether his sensibility could ever translate to women's dressing.

It would be a mistake to underestimate Bartlett, the designer. Sex is sex, after all, and his show was sometimes erotic, sometimes confrontational, sometimes aggressive and sometimes delicately beautiful. Ms. Mellen's reaction was based on one thing: In Bartlett's first show, he was able to offer a pointed signature of his own, which will clearly be the base of his work in women's fashion. There are designers who have been working in women's fashion for 20 years and still haven't done that.

ADD BARTLETT TO this impressive list: Paul Smith, Giorgio Armani and Jean-Paul Gaultier. They are three of the most successful, interesting designers in fashion, and all three began their careers with men's wear. All have spoken at different moments of how only fools rush in, and how only by refining their signatures in the more studied men's-wear arena were they able to face the vagaries of demanding women's fashion.

Bartlett, in fact, used the same humor and homoerotic seduction of his men's shows for his women's collection. Yet, there was no sense of cross-dressing here. Bartlett's comfort and confidence in himself exudes in the clothes, from the fitted black leather hot pants and short-sleeve shirt that opened the show (part of what he called a "femme-butth fantasy") to off-hued pieced geometric dresses. There were also a thick strapless sweater dress with a suede skirt buttoned over the top and tailored suits drawn from his men's collection and feminized by the fit. It was a fearless, unbound offering.

As part of fashion's trickle-down syndrome, the money bestowed on Tyler for his work at Byblos is now benefiting his customers.

His new second line may do a little to abate the growing impatience of fashion insiders with designer expansion into two or three collections on the runways, since it looked better than many first lines do. There's no denying that Tyler now owns a certain look, the impeccable lean suit, the elegant bias-cut dress, this time with ruffles, the sexy halter done his way.

What has changed considerably in the last few seasons is his oft-stifling structure. As the fit has become less uptight, the looks have

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become cooler, and this collection was a generation younger than his lines in the past, fitting for a line priced 30 percent below Richard Tyler Couture. Rather than pandering to the young by grabbing every hot cut around and pretending it is his, he took his own mood and lightened it. That is a lesson to every designer attempting to go after this market.

MS. SUI NEVER PANDERS. Ruled by the music she discovers, she has lately been tuned into the Goth scene, unsettling stuff from the Cure (the group's lead singer, Robert Smith, is her new friend) and from Bauhaus, like their anthem "Bela Lugosi Is Dead," which opened the show. But nothing is ever one-dimensional with Ms. Sui. So, she layered the Goth influence with the feeling of a movie she recently saw, "Lola Montez," the story of an Englishwoman who becomes a Spanish dancer dating Franz Liszt and who nearly topples the empire of Ludwig of Bavaria. Ms. Sui, not one to waste her broad cultural base, injected the collection with the colors of Henry J. Darger, whose childlike work was on exhibit at the Museum of American Folk Art.

But the resulting collage was pure Anna Sui, subversive to the point at which eyebrows were raised when "Sympathy for the Devil" was played as models emerged with jeweled horns on their heads. These are old tricks in fashion, but the show was held at the Fourth Universalist Society Landmark on the Park, on Central Park West, where the nondenominational creed isn't quite inclusive enough to welcome devil worship. Drawing on Victorian Gothic, as well as the Goths, Ms. Sui showed fitted jackets with rounded bodices trimmed in velvet, her bad-girl prom dresses chopped at the knee the way punky kids wear them and exquisite metal-mesh tops and bags made by Whiting & Davis Co., which she sought out since it was the original maker of the slinky bags in the 1920s.

Ms. Sui has a new shoe collection, and for the first time, her appliqued Mary Janes and high 1970s boots were in the same groove as the show itself: a little sweet and a little dirty.

It's no surprise that there are similarities in the work of Ms. Sui and Ms. Tam, friends and soul mates, who manage to make clothes that look young and sophisticated. Ms. Tam this month is opening a boutique near Ms. Sui's, on Greene Street in SoHo.

But if Ms. Sui addresses the bad girl without, devil horns and all, Ms. Tam is for the good girl within. Her sheer jeweled tops over men's ribbed undershirts or the cool-cut herringbone trousers and shiny brown sparkling leather jackets all suggested an inner radiance beaming right through the clothes. As did the sweet embroideries of leaves and flowers, some on strapless dresses with suede coats, some on sweet shell tops. Between Ms. Sui and Ms. Tam, a block apart in SoHo, any girl could satisfy needs for sin or redemption. Esthetically, at least.

DEAR ABBY

Debt created by easy credit is harder to pay

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a mortgage broker, and it is my job to review people's credit history. I am dis-



Van Buren

turbed by the number of people who are mired in credit card debt. I just talked to a couple with four children who had more than \$100,000 in credit card debt with an annual salary of \$75,000.

This is an extreme case. However, it is not uncommon for people to be caught up in the vicious cycle of paying for things on credit and being able to afford only the minimum monthly payments of these cards. I feel the credit card companies are to blame for all their gimmicks of "preapproved" junk mail, and the consumer is to blame for not being able to throw this mail away instead of signing up. Credit cards encourage people to live beyond their means, creating financial stress in families.

If people are in that situation, I encourage them to call the credit card company to close their account and cut up their cards, except one with a low interest rate or one that is due monthly. If there isn't enough cash to pay for

it — don't buy it!

Use the card for emergencies only. Even though they may have to do without the new outfit or the larger television set, consumers will be happier without the stress that credit card debt can cause. Are there support groups available for "credit junkies"? — FREE AND CLEAR IN FLORIDA

DEAR FREE AND CLEAR: I don't know about support groups for credit junkies, but consumer credit counseling services are available in most major metropolitan areas. To locate one, look in the Yellow Pages.

According to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, in 1996 a record 1.1 million individuals filed bankruptcy — up 27 percent from the previous year.

Your "credit card cut-up" is a step in the right direction, but major creditors also want to toughen the nation's bankruptcy code to make it more difficult to simply erase debts without further payment.

DEAR ABBY: "Loving Daughter in Lakeland, Fla." wrote that her father had a college ring he never removed, but at his death she took the ring off to keep in his memory. She asked, "Did we do the right thing?" Your reply, "Yes, without a doubt."

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let them take the ring off." As death neared, she was concerned that the funeral directors might do so.

When the time came to close the coffin, I leaned down for one last kiss, placed my hand over her cold one, touched the ring and said, "You got your wish. That ring never left your finger since I put it on, years ago."

The body disintegrates after death, but gold is eternal. As long as our civilization survives, in that grave will be a circle of gold, memorializing a love that once existed.

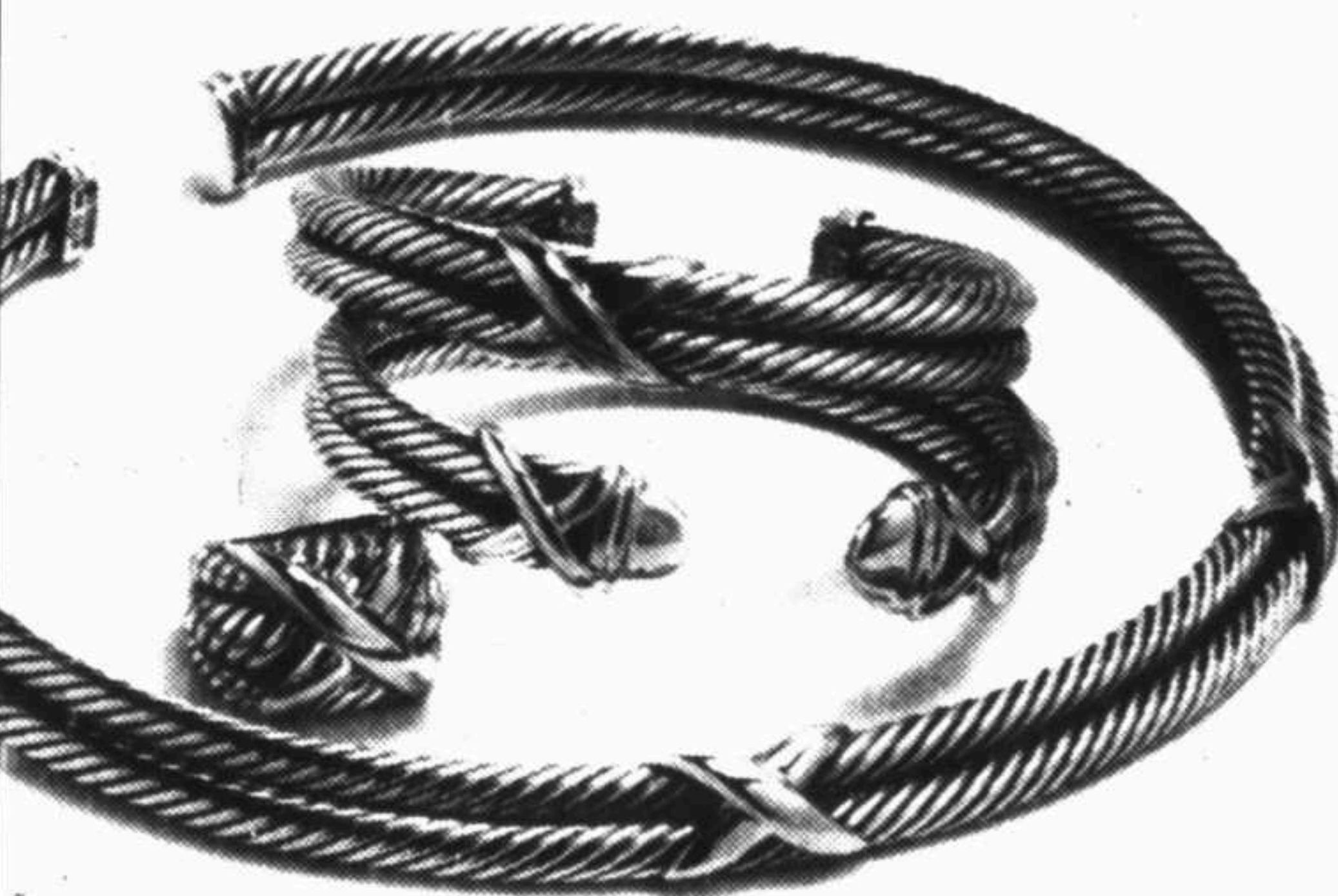
"Loving Daughter's" father must have had a similar bond to his college. The ring should have remained with him throughout eternity. — ALONE WITH MEMORIES

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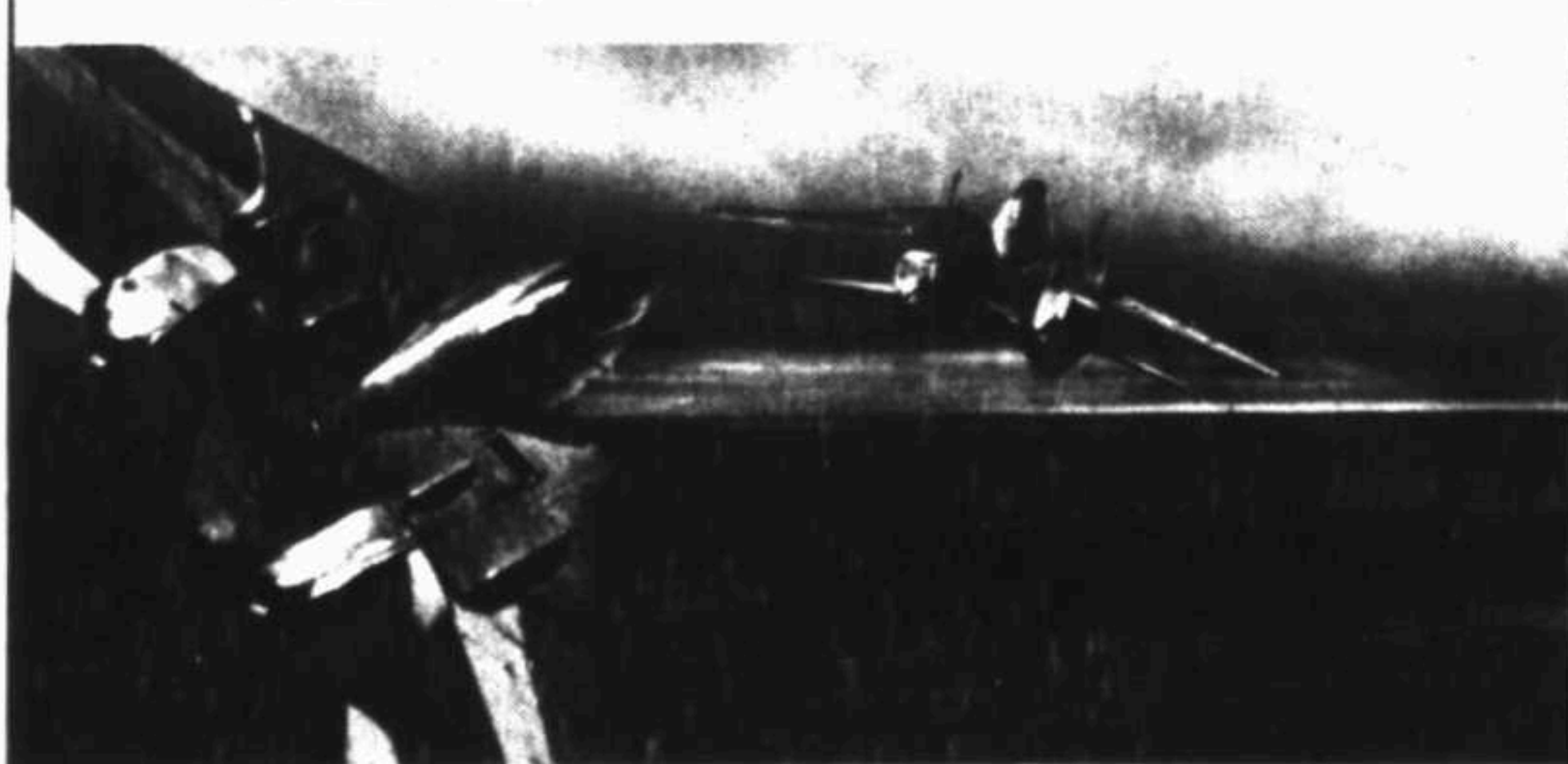
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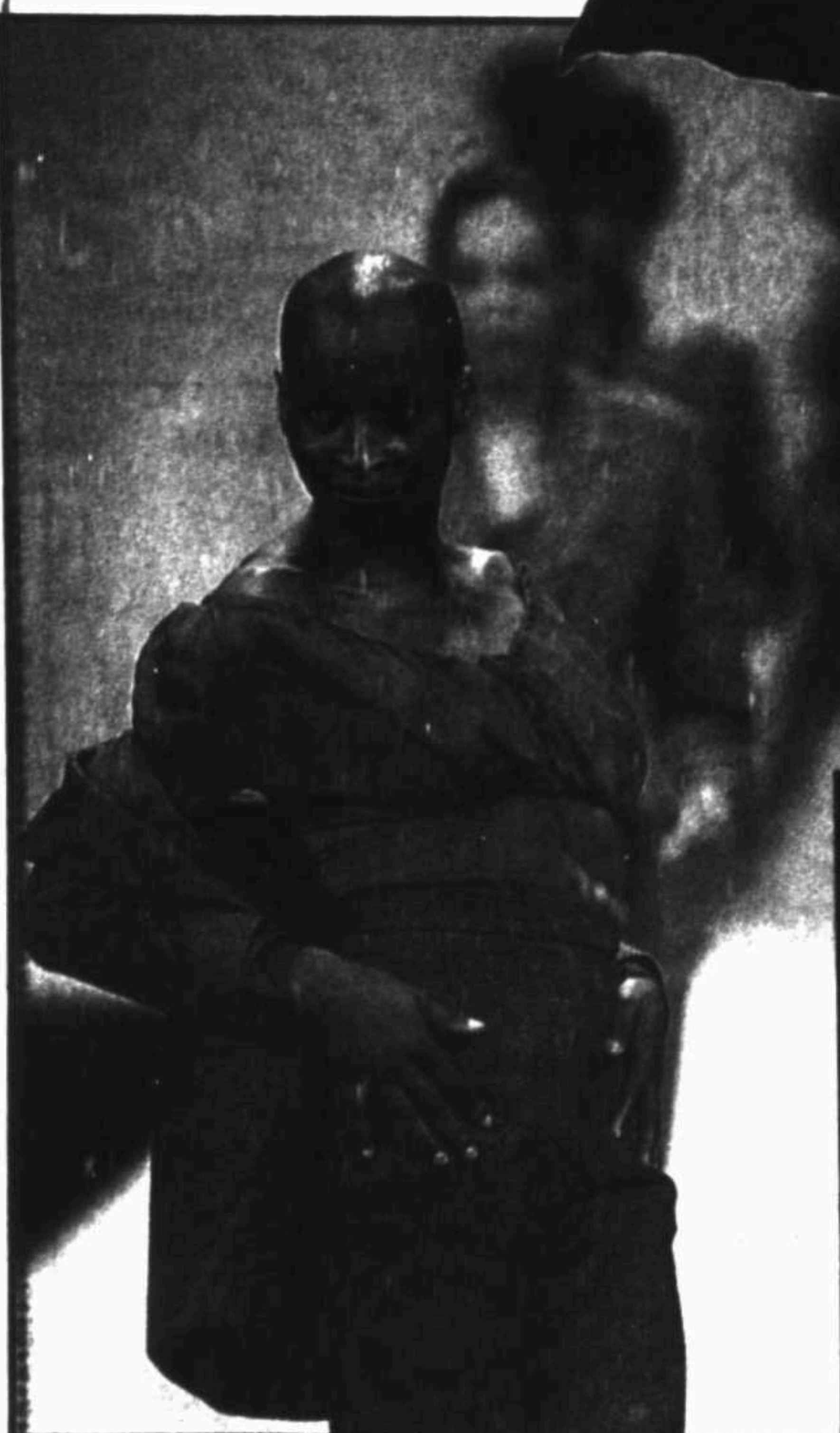


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A model wears a floral, transparent dress by Israeli designer Ronit Zilcha on the second day of London Fashion Week at London's Natural History Museum in February. This round marked the biggest London Fashion Week ever, with 48 shows packed into six days.



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Above, a model shows off an evening dress by British designer Tomasz Starzewski on the second day of London Fashion Week at London's Natural History Museum in February.

Above right, a model wears a hat, long jacket, gloves, black tunic, red chiffon skirt and short black boots by designer Jasper Conran on the fifth day of London Fashion Week. This season's fashion week was the biggest ever, with 48 shows in six days.



Above, a model reveals a gypsy-style blouse worn under contrasting trousers and jacket set during the Red or Dead fashion house show at London Fashion Week at London's Natural History museum.

At right, a model wears a feather and a black and white dress by designer Jasper Conran on the fifth day of London Fashion Week in February. This season's fashion week was the biggest ever, with 48 shows in six days.



Models wear long colorful dress by designer Jasper Conran on the fifth day of London Fashion Week shows in February. This season's fashion week was the biggest ever, with 48 shows in six days.

By Francine Parnes

NEW YORK (AP) — If Ralph Lauren has his way, putting on your white tie and brushing off your tails won't be just a guy thing anymore. The fall collection, previewed April 9 in Lauren's Madison Avenue showroom, told a his-for-her story, updated with sexy menswear that left no question of a female figure. Also on the Fashion Week trail, Michael Kors sent out micro-miniskirted models in a tribute to '80s rocker chic, while Todd Oldham staged a rollicking extravaganza Tuesday night with Persian-rug-inspired evening gowns.

Lauren trotted out tuxes and hand-made pantsuits that promise to be copied.

His haberdashery-minded suits, in brown, navy or charcoal come in pin-, chalk- or pencil-stripe, with sharper shoulders, and lines that sculpt the waist and hips. Softer details come in the form of white satin-backed crepe shirts, chocolate suede ankle boots with steel high heels, and, for evening, silver metallic halter tops and T-shirts.

The gender-bender finale starred Sudanese model Alek Wek, who sports closely-cropped hair and was decked out in a black tux and bow tie — punctuated with high-heel strappy sandals.

"I'm not trying to make a statement except about stylish clothes," said Lauren after his show. "My wife (Ricky) wears tails to certain events, and gowns to other events. There's a lot of flexibility in fashion."

Lauren is hardly the only designer this season serving up a healthy helping of shoulder-padded, borrowed-from-the-boys menswear. Or, for that matter, trend-laden sweater dressing, lots of leather, asymmetrical styles, and drapery, generously-cut pants that end in cuffs. Still, his finely tailored garments remain classics, while his art-deco-influenced column dresses in silver and black convey Hollywood glamour.

Kors isn't exactly shy about taking a sartorial stand. Love it or hate it, his theme is the extreme. Take, for instance, a fanny-high slice of a black leather skirt.

Seldom is so much attention paid to so little fabric. But it showcases legs that go on for days, and is sharply contrasted with an oversized, calf-length coat, classically cut in cashmere.

Back from the '80s are those ubiquitous bigger shoulders, leggings and tiny tunic dresses with high heels.

"Within every outfit we're trying the idea of incongruous mixes," says Kors. "You can look like you were in the shortest cocktail dress but you grabbed your husband's coat."

Irrepressibly offbeat Oldham took his audience on a trip fairly rivaling a magic carpet ride — and culminating with a red

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A model wears a closed jacket with high fur-like collar over a black lace long skirt by designer Paul Frith on the fifth day of London Fashion Week at London's Natural History Museum in February. This season's London Fashion Week was the biggest, with 48 shows packed into 6 days.



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Lady Rebs playoff

Midland Lee's Lady Rebel softball team will play L.D. Bell in the Class 5A region semifinals of the state playoffs.
Bell defeated Richland, 6-5, Tuesday in the region quarterfinals to earn the right to meet Lee, a 3-0 winner over El Paso Hawks.
The two teams will meet at 3 p.m. Saturday at Abilene Wylie High School.

Gross released

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers released pitcher Kevin Gross, making the veteran right-hander a free agent.
Gross, 35, signed a minor league contract with the Rangers in March. Under terms of the agreement, he was eligible to become a free agent on May 1 if he wasn't promoted to the major leagues. Gross made six starts at Triple-A Oklahoma City, going 2-3 with a 4.83 earned run average. He then asked for his release.
Gross had spent the past two seasons in Texas, going 11-8 with a 5.22 earned run average in 1996. During his 13-year career, Gross is 140-157 with a 4.09 ERA with the Philadelphia Phillies, Montreal Expos, Los Angeles Dodgers and Rangers.

Maxwell free agent

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs won't pick up the option on Vernon Maxwell's contract, making the veteran guard a free agent, the team said.
Maxwell, 31, signed with the Spurs last August, going back to the team with which he began his National Basketball Association career. He played in 72 games this season, starting 31, and averaged 12.9 points, 2.2 rebounds and 2.1 assists a game.
The 6-foot-4, 190-pound Maxwell was drafted by the Denver Nuggets out of the University of Florida in 1988 and was traded to San Antonio, where he played from 1988-90.
He then was traded to the Houston Rockets and spent five years there. He helped the team to the 1994 NBA title, then was cut after he walked out on the team before its championship run in 1995.
Maxwell signed with the Philadelphia 76ers, where he spent the 1995-96 season.

Tyson married

WASHINGTON — If Mike Tyson did get married again, he's doing a good job keeping it a secret.
The Washington Post reported Wednesday that the former heavyweight champion may have recently wed Monica Turner, his longtime girlfriend.
The newspaper said it heard from unidentified sources it described as "close to the couple" that Tyson and Turner were married in a small, private ceremony at her Bethesda, Md., home several days ago.
It said Tyson's co-manager, Rory Holiway, and his Muslim mentor, Muhammad Siddeeq, refused to comment. The newspaper reported that Siddeeq performed the ceremony.



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Hot goalie eliminates Stars

■ Dallas Stars found out the hard way what a hot goalie can mean to a team. They were beaten by Edmonton's Curtis Joseph in the first round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer



DALLAS — The Dallas Stars had the best regular season in franchise history. It all went down the drain in the Stanley Cup playoffs because of one man — goalie Curtis

Joseph.

Joseph, the goaltender for the Edmonton Oilers, beat the Stars three times on their home ice.

In a three game stretch Joseph turned back 113 of 116 shots. He blanked the Stars twice and when it really counted beat them 4-3 in overtime in the seventh game of the Western Conference quarterfinal series.

Dallas was 3-for-40 on the power play against Joseph and just 1-for-22 in Reunion Arena.

"You work so hard over 82 games with the purpose of getting playoffs at home then do what we did," said Mike Modano, who had two game-winning goals for Dallas. "We might as well have played the thing in Edmonton. It's tough to swallow. It's devastating. I had chances and couldn't take advantage."

Brent Gilchrist of the Stars said what happened was plain and simple.

"We couldn't get the puck past him," Gilchrist said.

Each game except the 4-0 Edmonton win in game 2 was decided by a single goal.

"It was as close as a series can be but the deciding factor was Joseph," said Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock. "He made all the key saves."

But how do you explain the second-seeded Stars, who outscored the Oilers 18-6 in a four-game sweep during the regular season, not being able to control the seventh-seeded Oilers.

Oilers coach Ron Low said Dallas, which 104 points, second best in the

NHL in the regular season, took his team lightly at the beginning.

"The Stars began to respect us when we won 4-0 in the second game of the series," he said. "They had good reason not to respect us. But we were the dominant team in that 4-0 game and it was right there that we felt we had a legitimate shot at winning the series."

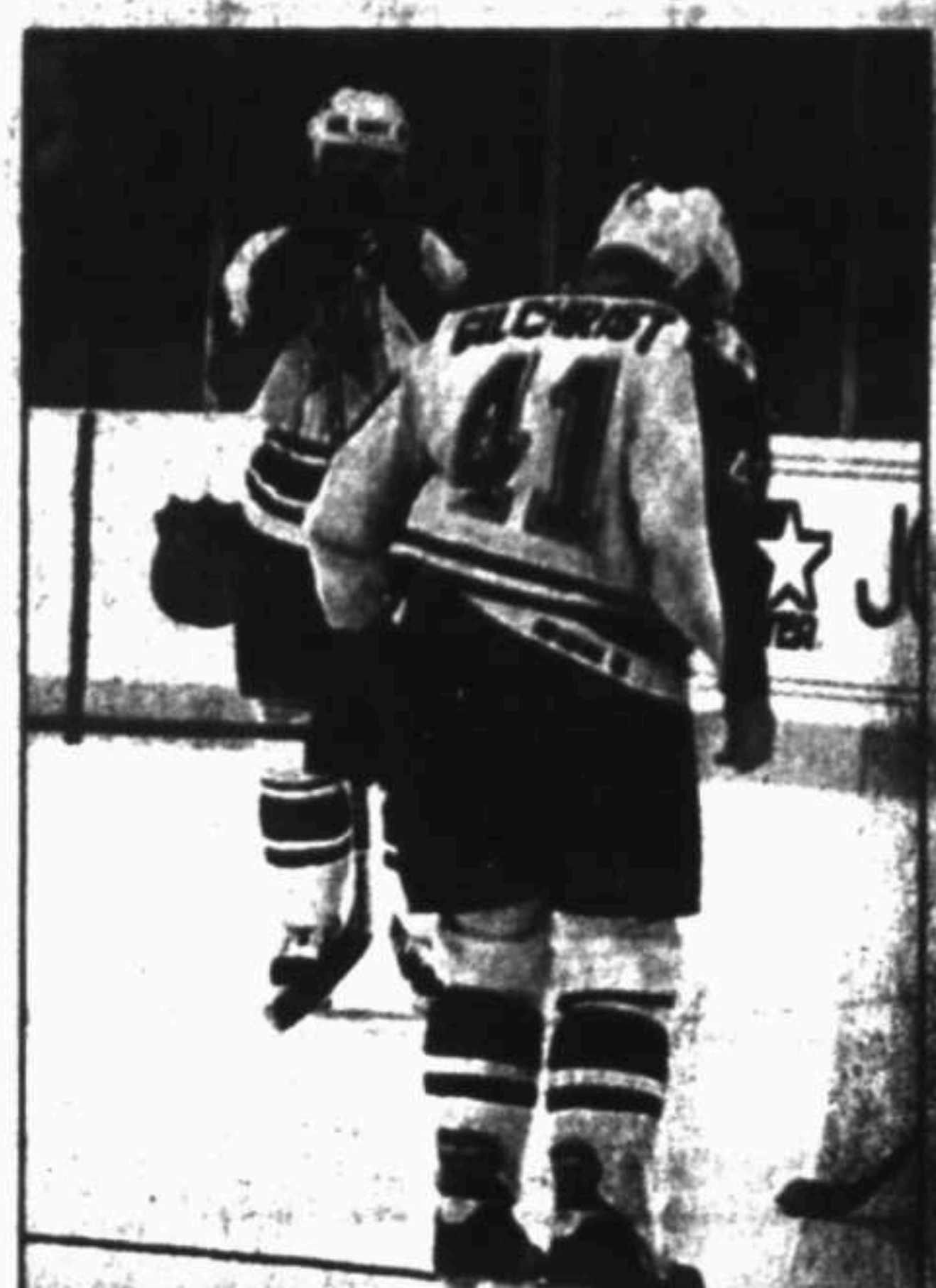
Dallas had good goaltending from Andy Moog in the series but the Oilers had a magician between the pipes.

"Joseph kept things together for them," Hitchcock said. "When you get great goaltending like that you can win a series. He was definitely the difference. It was a heartbreaker."

The 37-year-old Moog will be back next year and have to contend with Arturs Irbe and young Roman Turek for the No. 1 goalie spot.

Modano is unsigned for next year but the way Hitchcock was talking about him there's no doubt the Stars will do what it takes to keep him.

"He showed great heart this year and in this series," Hitchcock. "Modano carried us as far as we went."



Dallas Stars' Mike Modano and Brent Gilchrist (41) stand on the ice in Dallas, Tuesday night after the Stars lost 4-3.

UIL BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Rebel likes clutch spot

■ Midland Lee catcher Raymond Ibarra likes the pressure situation of being the team's clean-up hitter.

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer



When most people think of the big hit in baseball, they think of some dramatic late-inning blow which results in an emotional comeback win or at least puts a team in a situation to win the game later.

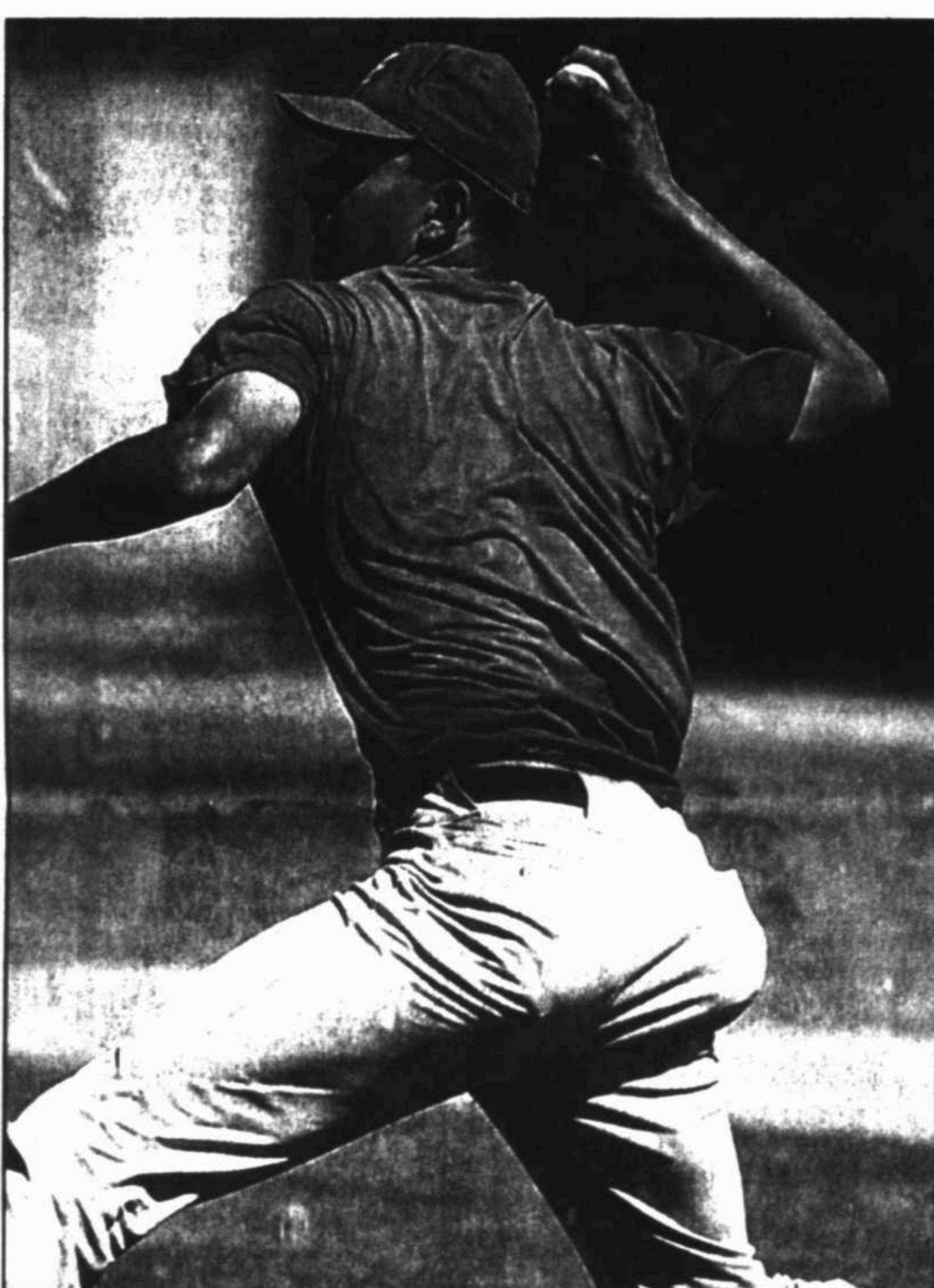
For Midland Lee clean-up hitter Raymond Ibarra, the time of the game when the hit happens doesn't make the hit itself any bigger or smaller.

"A lot of times when you get up in the first inning there's runners on and there's pressure on you," Ibarra said. "If you're able to connect early that takes off a lot of pressure later in the game."

In that regard, Ibarra has faced pressure situations in each of Lee's last two regular season games, both of which the Rebels needed to win to make the playoffs. Ibarra came up with a big hit both times, and it's not coincidental that Lee will be opening the playoffs Friday in the first game of a best-of-three series with Amarillo High.

Last Tuesday against Odessa Permian, Ibarra hit a two-run home run, his second of the season, in the third inning to help spark the Rebels. He later drew a walk in the sixth which turned out to represent the winning run in Lee's 8-7 win. On Monday against San

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Midland Lee's Raymond Ibarra is set to lead the Rebels into the playoffs starting this Friday against Amarillo High.

Wranglers nip Angels to end winning streak at 5

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

A home run by Wichita's Raul Gonzalez in the top of the 11th inning was the difference Wednesday night as the Angels ended one streak and continued another.

Gonzalez' blast on a 3-2 pitch off Midland's Bob Gamez led the Wranglers to a 4-3 win Wednesday night in Texas League West action at Christensen Stadium.

The loss meant that the Angels' season-high winning streak ends at five. It also means that the Angels will again not go into the month of May with a winning record — a streak that goes back to 1989.

All good things did come to an end as the Angels (13-13 overall) had many quality performances on the night. However, Wichita (7-17) found the win column and broke a streak of its own — a six

straight losing skid.

"I thought it was a well played game," Midland manager Mitch Seoane said. "Our pitching kept us in the game. Except for one inning, we just couldn't put a bunch of hits together."

Seoane's Angels had 10 hits on the night and jumped out to an early 3-0 lead. Those runs came with three straight hits that drove in runs.

In the bottom of the fourth with Frank Bolick on first base, Jason Herrick connected with a Blaine Mull offering and drove it to right center for a RBI triple. Jamie Burke followed with an RBI single to left and Bret Hemphill ended the scoring with his first of three hits on the night. His RBI double drove in Burke and it looked as though the Angels had things rolling.

Wichita, like a team needing a good shot in the arm, got one in the top of the

next inning. With two outs and one on, Wrangler shortstop Anthony Medrano hit his first home run of the year to left field. The shot cleared the fence right under the scoreboard and proved to be the only mistake that Angels pitcher Matt Bovee made in his six innings of work.

"Matt did a great job," Seoane said of Bovee, who was making his second start for Midland. "All of our pitchers did a good job."

The breaks just kept going in favor of Wichita. The Wranglers again got a good break and scored with two outs as Sal Fasano came home from third on a passed ball that just glanced off the Hemphill's glove. The biggest tragedy of it all was that Angels' pitcher Kurt Knudsen pitcher came right back and struck out Wichita's Jeremy Carr: an out that could have kept the Angels up, 3-2. From there, both teams put their for-

tunes on the arms of the relief corps and both staffs seemed up to the challenge. Knudsen pitched four solid innings, surviving a minor scare in the eighth with another strikeout of Carr. This time the "K-Mart K" came with runners on second and third.

But the Wranglers were solid as well. Mull, Kevin Rawitzer and Pat Flury kept the Angels bats at bay, scattering just three hits over the sixth though 10th innings.

Then in the 11th, Gonzalez became the hero for Wichita. He fought back from being down in the count early on and worked it back to 3-2 count. And like all game-winning homers should be, a 3-2 pitch in the last inning was signed, sealed and delivered.

"Gamez did well. He just made a bad pitch," said Seoane, who also credited

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Mustangs ready for state meet

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer



While most West Texas track and field teams are getting ready for the UIL state meet next weekend, the Midland Christian Mustangs go to work a bit earlier.

The Mustangs stampede to Waco this weekend for the Class 4A division of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools' Track and Field Championships.

The Mustangs qualified six boys in a cumulative 13 events and two girls' relay teams. Two of the leading contenders for state titles are MC seniors Alex Awtry and Andrew Hufford. Awtry will compete in the three jumping events (the high jump, long jump and triple jump). Awtry's best mark of six-foot, six-inches, this season's city-best, came at the district meet two weeks ago. Going into the meet, he had one day of high jump practice during the season and had jumped in just one pre-



Olympic gold medalist Michael Johnson works out at SMU in Dallas for his showdown with Donovan Bailey. See related story on page 6C.

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Rockets to get rest after sweep

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Charles Barkley had a compliment for the Minnesota Timberwolves and a warning for his teammates after the Houston Rockets' sweep of their first-round NBA playoff series.

The Rockets eliminated the Timberwolves from their first-ever playoff series with a 125-120 victory Tuesday night but they had to work hard for the second straight game to pull out the victory.

"It was a good game and we were lucky to win," Barkley said after Houston clinched the series 3-0.

"It's not easy to sweep teams. Giving up 120 points, we played base 'D.' We won't win the next round like that."

The Rockets won the opener in a 112-95 blowout but they had to fight late into the fourth quarter for their 96-84 victory in the second game.

The Rockets took Wednesday off to rest up for their second-round Western Conference opponent, either

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U.S. Open to offer \$11.8 M

By The Associated Press

FLUSHING MEADOWS, New York — The U.S. Tennis Association said it increased the purse at the 1997 U.S. Open 8.5 percent to

\$11.8 million from last year.

The tournament again will have equal prize money for men and women, the only Grand Slam event to do so.

For the 1997 tournament, sched-

uled for Aug. 25-Sept. 7 at Arthur Ashe Stadium at the USTA National Tennis Center, singles winners will earn \$650,000, a \$50,000 increase.

LOCAL SPORTS

Rally For a Cure tournament held

The quartet of Albright, Godwin, Myers and Schoeder won the inaugural Rally for a Cure Tournament Wednesday at Green Tree Country Club with a score of 65. The foursomes of Cowden, Davis, Reid and Tidwell and Guthrie, Brannum, Brown and Rush tied for second with a

66. Sarah Brannum had her first hole-in-one ever on the No. 2 West hole with a driver. Participants in the tournament were from Midland, Odessa, Andrews, Big Spring, Coahoma, Fort Stockton, Lubbock, Kermit, Monahans, Snyder, Wink and Jal, N.M.

Stanton's Moore going to McMurtry

Stanton senior Matt Moore has committed to play football next year at McMurtry University in Abilene.

Moore, 6-foot-3 and 240 pounds, was a two-way lineman for the Buffaloes. He earned honorable mention all-state status, and he was named to an all-state academic team as an offensive tackle. He will play defensive tackle at McMurtry.

ANGELS: Home run lifts Wranglers

(From 1C)

Gonzalez for working the count back to 3-2 and getting his pitch to hit. "When they got two runs, they did a good job of shutting us down. We got 10 hits. They just didn't make an error and their pitchers did a good job."

The Angels didn't get much in El Paso. The West-leading San Antonio Missions (18-6) ran their lead in the division to six games over the Angels with 12-5 win over the Diablos.

Seoane expects his team to bounce back.

"Our plays have had a good attitude all year long," Seoane said.

"We will bounce back tomorrow." **WEDNESDAY ANGELS:** Buxbaum went 3-for-5 and increased his hitting streak to 10 games. He is 22-of-39 (.564) in that streak. Herrick has hit in 17 of his last 18 games. He is 25-of-72 (.347). Today's pitchers are Midland's Scott Schoeneweis (2-0, 4.68) and Wichita's pitcher is to be named later. The Wranglers' pitching schedule is mixed up, having played seven games in five days. Mike Freehill is still one save away from tying the club's all-time record of 22 (Rob Blythe).

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MUSTANGS: Seniors look for strong meet

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"He is a natural jumper and that is impressive," MC track coach Van Gravitt said. "We could have had opportunity to practice this week, but I'm scared to coach him. I don't want to do anything to mess him up."

Awtry will also compete in the long jump and triple jump, where he has a season-best of 20-7 and 42-8.

Hufford also goes to Waco as a Mustang to watch. The senior won 1A state titles last year in the long jump and triple jump, and as the Mustangs make the jump up three classifications, so has he with two district titles in the long and triple jumps. He wants to take it one step higher.

"My goal is just like last year," said Hufford, whose personal records are 44-9 (triple jump) and 20-7. "That is just to be on, on the right day. You are going to have good and bad days, you just hope for a good one."

Gravitt calls all his boys contenders for top spots, but one he excited to see is Jerod Womack. The 800-meter man has qualified for state every year since he was a freshman and placed fourth each

of the past two seasons. The two-minute mark is a priority for Womack, who along with the other seniors have experienced their fare share of TAPPS state titles on the football field.

"When you win a state title, the first one you fight for is the hardest. It is not as sweet the second time," said Womack, whose PR is 2:05.29. "I want this more than anything. This is my last high school event."

Awtry, who also plays on the baseball team, tries not to think of the finality that the meet could bring to his MC career.

"You don't want to have it in your hand," Awtry said. "You set goals, try to do better and go out with a band."

Unlike the bigger Class 5A schools in the area, many of the Midland Christian athletes are involved in more than one sport in the spring — softball for the girls and baseball for the boys. That is what happens with an enrollment that doesn't compare to the bigger schools.

"Obviously, it makes it a challenge to get in practice time and conditioning," Gravitt said. "I give credit to kids to get practice time. Plus, they never get weekend

time. They are doing softball or baseball, and then we drag them to a track meet. But that is one of the fun things about being at a school our size, the kids get to do it all."

Other Mustangs, who will compete in Waco, are Colby Lee in the 100, and 200, Josh Miller in the 400 and 1600 Relay and Trent Lee in the 1600 relay.

For the girls, Lakendra Harper, Bethany Spradlin, Hope West and Laura Gaddis make up the 400 relay while West, Spradlin, Gaddis and Sarah Koss will run on the 1600 relay.

"They are looking forward to the opportunity to compete," Gravitt said. "They worked hard and come along way from beginning of the season."

State weekend will come a week early for the Mustang track and field team, the Mustangs hope that means the celebrations start a little earlier.

Midland Christian athletes who will run at the TAPPS 4A state meet which will be held at Baylor University in Waco.

Boys — Alex Awtry (100, 200), Josh Miller (400, 1600 Relay), Jerod Womack (800, 1600 Relay), Trent Lee (1600 relay).

Girls — 400 Relay: Lakendra Harper, Bethany Spradlin, Hope West, Laura Gaddis. 1600 Relay: West, Spradlin, Gaddis, Sarah Koss.

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ROCKET: Houston sweeps Minnesota

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Phoenix or Seattle. Phoenix leads that series 2-1.

Barkley said the Timberwolves' appearance in the playoffs was a tribute to Kevin McHale, vice president for basketball operations.

"I told Kevin McHale he has done an excellent job," Barkley said. "I have a lot of respect for him as a person. I've always said he is the best player I have played against."

The Timberwolves, meanwhile, had plenty of praise for the Rockets.

"I can't say enough about Houston," Minnesota coach Flip Saunders said. "This summer, people

said they were the Chicago Bulls of the West. If they hadn't been hurt, they probably would be the No. 1 seed."

"They did a great job of mixing the players together. Sometimes it's tougher to coach a talented team than a team without talent."

The Rockets put their talent to use in the closing minutes to close out the first-round series.

"We did a good job handling pressure," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "They wouldn't let us get into our routine. They threw some different looks at us which were great strategy. We shot real well through the series. We just had a tremendous game." Hakeem Olajuwon said the

young Timberwolves gave them a good workout.

"We know we won the series, it was a battle from start to finish," Olajuwon said. "This prepares us for the next round. Minnesota was making their shots as we were but you can't look at the stars, only what's on the floor. As long as the game is under control, that's what's important."

Saunders credited the Rockets with winning the series.

"I don't think we lost, Houston won," Saunders said. "Granted, we could have done some things better, little things. But I don't think we expected them to shoot 60 percent from the floor or 53 percent from the 3-point line."

IBARRA: Rebel is constantly working

(From 1C)

Angelo Central, the game to decide the final District 4-5A playoff spot, Ibarra had a two-run single in the third inning to give the Rebels a 3-0 lead which eventually sparked them to an 8-1 victory and into the playoffs.

In what was an up-and-down district season for the Rebels, there was one constant in the second half of district play, and that was offense. Lee scored at least six runs in every district game the second half of the season, and at the forefront of that attack was Ibarra. Over his final six district games, Ibarra batted a scorching .619 with two homers and eight RBIs.

"He's hitting the ball better than anybody else right now," Lee coach Jesse Benavidez said. "He hardly goes after any bad pitches."

And even if a pitch looks bad, Ibarra might still be able to hit it. At the beginning of the season, the senior catcher developed a reputation as a hitter who liked to go the other way, getting the majority of his hits to right field. Ibarra was simply taking what pitchers were giving him.

"(Pitchers) threw me a lot of outside fastballs early," Ibarra said. "If that's all they're going to throw, you better be able to go the other way."

Naturally, word spread among opposing pitchers that throwing the ball on the outside part of the plate was playing directly into Ibarra's hands. For several games in the first half of district, pitchers opted to try to jam Ibarra inside.

Generally, the plan worked. During the first half of district play, Ibarra's district batting average dropped to a relatively pedestrian .263. Perhaps not so coincidentally, the Rebels were

suffering offensively. Instead of stewing over his lack of success, though, Ibarra chose not to think too much about it.

"What got me in a slump in the first place was that I was worrying about the inside pitch," Ibarra said. "It's part of baseball to strike out and make outs. You've just to relax at the plate."

The jolt both Ibarra and the Rebels needed came in the opener of the second half of district at Midland High. With the game scoreless in the fourth inning, Ibarra sent a 3-1 pitch from Joey Schlaffer far over the center field wall at Zachary Field. Lee went on to win the game 7-4 and has been hitting the ball well ever since.

And nobody's been hitting the ball for the Rebels better than Ibarra. That's not a surprise to Benavidez.

"Raymond's a workaholic," Benavidez said. "He spends a lot of time working out on his own. He stays a long time after practice."

Ibarra has made that practice pay off in a huge way. He needed to work to eventually earn the lofty spot of clean-up hitter in Lee's lineup. It was uncertain exactly where he would fit in the team's plans at the beginning of the season since he had no varsity track record from last season.

At first, Benavidez had penciled in returning senior David Smith as his starting catcher although Smith had played center field last season. Ibarra figured to take his cuts mainly as a designated hitter.

"I was just hoping to be in the lineup either as a DH or behind the plate," Ibarra said.

Before district started, though, it became apparent that the Rebels were better off with Ibarra behind the plate and Smith in center. Regardless, they needed

Ibarra's bat in the lineup no matter what his position on the scorecard read.

It's impressive enough that Ibarra led the Rebels in district with a .450 average and that his 10 RBIs in district were second on the team to Chad Chandler's 11. Those numbers are even more formidable when it's considered that Ibarra caught every inning of all 12 district games, hardly getting a chance to relax in the field.

On top of that, Ibarra has to squat down a lot farther than most other catchers. At 6 feet, 4 inches, Ibarra is unusually tall for a catcher, a position where the stereotype is that of the short, muscular guy who can block an oncoming freight train.

Ibarra, who has been playing catcher since Little League and has stuck with the position through a growth, admits that height can be a liability at times behind the plate.

"It's harder to sometimes get down and block some baseballs in the dirt," Ibarra said.

Nonetheless, Ibarra has rarely hurt the team behind the plate. In fact, his heady play has often times helped halt potential uprisings, as in the seventh inning against Central when he picked off a napping runner at second base. Ibarra's all-around skills have attracted the attention of Frank Phillips College, which has offered him a full scholarship, as well as McMurtry University.

"He's going to make the right decisions behind the plate," Benavidez said. "That's what it's going to take to show people he can play at the next level."

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Coaching carousel continues among NBA teams

Larry Brown resigns as Pacers coach and M.L. Carr quits as Celtics coach.
By The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Larry Brown resigned as head coach of the Indiana Pacers, ending his longest tenure of the five National Basketball Association teams that he's coached.

Brown leaves after a disappointing 39-43 season that failed to produce a playoff appearance.

"Sometimes being a coach is like being a second lieutenant in a combat zone — eventually you're going to be shot," Brown said at a news conference.

The resignation creates a vacancy that could be filled by Larry Bird, a French Lick, Indiana, native who was a star at Indiana State and the Boston Celtics.

Bird met with Pacers President Donnie Walsh on Saturday, and told WTHR-TV in Naples, Florida, that he's interested in coaching.

"I don't know what's going to happen," said Bird, a special assistant with the Celtics. "You know as well as anybody that it

would be hard to leave Boston. But if that's the way it's got to be, that's the way it's got to be."

Celtics coach M.L. Carr resigned today, and the Boston Globe reported the team wants to hire University of Kentucky coach Rick Pitino.

Pitino has said he planned to coach Kentucky next year.

Meanwhile, the Philadelphia Daily News reported that Brown would meet with the Philadelphia 76ers today. It didn't report where it got the information.

Brown compiled a 190-138 record during his time with the Pacers, which was highlighted by trips to the Eastern Conference finals in 1993-94 and 1994-95, losing both times in seven games.

Brown, who also has coached the Denver Nuggets, New Jersey Nets, San Antonio Spurs and Los Angeles Clippers, has an NBA coaching record of 624-480.

He also coached the University of Kansas from 1983-88, leading the Jayhawks to the national championship in his final year. He coached UCLA from 1979-81.

Carr quits as Celtics coach
BOSTON — M.L. Carr resigned



Larry Brown, right, announces his resignation as coach of the Indiana Pacers as Pacers president Donnie Walsh looks on during a news conference in Indianapolis on Wednesday.

as coach of the Boston Celtics today, following the team's worst season in its 51-year history.

He retained his title as director of basketball operations, a job he's held for three seasons, and is

involved in the search for a new coach, although he refused to comment on any candidates.

"It's not a sad moment," Carr said. "As a matter of fact, it's a good moment. It's a great

moment" because the team can move forward in choosing a new coach.

He said he wants to bring in "a career coach," a position he never intended to fill.

"This is the right time" to make a change, Carr said.

"This is consistent with the plan we had from day one," he said.

Potential successors as coach include Larry Brown, who resigned today as coach of the Indiana Pacers, and Kentucky coach Rick Pitino.

"We're not going to speculate or talk about, confirm or deny any talk you may see publicly about who's in the picture," Carr said. "I don't think that's appropriate at this point."

Celtics owner Paul Gaston did not return a phone call today and Pitino was not immediately available for comment.

Pitino had said he planned to remain at Kentucky, although the Boston Globe today quoted an unidentified source as saying there was a "95 percent chance" Pitino would end up in Boston.

The newspaper also reported that three other sources indicated

Pitino was back at the top of Boston's list of possible replacements.

In two seasons as coach, Carr led the Celtics — the NBA's most successful franchise with 16 championships — to a 48-116 record, and they failed to make the playoffs both times. The Celtics were 15-67 this season.

Celtics president Red Auerbach had said Tuesday that Carr would not return as coach, the Globe said.

"It's because — although no one could have done much better — nevertheless, the record is there and you can't refute it," he said.

"At the end of the season, except for (David) Wesley, (Antoine) Walker and maybe Todd Day, that was a CBA (Continental Basketball Association) team, and not even a very good one," Auerbach said. "(Walker) and (Eric) Williams have got to have someone coach them with a firm hand, someone they can respect."

Walker, a rookie last season, played at Kentucky under Pitino.

Pitino reportedly has rejected \$8 million-a-year offers from Golden State and Orlando.

Iverson expected to be named NBA Rookie of the Year

76ers' guard led all rookies in scoring with 23.5 points per game to put him sixth overall in the NBA.

By John F. Bonfatti
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Point guard Allen Iverson, whose first pro season was filled with spectacular plays and a series of controversies, will be named NBA Rookie of the Year, The Associated Press has learned.

The Philadelphia 76ers, who have never had a player win the honor, scheduled a noon news conference Thursday to announce "a major postseason award."

Vice president Dave Coskey

declined to say if it involved Iverson, but team sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the award will go to the former Georgetown star and the NBA's No. 1 overall draft choice last year.

Attempts to reach Iverson through the team were unsuccessful.

Iverson, 21, was the leading rookie scorer this year and his average of 23.5 points placed him sixth overall in the NBA.

Yet Iverson faced stiff competition from Minnesota's Stephen Marbury, Vancouver's Shareef Abdur-Rahim, New Jersey's Kerry Kittles and Toronto's Marcus Camby for top rookie honors.

Marbury's supporters pointed out he helped transform the Timberwolves into a playoff team and

also led all rookies by averaging 7.5 assists.

Abdur-Rahim led the Grizzlies with 18.7 points per game, while Kittles played all 82 games for the Nets, averaging 16.4 points. Camby averaged two blocks a game, good for 11th in the league.

Iverson may have cinched the award with his streak of scoring 40 or more points in five straight games earlier this month, the longest high-scoring streak by a rookie in league history.

Showing both an outside shooting touch and scintillating slash- ing touch, Iverson scored 44 against Chicago on April 7, 40 against Atlanta on April 9, 44 against Milwaukee on April 11, a career-high 50 against Cleveland on April 12 and 40 against Washington on April 14.

The accomplishment was somewhat tarnished, however, because all five games were losses, contributing to a 22-60 record, the third-worst finish in 76ers history.

Also, in the Bulls game, the 76ers called three timeouts at the end of a blowout loss to set up plays for Iverson. He ended up hitting an uncontested 3-pointer in the final 20 seconds.

A number of NBA veterans spoke out against the tactic, including Karl Malone, who said it was "a mockery of the game."

Even 76ers president and part-owner Pat Croce, who fired coach Johnny Davis and general manager Brad Greenberg after the season, said he was embarrassed by the maneuver. But Iverson, who turned pro after

only two seasons at Georgetown, also garnered high praise from several of the league's stars, including Michael Jordan.

"Was I a one-man offense like that when I was a rookie?" Jordan asked after Iverson's 44-point effort against the Bulls.

Jordan said Iverson was his choice for rookie of the year "because of the excitement that he brings."

The endorsement was impressive considering Jordan and Iverson got into an argument on the floor in a game earlier this season.

Former 76er Charles Barkley said the only award Iverson deserved was for trash-talking. In addition to criticism that he took too many shots and turned the ball over too often for a point

guard, Iverson was also taken to task for his crossover dribble, his penchant for carrying a gun, the color of his ankle braces and the length of his shorts.

The 76ers rookie was also accused of not being deferential enough to the league's stars, but Iverson defended his actions.

"I'll be hated all my career in the NBA if they want me to become some soft basketball player that bows down to everybody," he said.

"I'm not going to fear anybody in this league. That's how I got here — by competing, by not having any fear. And I'll stay that way, because once I let people change me from how I was, and take that hunger away, that's when I'll start going downhill."

No Bull: Chicago sweeps Washington in first round

By The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — The Chicago Bulls are once again on their way to the second round of the NBA playoffs, and the Washington Bullets will never be the same.

Michael Jordan, held in check for most of the game, brought the Bulls back from a nine-point deficit in the closing minutes before Scottie Pippen sank a driving dunk with 7.4 seconds left Wednesday night for a 96-95 win that gave Chicago a three-game sweep.

Chicago's sixth first-round sweep in the last seven years puts the Bulls in the second round for a 10th consecutive season. Chicago will face the winner of the Detroit-Atlanta series.

It was Washington's first home playoff game since 1988, and it turned out to be the team's final game as the Bullets. Washington moves to a new arena next season and will be called the Wizards.

Chicago rallied from a 90-81 deficit to take a 94-93 lead on a jumper by Jordan with 1:12 left. Neither team scored again until Juwan Howard was fouled chasing a rebound, and his two foul shots put Washington up 95-94 with 22.1 seconds to go.

Jordan then lost the handle on the ball while going up for a shot, but Pippen gained control and drove the baseline for a jam while being fouled by Harvey Grant. He missed the foul shot, but the Bullets were out of timeouts and had to hurry upcourt.

Calbert Cheaney's 20-footer at the buzzer was an airball.

Jordan, coming off a 55-point effort Sunday, scored 10 of his 28 points in the final 3:58. Pippen had 20 and Toni Kukoc 16.

Dennis Rodman, working his way back from a knee injury, got his first start of the series and contributed 14 points and 10 rebounds. He got into a scuffle with Washington center George Murren in the first half, but the players were separated before any punches were thrown and both were assessed technicals.

Rod Strickland had 24 points and Tracy Murray 20 for the Bullets, who had won eight straight at home — including a win over Chicago — since March 22.

Washington led 90-81 with 5:11 left before Jordan went to work. He hit two straight jump

shots and followed a free throw by Strickland with another jumper. After Juwan Howard missed for the Bullets, Pippen hit a 3-pointer to pull Chicago to 91-90 with two minutes left.

Strickland scored in the lane and Jordan responded with an 18-footer. Strickland then missed, and Jordan hit a runner to put the Bulls up with 1:12 remaining.

That was the last basket until Pippen hit the game-winner.

The Bullets hit their first six shots and took a 14-2 lead to bring the sellout crowd of 18,756 to its feet. But Chicago responded with a 16-4 run to draw even, and neither team led by more than four points the rest of the first half, which ended with the Bulls up 48-46.

The Bulls used Jordan's only basket of the third quarter, a driving dunk, to go up 65-57. But Murray scored the Bullets' next 11 points — including two 3-pointers and a three-point play — to get Washington even entering the fourth quarter.

Notes: Vice president Al Gore attended the game, sitting with Bullets owner Abe Pollin. Bulls center Robert Parish did not play during the entire series.

Trail Blazers 98, Lakers 90

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Portland Trail Blazers ruined the Lakers' bid for a first-round playoff sweep Wednesday night, burying Los Angeles early with Kenny Anderson's 17-point first-quarter barrage, then withstanding a remarkable fourth-quarter rally for a 98-90 victory.

The Blazers pulled to 2-1 in the best-of-5 series, and they can even it by beating the Lakers again Friday night.

After two lopsided losses on the Lakers' home court, the Blazers took control of Game 3 from the opening tip, then saw a 31-point third-quarter lead melt to six in the final period.

The Blazers led by 18 in the first quarter, 26 in the second and were up 69-38 after Isaiah Rider sank a 3-pointer with 7:58 left in the third.

The Lakers outscored Portland 24-6 to start the fourth quarter to cut the lead to 90-82 on Kobe Bryant's two free throws with 3:15 to play. Rasheed Wallace and Anderson each made a pair of free throws to keep the Lakers down.



Chicago Bulls Michael Jordan drives past Washington Bullets' Tracy Murray in the first quarter of a first round NBA playoff game in Landover, Md., Wednesday. The Bulls eliminated the Bullets.

Anderson, who had Portland's only field goal of the fourth quarter, made his first eight field goal tries and had a career playoff high of 30 points on 9-of-11 shooting. Wallace added 20 points and Clifford Robinson 18.

Shaquille O'Neal had 29 points and 12 rebounds but got little help from his teammates until the final period. O'Neal outscored Portland center Arvydas Sabonis 29-0, but the rest of the Blazers' starters outscored the rest of the Lakers' starting five 80-15.

Bryant scored 14 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter. Bryant twice cut Portland's lead to six in the final 33 seconds, but Robinson and Anderson each made a pair of free throws to finally get the Blazers the win. Portland was 1-for-14 from the field in the fourth period.

For three quarters, the Lakers seemed more asleep than thinking sweep.

The Blazers outscored them 11-3 at the start and were up 28-10 on Gary Trent's three-point play with 3:44 left in the first quarter.

Riddick Bowe retires from boxing

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Riddick Bowe retired today, ending the career of a former heavyweight champion who was battered in his last two fights.

His retirement was announced by HBO, and Bowe will now work for the cable TV network in a community service program.

Bowe took beatings from Andrew Golota in his last two fights but won both on disqualifications, with the first bout ending in a chair-swinging riot at Madison Square Garden.

Bowe, 29, finished with a record of 40-1, with 32 knockouts.

Following the two Golota fights, Bowe enlisted in the Marine Reserves last January but left the Corps after 10 days of training at

Parris Island, S.C.

"Although my time inside the ring has come to an end, it's just the start of an exciting and important career for me," Bowe said in a statement released by HBO.

Bowe will tour the country to participate in HBO-sponsored community activities aimed at motivating youngsters.

Bowe won four New York State Golden Gloves titles from 1985-88, a junior world championship in 1985 and two Junior Olympic National Championships in 1985-1986. At the Seoul Olympics in 1988, he won the silver medal in the super heavyweight class, losing in the finals to Lennox Lewis.

Bowe, a Brooklyn native, turned professional March 6, 1989, and three years later, he won the undisputed heavyweight champi-

onship with a unanimous decision over Evander Holyfield on Nov. 13, 1992.

In a dispute with the WBC, Bowe dumped the championship belt in a trash can in London, clearing the way for old rival Lewis to win that title. After Bowe was stripped of the WBC crown, he lost the WBA and IBF titles on a majority decision in a rematch with Holyfield on Nov. 6, 1993.

That set up a third fight two years later when Bowe got off the canvas to knock out Holyfield. By then, though, the title was in other hands.

Bowe never got another chance at the crown and his last two fights against Golota ended in controversy because of low blows that caused the disqualifications.



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Simms, Gil lead Rangers' charge over White Sox

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mike Simms hit a first-inning grand slam and Benji Gil added a two-run shot in the sixth Wednesday night as the Texas Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 6-2 in a rain-shortened game.

The game, played in blustery weather, was called after a 40-minute delay with no outs and Rangers on first and second in the top of the seventh inning.

Starting pitchers Ken Hill of the Rangers and Wilson Alvarez of the White Sox were forced to leave the game early with shoulder injuries.

Hill was forced out in the bottom of the second inning with a strain of his right rotator cuff and will be evaluated by the team doctor Thursday.

Bobby Witt (5-0), the second Rangers' reliever, got the victory with two scoreless innings, making him the American League's second five-game winner.

Alvarez (1-4), meanwhile, pitched just two innings before leaving with stiffness in his left shoulder.

Simms, who was hitting .400 in his previous eight games with a pair of homers, gave the Rangers a 4-0 lead with his first career grand slam.

Mark McLemore reached on third baseman Tony Phillips' error leading off and was forced at second. Rusty Greer singled, Dean Palmer walked and Will Clark lined out before Simms connected.

The White Sox got a pair of runs in the third on a walk, single and RBI fielder's choice from Phillips. Ray Durham then singled and Frank Thomas walked to load the

bases. Phillips scored on Ivan Rodriguez's passed ball before Albert Belle flied out.

White Sox manager Terry Bevington elected to walk Clark intentionally in the fifth to load the bases, giving Simms another chance. This time he grounded into a double play.

Gil hit his first homer of the season off Danny Darwin, a fly ball that hit the top of the left field fence and then carried over. It scored Mike Devereaux, who had reached on shortstop Norberto Martin's error. Notes: Wind gusts and rain swept across the field beginning in the fourth inning. As Chicago batted in the bottom of the fifth, conditions got even worse. Hats blew off players, fly balls went every which way and fans scrambled for cover. The game began in 65 degree temperatures, but it got much colder as the game went on.

When the game was halted in the seventh, the grounds crew had great difficulty getting the tarp to stay on the field because the wind was blowing so hard. It took nearly 10 minutes.

Athletics 11, Indians 9
CLEVELAND — Mark McGwire hit two tape-measure home runs — the first ever off the Jacobs Field scoreboard and a tiebreaking shot in the 10th — as the Oakland Athletics beat Cleveland 11-9 Wednesday night.

McGwire followed a mammoth 485-foot blast in the third with a 459-foot shot to straightaway center off Jose Mesa in the 10th, breaking a 7-7 tie. The A's went on to score four runs in the inning, and they needed them all because Cleveland rallied again.

Yankees 3, Mariners 2
NEW YORK — Joe Torre got his 1,000th victory as a major league manager while Dennis Martinez lost his 12th straight decision as the New York Yankees beat Seattle.

Torre, 1,000-1,086 as manager for the Yankees, Mets, Cardinals and Braves, is the only active AL manager to reach the plateau.

Martinez (1-2), the winningest active pitcher in the majors with 241 career wins, fell to 0-12 in his last 15 starts against New York and now hasn't won at Yankee Stadium in 20 years.

David Wells (2-1) struck out a season-high nine and didn't walk a batter in 7 2-3 innings to improve his career mark to 10-2 at Yankee Stadium.



Texas Rangers second baseman Mark McLemore, left, jumps out of the way after tagging out Chicago White Sox' Ray Durham (5) as he tries to steal second in the first inning Wednesday in Chicago.

Matt Williams barely missed a grand slam with two outs in the 10th as the ball struck two feet below the top of the center field wall. After an intentional walk to David Justice, Kevin Mitchell ended the game by flying out to the warning track in center.

McGwire's second homer, his 11th of the season, landed in the picnic area beyond the center field fence, giving him two of the three longest homers ever at Jacobs Field. Juan Gonzalez hit one 460 feet in 1994.

Billy Taylor (1-1) was the winner and Don Wengert got his first save in the majors. Jose Mesa (0-2) was the loser.

Yankees 3, Mariners 2

AL Roundup

Tim Lincecum and Tino Martinez homered for the Yankees, and Jay Buhner homered in the ninth for Seattle. Mariano Rivera gave up Buhner's leadoff homer in the ninth, but earned his eighth save.

Orioles 12, Twins 3
MINNEAPOLIS — B.J. Surhoff and Pete Incaviglia homered on consecutive pitches and the Baltimore Orioles sent Minnesota to its seventh straight loss.

Surhoff had four of the Orioles' 19 hits. He put the Orioles ahead 1-0 with a homer in the second inning and then Incaviglia connected.

Brady Anderson's two-run single highlighted a six-run ninth inning that broke open the game.

The Twins' seven-game losing streak is their longest since a nine-game skid in June 1993.

Scott Kamieniecki (2-0) limited the Twins to four hits in 6 1-3 innings. Bob Tewksbury (1-4) took the loss.

Blue Jays 1, Royals 0
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Roger Clemens pitched three-hit ball over eight innings and Carlos Delgado drove in the only run with a second-inning homer as Toronto beat Kansas City.

Clemens (4-0), struck out seven, walked two and lowered his ERA to 1.72. He left after throwing 109 pitches.

Dan Plesac relieved to start the ninth and walked Tom Gooden leading off. Paul Quantrill relieved and retired two batters before Paul Spoljaric got the final out — striking out Chili Davis — for his first save.

Kevin Appier (3-1) was then tough-luck loser. He allowed five hits, struck out seven and walked one in his second complete game of the season.

Delgado homered into the right-field bullpen with one out in the second, his fifth of the season.

Red Sox 11, Angels 2
BOSTON — Nomar Garciaparra homered, doubled twice and scored four runs as the Boston Red Sox spoiled rookie Jason Dickson's unbeaten season with a win over the Anaheim Angels.

Dickson (4-1) had pitched a complete game shutout in a 2-0 victory over Boston in the teams' second game of the year in which Garciaparra had two of the Red Sox's five hits.

On Wednesday, the rookie shortstop doubled in the first, walked in the third, teamed with Darren Bragg for consecutive homers in the fourth and doubled in the sixth.

Chris Hammond (1-0) was effective for his second straight start in place of Tim Wakefield, who is on the disabled list with a sore right elbow. Hammond allowed one run on five hits in five innings and left with the Red Sox leading 9-1.

Tigers 8, Brewers 4
DETROIT — Melvin Nieves' three-run double highlighted a four-run third inning as the Detroit Tigers ended Milwaukee's four-game winning streak.

Justin Thompson (2-2) gave up three runs on five hits with two walks and six strikeouts in seven innings as Detroit won for just the second time in seven games.

Nieves' double off Scott Karl (0-5) helped the Tigers overcome an early 2-1 deficit.

Expos rally to beat Astros; McGriff homers twice

By The Associated Press

MONTREAL — David Segui says he isn't a classic cleanup hitter. He looked like one Wednesday night, though.

Segui homered and drove in four runs, and Mark Grudzielanek had four singles to extend his hitting streak to 15 games as Montreal rallied to beat Houston 8-6.

The Expos overcame a 4-1 deficit to snap a three-game losing streak.

Carlos Perez (4-1) got the win despite allowing five runs and nine hits in six-plus innings. He improved to 12-3 in 19 lifetime appearances at Olympic Stadium.

Lee Smith gave up a two-out RBI single to Luis Gonzalez in the ninth before Ugueth Urbina came in and struck out Jeff Bagwell for his second save.

Grudzielanek went 4-for-5. He is 27-for-59 (.458) during his hitting streak, which has raised his average to .337.

Darryl Kile (1-2) allowed five runs and nine hits. He is 3-8 in 15 appearances against Montreal.

Mike Lansing's RBI single gave Montreal a 1-0 lead in the second, but Houston scored four runs in the third on Craig Biggio's RBI double, James Mouton's two-run double and Bagwell's RBI single.

Henry Rodriguez's sacrifice fly

in the bottom of the inning made it 4-2.

Segui's three-run homer in the fourth put Montreal ahead 5-4. Rondell White's two-run double and Segui's RBI single in the fifth made it 8-4.

The Astros drew to 8-5 in the sixth when Tim Lincecum tripled and scored on third baseman Shane Andrews' throwing error.

The loss prevented Houston from setting a club record for wins in April. The Astros finished the month 15-11, matching their record for victories set in 1979.

Braves 12, Reds 3
CINCINNATI — Fred McGriff homered twice and Michael Tucker had five hits Wednesday night as the Atlanta Braves beat the Cincinnati Reds 12-3 and completed the first 19-win April in major-league history.

Denny Neagle (4-0) allowed nine hits and three runs over seven innings, and McGriff broke out of a slump with a run-scoring single, a three-run homer and a solo shot for five RBIs.

Tucker hit a three-run homer and drove in five runs. Cincinnati lost for the 12th time in 14 games and finished the month with a franchise-record 18 losses.

Dodgers 7, Phillies 5
PHILADELPHIA — Todd Zeile, Greg Gagne and Mike Piazza each

NL Roundup

drove in two runs, leading Hideo Nomo and the Los Angeles Dodgers over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Nomo (3-2) allowed six hits in 6 1-3 innings. He struck out eight and walked three.

Scott Radinsky relieved with a runner on first base in the seventh and Los Angeles leading 4-3. Second baseman Wilton Guerrero made a diving catch on Gregg Jefferies' liner and doubled Kevin Stocker off first.

Todd Worrell got the last out for his seventh save. He relieved after an RBI single by Jefferies made it 7-4 and gave up Mickey Morandini's run-scoring single.

Giants 6, Pirates 1
PITTSBURGH — Jeff Kent hit a grand slam to support Mark Gardner's three-hit pitching and the San Francisco Giants continued their best start in 24 years.

The surprising Giants, coming off consecutive losses for the first time this season, finished 17-7 in April — their best opening-month record since they were 18-6 in 1973.

The Giants' 8-2 road record is the best in the NL and is a big turnaround from a year ago, when they lost 50 of 80 away from 3-Com

Park.

Kent's third career grand slam came in the first inning off Jon Lieber (1-2) that gave Gardner (2-1) all the support he needed to make another effective start.

Gardner struck out 11, walked none and retired the last 15 batters.

Mets 6, Padres 2
NEW YORK — The San Diego Padres lost their eighth straight game, falling to the New York Mets when Carlos Baerga scored the go-ahead run in the sixth inning on a sacrifice fly to the second baseman.

The Mets, who won their fourth in a row, scored twice in the sixth for a 3-2 lead.

Lance Johnson led off with a single and Baerga, in the game because of an injury to second baseman Manny Alexander, also singled. A single by John Olerud

loaded the bases and Todd Hundley drew a walk from Sterling Hitchcock (2-2) that made it 2-0.

Butch Huskey followed with a fly ball to short right field. Second baseman Quilvio Vera made the catch just in front of right fielder Tony Gwynn, but had no play on Baerga.

Baerga, who began the game batting only .161, had two hits.

Cardinals 6, Marlins 2
ST. LOUIS — Alan Benes struck out nine in 6 2-3 innings and Willie McGee had a two-run double in a five-run fifth inning as St. Louis ended Florida's five-game winning streak.

The Cardinals won their fourth in a row, making them 11-6 since an 0-6 start, and extended the Marlins' road misery. Florida is 12-2 at home, but 3-8 on the road. Benes (3-2) gave up eight hits

and two runs before leaving in the seventh.

Moises Alou's doubled home a run in the fifth, giving him 30 RBIs this month. That tied the Montreal team record for RBIs in a month.

Rockies 11, Cubs 5
DENVER — Larry Walker tied an NL record with his 11th home run in April and Andres Galarraga hit his eighth career grand slam, sending the Colorado Rockies past the Chicago Cubs 11-5.

Vinny Castilla also homered for the Rockies, who led 11-0 after six innings in beating the Cubs for the third straight day.

Walker and Castilla each drove in three runs as Colorado combined eight hits and seven walks. The Rockies had hit two homers in the last four games.

Mets pitcher goes through more tests

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jason Isringhausen continued to undergo tests for a third day on Wednesday as the New York Mets remained concerned over the condition of the 24-year-old pitcher.

Isringhausen was seeing a number of medical consultants headed by Dr. John Olchney, the Mets internist. The team would not reveal the nature of the tests after initial chest X rays revealed an irregularity.

"It's a complicated workup and procedure," team spokesman Jay Horwitz said. "We are not making conclusions and will not comment until the tests are complete."

Olchney told the Mets on Tuesday that he expected test results within 48 hours. Meanwhile, there were reports that doctors had ordered biopsies of tissue as part of Isringhausen's tests.

"It's all speculation," Horwitz said.

Isringhausen, rehabilitating a broken right wrist, returned from Florida on Sunday after experiencing chest pain and difficulty breathing and going to a hospital emergency room. X-rays of his chest reportedly revealed a spot or mass, causing doctors to order further tests. The Mets would not say whether the spot was on the pitcher's lung but general manager Joe McIlvaine used the word "suspicious" in describing it on Monday.

"Something showed up on the X-ray," McIlvaine said. "It was an irregularity in the chest or lung area. I don't know which. We're waiting to get information ourselves."

After Tuesday's tests, Isringhausen spent time with his agent, Craig Fenech. On Wednesday, Fenech did not return calls.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

CSA Materials, Inc. has made application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 7543B to authorize continued operation of an existing Rock Crusher in Midland, Martin County, Texas. The location of the existing facility is 7600 County Road 1150 North. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper. This notice is to be published on May 1 and May 2, 1997.

A TODAS LAS PERSONAS Y ENTIDADES INTERESADAS:

CSA Materials, Inc. ha hecho solicitud a la Comisión de Conservación de Recursos Naturales de Tejas (TNRCC o Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission) para la renovación del permiso Núm. 7543B para autorizar la continuación de la operación de una plant de trituración de piedras existente en Midland, condado de Martin, Tejas. La dirección de la facilidad existente es 7600 County Road 1150 North. Mas informacion con respecto a esta solicitud se encuentra en la sección de avisos públicos de esta publicación. Este aviso se publicará en Mayo 1 y en Mayo 2, 1997.

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Johnson aims for world's fastest 'title'

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — As far as Michael Johnson is concerned, he already knows he's the fastest man in the world — and he doesn't need to beat Donovan Bailey to prove it.

That's why Johnson, the Olympic gold medalist at 200 and 400 meters, sees his upcoming 150-meter showdown with Bailey, the 100 winner in Atlanta, as merely a chance to give track and field good exposure in a non-Olympic year.

"I have absolutely nothing to prove," Johnson said Wednesday at a news conference promoting the June 1 race in Toronto. "Why would I need bragging rights over Donovan Bailey?"

"I have two gold medals, two world records, Olympic history. I have a 57-race win streak and I haven't lost in the 400 meters since 1989. I have more sub-20-second 200s than anyone else in the world and I'm better known than any other sprinter in the world at this point."

Johnson was the darling of Atlanta, becoming the first man to win the 200 and 400 at the same Olympics. His 19.32 seconds in the 200 shattered the world record of 19.66 he'd set a month before.

Bailey, meanwhile, won the 100 in a world-record time of 9.84 and anchored Canada's 400-meter relay team that beat the United States for the gold.

The 100-meter champion traditionally has earned the title of the world's fastest man, but Johnson's incredible 200 time, plus his 400 success, gave him that distinction in the eyes of many.

Bailey was angered by that and said so, saying Johnson — who trains in Waco and Dallas, while Bailey works out in Austin — is "not even the fastest man in Texas." Bailey also said Johnson's fame came from American media "trying to make a superstar out of one of their athletes."

Johnson has tried responding with dignity, although it's obvious there's no love lost between the pair.

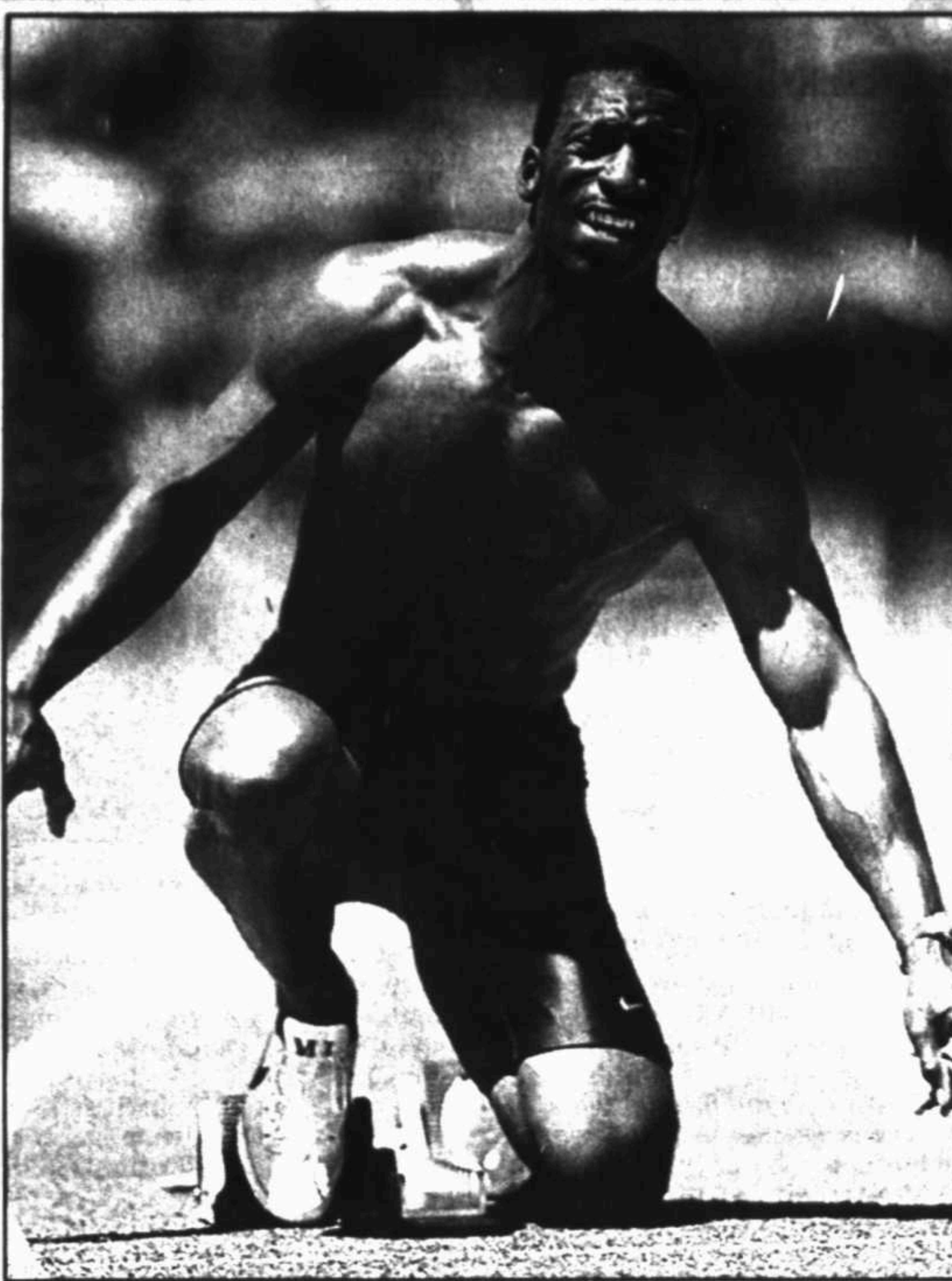
"A lot of the things he has said about me, as a competitor, I understand," Johnson said. "But to try to downplay my accomplishments, I don't appreciate that. And as an American, I don't appreciate a lot of the things he's said about America — particularly since he lives in America and trains in America."

While promoters want you to believe this race will once and for all settle who is the world's fastest man, both are downplaying that.

"Regardless of what the outcome is, you're still going to have someone saying that some other guy is the fastest man in the world," Johnson said. "You're going to have someone say Carl Lewis is the fastest man in the world, or something crazy like that."

"What difference does it make? This is entertainment. We're going in there to see who on that day is going to win at 150 meters."

Each sprinter will get \$500,000



Olympic gold medalist Michael Johnson works out on the track at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Wednesday. Johnson is preparing for his upcoming 150-meter showdown with Donovan Bailey, the 100-meter winner in Atlanta, at a June 1 event in Toronto.

for showing up. The winner takes home \$1 million on top of that.

Neither Bailey nor Johnson has ever competed at 150 meters. For this event, the distance will be split into 75 meters of straightaway and 75 of curve.

"My strategy is to be in the lead at 150 meters in the 200 anyway," Johnson said. "So it's basically the same approach."

Johnson has raced only twice this year, but the early results show he's off to a better start than he was in 1996.

His 20.05 in the 200 at the Drake Relays on Saturday was 0.15 better than his first 200 last year. It also was the world's fastest 200 this year and a meet record.

His 43.75 in the 400 the previous weekend was his best ever at that distance before June, and .67 better than his first 400 in 1996.

Johnson will run the 200 at a Grand Prix event in Rio de Janeiro this weekend, then another 200 on May 25 at the Prefontaine Classic in Eugene, Ore.

Bjorkman, Sanchez-Vicario get upset

By The Associated Press

DULUTH, Ga. — Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden and Alex O'Brien were upset in second-round play Wednesday in the \$328,000 AT&T Challenge.

The second-seed Bjorkman, one of the hottest players on tour with 26 match victories in 1997, fell to hard-serving Sandon Stolle of Australia 4-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-2. O'Brien, seeded sixth, fell to Marcelo Filippini of Uruguay, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4.

Chris Woodruff was the only seeded player to advance into the third round. The eighth seed had little trouble beating Javier Frana of Argentina 7-6 (7-2), 6-2.

Stolle, ranked 68th, dropped the first set to the 22nd-ranked Swede after a flurry of service breaks committed by both players. But he then concentrated on his serve and attacking game to establish himself in the second set.

After both players held serve to force the second-set tiebreaker, Stolle's serve put him in charge. The lanky Australian opened the tiebreaker with an ace and then fired two more to close it out 7-2.

The third set was controlled by Stolle, who had five more aces for a total of 13 and attacked Bjorkman at every chance.

"I knew after I lost the first set that if I hung in, I was still capable of beating him," Stolle said. "Toward the end, I played really well and he was getting more and more frustrated."

Filippini had trouble handling O'Brien's big-kick serve in the first set, then beat the 34th-ranked American with patient topspin and slicing shots.

"I've never played Alex before but I knew that he is not a clay court, that he likes to hit hard and come in," said the Uruguayan who also reached the quarters last week on clay at Orlando, Fla.

Also Wednesday, Gilbert Schaller of Austria defeated Steve Campbell 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. Campbell, a qualifier, defeated third-seeded Jim Courier in the first round.

In first-round doubles, Andre Agassi and Sargis Sargsian of Armenia defeated Bob and Mike Bryan of Camarillo, Calif., 6-2, 6-1.

The first three seeds in doubles all won their first-round matches. First seeds O'Brien and Byron

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Black of Zimbabwe defeated Ryan Blake of Smyrna and Larry Schnall 6-4, 6-4; second seeds Jonas Bjorkman and Nicklas Kulti of Sweden defeated Canada's Grant Connell and Paul Kilderry of Australia 6-4, 6-4; and third seeds Stolle and Czech Cyril Suk defeated Mark Keil of Tampa, Fla., and Chris Woodruff of Knoxville, Tenn., 6-1, 6-4.

Second-round matches to be played on Thursday include fourth-seeded Agassi against Magnus Norman of Sweden and fifth-seeded Petr Korda against Johan Van Herck of Belgium.

Sanchez Vicario loses
HAMBURG, Germany — Defending champion Arantxa Sanchez Vicario continued her 1997 slide Wednesday, falling to Petra Langrova of the Czech Republic 7-5, 6-3 at the \$450,000 Rexona Cup.

The second-round loss by the top-seeded Sanchez Vicario was her earliest exit since being bounced in the second round of a tournament in Sydney, Australia, in January. The Spaniard, ranked No. 1 nearly two years ago but now No. 5, has yet to reach a final in 1997.

Her last title came on these red clay courts a year ago. She hasn't been in a final since Tokyo last fall.

Against Langrova, Sanchez Vicario made numerous errors.

"I was just not concentrated out there," Sanchez Vicario said. Two other seeds were upset Wednesday — No. 5 Brenda Schultz McCarthy of the Netherlands and No. 8 Sandrine Testud of France.

Schultz McCarthy, one of the game's hardest servers, was routed 6-2, 6-1 by Anne-Gaëlle Sidot of France. Testud fell 6-3, 6-1 to Spain's Maria Sanchez Lorenzo.

No. 2 Conchita Martinez of Spain was the first seed to reach the quarterfinals, downing Germany's Barbara Rittner 7-5, 6-0.

In other matches, No. 7 Ruxandra Dragomir of Romania defeated Adriana Gersi of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-3; Spain's Magui Serna edged Catalina Cristea of Romania 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, and Olga Lugina of Ukraine downed Flora Perfetti of Italy 6-4, 6-1.

Former Notre Dame coach visits Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — It wasn't a surprise visit by Lou Holtz to the Dallas Cowboys' Valley Ranch headquarters, but the former Notre Dame coach did raise some eyebrows nonetheless.

Holtz said Wednesday he was in Dallas to visit a friend and also asked permission to watch practice camp, which was granted.

"I miss coaching, I miss the relationship of players, I miss the highs and lows and — not that I'm planning on getting back in — but I thought I'd come and do a little checking, which I did," he said.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones once said Holtz was considered a possibility for the coaching job.

Dallas coach Barry Switzer laughed when reporters asked him about the visit, joking that assistant coaches didn't have to worry because Holtz was asking about receivers coach Hubbard Alexander's job.

"All our coaches are laughing about that down there," Switzer said. "Look at all the speculation that's being created up there. We were laughing about that."

"That's the way you guys work it," he told reporters. "Yeah, we were. I told our staff that Lou is in here to evaluate them and look at them. And Ax (Alexander), I said, he's asked about you — what job you did and I think you're the first to go."

Holtz announced Nov. 19 he was leaving Notre Dame after 11 years, but few took that to mean he was finished coaching.

Dallas Cowboy Night

Saturday, May 3rd

MIDLAND ANGELS

Dallas Cowboy - Pro Bowler
Mark Tuinei will sign autographs
during the game

Midland Angels vs. Wichita Wranglers

7 p.m. Gates open: 5:30 p.m.

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WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Softball Booster Club is holding its meeting May 1 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. There will be an election of officers at the meeting. For more information, call Cynthia Graham at 520-5807.

The Runnin' Rebel Basketball Camp will be conducted during two sessions this summer. There will be two sessions are June 2-5 and 9-12. Each day will have a fundamental camp for 9 a.m.-noon for \$55 and a shooting camp from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for \$50. Camps will be held at Abell Junior High and each camper will get a t-shirt. Call coach Jon House at 699-5528 or 689-1643 for more details.

The Lee Rebel Football Football Camp is June 2-6 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$55. For more information, call Coach Greg McClendon at 689-0537.

The Lee Rebel Weight Training Camp is June 16-July 3. There are two sessions from 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m. and 9:30-11 a.m. Cost is \$55 and contact Coach Greg McClendon at 689-0537. The cost for both the football and weight camps is \$95 total.

The Midland High boys and girls Soccer Booster Club is holding a meeting at the MHS Youth Center Thursday, May 15 at 6 p.m. followed by a hot dog supper at 7 p.m. All those wishing to play junior varsity or varsity soccer next year and their parents are invited. A meeting will be held in Conference Room A to elect officers and make plans for next year.

Tennis...

The USTA adult season runs from through June 1. MXD season is from May-July. For more information call Juannell Fort at 686-0277 or Lance Armstrong at 687-4045.

The Midland College Tennis Center is offering individual and group lessons for all ages. Call Toby at 687-4046 for information.

The Texas Tech Tennis Camps for boys and girls ages 9-17 will be held this summer by Director Tim Siegel, the head men's and women's tennis coach at Tech. The Day Camp is June 9-13. The Overnight Camp is June 29-July 3. For more information call 742-3355 ext. 277.

Green Tree Country Club is offering J.D. Spring Session II through May 2 for the following: Pee Wee, 8-under, Thursdays 3:30-4:15 p.m., \$30 per month; Beginner, 9-up, Tuesday and Thursday, 4:30-5:30 p.m., \$65 per month; Advanced Beginner, Wednesday and Friday, 4:30-5:30 p.m., \$65 per

month; Advanced Intermediate; Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., \$65 per month; The Edge (Advanced), Wednesday and Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., \$65 per month. Call Mike or David at 697-7806.

A free clinic will also be offered May 10 for all residents of the Kimber-Lea neighborhood. For information call 689-2237 or 683-5360.

The Midland College Tennis Center is hosting three tennis camps a week on the weeks of June 2-6, June 23-27 and July 14-18. For information, call Lance or Toby at 687-4046.

Softball...

The Permian Basin ASA Umpires Association is now recruiting any interested individuals wishing to umpire slow and fast pitch softball this spring and summer. For further information please contact Howard King at 684-7595, Joe Guerra at 686-8445 or Freddie Ezell.

The Midland YMCA is now taking late registration for youth softball. The program is for boys and girls from kindergarten through sixth grades. The fee is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551.

The Midland A's men's softball tournament will be held May 17-18 at Hidalgo Park. The entry fee is \$110 and deadline is May 15. For more information call 697-7440.

Tryouts will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4 at Elmer Park for the West Texas Heat Wave, an ASA fast-pitch 18 and under team. For more information contact Sandy Saulkner at 570-4243.

Budwiser Cinco de Mayo Tournament is May 3-4 at the Burl Huffman Complex in Lubbock. B/C and D/E divisions. Entry fee is \$125. Call Robert at 1-806-792-5037 to enter.

Lamesa Cinco de Mayo Festival Softball Tournament is May 3-4. Call Pepe Lucio at 1-806-872-6217 to enter.

A Cinco de Mayo Tournament is scheduled for May 3 starting at 8 a.m. There will be a \$100 entry fee. ASA rules will apply. For more information, call Marcos Garza at 336-8943 or Armando Trevino at 336-7833.

Memorial Day Softball and Jamaica State Hispanic Qualifier is May 24-25 at Slaton Dusty Dimonds for D teams. Top 25 percent qualify for Hispanic State. Entry fee \$115. Call 1-806-763-3841 to enter.

Menudazo Sports and Music Festival is July 25-27 at Lubbock Burl Huffman complex. For softball teams B/C, D/E, Co-Ed and Women's recreational. Also, vol-

leyball, soccer, horseshoes and washers. Call 1-806-763-3841 for information.

The Top of Texas Sudden Death Shootout girls fast pitch softball tournament is scheduled for the new complex in Wichita Falls May 16-18. The tournament is for ASA 'B' level age groups 10 B and under, 12 B and under, 14 B and under and 16 B and under. All teams need a valid travel permit. Cost of the tournament is \$150. For more information, call Johnny Jones at (817) 569-9320 or fax (817) 569-0092, or mail entries to Lady Blackbox Softball, P.O. Box 412, Burkburnett, Texas, 76354.

The USSSA Class C-D-E Tournament is scheduled for May 10 at the UTPB Softball Complex. Entry fee is \$125 with the deadline May 8 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Fred Vestal at 550-2722 or Bruce Merritt at 367-2824.

Golf...

McCahey Country Club will host the Charlie Shepard Memorial two-man low ball event May 17-18 for \$130 per team. Parent-Child Select Shot is June 7 at 11 a.m. with 10-under 9 holes and 11-over 18 holes. \$10 per person. June 21-22 is the 2-man (4-9 hole format) with 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. tee times. July 12-13 is the Couple Select Shot with 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. tee times for \$70 per team. August 2-3 is the Club Championship at \$25 per person for medal play. Tee time is noon for both men and women. Sept. 6-7 is the 4-man select shot with tee times at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. for \$260 per team. Sept. 20 is the Ona Lee Sharp Classic (4-Lady Select) for \$35 per person. Oct. 18 is the 3-person 18-hole select shot tournament for \$35 with a 10 a.m. tee time. Call 1-915-652-8904 for more information.

The Texas Tech Red Raider Club is holding the Permian Basin Red Raider Golf Classic May 5 at The Club at Mission Dorado. The cost is \$100 per person. Individual dinner tickets are available for \$20. Head football coach Spike Dykes will be joined by other Tech coaches and staff. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. Entry deadline is May 2. For more information, call Dal Watson at 570-6644 or Brad Walker at 335-5110.

Masters Golf is holding Ladies Clinics until May 29. Cost is \$99 per person and includes unlimited range for 60 days and four 90-minute clinics. Call 570-4499 for details and to sign up.

The Midland West Rotary Club will host a scholarship golf tournament on May 9 at Hogan Park. The "Clarence Kerth Memorial" is a 4-person scramble with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start and a \$50

entrance fee. For information call Raymon Nicholas at 682-0958.

The Big Spring Country Club has released its WGA/MGA Tournament Schedule for 1997: Women's Golf Association - June 24 Cloverleaf; Aug. 9-10 Guys and Gals; May 17-18 Two Man Low Ball; June 7-8 two man 6-6-6; July 12-13 Parent-Child; Sept. 27-28 Two Man Scramble; Oct. 25-26 Two Man Scramble (combined team age of 80 & over). For additional information and tournament registration please call the Big Spring country Club Golf Shop at (915) 627-5354.

The Martin County Country Club of Stanton will host the following tournaments: May 17-18 3-Person Scramble; May 31-June 1 Parent-Child Tournament; June 28-29 2-Person Scramble; July 26-27 2-Person Scramble; August 23-24 4-Person Scramble; Sept. 20-21 3-Person Scramble; Oct. 18-19 Jack & Jill Scramble. For more information call 915-756-2556 or 915-756-2314.

The Spikes and Spurs Celebrity Classic Golf Tournament is scheduled for Green Tree Country Club June 1-2. The tournament benefits the West Texas Expo Center and the Midland Cerebral Palsy Center. The tournament will be a four-man scramble starting at 8 a.m. with three players grouped with a celebrity. Lamar Hunt, Hank Stram, Bum Phillips, Kathy Whitworth, Spike Dykes, Walt Garrison and Mike Singletary are celebrities who are expected to attend. There is a \$200 entry fee per player which includes a reception and breakfast and lunch. Deadline is May 23. For more information, call the West Texas Expo Center at 682-6405 or Nancy Swallow at the Chamber of Commerce at 683-3381.

A two-person tournament is scheduled for Hogan Park Golf Course May 18 starting at 10 a.m. The tournament will be a 27-hole format with nine holes a scramble, nine holes low ball and nine holes as an alternate shot. The entry fee is \$40 a person and limited to the first 40 paid teams. All players must have an established USGA handicap. Deadline for entry is May 15 at 6 p.m. Entry forms are available at the Hogan Park golf shop.

Hogan Park Golf Course is conducting ladies clinics May 13-15 from 6-8 p.m. Clubs will be provided for anyone who needs equipment. The first two days will be devoted to the putting green and driving range stressing fundamentals. Each person will be videotaped on the driving range and give the tape for personal use. The third day will be spent on the

course playing and explaining the rules. The cost is \$60 per person. For more information, call 685-7360.

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 19 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. The tournament is a four-man scramble which is also open to women. Each team will consist of four players and one cowboy. The tournament will benefit the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund. For more information, call Quail Dobbs at (915) 394-4221.

The National Association of Purchasing Managers of the Permian Basin are holding their first tournament to benefit their scholarship program May 16 at Hogan Park Golf Course. The tournament will have a shotgun start at 1 p.m. with a \$40 per person entry fee. The event is a four-man scramble format limited to the first 36 teams. Mulligans are available at \$5 each, with a limit of two per person. Send check and entry form to NAPM-PB, P.O. Box 2701, Midland, Tx., 79702. For more information, call Mark Phillips at 685-7235.

Soccer...

Texas Christian University will be the site of a No. 1 Goalkeeper Camp and a No. 1 Striker Camp June 1-6 or June 7-12. Camp is available for beginner, intermediate and advanced players. Call 1-800-MACHNIK or (203) 483-9839, e-mail at nolcamp@net.net or check the Website at www.nolsoccercamps.com for more information.

Midland will host Bobby Moffat's Techniques Soccer Camp June 9-13. The camp will be divided into three sections: day camp for recreational players 6-14 years-old from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; intermediate level for older recreational and club players 6-16 from 4:30-8:30 p.m. and for goalkeepers 4:30-8:30 p.m. Whole teams are invited to attend with 10 or more players from the same team receiving a discount. For more information, call 570-4949 during the day and 697-4204 in the evenings.

The Houston Hotshots professional indoor soccer team is giving a clinic at the Windlands Soccer Complex June 1. The clinic consists of a three-hour instructional session with two sessions that day. Clinics are for boys and girls ages 6-15. Registration is \$45 and includes a ball, t-shirt and autographed pictures. The coaching clinic consists of a two-hour session with two sessions that day. Registration is \$25, with Houston coach Trevor Dawkins conducting

the clinic. For more information, call Barbara Baca at 687-3251 or Isobel Barden at 563-2425.

Adult soccer sign-up is now taking place at the Midland Soccer Association for individuals or teams Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1909 W. Wall St., Suite N. Women play Thursday evenings at Windlands Soccer Complex at 6:30 p.m. Play begins May 15. Men play Sundays at 5 and 7 p.m. at Hogan Soccer Complex starting June 1. Cost is \$44. For more information, call the MSA office at 684-5425 or Carolyn Sheffield at 682-9090.

Running...

The annual ECISD Run/Walk 5K, co-sponsored by UTPB Kinesiology Club, benefiting ECISD Special Olympics, is June 7 at 8 a.m. at UTPB. The run and walk are over a 3.1 mile course with seven age divisions from 15-under to 60-over. Early entry fee is \$12 per person and \$15 on race day. Call 334-7172 or 334-0734 for more information.

The Midland YMCA Corporate Cup Challenge is 16 events over four days in April and May. The following events are available: Volleyball Tournament (min. 6, max 12), Central YMCA, 7 p.m., May 1; Bench Press Competition (2), Central Y, 7 p.m. May 1; 3-on-3 Basketball (min. 3, max. 5), Central Y May 2, 6 p.m.; 200-meter Swim Relay (4, at least one female), May 3, 1 p.m., COM; Horseshoes (1-male, 1-female), May 3 at 5:30 p.m., Hogan Park; Softball Throw (male and female divisions), 6 p.m. May 3, Hogan Park; 1-mile Time Predict (min. 1, max. 6), May 4 at 1 p.m., Memorial Stadium; 4 X 100 Relay (4, min. 1 male, 1 female), 1:30 p.m., May 4, Memorial Stadium; Tug of War (6 men, 6 women), 3 p.m. May 4, Memorial Stadium. Call 682-2551 for information.

The 14th annual Westwood Medical Center Run for the Arts is scheduled for three categories May 17 starting at Centennial Plaza and finishing in downtown Midland. The divisions are the 5K road race and 5K fitness walk starting at 8:30 a.m. and a 1-mile children's fun run at 9:15 a.m. The cost for both the 5K events is \$12 before May 13 and \$15 afterward. The fun run is \$10 before May 13 and \$13 afterward. There is a special family rate of \$30 before the 13th and \$35 afterward. The top three finishers in each event will receive a \$50 gift certificate while the children's race is non-competitive. For more information, call Mike Liebert at 685-5642 (day) or 520-2055 (night) or Christie Lammers at 694-6314.

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MIDLAND ANGELS

Angel Player Photos Night

Thursday, May 1st



Frank Bolick



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Midland Angels vs. Wichita Wranglers

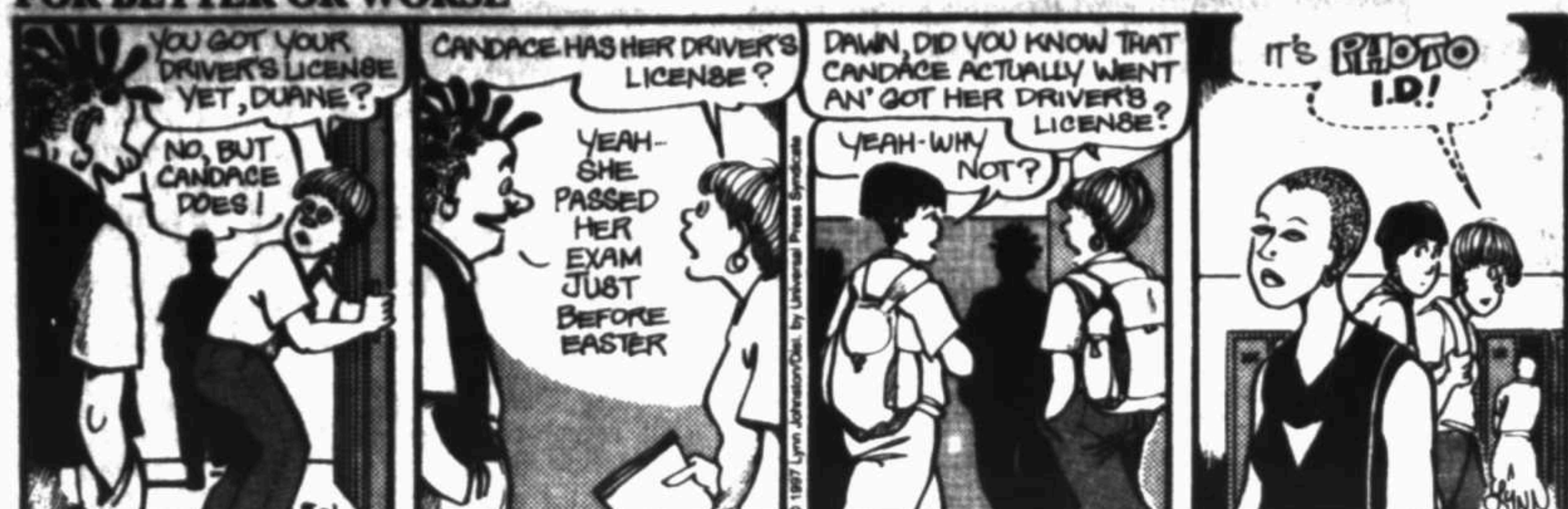
7:00 p.m. Gates Open: 6:00 p.m.

The First 250 fans with a paid admission will receive a color set of four 1997 Angel Player Photos. The photos are a collectors item.

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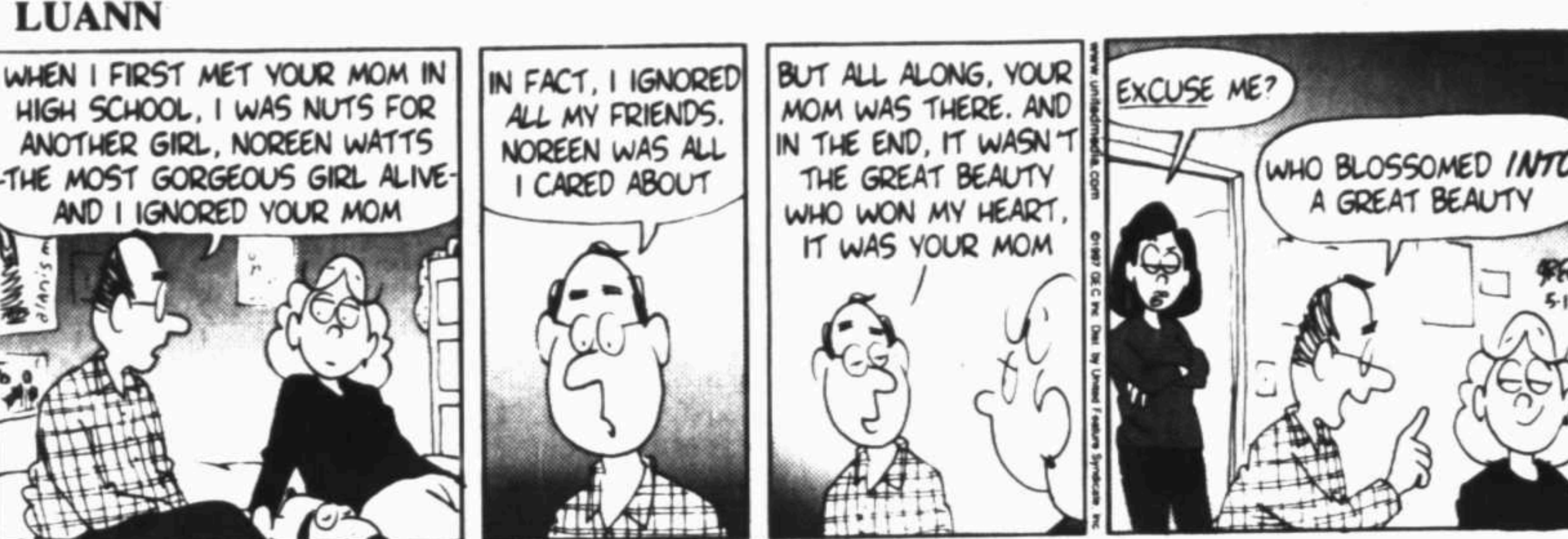
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1997

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 1, 1997: Inspiration makes the world go 'round for you in this delightful year. Creativity is high, but so is the tendency to be extravagant, which could deplete your pocketbook as quickly as it is filled. You could have trouble sleeping, yet others have difficulty keeping up with you. You can make great professional strides. New friends are instrumental to your success. If you are single, the possibility of an engagement or serious tie exists. However, an unconventional streak may stand in the way of walking down the aisle; in fact, a relationship could go from on to off, to on again. If attached, avoid excessive fault-finding with your mate. PISCES helps you realize dreams.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Much is going on behind the scenes that you need to discuss. Another doesn't agree, and challenges you. Use the controversy to tighten a plan. Carefully think through a professional matter. There is a reversal, which you will need to deal with. Tonight: Do for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Emphasize success, even if a partner creates obstacles. Listen to the other side, and find a midpoint. A change in plans is not out of the question. Network, make calls and arrange for a key meeting. You accomplish a lot with your openness. Tonight: Accept a friend's offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** You try to take charge but find it hard to succeed. It might be easier on you if you pull back and laugh at the comedy of errors. Determine what you want from a partner who is acting up. Keep the reins on your finances. Tonight: Stay out late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Let your spirit come through, even if a partner rains on your parade. Your point of view is different from another's. Others respond to your enthusiasm and kindness. You push yourself very hard; maybe too much. Be realistic. Tonight: Buy some music you have been wanting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Plan an important talk. You are off-kilter in a work-related matter. Maintain a sense of humor with a loved one. Someone close might throw a tantrum. Discussions revolve around financial boundaries. Tonight: Romance makes you smile.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Your plate is full. Understand limitations that are placed on you. Confusion earmarks relationships. Reiterate your idea of acceptable behavior. Expect a change at home. Don't take a risk. Listen to options. Tonight: A partner makes demands.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** You have had your head in the sand, avoiding reality, but it won't work. A domestic matter can no longer sit. Communications fall into power plays. Go out on your own.

Take an emotional stand. Tonight: Start a new exercise program.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** You scratch your head over what you hear. Listen to the message behind the words. Resolve financial matters, even if you cannot see how you can accomplish it. An associate gives you key answers. Tonight: Take another suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** You are out of sorts. With your back against the wall, you are likely to put up a good fight. You have alternatives. Expediently deal with domestic and financial matters. Forget subtleties. Tonight: Vanish.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** You are confused, which is unusual for you. Reach out for others, and gather information. You aren't the only person who is unsure. Don't react too quickly. An openness will help others admit a mistake and clear the air. Be gracious. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** This is one of those days you wish were already over. You are deluding yourself about what is going on. A friend lets you down, so revamp plans. Think about how much you are willing to spend. Moderation is the best course. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Steer an even course, even if you are confused about what is happening. You want to deal with a boss head on, but this is politically unacceptable. Stay anchored, use charm and be willing to cut others some slack. Tonight: It's your choice.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

CHOOSE YOUR SIDE

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
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 ♥ J 7 5 4
 ♦ 5
 ♣ Q J 10

WEST
 ♠ Q 8 7 4
 ♥ 9 3 2
 ♦ A K Q 10
 ♣ K 9

EAST
 ♠ J 10
 ♥ Q 10 8 6
 ♦ 9 8 7 6
 ♣ 4 3 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A K
 ♥ A K
 ♦ J 4 3 2
 ♣ A 8 7 6 5

The bidding:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass
 2NT Pass 3♠ Pass
 3NT Pass 4♠ Pass

Opening lead: ?

Here's another chance for you to test your analytical acumen. Study all four hands and then decide whether the defenders or declarer should prevail at five clubs. But first, however, you must select an opening lead from the West hand.

What motivated North to bid over the takeout double is a mystery, but responder should certainly have passed the jump to two no trump. South made the winning decision to run from three no trump doubled — there were only eight tricks available at that contract.

Since the contract may be going

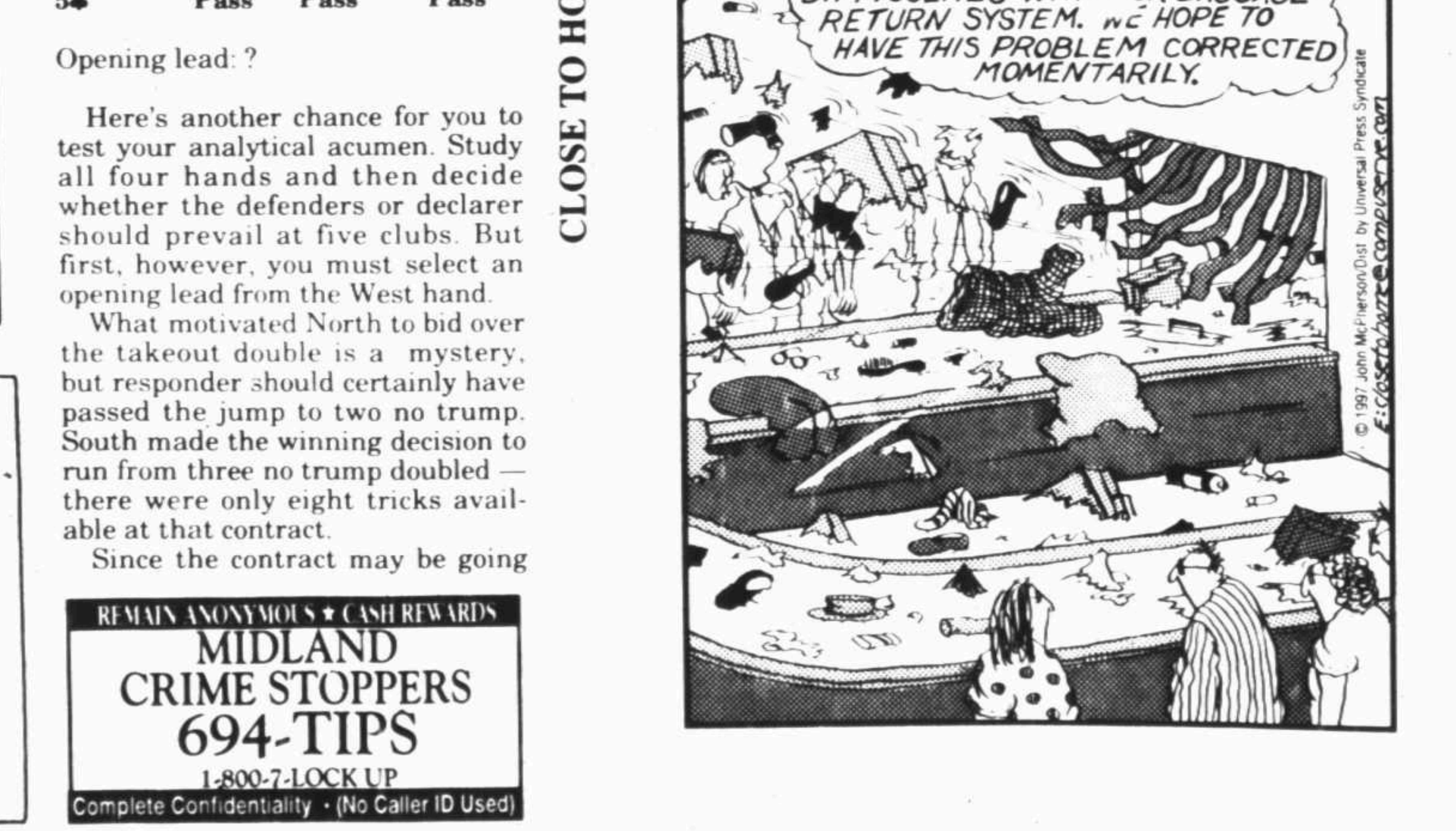
down in top tricks, West has a clear-cut lead of high diamond and, while scientists might debate which card should be led, that issue becomes moot when dummy comes down with a singleton in the suit. West should conclude that South has to have four diamonds headed by the jack to justify the two-no-trump rebid. That means declarer has three losing diamonds to ruff in dummy.

Suppose you shift to the nine of clubs. After winning in dummy with the ten declarer briskly proceeds to ruff two diamonds in dummy and, when the king of clubs falls

under ace, there are no further problems. South's only losers are two diamonds.

However, that does not mean that the defenders have to concede defeat. Only a trump shift causes declarer any problem, but you must shift to the king of trumps! That sacrifices a trick for the moment, but it returns with interest. Declarer has to win with the ace of clubs and, after declarer ruffs two diamonds on the table, your nine of clubs is high, so you collect two diamonds and a trump for down one. Congratulations if you elected to defend and found the winning line.

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"April's over! Knock it off!"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I CHANGED MY MIND. I THINK I'LL TAKE A SHOWER INSTEAD."

PEOPLE

Bob Hope to receive award for his overseas trips to entertain troops

LOS ANGELES — Bob Hope is getting a special birthday present from a longtime Hollywood pal: the Ronald Reagan Freedom Award.

The award will be presented at a dinner May 29 celebrating Hope's 94th birthday, in honor of his many overseas trips to entertain U.S. troops.

"Bob Hope has served America at every outpost of freedom for half a century,"

Lodwick M. Cook, chairman of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, said Tuesday. "His courageous efforts have earned him a special place in the hearts of American servicemen and women and in our nation's history."

Past recipients include Mikhail Gorbachev, Gen. Colin Powell, Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein.



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MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Spring is in the air, and another young Kennedy is thinking about politics.

Anthony Kennedy Shriver, son of Eunice Kennedy and Sargent Shriver and brother of TV newswoman Maria Shriver — not to mention nephew of President Kennedy and Sens. Robert and Ted Kennedy, and cousin of a couple of congressmen and a lieutenant governor — is "looking closely" at running for mayor.

"I love the Beach," he said, adding for the uninitiated: "And I grew up in a family that viewed politics as a tremendously noble calling."

Shriver, 31, is an investor and heads the charity group Best Buddies International.

The city clerk's office said Wednesday that Shriver hadn't filed to run in the Nov. 4 election.

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Elvis Presley's "Honeymoon Hideaway" has become a heartbreak hotel for some of his fans.

Last month, Palm Springs banned the use of celebrity residences for parties, tours and other commercial purposes after neighbors complained over noise and traffic.

The Presley house, where Elvis and Priscilla went after their May 1, 1967, wedding in Las Vegas, is one of more than 30 celebrity homes affected.

Palm Springs officials were seeking a court order to block a reception and barbecue planned for this weekend to commemorate the honeymoon.

Tri-Villa Trust — the Boston-based company that owns the five-bedroom, five-bathroom home — said the parties Friday and Saturday will each be limited to 60 people and won't have music outside.

The \$75-per-ticket events will benefit the Palm Springs Police Department Memorial Fund and Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"We think they're picking on the wrong people," said Dave Baron, a Palm Springs attorney representing Tri-Villa Trust. "These kinds of charitable events go on in this town routinely."

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Police said "no sale" to a planned auction of the bullet-riddled door of the rented GMC Suburban in which Notorious B.I.G. was gunned down.

Budget Rent A Car of Beverly Hills said three days ago it wanted to auction the door and give the money to charity. Budget co-owner Corky Rice said police had returned the vehicle's door, saying they were done with their analysis.

But detectives returned Wednesday and confiscated it. "They said it was needed for evidence," Rice said.

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Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

RALEIGH, N.C. — Foxy Brown escaped the hounds of the media with help from an obliging bail bondsman.

The 17-year-old rap star was in court Tuesday for a hearing on misdemeanor assault charges resulting from a confrontation with two hotel employees in January. She had failed to show up for an earlier hearing and a warrant was issued for her arrest.

Brown, whose real name is Inga Marchand, stayed in a visiting room at the Wake County Magistrate's Office for an hour after the hearing Tuesday to out-wait a pack of reporters trying to catch a glimpse of her.

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TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

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(3) KMDZ	2	News 97	Wheel of Fortune	High Incident: Starting Over 8604	Stephen King's 'The Shining' (Part 3 of 3) 8468
(5) KPEJ	24	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	New York Undercover: Is It a Crime 91884	FX: The Series: Get Fast 23468
(7) KOSA	7	News 5913	Entertainment Tonight	Diagnosis Murder 59854	Touched by an Angel 10352
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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Wednesday \$20.21
Previous Close \$20.44
Year Ago N/A

POSTED
Today \$18.50
Previous Close \$18.75
Year Ago N/A

NATURAL GAS PRICES
Wednesday \$2.184

Prices slump

NEW YORK — The price of unleaded gasoline rose Wednesday over concern about low supplies ahead of Memorial Day, the official start of the summer driving season. The American Petroleum Institute announced after the market closed Tuesday that stockpiles are about 5 percent lower than a year ago. Gasoline prices soared last year on concerns about low stockpiles going into the driving season, only to fall back later amid increasing production and demand that was not as great as expected. Crude oil for delivery in June settled at \$20.21 per barrel, down 23 cents. Natural gas prices were higher, with contracts for delivery in June settling at \$2.184 per 1,000 cubic feet, up 4.2 cents.

Dollar rises

NEW YORK — The dollar snapped out of a one-day lull to resume climbing Wednesday and flirted with a 4 1/2-year high against the yen on data that showed an unexpectedly strong surge in first-quarter economic growth. The dollar touched an intraday high of 127.13 yen, close to its 4 1/2-year high of 127.14 yen reached April 10, before settling in New York at 127.06 yen, up from 126.87 yen Tuesday. The dollar settled at 1.7303 marks, up from 1.7243 Tuesday. The dollar also strengthened against the pound, which retreated to \$1.6237 from \$1.6316 partly on the political uncertainties created by Britain's Thursday elections. Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with Tuesday: 5.8300 French francs, up from 5.8120; 1.4728 Swiss francs, up from 1.4675; 1,710.00 Italian lire, up from 1,707.00; 1.3963 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3977.

Markets climb

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average pushed back above 7,000 on Wednesday as investors, emboldened by Tuesday's pleasing indications on inflation, shrugged off a more worrisome economic report. Broader stock measures enjoyed the day's biggest gains as bargain hunters sought out technology shares and other sectors that have lagged the Dow's rebound from the market's recent slide. The Dow, which surged 179 points higher on Tuesday, rose 46.96 to 7,008.99, the blue-chip barometer's first finish above 7,000 since it began a 700-point slide on March 12. In the morning, the Dow moved within 20 points of record territory, swinging from a 26-point loss to a 95-point gain.

Coffee prices

Cincinnati — Procter & Gamble Co. raised retail prices of its Folgers coffee brand by 20 cents, or 7 percent, to \$3.06 for each 13-ounce can of regular coffee and \$3.76 per can of decaffeinated starting immediately, the company said Monday. In March P&G raised its Folgers prices by 25.5 percent — or 60 cents — to \$2.86 for a can of regular. As with its last increase, P&G cited a recent surge in world coffee prices for the latest price rise. "Green coffee prices have been rising since January," the Cincinnati-based company said in a statement.

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Consumers spend economy higher

■ Torrid pace of economic growth hits 10-year high in first quarter, but analysts say it will slow to normal levels.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — American consumers went on a spending spree in the first quarter, pushing economic growth to a 10-year high. But hints emerged that the torrid pace soon would subside to more normal levels.

The stock market extended its recent rally, nearing a record high. The economy exploded at a seasonally adjusted 5.6 percent annual rate, the highest since the last quarter of 1987, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. That comes on top of robust 3.8 percent growth in the last three months of 1996.

Consumer spending, representing about two-thirds of economic activity, raced ahead at a 6.4 percent rate in the January-March quarter, nearly double the 3.4 percent pace of the previous quarter.

"Income is rising. Sentiment is high. Unemployment is the lowest in years. Times are good for American consumers," said economist Allen Sinai of Primark Decision Economics.

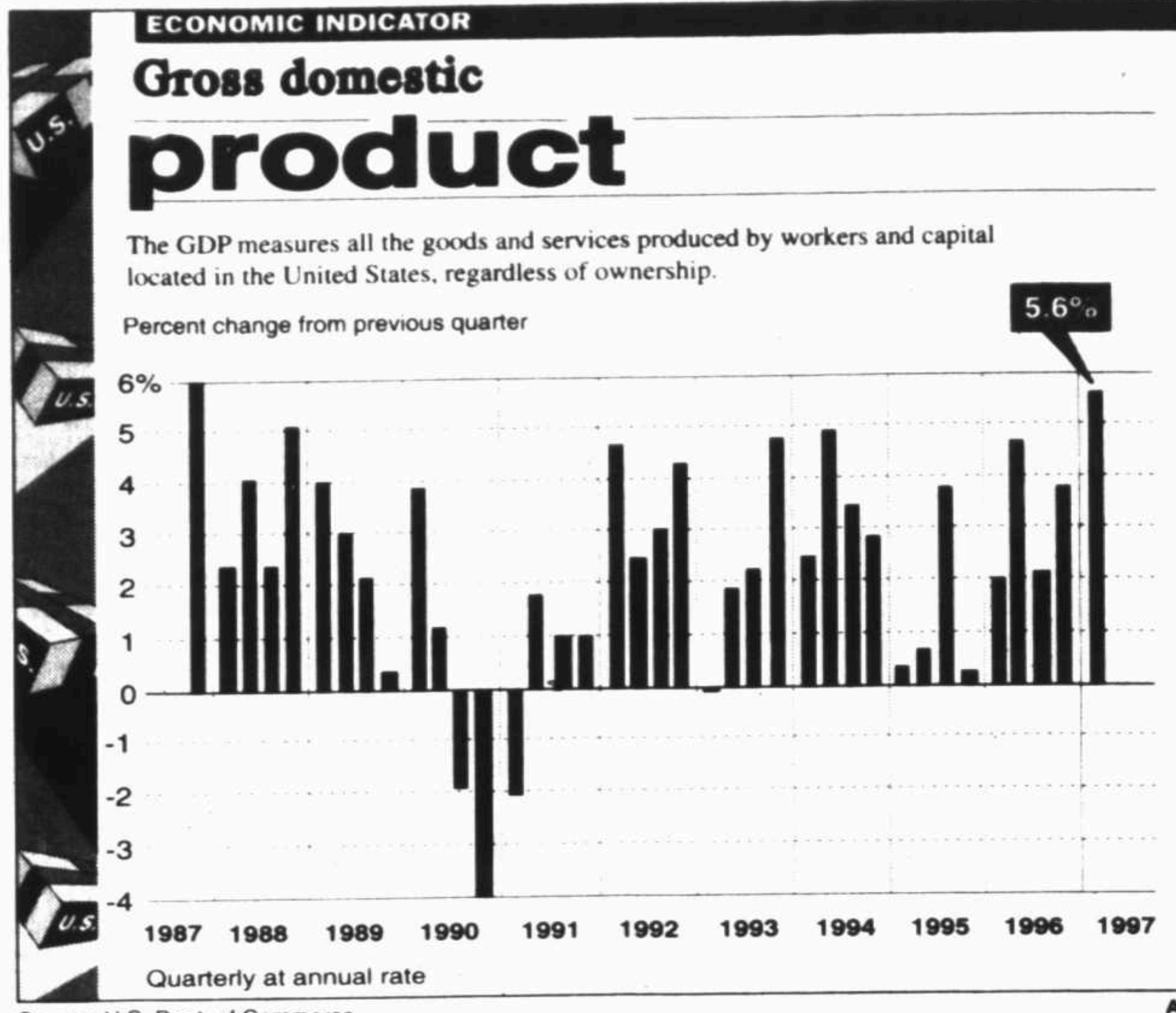
President Clinton claimed credit for the surge in the gross domestic product, the sum of all goods and services produced in the United States. He said his administration's efforts to reduce the budget deficit "have sparked a remarkable period of economic expansion and job creation."

Wall Street traders took a while deciding what to make of the report. At first they took it as a sign of inflationary pressures. In addition to the extraordinarily strong growth, a key inflation gauge tied to the GDP rose at a 2.7 percent annual rate, the fastest in two years. So the Dow Jones average of industrial stocks slipped 26 points, and interest rates on bond markets nervously edged higher.

Then traders noticed that nearly a third of first-quarter growth came from a buildup of unsold goods on storeroom shelves and back lots.

Bond prices rose too, pushing the yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond to 6.95 percent from 6.98 percent the day before.

The GDP gain translated into an increase of \$96.1 billion, bringing the economy's inflation-adjusted output to an annual rate of \$7.09 trillion. The inventory buildup, representing \$29 billion of the overall increase, could be a problem if consumer demand suddenly slackens.



Market's correction very short-lived

■ Stock market moves above 7,000 a few weeks after it began a 700-point decline.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — That didn't hurt, did it? The Great Stock Market Decline of early 1997 was over and done with just a few weeks after it began.

After losing almost 10 percent since its all-time high of 7,085 on March 11, the Dow Jones industrial average had climbed back above 7,000 Wednesday in a furious rally.

Nobody can promise, of course, that stocks won't abruptly head downward once more. The market is notoriously ornery. But it's fair to say that true believers in the mighty bull market of the '90s haven't had to endure many prolonged tests of faith.

The last "correction" to hit the market came last June and early July, creating a big stir for a little while. But by August stocks were climbing again toward new highs.

This time around, the selloff was compressed into an even shorter time.

News analysis

"Usually, after a decline like that of March and April, the recovery period is much longer — a couple or three months minimum," observed William LeFevre, an analyst at the investment firm of Ehrenkrantz King Nussbaum Inc.

Many optimists describe the latest downturn as just a passing shiver, the sort of momentary attack of nerves that occurs in all bull markets.

To them, chairman Alan Greenspan of the Federal Reserve simply provided a handy excuse for the selloff with his warning about "irrational exuberance" and the central bank's March 25 decision to nudge short-term interest rates higher.

Even if the Fed tightens credit further, the optimists say, investors seem convinced that the economy will keep growing at a healthy clip, benefiting from low inflation, technological leaps forward and widespread gains in productivity.

A large contingent of skeptics, on the other hand, warns that Wall Street remains vulnerable to a variety of surprises and disappointments.

"These are prosperous times," said Henry Kaufman, president of the economic consulting firm Henry Kaufman & Co., in a speech to a banking conference this week. "To assume, however, that a new era of permanently improved economic and financial performance has been attained is rather simplistic."

Kaufman said he isn't arguing that a recession looms any time soon. But the situation does suggest that "the high-water mark of financial exuberance has already been reached."

Through the market's recent convulsions, many individual investors apparently have been content to sit tight, heeding the urgings of legions of advisers not to try to time the short-term ups and downs of the market.



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday in New York. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 46.96 at 7,008.99.

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Universal Studios to buy October Films

N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Universal Studios has agreed to buy art-house specialist October Films, which scored six Academy Award nominations this year for "Secrets & Lies" and "Breaking the Waves," for an undisclosed price.

For Universal, the deal will give it access to low-priced films at a time when interest in specialty fare has been surging, underscored by this year's strong Oscar performance of films made outside major studios.

Five-year-old October will remain headquartered in New York and maintain its theatrical distribution operations, with Amir Malin, Bingham Ray and John Schmidt continuing to supervise. Universal will take over video and TV rights when October's current pacts expire.

The deal announced Wednesday, which had been rumored for several weeks with a price tag of \$40 million, marks the end of October's status as one of the last significant independent operations in the business, leaving only Trimark. The other so-called independents — Castle Rock, New Line, Orion, Goldwyn, Gramercy and Miramax — are owned by conglomerates and are used to develop new talent and handle low- to mid-budget projects.

Universal has been without such an operation since last year, when it sold its half-interest in Gramercy to PolyGram. Paramount, which also lacks an art-house division, was also reported to be looking at October.

Under the deal, Universal will hold a majority interest while blue-chip Wall

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AT&T raises some rates

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — AT&T Corp. said it will raise prices on some business long-distance services to make up for monthly payments of \$47.2 million it's now required to make to local phone companies that operate pay phones.

The No. 1 U.S. long-distance company said that effective tomorrow it will boost prices 7 percent for interstate phone calls to toll-free numbers and raise rates 2 percent for interstate and international calls made by businesses.

The increases, which follow others two months ago and are the largest for voice phone services AT&T officials can recall, are likely to hit smaller companies who can't negotiate rates, analysts said.

"This is not something we want to do," AT&T spokesman Mike Cuno said. "We're not making any money on this." He declined to say how much the company expects to gain from the increases.

Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the U.S. Federal Communications Commission now requires long-distance phone companies to pay local pay phone operators for coinless calls, which include calls made with credit cards and calls made to toll-free numbers.

AT&T already boosted prices on Feb. 27, citing the pay phone charges, when it raised rates for calls to toll-free numbers 3 percent and imposed a new charge of 15 cents a call for business credit-card calls.

Together, the February increase and the one going into effect tomorrow mean AT&T has boosted rates for calls to toll-free numbers 10 percent. "We're doing our best to put the burden where the cost originates," Cuno said.

The increases won't greatly affect AT&T's biggest customers, since they are able to negotiate rates, said Eric Paulak, an analyst at Gartner Group.

"It's those smaller companies with less than \$1 billion in revenue that don't have the volume to get negotiated rates that will feel the affects (of the increases)," he said.

Sprint Corp., third in the U.S. long-distance market, said it has no plans to raise rates further in the immediate future. Sprint has already boosted prices less than 5 percent for some business services and raised rates for some of its basic calling plans less than 2 percent, partially in response to the pay phone charges, spokesman Larry McDonald said.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Stocks should be split among different-sized firms

By Eric Tyson

Q: How important is it that I invest in small company stocks?

A: Some of the things that I have read lead me to believe that I can make greater profits investing in smaller companies. Is this true? If so, how should it influence how I divide my money up among different types of stocks?

A: Once you've decided on how to allocate your assets among bonds and stocks, and among U.S. stocks and foreign stocks, you then need to decide on the size of the companies you want to invest in and how growth-oriented they should be. The most diversified and therefore safest way to go is to invest in a mixture of large, medium and small company stocks, some of which are growth-

oriented companies and some of which are conservative "value" stocks.

While some studies have shown small company stocks slightly outperform — by 1 to 2 percent per year — those of large companies, investors should be careful not to overload their portfolios with small company stocks. Such stocks are more volatile and tend to suffer far greater declines during down market cycles.

If you're worried about the seemingly high level of the U.S. stock market, you should keep your small stock investments in the United States low.

Likewise, retirees and near-retirees generally should have less invested in smaller company stocks than younger investors do.

Jeremy Siegel, a finance professor at the Wharton School, says, "Small stocks have outperformed large stocks since 1926. But we have seen that they have done so primarily because of the nine good years from 1975 through 1983. Excluding that period leaves small stocks with inferior total performance

and higher risk."

Q: I am looking to invest in a mutual fund that targets the Russell 2000. What do you recommend?

A: Many mutual funds focus on investing in smaller company U.S. stocks, which is the market that the Russell 2000 index tracks.

Among actively managed small company stock funds, those with good track records of performance, reasonable fees and availability to new investors include Acorn, Neuberger & Berman Genesis and T. Rowe Price OTC.

Another option is to go with an index fund that does not attempt to beat the Russell 2000 but is designed to replicate its performance. The Vanguard Index Small Capitalization Stock fund is your best choice there, because of its low expenses.

Although it might seem like you're settling for mediocrity, the performance of the Index Small Cap fund has hardly been average. During the past five years, it has performed better than about 70 percent of the actively

managed funds that attempt to beat the Russell 2000.

You also should be aware that many diversified U.S. stock funds have a portion of their assets in smaller company stocks, as well as medium and larger company stocks. So you might already have a healthy portion of your stock market money invested in smaller company stocks.

Examine your current fund holdings to discern what portion of each of your funds is invested in small company stocks. Morningstar's single-page fund summaries indicate what portion of a fund's holdings are in small, medium and large company stocks.

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MORE WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Rugby...

The Midland Mad Dogs Rugby Football Club will be holding its practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Daryl at 697-6418 or E-mail: indyhome@juno.com.

Football...

The Midland Bulldog Football Camp will run June 9-13 from 8 a.m. to noon each day. Cost of the camp is \$55 for students in grades 5-9 in the fall of 1997. Registration forms are available at all MHS feeder schools. For more information call MHS football coach David Browning at 689-1195.

Basketball...

The Midland YMCA is taking registration for Youth Summer Basketball for boys and girls in grades 3-6. Registration deadline is May 24. The fee for members is \$25 and for non-members \$38. For more questions, call 682-2551.

North American Youth Basketball is holding its 12th annual tournament in Longview again this year. The tournament will be held July 23-27 at Kilgore High, Tatum High and other area sites. Brackets are for boys and girls in 4th and 5th grades, 6th grade, 7th grade, 8th grade, 9th and 10th grades and 11th-12th grade categories. There will also be 3-point shooting and slam dunk contests as well as clinics. The entry fee is \$45 with a May 23 deadline. For more information, call the NAYB at 1-800-787-3265 or Tommy or Lance Aldridge at (903) 845-5192.

A men's basketball tournament is scheduled May 31-June 1. There is a \$75 entry fee with first and second place winners receiving a t-shirt. For more information, call David Jones at 683-0050.

In-line hockey...

Sign-ups for inline hockey

league play are from 4-6 p.m. on weekdays at Sticks n' Kicks Sports Center at 3918 W. Wall. League games begin the third week of April. Call 520-6633 for more information.

Volleyball...

The Midland High Volleyball Clinic is scheduled May 27-30 at the Midland High gym. Instruction for grades 4-6 will be from 8-9:30 a.m. each day with a \$30 fee. Grades 7-8 will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon while all incoming freshmen will go from 1-3:30 p.m. Costs for those sessions are \$45. Registration forms can be picked up at Midland High. For more information, call camp director Terri McColloch at 689-1100 or 686-8471.

Fishing...

The Sweetwater Bass Club is holding its annual Open Tournament Saturday, May 10 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Sweetwater. There is a \$1,000 cash prize for first place and other cash awards based on 100 entries. The three-fish stringer entry fee is \$35. The Big Bass Calcutta pays 60/40 with a \$5 entry fee. Weigh-in begins at 2:45 p.m.

The second annual Texas Fly Fishing and Outdoor Show is scheduled for May 16-18 on the Guadalupe River in Louise Hays Park in Kerrville. Over 30 exhibitors will be displaying their goods and 40 classes, lectures and demonstrations will be given covering all levels of fly fishing along with paddling and camping activities. A three-day pass is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children ages 8-14. The daily cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 8-14 and free for all children seven and under. For an advance registration package, call (210) 792-3535.

The Bad As Bass Tournament, an open bass fishing tournament to benefit the Midland Association for

Retarded Citizens will be May 10 at Lake O.H. Ivie at the Concho Park Marina from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry fee is \$50 per person. First place pays \$1,500. Top 10 places and big bass will be paid. Set a lake record and win a bass boat, retail \$20,240. Call 682-9771 for information.

Hunting...

The West Texas Hunting Retriever Club is holding its monthly meeting May 8. Anyone interested in hunting dogs is invited to attend. The club meets the second Thursday of every month. To find the time and place of upcoming meetings, call 563-0477.

Miscellaneous...

The Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club is accepting registrations for the Super Summer All Sports Camps June 2-Aug. 7. Junior tennis programs will also be available for all ages and levels. To register, call 689-2237 or 683-5360.

The inaugural West Texas Washers Championship is scheduled for Fort Davis May 24. The double-elimination tournament will give out a \$500 first prize, with second and third prizes to be determined by the number of entries. A \$500 raffle and shootout is scheduled at the completion of the tournament. Entry fee is \$30 per team with registration scheduled for 11 a.m. For more information, call Joe Dominguez at (915) 426-3929.

The Midland Bulldog Fitness and Weight Training Camp is scheduled June 16-July 3. There will be two sessions, from 8-9:30 a.m. and 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the new MHS indoor workout facility. Cost is \$55 with individual instruction in weight and fitness training. For more information, call David Browning at 689-1195.

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Who's Who For Service

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Former NMSU star goes pro

Former Lady Roadrunner hoops star looking forward to WNBA.

By Pete Herrera
AP Sports Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — First, Anita Maxwell developed insomnia. Next came a touch of hallucination. Ultimately, it turned out to be an exhilarating case of reality.

Maxwell, who had a world-class career at New Mexico State, is headed for the Women's National Basketball Association, which will launch its inaugural season in June.

The 23-year-old native of Dallas was drafted Monday by the Cleveland Rockers, who will join teams from Houston, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Utah, New York, Charlotte and Phoenix in the WNBA.

On draft day, Maxwell awoke at 4:30 a.m. — almost five hours before Houston made former Southern Cal star Tina Thompson the first pick in the four-round draft held in New York.

"I couldn't sleep," said Maxwell. "I kept talking to myself and looking at the clock every five minutes."

A couple of hours later, Maxwell heard a phone ring and her heart picked up the pace.

"My heart was pounding and I ran to pick it up," she said Wednesday in a telephone interview from her Las Cruces home.

It turned out the ringing phone Maxwell heard was on her TV — as part of a commercial.

"By this point, I was sure I was hallucinating," said Maxwell.

The next call was the real thing. It was from Renee Brown, the director of player personnel for the WNBA, informing Maxwell she had been taken in the fourth round by Cleveland.

Maxwell graduated from New Mexico State in the spring of 1996 with a degree in international business. On the court, she set 25 school records and was a three-time Big West Player of the Year. She finished as the conference's all-time leader in scoring with 2,601 points and in steals with 337.

According to New Mexico State's sports information department, Maxwell also is the first player in NCAA history to score more than 2,500 points, have over 1,000 rebounds and more than 300 steals in a career.

Maxwell's chance to be part of the WNBA's first season was probably helped by her reluctance to make the transition from basketball to the international business community.

"I was considering getting my master's, but I wasn't ready to go back into school," she said.

After graduating last spring, Maxwell went overseas to play for Asa Jerusalem, a team in an Israeli pro league. But despite the imposing numbers she had put up in college, Maxwell

was pretty much an obscure player when she arrived in Israel.

"When I went overseas, I found out how small some people consider New Mexico State," said Maxwell. "My coach told me, 'I don't know. You're from a small school. Those numbers are nice, but now you'll have to show me something.'"

She did, averaging nearly 20 points and 10 rebounds a game while competing against other teams from Israel, France, Germany and Turkey.

When the season ended in February, Maxwell returned to Las Cruces and has been working out in anticipation of the WNBA draft. Earlier this month she joined more than 50 other players in a three-day, pre-draft camp in Orlando, Fla. She played well, but wasn't sure she'd get a call on Monday.

"There was so much talent there, anybody could have gotten drafted with no argument," said Maxwell.

Maxwell said she isn't looking past the first season of the new league and doesn't know how much longer she wants to postpone putting her degree to work. But she's sure that what's she done and where's she's been because of basketball will look good on her resume.

"I hope to meet a lot of people and having traveled internationally, it's one of the best things I could have done," she said. "I know corporations look at things like that."

Trade talk news to Watters' agent

By Scott Newman
Bloomberg News

PHILADELPHIA — If the Philadelphia Eagles gave Ricky Watters' agent Blaine Pollock permission to work out a trade, it's news to him, Pollock said.

The Times of Trenton, New Jersey, citing a source it didn't identify, reported Tuesday that the Eagles told Pollock that if he can work out a contract with another team, and the Eagles agree on compensation, Watters would be traded.

"The Eagles have not contacted our office at all," Pollock said. "We've not heard anything from them at all."

Howard. Watters called Pollock on Wednesday afternoon to ask him whether the team had called. "Ricky was kind of surprised by all of this," Pollock said. "He has nothing further to say about it."

ESPN reported Tuesday that the Eagles had talked with the Oakland Raiders about a trade for Watters.

Eagles Vice President of Player Personnel Joe Banner said his team hasn't talked with the Raiders about Watters.

"That's pie-in-the-sky kind of stuff," he said. "It seems like people are throwing a lot of stuff out there and sitting back and seeing what sticks."

Eagles Coach Ray Rhodes and owner Jeffrey Lurie are scheduled to meet later this week and discuss Watters missing the team's minicamp last weekend.

"We're not commenting publicly on our discussions with Watters," Banner said.

Rhodes has said he was upset with Watters after the running back skipped the camp the coach considered mandatory. Pollock had called the Eagles after the minicamp began in Philadelphia and left a message saying the running back was sick with the flu. Watters usually spends the offseason in the San Francisco area.

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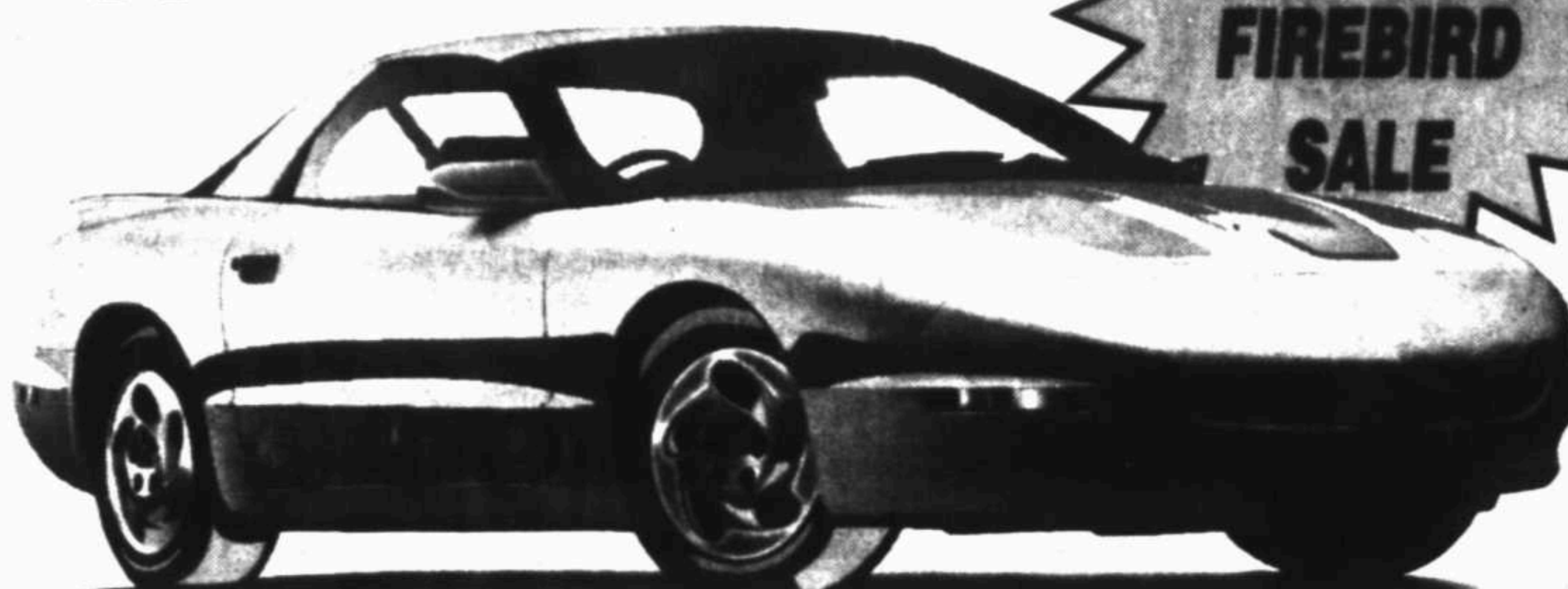


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OUTSIDE Fence Sales Estimator needed for Midland/Odessa and West Texas territory. Must be able to read blueprints. Reliable transportation a must. Send credentials to P.O. Box 61242, Midland, TX 79711-1242.

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SALES COORDINATOR to assist sales department with quotes, scheduling of sales appointments. Experience in preparation of loan documents/financial contracts a requirement. Established company with employee benefits package. Please call Larry/Nancy at (915) 550-9181.

SALES - MIDLAND/ ODESSA Area Salesperson needed for Industrial Safety Company. Base pay + commission. company car, benefits after 90 days. Send resume 209 W. Broadway, #219, Hobbs, NM 88240.

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QUALITY Cable TV and Telephone Outlet Installations. Minor, non-permit electrical work. 16 years experience. Michael's Enterprises. 683-1991.

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SOLOMON FLOORS - Strip, sand, recondition. Specializing in Mexican tile & wood. Solomon. 684-7650.

PROMPT Professional Service. Reasonable prices. We do it all, large or small. Dickson Construction. 682-7176.

CEILING REPAIRS Texture, Blow Acoustics, Skylights, Painting. Cabinet tops, Ceramic tile, Carpentry, Fencing. 682-7711, Abel.

KITCHEN CABINETS vanities, formica counter tops, beveled edges. Reasonable rates, references, work guaranteed. Luis. 682-4544.

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JOHNSON & JOHNSON Floor Services You've tried the rest, now try the best! Free estimates. Accepting appointments for April. Call 687-5605, After 4:15.

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CALL KELLY 699-6048, 20 years in Midland. All home repairs, reliable & reasonable! Satisfaction guaranteed!

HAULING tree limbs, trash, most anything at reasonable rates! Also construction clean up. 561-1206 digital beeper. 10 minute response.

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WE DO YARDWORK! Mowing, edging, trimming, weeding, flower beds, rototilling trees, light hauling. Free estimates. 684-6803.

WILL'S LAWN SERVICE Complete residential lawn care. Mowing, edging, grass trimming. Guaranteed quality work. 682-4215.

PROFESSIONAL Results Reasonable Rates. Dependable with 15 years experience. Mowing. Free pruning/ Removal. Free Estimates. 697-4831.

★ 13 YEARS EXPERIENCE Mowing, aerating and tree removal. Professional results. Call Charlie. 699-7967.

★ LOWREY HOME Repair 22 years in construction. Local service. Insured. Satisfaction guaranteed. 694-8352, 499-2621 (digital beeper).

✓ CLC CONSTRUCTION Re-models. Renovations, Additions, Garages, Free Written Estimates, Bonded, Insured. Local References. 563-0902, 524-7233.

HANDYMAN Home Remodeling/ Repair. Don't build a home, remodel! In Permian Basin since 1951. 580-0131.

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Insulation
THE BOSWORTH CO. - Blown-in attic insulation. Quality materials and installation at a competitive price! (915) 683-5233.

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SUSAN'S IRONING Service. Non-smoker. \$1/ spray starch. \$1.20/ wet starch. Dependable. References. Call 689-6823.

Lamp Repair
★ THE LAMP LADY.
Lamps repaired in your home/ office. \$16 plus parts. DEB'S HOUSECALLS 689-8502.

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C & M LANDSCAPING. Professional tree trimming and removal, leveling, scaling, filling, soil preparation, cleanup, hauling. Free estimates. 685-3970, 570-7268.

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B & L LANDSCAPING - Trees removed or trimmed. Stump grinder. Bucket truck. Lots cleaned. Top soil. (915) 687-4876.

BROTHERS TREE Service Trees removed and trimmed. Best prices in Midland! Free estimates. 694-1728, 697-4936.

LAWN'S MOWED & Edged Free estimates. Senior citizens & handicapped discount. Call Jeff. 699-7379.

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MADRIGAL'S RESIDENTIAL Service. Both yards with edging & clean up. \$25. Day. 638-4116. Evenings. 694-3762.

SR&W LAWN & Landscaping for - any lawn care needs. Mowing, trimming, flowerbeds, winter cleanup, etc. 520-2573, pager 567-5900.

JOHN'S LAWN SERVICE Experienced tree pruning, complete lawn care, flower beds. Maintenance. Free estimates. 570-8672, 499-1503.

WE MOW, edge, trim trees clean alleys & flowerbeds. Please call Paul at 683-6906.

MOWING, EDGING Hedge trimming, alleys cleaned, flower beds, rototilling trees, light hauling. Free estimates. 684-6803.

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COMPRESSOR OPERATOR/MECHANIC
Multistate oilfield services company has immediate openings for experienced compressor operators and trainees to be located in Midland/Odessa, Lubbock, Ft. Stockton Area.

Successful candidate will have experience with all types of high speed reciprocating gas compressors and their associated natural gas drives. A satisfactory driving record is required.

The employee owned company offers competitive salary and an excellent benefit package.

Please send resume with employment history to:
Production Operators, Inc.
P.O. Box 50158
Midland, TX 79701-0158
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318 Management Help Wanted

LOAN MANAGERS
Immediate Openings for Loan Managers and Supervisors.

Top salary and bonus offered. All replies strictly confidential. Please call 800-233-8572 Ext. 428 or fax resume to 210-696-2637.

MANAGEMENT- Little Caesars
Pizza is now accepting applications for management positions. Previous experience very helpful. 520-8016.

320 Skilled Trades

HIRSCHFIELD STEEL CO.

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HIRING: Experienced Structural Steel Welders and Fitters. Welders: minimum of 1 year experience flux core wire welding or stick and ability to work with basic welding tools and equipment. Fitter: 2 years welding experience and ability to read a measuring tape & interpret structural steel blueprints. Good pay and excellent benefits.

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340 Child Care Needed

CHILD CARE needed for 1 infant in our home or yours beginning July 30th Teacher hours. Resumes and references accepted until May 21st at Box 8-04007, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1550, Midland, TX 79702.

341 Child Care Providers

QUALITY DAYCARE: 12 years experience. Learning, Fun, Meats Ages 2-5 Call 697-6715.

350 Business Opportunities

Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.

350 Business Opportunities

HAIR & NAIL Salon with tanning beds. Serious inquiries only. Call 697-3929.

350 Business Opportunities

VIDEO MACHINES for sale at location 1103 Andrews Hwy. or call 699-1763.

350 Business Opportunities

1000's Possible Reading Books Part Time at Home.

350 Business Opportunities

DRYWALL & Painters needed. Immediate start. Call 559-4879 for more information.

350 Business Opportunities

ELECTRIC: An established Odessa electric service center needs an experienced motor/wireman. Excellent opportunity and employer provided employee benefits. Call Terry at 1-800-322-3923.

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350 Business Opportunities

HOT OILER Operator Wanted. Call 915-523-5090.

350 Business Opportunities

LICENSED PLUMBER and/or heating & air conditioning technician. Send resume or call for an appointment to Payton Plumbing Inc., 1005 North 7th Street, Lamesa, TX 79331. Phone #906-872-3333. All applications will be kept confidential.

350 Business Opportunities

METAL BUILDING ERECTORS Wanted. Experienced. Pay DOE. Call 520-9421.

350 Business Opportunities

PUMP TRUCK OPERATOR Delivery CDL with Hazardous Endorsement required. 401K, insurance and dental. Growing company with excellent opportunities. Send resume to: Box E-01024, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1550, Midland, TX 79702.

GARAGE SALES
Hidden treasures? Junk? Recycle your unwanted items! Call 682-6222 today. A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!

79701

ESTATE SALE! May 1st-3rd, Thursday, 5-7 pm, Friday, Saturday, 8:30-1:00. Collectibles, dishes, food, Rooster/Poppy Trail, Leno's Harvest, Norlake/Up-Sa-Daisy, Vacuum cleaners, Microwave oven, Legal filing cabinet, plus more! 1002 W Golf Course Rd.

GARAGE SALE! Thursday-Friday, 8-2. Washer, dryer, bedroom suite, refrigerator, dining room suite, etc. 1118 Mogford.

GIANT PLUMBING PARTS Garage Sale-Obsolete and damaged tubes, sinks, faucets, etc., some household items. Cash only, 7 East Industrial Loop, 686-9827, Saturday, 8-11 Only.

1817 E. Magnolia Sofa, bed, sofa bed, jewelry, clothes, children's clothes, home interiors. Thursday-Friday, 9 am.

GARAGE SALE! Dresser, mirror, end table, portable color TV, comforter, ladies clothes, girls clothes, wall hangings, etc. Thursday-Friday, 1515 S Jefferson.

BARGAIN BARN, 2420 W. Front. Now carrying good used furniture and decorative items. Consignments welcome! New hours: Wednesday-Saturday 10-5:30.

ANNUAL YARD Sale! Saturday, 8-5. Tools, building materials, kids clothes, toys, household items, lots of miscellaneous!! 2507 College.

79703

GARAGE SALE- Friday-Saturday, 8-5. 3811 Cedar Spring. Odds and ends. Everything Must Go!

MOVING, 4407 Harlowe. Lots of clothes, boys sizes infant to 7, mens, ladies and maternity, baby items, toys, Little Tikes, books, fabric, bike, computer, plywood, recliner, rocker, upright piano, kitchen miscellaneous and much more. Friday, 8:30-5, Saturday, 8:30-12.

3309 THOMAS, Korean Mission Church yard sale. Large! Friday-Saturday, 8:00.

79705

3 FAMILY Garage Sale! Friday, 8-3. Lots of miscellaneous items & girls clothing, 1988 GM S15 Pickup. Clean & low mileage. 3209 Ward.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 7-? Very nice clothes, some furniture, household items, miscellaneous. 4405 Palmer.

BEDROOM SUITE, exercise equipment, stereo speakers, end tables. Friday only 8 am-noon. 2807 Metz (park on street, walk around to alley garage).

SPRING CLEANING SALE- 903 Shirley Court, 1 block north of Neely, Thursday-Saturday, 8:30-5:30. Old jewelry, telephone chair, book shelf, vanity chair, reading chairs, huge brass pots, trash compactor, room dividers (2), filing cabinets, tables, lamps, cookbook collection, fans, decorator items and miscellaneous.

2811 Auburn, Friday-Saturday, 8 am. Good condition electric oven, cook top, microwave, kitchen sink, Monkey grass, lawn chairs, fishing rods, Life Jackets, tools, bedding, clothing and lots of miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE- Friday-Saturday, 9 until 3:16 Roosevelt. Tools, clothes, dogs and knick knacks.

NEW SHIPMENT From France, Sweden, Bali Customer Appreciation Sale! 20% Off all items. Cash & Carry only. 4400 N. Big Spring 682-2177.

PATIO SALE! 3115 Haynes. Thursday-Saturday, 8-? Garage door opener, air compressor, camping equipment, luggage, typewriter, exercise bike, Argus slide projector, golf clubs and lots of other goodies!!

410 Misc. Sales

DORM LOFT Bed with platform headboard & bookshelf. Treated with fire retardant. \$150. Call 699-5441.

LEARN HOW to Use the Internet to start over 12 different businesses, for little or no start-up costs. Send \$10 and Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to PO Box 2034, Midland, TX 79702.

INTERNET INSTRUCTIONAL Book and VHS video (over 1 hour long), learn the secrets of World Wide Web, FTP, Telnet, email, newsgroups, chatting and Internet phone. Send \$25 and Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to PO Box 2034, Midland, TX 79702.

3 PIECE Full Size bedroom set: \$150. Fisher stereo Amp and Receiver, \$100. Bissell carpet cleaner. \$50. 697-4336.

AIRPLANE INSTRUCTION Learn "Up into the Air" 4 books for \$35. 689-8049.

HERBALIFE & Natural etc. Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB!

NORTH RESTHAVEN Mausoleum, (2 crypts), middle level, Sanctuary of Love, \$5,400. Both Miss Van Ness Days 817-294-8931 Evenings 817-294-1316.

WEDDING DRESS with beautiful bead work, size 9-10, includes veil \$250. 697-9967.

FOUR SPACES together in Resthaven, Garden of Devotion. Priced to sell! Call 684-4430.

SECTIONAL SOFA, Motorola cell phone, above ground swimming pool. 520-5487.

1 SPACE FOR SALE in Resthaven Memorial Park, near tree line. Call 684-7508.

SWAN PROFESSIONAL Ice Shaver. Excellent condition. Has foot pedal. \$1,500. Call 699-2559.

ROLL TOP DESK, solid oak, 54" wide, 23" deep, 41" tall. Excellent condition. \$325. (915)756-2118.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

CSA Materials, Inc. Has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 7543B of an existing Rock Crusher located at 7600 County Road 1150 North, Midland, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including rock and dust. A person who may be affected by air contaminants emitted from the existing facility may request a hearing.

If the applicant demonstrates the existing facility will comply with all applicable air quality requirements, the applicant will qualify for issuance of a permit renewal. The subject of a hearing would be limited to applicable air quality requirements, which do not include issues such as water quality, noise, traffic safety, or zoning. If a hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to civil trials in state district court.

To request a hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) the applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement of the request for a hearing; (4) a brief, specific statement of how and why emissions from the facility would adversely affect you in a way not common to members of the general public; and (5) the location of your property relative to the facility.

Hearing requests or comments on the application must be received in writing at the Chief Clerk's Office, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, within 15 days after the second publication of this notice. This notice is to be published on May 1, 1997 and May 2, 1997.

A copy of the registration is available for review and reproduction at the TNRCC Office of Air Quality, 11214 Park 35 Circle, Building C, Austin, Texas 78753. Registration documents and further information may be obtained from the TNRCC Midland Regional Office, Air Program, located at 3300 North A Street, Building 4, Suite 107, Midland, Texas 79705. Telephone (915) 570-1359. For additional information, contact the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, MC-106, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (800) 687-4040.

AVISO DE SOLICITUD

CSA Materials, Inc. ha solicitado de la Comisión de Conservación de Recursos Naturales de Texas (TNRCC) la renovación de la licencia de operación de la planta de trituración de piedras en 7600 County Road 1150 North, Midland, condado de Martín, Texas. La actividad va a emitir los siguientes contaminantes atmosféricos: polvo de agregado y polvo de caminos. Una persona que pueda ser afectada por las emisiones de contaminantes atmosféricos de la actividad propuesta puede solicitar una audiencia.

Si el solicitante demuestra que la actividad existente va a cumplir con todos los requisitos de calidad de aire aplicables, el solicitante cualificará para recibir la renovación del permiso. El objeto de la audiencia será limitado a los requisitos de calidad de aire aplicables, que no incluyen asuntos tales como calidad de agua, ruido, seguridad de tráfico o zonas municipales. Se celebra una audiencia, esta será un proceso legal semejante a un juicio civil en una corte de distrito estatal.

Para solicitar una audiencia, usted deberá proporcionar lo siguiente: (1) su nombre (o, para un grupo o asociación, un representante oficial), dirección postal, número de teléfono durante el día, y número de fax, si hay; (2) el nombre del solicitante y el número del permiso; (3) la oración en inglés "I/we request a public hearing"; (4) una descripción breve y específica de cómo y por qué las emisiones de la actividad le perjudicarán a usted de una manera que no es común con los miembros del público en general; y (5) la localización de su propiedad en relación a la actividad.

Peticiones de audiencia o comentarios sobre la solicitud deberán recibirse por escrito en la Oficina del Chief Clerk, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, dentro de 15 días después de la segunda publicación de este aviso. Este aviso se publicará en May 1, 1997 y en May 2, 1997.

Copia de la solicitud puede ser revisada o copiada en la TNRCC, Oficina de Calidad de Aire, 11214 Park 35 Circle, Edificio C, Austin, Texas 78753. Los documentos de la solicitud e información adicional pueden obtenerse de Alice Conner, Manager, Air Program, TNRCC Midland Regional Office, located at 3300 North A Street, Building 4, Suite 107, Midland, Texas 79705. Telephone (915) 570-1359. Miembros individuales del público que deseen inquirir sobre la información contenida en este aviso, o inquirir sobre otras solicitudes de permisos o procesos de permisos de la agencia, deberán telefonar a la Oficina de Asistencia Pública del TNRCC, libre de cargos, al 1-800-687-4040.

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625 Apartments/Unfurnished

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640 Apartments/Unfurnished

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660 Apartments/Unfurnished

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665 Apartments/Unfurnished

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SILVER CREEK APARTMENTS 1, 2 & 3 bedrooms with washer and dryer connections. Check out our Specials on our 1 & 2 bedrooms. First month rent FREE.

615 Apartments/Unfurnished

NICE 2 Bedroom, 1 bath. Gas, water, paid. Large patio, good parking. \$355/month. 3200 Sage. (915)550-3245.

620 Apartments/Unfurnished

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625 Apartments/Unfurnished

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655 Apartments/Unfurnished

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660 Apartments/Unfurnished

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665 Apartments/Unfurnished

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670 Apartments/Unfurnished

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675 Apartments/Unfurnished

QUIET, down town complex, 1 or 2 bedroom. Furnished or unfurnished. Bills paid. Laundry room. Contact Rose 500 W. Tennessee, Apt. 6.

625 Houses/Unfurnished

OLD MIDLAND, 2 Bedroom, 1 bath, 2 living, single garage, large yard. \$600 monthly. 694-6835.

630 Houses/Unfurnished

711 DORMARD, 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, double garage. \$725 Monthly. \$725 deposit. Owner/Agent. 685-3380.

635 Houses/Unfurnished

2502 DENGAR, 4 Bedrooms, new paint. Available now! \$1,000 per month. \$500 deposit. Call Lee Denny. 694-4637 or Carriage Company Realtors. 684-5881.

640 Houses/Unfurnished

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, porch. Quiet neighborhood. \$350 month, \$200 deposit. 1808 W. Washington. Credit check up. Ready May 1st. 686-0623.

645 Houses/Unfurnished

SAN JACINTO Area. Nice 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, double garage, refrigerator, air, sprinklered yard. \$725 monthly. Owner/Agent. 682-8818.

650 Houses/Unfurnished

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath duplex. \$300 a month. Water paid. \$150 deposit. Appliances. 684-7114.

655 Houses/Unfurnished

FOR RENT 2 Bedroom, living room, kitchen. \$100. Deposit. \$205 Per month. Call 686-8067.

660 Houses/Unfurnished

GREENWOOD School District. 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 fireplaces, 2 acres, 2 car garage. \$750/\$500 Deposit. 689-6070.

665 Houses/Unfurnished

SEVERAL nice homes & apartments, \$299-\$675. Jeannie Printz, Agent. 684-8202.

670 Houses/Unfurnished

4 BEDROOM, 3 bath, 2 car garage for lease. Available mid June. 4106 Norwood. \$950 per month. 1 year lease. 694-5221.

675 Houses/Unfurnished

LUXURY DUPLEX, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, double garage, automatic door, fenced sprinkler, fireplace, microwave. 694-2957.

680 Houses/Unfurnished

WESTSIDE BRICK HOUSES 2 & 3 bedroom. Central air. \$475-\$550/month. Williams & Associates. 694-9663.

685 Houses/Unfurnished

★ 1704 S. MARSHALL ★ 4 bedroom, 1 bath, central heat/air, stove, refrigerator. \$550 Monthly. \$275 Deposit. No Pets. 1 Year lease. 687-4103.

690 Houses/Unfurnished

FOR LEASE: 2000 Brunson. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath. No pets. Good credit. 1 Year lease. Dene Kelly Realtors. 687-0595.

655 Mobile Homes/Unfurnished

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690 Mobile Homes/Unfurnished

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715 Mobile Homes/Unfurnished

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720 Mobile Homes/Unfurnished

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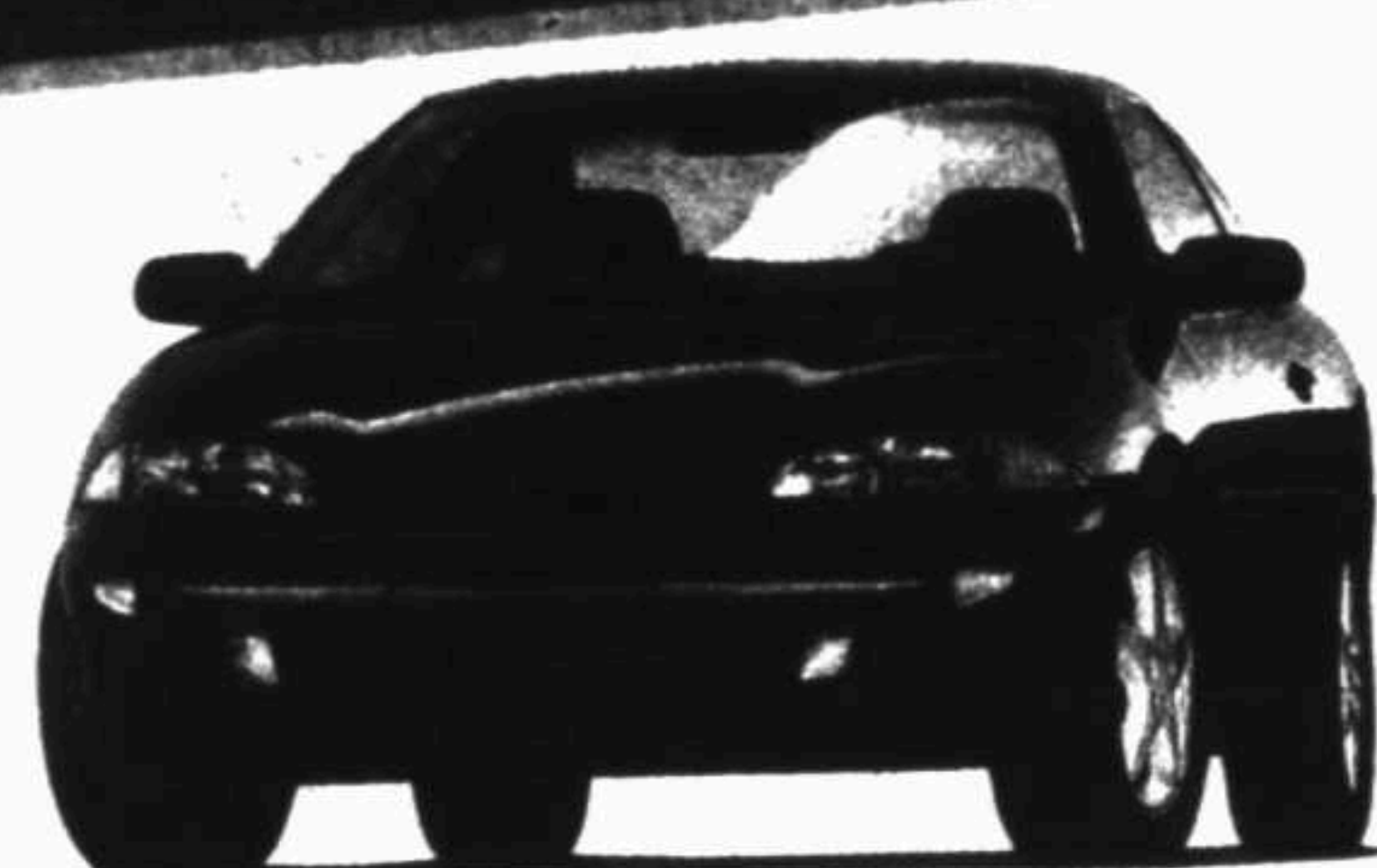
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