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MISD OKs first transfer from uniform campus

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

Krishna Cook, the mother of two children, stood before the Midland Independent School Board of Trustees Tuesday night and defended her right to dress her son as she sees fit.

Ms. Cook is the first parent of 1999 to publicly ask for a transfer from a uniform school.

"To my knowledge, she's the first," said Ricardo Torres, executive director of secondary education, who has been heavily involved in the uniform process.

Ms. Cook didn't want her son, 6-year-old Parker, to have to wear uniforms at what would have been his first educational experience.

Parker was to start kindergarten at Bush Elementary this year.

Ms. Cook told the board that forcing Parker to wear a uniform would violate his First Amendment right to freedom of speech.

"That's (clothes) one of their (children's) only ways to express themselves," said Ms. Cook.

She also thought the uniform requirement is a violation of Parker's right to due process.

"I believe the purpose of public schools is education, not to mandate conformity in clothing. Every child in this country has the right to a public education and that right cannot be conditioned upon compliance with a uniform policy," she said.

Ms. Cook made her presentation to the board and asked to transfer Parker to Greathouse Elementary. The board voted to do so but Ms. Cook's presentation was unnecessary, according to Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr.

The district doesn't have to approve parent-requested transfers from uniform schools as long as there is room at another school, he said.

Transferring to another campus, however, is a rather limited option.

Elementary students would have several options for non-uniform schools but both freshman campuses require uniforms. Freshman students wanting to transfer have only one option: Viola M. Coleman High School — an alternative high school for students needing flexible class instruction — is the only campus offering ninth-grade classes that doesn't require uniforms.

For junior high school students, the only campus without uniforms is Goddard, which Torres described as, "the most crowded junior high."

Essentially, if there is room at another campus, the district has to allow the transfer. Baressi said that the normal procedure would be to go through MISD Compliance Officer Jimmie Kelly for a transfer.

Baressi said Ms. Cook had originally opted for an exemption but changed her mind sometime after requesting to be on the agenda.

Ms. Cook, however, claims she was told by the principal at Bush Elementary that she had to go before the board with a transfer request.

Whichever is the case, Baressi said parents wanting to transfer should go through Kelly and the procedures — which do not include going before the board — already in place.

The only reason parents would go before the board is if they are asking for an exemption from uniforms based on philosophical or religious reasons.

Some parents have expressed concern about what they have heard involving free uniforms provided by the district.

Some parents have heard, and Torres confirmed, that students applying for free uniforms will, "receive one shirt and one pair of pants."

When asked if that would be enough for a child to wear five days a week, Torres responded, "Surely parents can buy one shirt."

Torres said that when he was principal at DeZavala Elementary — where 90 percent of the students were eligible for free and reduced lunch — they always took pride in their clothes.

Also regarding free uniforms, some schools have been distributing application forms that give students the option of doing community service "in exchange for the uniform."

Torres said the initial reason was that some parents wanted their children to work for the uniform because they weren't comfortable getting, "something for nothing."

"It was never our intent to require anybody to do community service in exchange for a uniform," Torres said, adding that the optional section, as of Wednesday, will be deleted from the applications for free uniforms.



Krishna Cook is the first parent to request that their child be transferred from a school that requires uniforms. Her 6-year-old son, Parker, was supposed to attend Bush Elementary School, but now will be attending Greathouse Elementary.

County commissioners toil with budget for fiscal 2000

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Midland County Judge Bill Morrow, who is awaiting downsized departmental budgets in which county department heads are "to return their best shots at 7 percent" cuts into their proposed budgets, is intent on somehow balancing the fiscal year 2000 budget.

The FY 1999 budget of \$21.9 million incorporated an \$800,000 deficit. "I would hope that in the next 10 days I would see a preliminary budget on our revised numbers and then ... visit with the different county officials" in fine-tuning the budget, Morrow said on Wednesday following a budget-study session.

"I'm not much for making arbitrary cuts without talking to people," Morrow said. "I'm trying to make this thing a reasonable process where we talk about it rather than just cut and burn."

Two weeks ago, on July 14, Morrow had asked the county's elected and appointed officials, who number about 30, to trim their proposed FY 2000 budgets by 7 percent based on their current (1999) budgets.

"It looks like we will have to get it done," resolved Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter, who had requested an increase in his approximately \$7.5 million budget.

How the cuts are made, in staffing, in salary, or in operations, would be up to the individual department heads, Morrow said.

Based on recent sales-tax receipts, the Commissioners' Court is expecting a decline in the sales tax in 2000. The FY 1999 sales-tax revenue is off about \$1 million. It had been estimated at \$7.8 million last year. "Our sales tax is down," noted Midland County Tax Assessor Collector Kathy Reeves.

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Thriving in America



Big Spring resident Jim Zack, who turns 100 Friday, is surrounded by his family — his wife, Clara, left, son-in-law, Tumbleweed Smith, and daughter, Susan Lewis.

Big Springer, born in Siberia, turns 100, still celebrating freedom

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — In 1950, after examining him for several minutes, Jim Zack's personal physician took off his stethoscope and tossed it aside. Knowing there was nothing wrong with his patient, Dr. Marion Horton looked at Zack and said, "Ah Jim, you're gonna live to be 100."

Forty-nine years later, that prediction becomes reality as Zack, a long-time Big Spring businessman and former owner of Zack's Ladies Ready-to-Wear store, says hello to the Big 1-0-0.

Life has been good for Zack. For the last 60 years — after his escape from Ekaterinburg, Siberia, and his subsequent relocation to Big Spring, life has been extraordinarily good.

Friday, more than 100 guests are expected to celebrate his life at a party at the Big Spring Country Club.

ESCAPE FROM SIBERIA

Born in Siberia on July 30, 1899, Friday marks the achievement of one of Zack's two lifelong goals: that of living to see 100. His other dream, to live in three centuries, will be realized on Jan. 1, 2001.

Zack and other more fortunate members of his family didn't "escape" from Siberia in the exciting sense of the word. But they did apply for — and finally free themselves from — the clutches of the czarist regimes of early 20th century Russia.

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Sanders retires



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One winner in Midland

One ticket, sold in Midland, correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

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Experts say Springer show has become a reflection of society

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writer

"Wild Confessions." "Love Triangles." "Deep Dark Secrets." "Vengeful Vixens." "Spiteful Spouses."

Despite names that don't exactly conjure up inspiration or originality, they are titles of episodes of the wildly popular "Jerry Springer Show," one of the most bizarre forms of entertainment to have ever been offered to the American television viewing public. It is difficult to think of any program being more revealing, more outlandish or more offensive. And it is available to anyone who knows how to work a remote control, regardless their age.

But what exactly draws Americans to repeated airings of other people's dirty laundry? Why do we even care? What moves some people to possess a fascination with other people's problems?

James Olson, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin, said that society first started moving toward this form of culture with the advent of a more open society that began to devalue personal modesty in the 1960s.

"I think the seeds of all this stuff were planted back then," Olson said. "It's the simple lack of civility in our daily life and it started in the '60s and '70s with the cultural revolt, the so-called hippie and the flower generation. Then, I think we also have the breakdown of the traditional family and family values."

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Two University of Texas at the Permian Basin professors debate what attracts viewers to television programs such as the Jerry Springer Show.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

American man, daughter drown in Mexico

MEXICO CITY — Teams searched Wednesday for the body of a 5-year-old American girl who drowned along with her father when they were swept into a river near the Pacific resort of Puerto Vallarta.

Kaylie Kristine Scott had been swimming in the Boca de Tomatlan River, 15 kms (10 miles) south of Puerto Vallarta, when she was carried off by a current Tuesday afternoon, the Puerto Vallarta fire department reported. Her father, 35-year-old Derek John Scott, also was swept away when he tried to rescue the girl.

The man's body was recovered Tuesday. Scott and his daughter were vacationing from their hometown of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, along with his wife and another child, according to the U.S. Consulate office in Guadalajara, 190 kms (120 miles) east of Puerto Vallarta.

Official accuses military of hiding graves

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Honduras' human rights commissioner, Leo Valladares, accused the armed forces Wednesday of hiding clandestine graves on a military base built by U.S. forces in 1983.

A missing U.S. priest-turned-guerrilla, James Francis Carney, could be among those buried at the El Aguacate air base, 130 kms (80 miles) east of Tegucigalpa, according to Valladares. The 1,250-hectare (3,090-acre) air base in the Olancho province was used in the 1980s as a training center for the U.S.-backed "Contra" forces who were fighting the leftist Sandinista government in nearby Nicaragua.

Olancho military chief Col. Leonel Pavon denied Valladares' accusation, saying "nothing is hidden in El Aguacate ... and any authority can prove what I say."

Valladares said investigations by the National Human Rights Commission indicate there are 22 clandestine burial grounds in Honduras, containing the remains of 184 missing people.

U.S., Japan agree to work with South Korea

TOKYO — The United States and Japan have agreed to collaborate with South Korea on a joint response if communist North Korea tests a long-range missile, a Japanese official said Wednesday.

U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen stressed the importance of alerting North Korea of the serious consequences it would suffer if it fired a rocket, the Foreign Ministry official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Cohen, who met with Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi and other state officials in Tokyo, said that Washington considers a North Korean missile launch a threat not only to Japan, but also to the United States.

Fear is mounting that North Korea is preparing to test-fire a long-range missile that has the capacity to reach parts of the United States. Tokyo and Washington have urged North Korea to cancel the launch.

Cohen flew to Seoul late Wednesday, where he agreed with South Korea to begin talks this year on Seoul's developing a missile that could strike anywhere in North Korea, a South Korean official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Americans donate blood in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Three Americans who oppose U.N. sanctions against Iraq donated blood Wednesday to three Iraqi patients in a Baghdad hospital.

The donors, members of Voices in the Wilderness, said they want to help ease the hardship caused by sanctions imposed on Iraq for invading Kuwait in 1990. The Americans also hope to provoke the United States to take legal action against them.

For years, the Chicago-based group has been donating money, medical supplies and toys to Iraqi children in violation of U.S. laws that require advance permission to do so.

The group's leader, Kathy Kelly of Chicago, said she thought the government had not taken legal action because it would "propel the just cause we are fighting for into national limelight."

"I am giving my blood to them at a time my government has been shedding their blood for a long time," said Angela Schindler, a teacher from Nashville, Tenn. Mary Hannahan of St. Paul, Minn., and Chris Doycot of Hartford, Conn., also gave blood.

Compiled from Associated Press reports.

NATO detains 4 in Serb farmers' deaths

GRACKO, Yugoslavia (AP) — Soldiers crouched combat-ready in fields and a NATO helicopter thundered overhead as relatives buried 14 Serb farmers Wednesday near the site where they were gunned down last week.

The heavy NATO security for the funeral in this farming village sought to rebuild the damage done by the slayings, which deeply undermined Serbs' already shaky confidence in peacekeepers' pledges to protect all ethnic groups in Kosovo.

NATO officials also detained four men for questioning about the killings, but offered no word on their ethnicity or other details. Serbs accuse ethnic Albanians in the killings.

New deaths were also reported in ethnic violence that has plagued the six-week-old peacekeeping mission. The Beta news agency said four Serbs were killed Tuesday and three were missing in southeast Kosovo. NATO confirmed finding Serbs and Albanians dead in northern Kosovo the same day.

"They are criminals," one woman at the funeral moaned as she stroked the wooden coffins of her four relatives, all members of the Janicijevic family. The farmers were shot while harvesting wheat in a field outside Gracko on Friday.

Along with the wails of mourners came the chatter of a NATO helicopter overhead. Armored vehicles lined the main road into and through Gracko, a village 10 miles south of

Pristina, Kosovo's capital.

British soldiers toting automatic rifles were posted around the funeral and in the general area — some crouching, combat-ready, in fields around the village.

Serb officials complain that NATO has not done enough to stop attacks by ethnic Albanians seeking revenge for the campaign of massacres and expulsions waged against them by Serb-led Yugoslav troops in March. About 10,000 ethnic Albanians were killed in that campaign and more than 800,000 were driven out or fled Kosovo.

Tens of thousands of Serbs have fled the province, fearing revenge attacks, since Serb forces left Kosovo in June and peacekeepers came in after the 78-day NATO bombardment of Yugoslavia ended.

In Belgrade, the Yugoslav government accused peacekeepers of allowing a "security vacuum" in Kosovo, allowing the "ethnic cleansing" of the province's non-Albanian minority.

In Gracko, the 14 wooden coffins were lined up on an asphalt-covered playground, and friends and relatives lay flowers, wreaths and written prayers on the caskets.

Patriarch Pavle, head of the Serbian Orthodox Church, sought to console relatives. "Suddenly they depart this world, but their only consolation is they didn't depart this world like criminals, like the ones who took their fields and are burning our houses," he

said.

Another speaker, local resident Stefan Lalic, urged Serbs not to abandon their village. "We must stay so that our church doesn't become Muslim," he said, referring to the predominant religion among Kosovo's majority ethnic Albanians.

"We have to stay here because of our dead and missing. The war of graves is not over yet," he said.

Joining the 350 mourners was Bernard Kouchner, the new U.N. administrator in Kosovo, who has pledged to carry out the peace mission despite what he calls the cycle of ethnic violence.

"We must find the truth," he said, pledging that justice would prevail in the Gracko case.

Maj. Jan Joosten of Denmark, a spokesman for the peacekeeping mission, said four men had been detained at dawn after British military police searched houses in Gracko and around the nearby town of Lipljan. He said the four would be questioned, but had not been charged.

Joosten also confirmed Yugoslav media reports that the bodies of two Kosovo Serbs were found Tuesday, apparently slain in an ambush on their car in the northern Kosovo town of Vucitir. The same day, peacekeepers found the bodies of three ethnic Albanians and one Bosnian Muslim in the town of Pec.

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Quest for adrenaline rush kills at least 19 in Alpine river

INTERLAKEN, Switzerland (AP) — The first wave was fun, heightening the adrenaline rush for the tourists bodysurfing through foaming waters in the Swiss Alps.

The second wave was a killer, bringing a wall of water, boulders and logs crashing down on 45 young adventurers and their guides enjoying an afternoon of plunging feet first through rapids and down waterfalls in the Saxeten river.

The raging torrent caused by a flash storm Tuesday killed 19 and left two missing near this central Alpine resort. None was from America.

The deaths had officials wondering how far the growing number of people drawn to a widening range of high-risk sports should be allowed to go in search of a thrill.

The adventurers — many counted rock-climbing and parachuting among their hobbies — had signed up for the 1 1/2-hour trip with Inter-laken-based Adventure World, as one of the highlights of their stay in Switzerland.

The company was well known among backpackers here for its extreme sports activities, such as bungee jumping and glacier climbing, aimed at those bored with simply hiking or biking.

The "canyoning" trip had started normally enough, for a sport that includes jumping off cliffs into tiny mountain pools and shooting through rapids and over waterfalls, with just a life jacket, wetsuit and helmet as protection.

The tourists, from South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada and Britain, were split into four groups with guides who were trained to watch for potential dangers including sudden changes in the weather.

And yet, according to some locals, when they set off on the tour at about 4:30 p.m., the guides ignored the heavy clouds gathering over the Alpine peaks that unleashed the fatal 15-minute downpour. Previous experience showed that when a storm hit the upper reaches of the stream, it would take about 20 minutes for the flash flood to reach the mouth of the brook.

"Something absolutely extraordinary, incomprehensible and unforeseeable must have happened, because our guides know



Members of a rescue team search for missing people Wednesday in the Saxeten brook near Inter-laken, Switzerland, after at least 19 people were killed when a flash flood turned the clear mountain river into a black wall of water Tuesday. The accident was believed the worst ever to afflict the sport known as "canyoning," in which participants slide, jump or rappel down waterfalls and mountain streams into gorges without rafts.

every centimeter of the river," said Adventure World manager Georg Hoedle.

But local fisherman Fritz Goetz questioned the guides' judgment. "What I cannot understand is how the people that know this region and have experience in canyoning could allow something like this to take place in these weather conditions," he said.

Survivors all said they were caught completely unawares.

"They heard no noise," said Dr. Manfred Studer, who treated six injured Australians and New Zealanders at Inter-laken's main hospital. "All of a sudden they

saw a wall of black water coming on them and that's it."

Ann Hall said her 22-year-old son John, a student from New Zealand, briefly lost consciousness as he was somersaulted through the raging water. He was taken to hospital with minor injuries.

"First of all he said a smallish

wave of water came by, and he said that was quite fun," Mrs. Hall told BBC television. "But then a massive great big wall of water came along and they just couldn't cope with it."

The accident was discovered around 6 p.m. by a local jogger who saw seven bodies clad in their life jackets floating into Lake

Brien, near Inter-laken, a popular tourist town 35 miles southeast of the Swiss capital, Bern.

As the evening progressed, the scale of the tragedy became clear. Eighteen bodies — many badly battered — were recovered during the night and one more was found Wednesday. More than 100 rescue workers continued the hunt for two tourists missing and presumed dead.

Authorities said identification of the bodies may take days, if not weeks, because most of the tourists weren't carrying identification and dental records might be needed.

Swiss official Samuel Bhend said authorities would be examining whether there should be tighter limits on such sports.

"There are questions about these adventure holidays and how far we should go in search of an adrenaline rush," he said. "Maybe we should learn again to

respect the limits set by nature."

But despite the shock, there were few calls for an outright ban on high-risk sports, and Swiss officials said they did not expect lasting damage to the vital tourist industry.

Extreme sports have brought a new breed of tourists to Switzerland in recent years — younger and more willing to rough it than the traditional middle-aged visitors. An estimated 10,000 people take part in canyoning in the Inter-laken area each year.

Swiss Sports Minister Adolf Ogi paid tribute to the sense of daring of the adventurers who enjoy Swiss nature.

"Many return to daily life enriched by unforgettable experiences," he said.

"Our country and the world have lost the hopes, the dreams, the unfulfilled potential of these men and women," he said.

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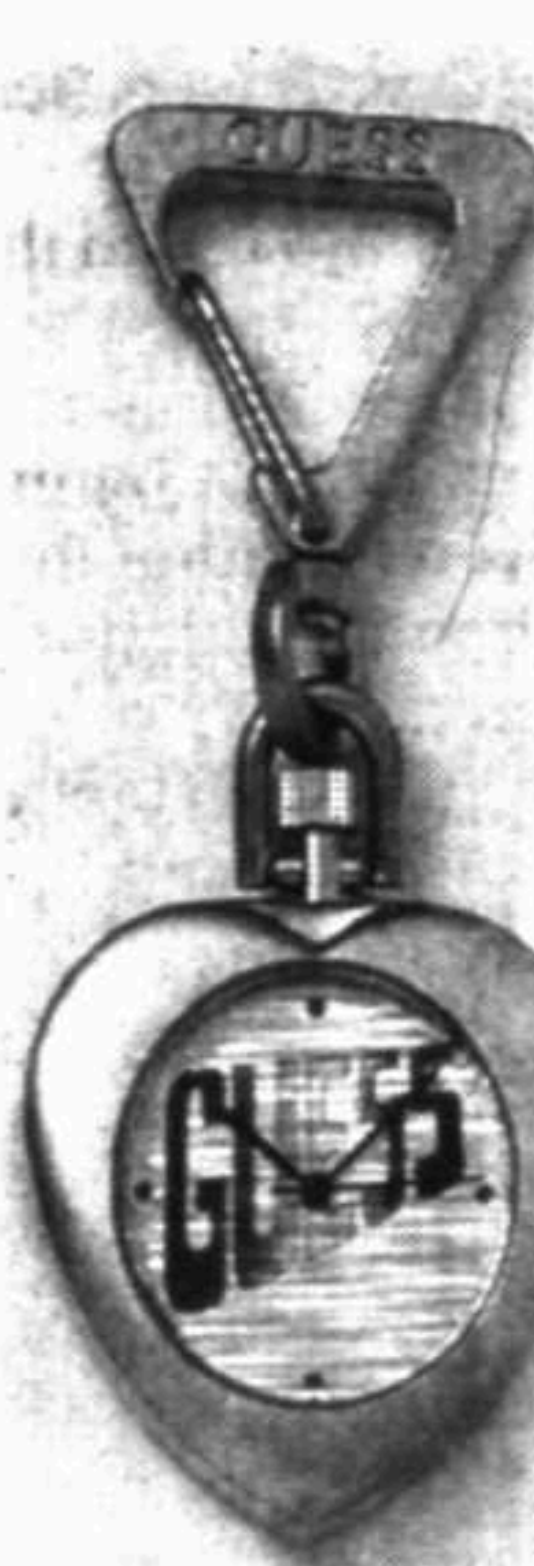
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3-day forecast



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Low 70

Saturday
Partly cloudy
High 95
Low 70

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the upper 90s. Winds will be from the south to southeast at 5 to 15 mph, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low near 70.

Friday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the upper 90s.

After an overnight low of 74, Wednesday's high was 97, compared with a record high of 106 set in 1944. The all-time low was 61 set in 1933.

Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Wednesday0.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday0.00 in.
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Total for year5.74 in.
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Yesterday's temperatures
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Normal low69

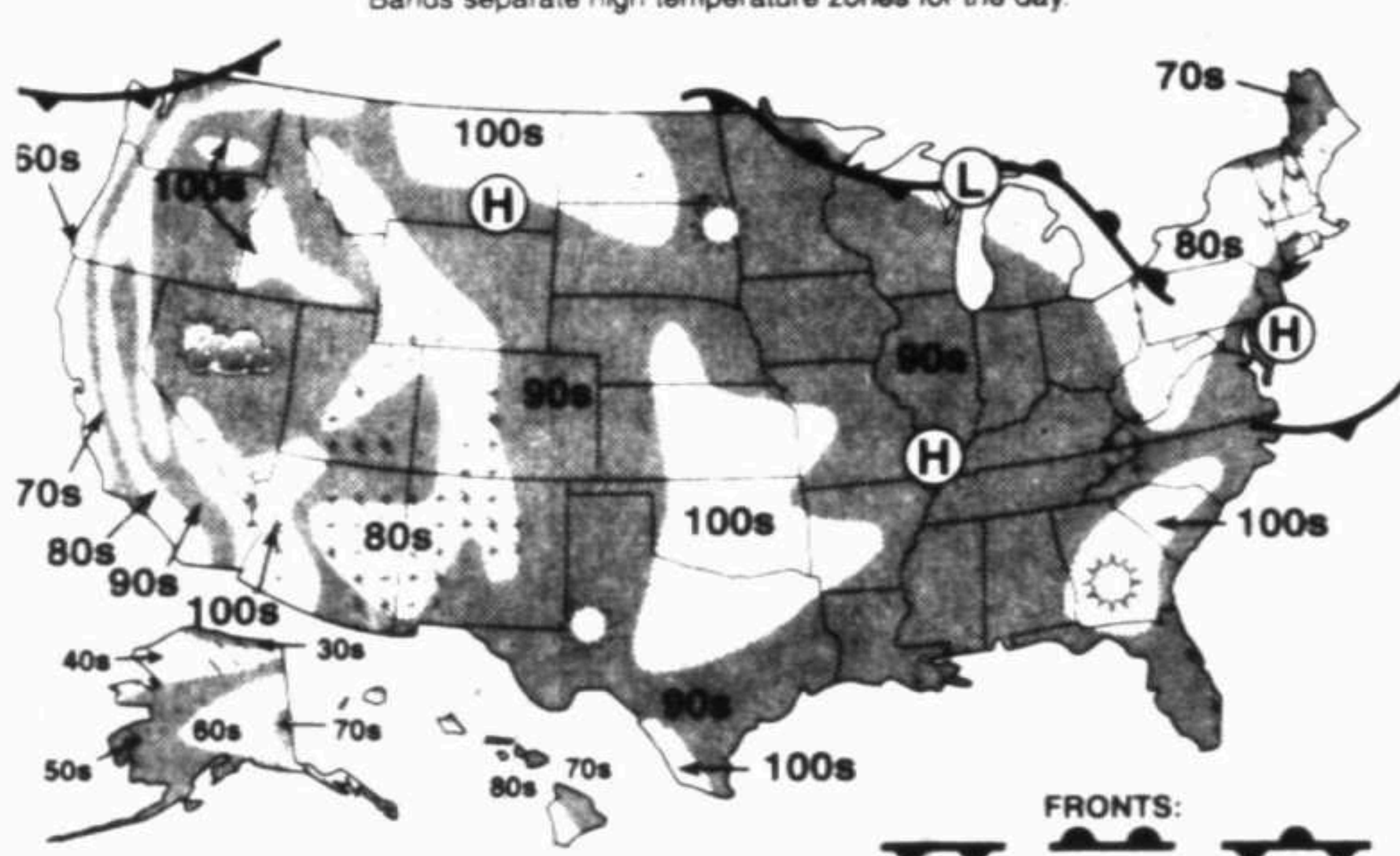
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National forecast

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United States temperatures

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Albuquerque	90	70	cdy	
Atlanta	93	74	cdy	
Atlantic City	98	70	cdy	
Baltimore	94	68	cdy	
Birmingham	101	67	cdy	
Bismarck	96	73	cdy	
Boston	98	73	cdy	
Buffalo	100	69	cdy	
Burlington, Vt.	90	71	cdy	
Casper	90	68	cdy	
Charleston, S.C.	97	77	83	cdy
Charlotte, N.C.	93	69	cdy	
Cheyenne	88	63	cdy	
Chicago	91	72	cdy	
Cincinnati	86	70	cdy	
Cleveland	87	69	cdy	
Columbia, S.C.	98	73	cdy	
Dayton	88	74	25	cdy
Denver	92	67	cdy	
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Faribault	56	46	02	cdy
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Helena	100	53	cdy	
Honolulu	85	73	03	cdy
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Juneau	61	52	46	cdy
Kansas City	98	78	cdy	
Las Vegas	97	82	cdy	
Little Rock	100	77	cdy	
Los Angeles	75	61	cdy	
Louisville	96	77	01	cdy
Memphis	95	76	cdy	
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Minneapolis	91	70	cdy	
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Nashville	96	74	06	cdy
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Pittsburgh	75	66	66	cdy
Portland, Maine	89	66	cdy	
Providence	91	70	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	100	70	cdy	
Rapid City	103	63	cdy	
Reno	94	60	cdy	
Richmond	95	70	cdy	
Sacramento	81	55	cdy	
St. Louis	94	77	01	cdy
Salt Lake City	84	71	cdy	
San Francisco	67	56	cdy	
San Juan, P.R.	89	79	cdy	
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Shreveport	96	77	cdy	
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Spokane	97	67	cdy	
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Tampa-St. Petersburg	93	79	cdy	
Tucson	88	70	30	cdy
Tulsa	102	61	cdy	
Washington, D.C.	97	76	02	cdy
Wichita	102	74	cdy	
Wilkes-Barre	90	61	cdy	
Wilmington, Del.	96	70	cdy	

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours at 6 p.m.	High	Low	Pcp
Abilene	98	77	
Amarillo	91	58	
Arlington	98	76	
Austin/Mabry	97	75	
Beaumont	94	76	
Brownsville	96	76	
Corpus Christi	90	73	
Corcoran	97	75	
Dalhart	93	64	
Del Rio	98	77	
DFW Airport	99	79	
El Paso	92	70	
Fort Stockton	93	70	
Fort Worth Meacham	100	79	
Galveston	89	80	
Hartigan	97	73	
Hondo	98	70	
Houston Intercontinental	96	75	
Huntsville	95	75	
Junction	94	73	
Kingville	95	75	0.05
Laredo	99	77	
Longview	94	77	
Lubbock	94	69	
Marfa	86	61	
San Angelo	97	76	
San Antonio	96	75	
Terrill	96	75	
Texasarkana, Ar.	97	77	
Tyler	94	77	
Victoria	93	73	
Waco	99	78	
Wichita Falls	101	80	
Wink	96	72	

100: Siberia-born Big Springer to celebrate

(From 1A)

"A lot of my half brothers and half sisters were left behind, and most of them were killed off," Zack said. "One sister we were all crazy about. She was a pharmacist, and was very political. She was always against the czars and that whole bunch. We all tried to get her over here. She finally got her permit to get out of Russia, but just before she got to the border, the KGB picked her up and brought her back. They wouldn't let her cross. The last thing we heard was when she wrote to us and said, 'Please don't write me. Leave me alone. Every time I get a letter it's censored and they know what it's all about and they give me nothing but trouble.'"

Despite the painful memories of life as a young boy in Siberia he recalls with a chuckle one incident.

"The prince of Russia at that time was born on the same day as I was, July 30," he said. "He and his family would always come and live in Siberia in the summer because the summers in Moscow were brutal. Every year, they threw a parade for him on his birthday. But I always thought they were throwing the parade in my honor."

Zack said he didn't find out until years later who the parade was really for, but was old enough at that time not to be too disappointed.

In Siberia, Zack said, residents were required to report to the government any city-to-city travel. He remembers routinely playing and ice skating outside in temperatures as low as 40-below — but never venturing out when it hit 50-below.

COMING TO AMERICA
After landing in North America, Zack worked as a picture frame salesman in Quebec, Canada. His low-key sales approach earned him hot meals, new friends and an American name. Before he

began his frame-selling career, Zack had been known as Usack Zaak, the birth name he had carried with him since his days in Siberia. Canadian friends gave him the name of Jim, which he made legal when he became an American citizen in 1926.

After Canada, Zack found himself in New York City during the days of the Depression.

"In 1932, it was the height of the Depression," Zack said. "People out here didn't really know what the Depression was. In West Texas, if you couldn't pay your rent, you'd lay down in bed and if the sheriff came knocking, he couldn't touch you. In New York if you couldn't pay your rent, they'd take you and your bed and put you outside."

"Up there in New York City, there were soup kitchens. I went broke and had a nickel left in my pocket. I lived on water for three days, and got pretty hungry."

Three days later, life began its turn around with a subway ride to Brooklyn.

Dead broke and all alone, Zack used what was literally his last nickel to buy a train token and a trip to Brooklyn after the company he worked for in New York went broke. With a \$50 loan from a cousin, Zack bounced back and soon found a job driving a truck for a linen-supply company. Home was at a \$5-a-week, bug-infested hotel room. But the upside was that it was at this point in his life where he stumbled across his wife, Clara, who would become a lifelong companion. Or, more accurately, it was Clara who stumbled across her future husband.

"The first time I saw her, she was falling down the stairs," he said. "I was able to catch her before she hit bottom and that was the beginning of our years together."

Not until three days after he and Mrs. Zack exchanged their vows of love and honor did he finally

meet his mother-in-law, who was delayed on her trip to New York from her West Texas home in Big Spring. By the time she had arrived, she had no other choice but to approve of her new son-in-law.

CATTLE IN THE BANK

At the encouragement of his new mother-in-law, Zack and his wife headed west, helped by Clara's insistence that she had "Cattle out west and money in the bank."

"She got it backward," Zack recalled. "The cattle she had were owned by the bank."

Still in the throes of the Depression, the just-getting-by years weren't quite ready to end for Zack and his new bride.

"I started working for \$1 a day in 1932," he said. "That's all there was. When they passed the National Recovery Act and had to pay us \$18 a week, we thought we were in hog heaven."

Beginning in the mid-1930s, Zack worked for a man for eight years, but after a year of no rain and severe drought, the West Texas newcomer turned in his resignation, saying he was too old — 68 years ago — to take a chance with the man's company. Instead, Zack's mother-in-law — a store owner herself — gave the couple some merchandise, and the Zacks set off for Lubbock and fashioned a would-be branch store. Later, they opened a military surplus store in thriving Killeen before settling for good in Big Spring.

Zack's opened in 1946 and was one of the most noted stores for women's clothing until it closed 30 years later. What brought the Zacks back to Big Spring was not the business opportunities his new store would offer, but the lack of suitable living conditions in Killeen. With Mrs. Zack pregnant, what Killeen offered wasn't nearly enough.

"We were 'anticipating,' and came back to Big Spring," Mrs. Zack, 87, recalled. "(In Killeen),

we didn't have a bathtub, we had to take baths in a pail. We lived in an apartment over a garage and had no modern conveniences. The only bathroom was in the quonset hut. We decided that, being pregnant, that wouldn't be too handy, so we sold the store there and came back to Big Spring. That was in the summer of 1944. Susan was born in September of '44."

AN APPRECIATION FOR LIFE, FREEDOM

"Most people think 13 is unlucky," Zack said. "But almost everything that ever happened to me was on the 13th. I left Siberia when I was 13. It took 13 years for me to get my naturalization papers. My wife is 13 years younger than me. My daughter was born on the 13th."

Zack said Americans don't appreciate freedom, something that is often taken for granted here.

"Americans don't understand it," he said. "They don't know you can get up on a soapbox here against your government. You do that in Russia and they'd grab you and haul you away to Siberia, or they'd shoot you on the spot."

Through all he has overcome, endured and enjoyed in his professional life, it is his family that he counts among his greatest pleasures over his first century of living.

"There's nothing more important than my family," he said.

Tumbleweed Smith, Texas storyteller, folklorist and Zack's son-in-law, said that seeing a daughter born, two grandsons born and a great-grandson born are among "Papa Zack's" greatest moments.

"There's nothing more important to him," Smith said.

At his celebration this weekend, he will be presented a proclamation by the Big Spring mayor, letters of recognition by Texas Gov. George W. Bush and President Clinton, and the well wishes of 100 or so of his closest friends.

'SPRINGER': Experts say show mirrors society

(From 1A)

"We add to this Generation X and we continue to add mobility, divorce and 20 other variables, and I think we are reaping what we first sowed about 30 years ago."

"Today, we basically don't have appropriate role models in the family for civil conduct. What we are doing with this in-your-face phenomenon, is replacing non-abusive dialogue and, instead of diplomacy, we're getting abuse."

Robert Bartsch, a colleague of Olson's and a professor in psychology at UTPB, said he thinks people watch Springer for merely the shock value.

"I think the people who watch are a lot of times offended by it," Bartsch said. "One of the reasons for the shock value is the amount of physical contact on the Springer shows. Some people like to see others 'get what's coming to them.'"

Bartsch said there is a different fascination factor at work among people who are drawn to Springer than those who are drawn to professional wrestling. Olson, on the other hand, sees the same mind-set at work.

"Although there is some overlap, my perception is that professional wrestling is more like a soap opera where you have characters who recur from one show to another; you have plot developments," Bartsch said. "But on 'Jerry Springer,' it's just Jerry Springer."

With wrestling, Olson said, a viewer's sympathetic nervous system and his or her fight or flight mechanism kicks in, a reaction that can be triggered by

watching. On "Springer," it's just abusive dialogue and the opportunity for physical abuse. Seeing that can be somewhat exhilarating to some people and that's a problem," Olson said. "Since the people who watch that show are voyeurs and not participants, it can be reinforcing. It feels good. It's like a high, like being on a roller coaster or at an IMAX movie. There's a physiological basis to it. You get physiologically high and then relax and when that happens it can be pleasurable and mildly addicting."

That addiction is fairly obvious to Ronnie Lewis, loss prevention manager and former video recovery manager at Hastings Books, Music & Video. Lewis said it's tough to keep Springer's videos on the shelves.

"We're a violent society," Lewis said. "I don't watch it, but what I've been told, Springer gets violent to the point where he actually has to have body guards restrain his guests. A lot of people are fascinated by bad things that happen to other people. I still wonder why people would go on national television and bare their souls."

Or, as is the case with "Springer," the baring is often much more than just the soul.

Many people, Olson included, point to the 1960s as the time when the country began to lose its sense of modesty. A time when, after the assassinations of John and Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr., and the loss of national innocence that came with those killings, as well as the country's involvement in Vietnam and the oncoming drug subcul-

ture, things began to change rapidly. The answer to the question of whether we've always had dirty laundry is a definite yes. The answer to whether or not we have always been willing to share — and now even air — that dirty laundry for millions to see is another matter.

"It was more contained then," Olson said. "We had our family secrets. Family secrets were the norm. Now, the norm is that we have no boundaries. What's become appropriate to air in front of 20 million people has been completely obliterated."

Bartsch said it is troubling that our society has apparently accepted such public displays of animalistic behavior.

"I do worry somewhat because it does indicate that, although this is an extreme from normal behavior, it is, at some level, acceptable," Bartsch said. "In the '50s and '60s, this would not have been acceptable."

"One of the things I also worry about is that for the show to continue to be a success, it's going to have to become even more shocking, more surprising, otherwise, soon enough it will be just the same old thing."

Olson couldn't agree more.

"This is us," Olson said. "This is a part of contemporary American culture. People are dying to try to learn about family, but unfortunately, they're getting a huge wrong message with this stuff. With things like 'Springer,' we're giving them totally bogus rules."

Shows like this, he said, are teaching people that it is "perfectly legitimate to fight instead of dia-

logue.

"'Springer' has become a metaphor for contemporary American culture. Basically, people are curious and want to find out information on how families and relationships work. The old family secrets are out of the closet. People have no clue of boundaries and relationships anymore."

"The stupid 'Jerry Springer Show' is connecting people on what needs to go into a relationship and unfortunately it's the wrong message."

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COUNTY: Commissioners wrestle with budget for FY 2000

(From 1A)

The county's FY 2000 projected property-tax revenue, roughly estimated at \$10.4 million, would be about \$200,000 less than FY 1999's revenue because of a drop in county-wide property value — if the commissioners stick with the current 22.75 cent tax rate, Ms. Reeves said.

"We need a 7 percent cut from each department

Republicans push on with tax cut despite veto threat

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican-controlled Senate rejected a Democratic call for scaled-down tax cuts Wednesday and pushed a larger, \$792 billion measure toward passage despite a fresh word of caution from Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and a veto threat from the White House.

The vote was 60-39 against a Democratic proposal for cuts of \$290 billion over 10 years, an amount that supporters said would leave enough money to safeguard Social Security, Medicare and other domestic priorities.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, countered the Democratic plan was "too puny to do the economic good that ought to be done. It's too puny to return political and economic freedom to the taxpayers of this country."

The vote was the first of sub-

stance on the tax issue, which is expected to come to a final Senate vote by Friday. And it underscored the Republican command of the Senate floor on the issue, despite a largely symbolic retreat earlier in the day in which the GOP was forced to agree to make any tax cuts expire in 2009.

"This is a happy day," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., anticipating passage by Friday of a 10-year bill that contains tax breaks for individuals, families, education, IRAs, long-term care insurance, small businesses and others.

"We are going to be talking about allowing the people to keep just a little bit more of their own hard-earned money," he said. House-Senate negotiations on a compromise were possible by the weekend.

The Senate's top Democrat, Tom Daschle of South Dakota, countered that the GOP measure would harm the economy and

shortchange Medicare, Social Security and domestic priorities such as education. Democrats were ready with a \$290 billion tax cut, and Daschle told reporters there was "zero room" for com-

promise on that figure.

The Democratic alternative was crafted to convey that message. It "is more of a responsible approach, and I would hope that we would not revisit the mis-

takes of the past," said Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., in a reference to large Republican-crafted tax cuts of the 1980s that led to an exploding federal deficit.

The centerpiece of the Demo-

cratic proposal was a large increase in the standard deduction for both singles and married couples, although it also contained breaks for education, long-term care and farmers.

Environmental group says weed killer poses cancer risk to bottle-fed babies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tap water across the Midwest is contaminated by dangerously high levels of weed killer that pose a cancer risk to bottle-fed babies, an environmental group said Wednesday.

The group's president urged the Environmental Protection Agency to ban atrazine and noted that water utilities are spending millions to clean chemical from drinking water.

"It shouldn't be in our water to begin with," said Ken Cook of the Environmental Working Group.

Atrazine, a chemical sprayed on corn, was found in tap water in 796 towns and cities in the nation's Corn Belt, according to the group's report. Atrazine, in high doses, has been linked to cancer.

The EPA is studying exposure to atrazine as part of a pesticide review program and is set to complete its work by next summer, the agency said in a statement. The results will help determine whether tighter drinking water standards are needed.

"We are on schedule to meet all deadlines for reviewing pesticides under the new law," the agency said.

Cook's organization placed a full-page ad in The New York Times asking Vice President Gore's help in banning the pesticide. The group also said the EPA has not abided by a new food quality law that required the agency to keep children in mind when setting new standards.

The group said babies consume an average of three 8-ounce bottles each day. A mother would have to drink 33 8-ounce glasses of water to get the same dose of atrazine, the group said.

In cities and towns with the worst contamination, said the group's senior analyst Jane Houlihan, infants fed formula made with contaminated tap water receive a lifetime dose in the first four

months of their lives.

Atrazine's manufacturer, Switzerland-based Novartis AG, said the study misrepresented facts in an attempt to panic American parents.

The company pointed out that in all seven states cited, it works with farmers, regulators, agriculture and conservation officials to protect water supplies through projects such as buffer strips, grass waterways and conservation tillage.

"The fact is that levels of atrazine cited in the report do not put infants, children or adults at risk," said Dave Whitacre, senior vice president of science for Novartis' U.S. operations. "Parents have no reason to fear the safety of the drinking water in their communities."

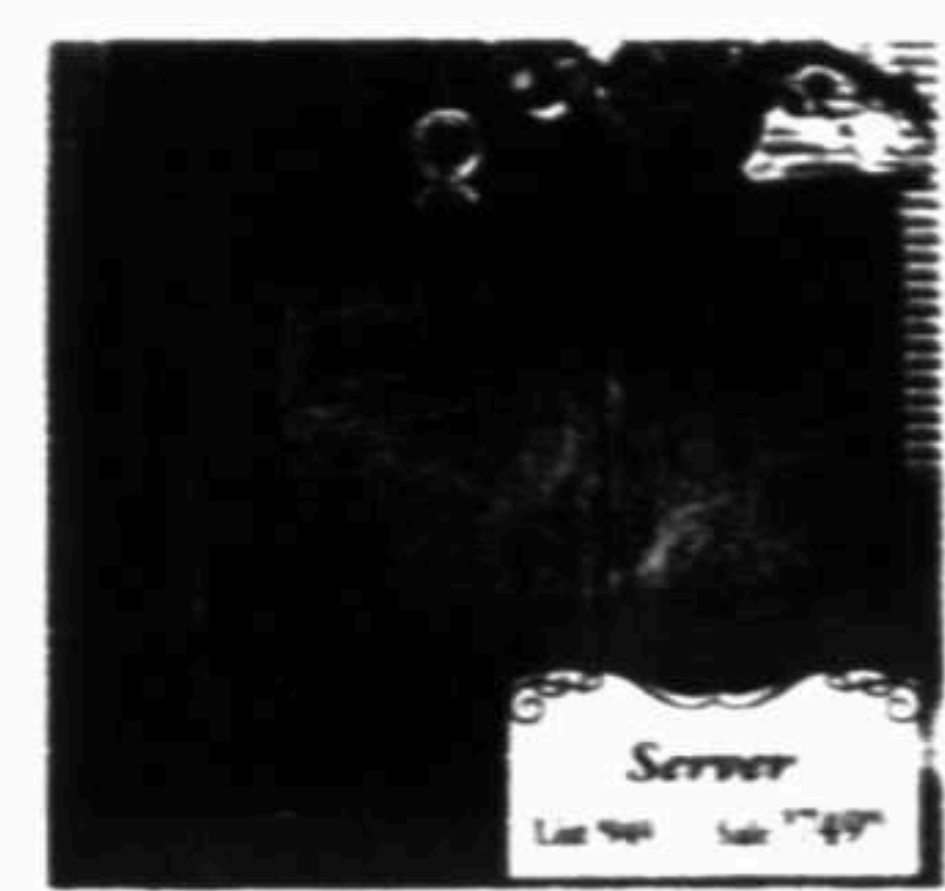
Under federal safety standards, the company said, a 22-pound toddler could drink 3,000 gallons of water each day of his life without any risk to his health.

Corn farmers say that atrazine, one of many widely used, low-cost herbicides, is used safely.

"You can tell the study was done more with promotion and public relations and scare in mind than with facts and science and the real risks, or none, associated with any of these products," said Bruce Knight, vice president of public policy for the National Corn Growers Association.

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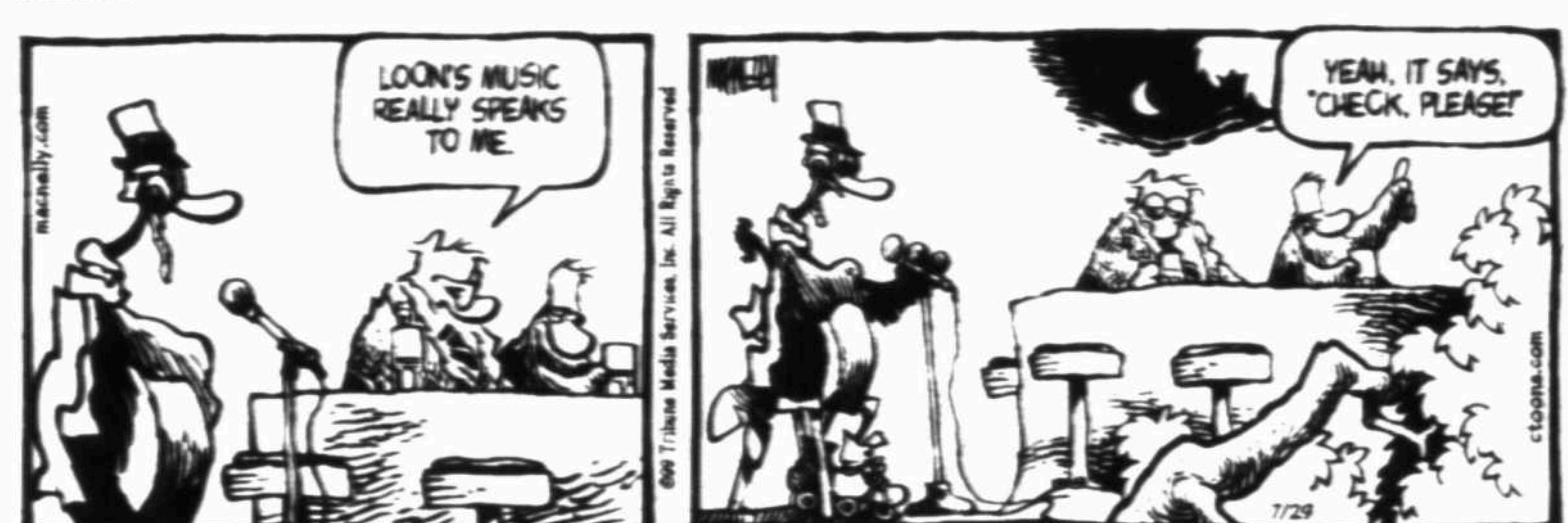
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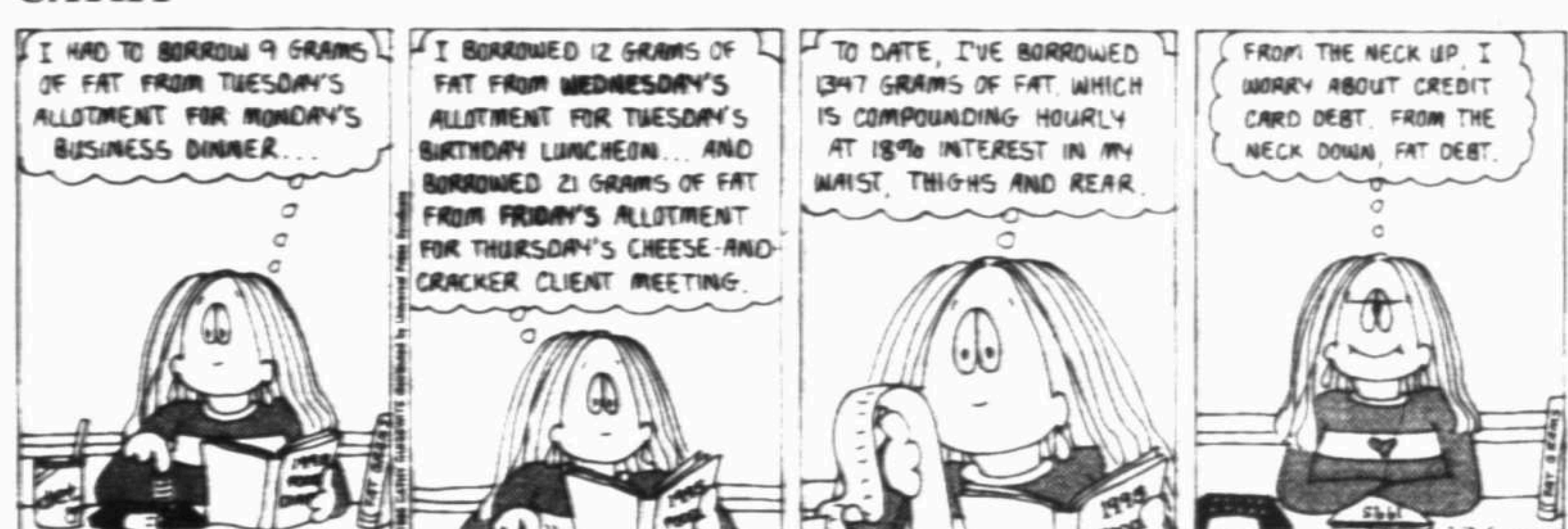
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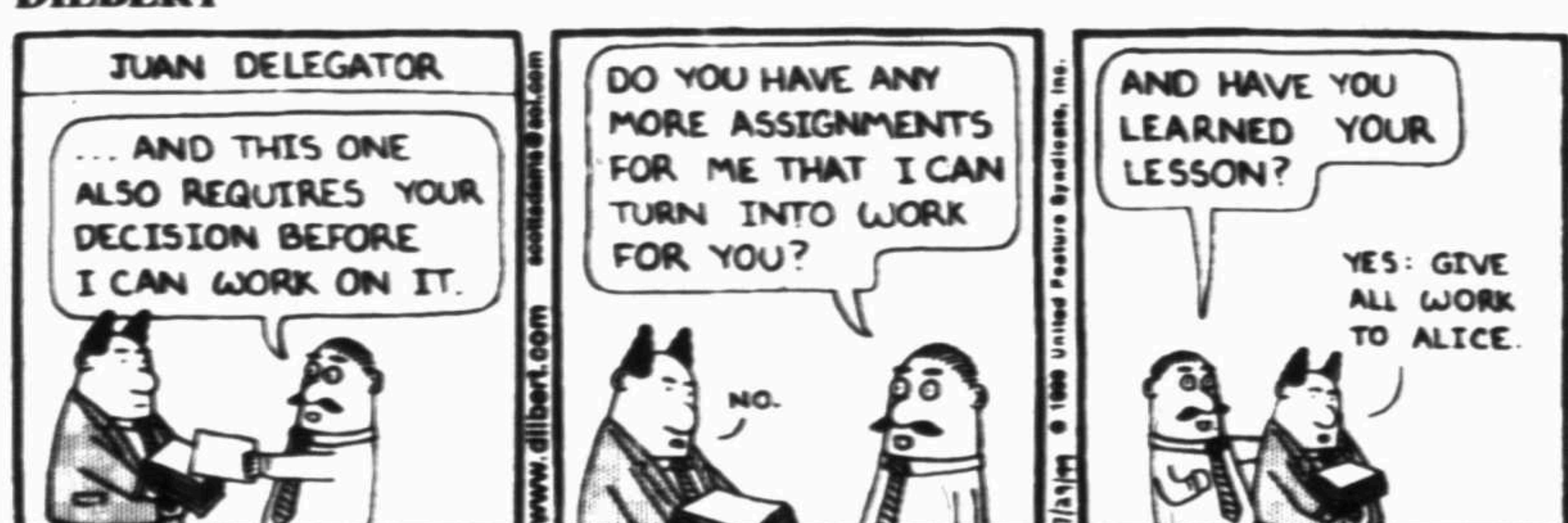
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Stay anchored in your interpersonal dealings. Confusion and misunderstandings often set in. Learn to choose your words carefully. Always give others the benefit of the doubt. Gentleness and patience bring positive rewards. Pressure at work and with bosses could be depressing, yet if you stick to it, you will gain. If you are unhappy with your work, consider a change. If you are single, you easily draw others. Pick and choose partners carefully. Listen to what potential suitors are saying to you. They will tell you all about themselves, if you listen. If attached, don't withhold your feelings from your significant other. Feedback is important. AQUARIUS can be challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Just when you thought you had a handle on life, partners start acting weirdly. This could be a trend for several months. You may want to change the situation, but presently you are unable to. Network and remain positive. Taurus (April 20-May 20) Negativity surrounds the here and now. Recognize that you are powerless where another is concerned. Try as you might to correct it, there is a problem with a boss. He simply seems determined to counter all your ideas. Venus goes retrograde, forcing you to hold up the mirror and look at your life. Gemini (May 21-June 20) Be careful with children and loved ones who could easily be out of sorts. Your sense of humor vanishes; grumpiness prevails. Be careful: Problems started with a

loved one could be long-term. You are walking in a fragile area. Try for an overview; make adjustments.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Money dealings could be depressing. One-to-one relating reveals another slant on a long-term friendship and its needs. Understand what others want. Confusion reigns, particularly with friendship and domestic matters. Count on sorting through these issues over the next month. Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone important could be very critical right now. Is this new? Perhaps not, but right now you feel his negativity more strongly than usual. Stay calm. How you view another could change substantially in the next few months.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You've had enough, and you opt to cancel plans because of another's mood or your finances. Could it be both? An easy pace keeps your nerves from becoming frayed. Get some exercise: Go to the gym, walk or dance. Handle important matters that revolve around work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Listen carefully to another's version of what should happen, even though you might disagree. Venus goes retrograde, forcing you to review recent decisions. You could be out of sorts over the next month, opting to put terms on a most difficult situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You might simply want to call in and take a personal day. Others are cantankerous and difficult. Demands seem irregular and push you way past your normal bound-

aries. Take your time. The next few weeks bring new facts to light. Laughter goes a long way here.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Keep talking, even if you feel a bit down. A friend could disappoint you in the next few weeks. Let it go! Don't push others, especially a co-worker. Keep communication flowing and open. You might not always understand others; let them explain.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

A boss can become tiresome, and right now you don't have any brilliant solutions at your fingertips. Be careful with a child or loved one — he needs you, but he could be rebelling. Remember, the stronger the resistance, the deeper the need. If single, a blast from the past is likely in the next few weeks.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You can be harder on yourself than anyone else is. Gain a perspective; understand what is happening. Why are you doing this? Deal with domestic issues head-on. News from a distance could be disconcerting. Go with the flow for the next few weeks, and you'll find that you are much happier.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Communication runs amok and, if you aren't careful, it could stay that way for a while. Use care when dealing with others. Make requests and choose your words carefully. One-to-one relating and money matters could get a bit stiff. Don't do anything irreversible. Right now, it is best to just observe.

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♦	A53	♣	KJ4

The bidding:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass
4♠ Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

The technique in this hand is as old as the hills and should be known to most players. But we are constantly surprised by how many declarers get it wrong, or err by being careless.

North had a difficult rebid to make. In terms of high cards the hand might be worth only a jump to three spades, but the trick-taking ability clearly warranted a jump to game. That was the North's choice at the table.

West led the king of hearts, and the defenders quickly banked three tricks in the suit. On lead with the queen, East decided that it was unlikely the defense had another fast

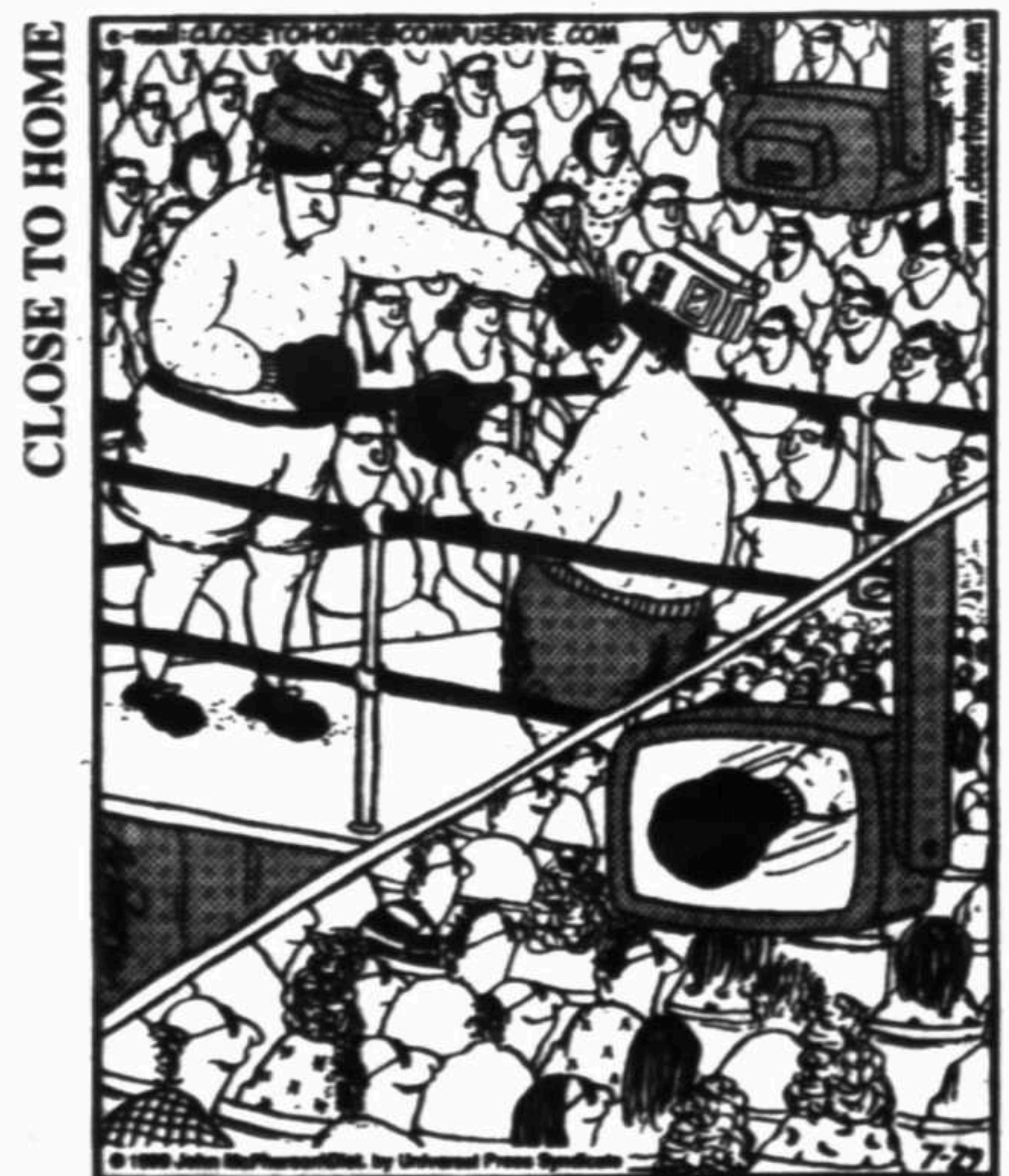
Watch those spots

trick available (West would surely have cashed the ace of diamonds before leading a third heart), so he continued with the 13th heart, giving declarer a useless ruff sluff. Declarer correctly ruffed low in hand, and West defended well by discarding the diamond.

The jack of spades was run and, when that held, declarer continued with a spade to the 10. East's failure to follow

did not bother South much until, when declarer tried to get to hand with the ace of diamonds, West ruffed for down one.

Correct technique in handling trumps was for declarer to lead the nine of trumps at trick five. When that holds, declarer can continue with the jack and then repeat the finesse to pick up all the outstanding trumps and score 10 tricks in short order.



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July 29, 1999

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PEOPLE TODAY

Sawyer won't say why she missed work

PASADENA, Calif. — Diane Sawyer says it wasn't grief that led her to beg off early coverage of John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane crash.

However, she refused to say exactly why she missed two days as "Good Morning America" co-host.

Ms. Sawyer cited "personal considerations" for her absence following the death of Kennedy, his wife and sister-in-law off the Massachusetts coast July 16. At the time, ABC cited her distress over the death of Kennedy, a personal friend.

"A lot of people in this country felt the weight of the tragedy," Ms. Sawyer told a gathering of TV writers Tuesday. "And I'm not saying I didn't, too, but that was not the reason. ... I did have other personal considerations." She would not elaborate.

NEW YORK — Lauren Bacall is returning to Broadway — and on Noel Coward's 100th birthday.

The actress will star in a revival of Coward's 1960 comedy "Waiting in the Wings." It will open in New York on Dec. 16, a century after the English playwright was born in London.

Bacall, who has won Tonys for her performances in such musicals as "Applause" and "Woman of the Year," will take the show to Boston first, trying it out there at the Colonial Theater Nov. 11-28.

The play, set in a retirement home for actresses, is about the arrival of a newcomer whose appearance reignites old rivalries.

Bacall, who has starred in such movie classics as "Key Largo," "To Have and Have Not" and "The Big Sleep," portrays the new arrival.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Roberta Flack serenaded Nelson Mandela on Wednesday with her most famous tune — "Killing Me Softly" — in an hour-long meeting at the former president's home.

"It was the song my fingers found when they touched the keys," the singer told reporters who heard the song while waiting outside. She said she was curious to hear the tone of Mandela's piano.

Ms. Flack, 60, is giving five performances in Johannesburg and looking at business ventures in South Africa during her first visit to the country.

"It has been such an experience as you can imagine, both emotional and historical," she said.

NEW YORK — Hector Elizondo says his "Runaway Bride" co-stars Julia Roberts and Richard Gere have changed since their "Pretty Woman" days.

"Runaway Bride" reunites Ms. Roberts and Gere, as well as Elizondo — who starred with the duo in the smash hit "Pretty Woman."

Elizondo played Bernard the hotel manager in "Pretty Woman"; he plays a newspaper editor in the latest film.

"You have people, like in Julia's case, who are consummate professionals now that it's 10 years later," Elizondo said in Wednesday's Daily News. "She's a far more interesting actor now."

Gere, he said, is concentrating on things besides films.

"I think his real passion now is the work he does with the Dalai Lama," Elizondo said. "His feet are on the ground, but his head is closer to the clouds."

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Conductor Sarah Caldwell will oversee the opera program at the University of Arkansas starting in the fall.

Miss Caldwell said Wednesday that taking the job will be a sort of homecoming. She attended high school in Fayetteville.

Miss Caldwell said she would like to start a center at the university to train singers, stage directors, conductors and entrepreneurs.

"Several things made me want to come here where I could train people and do opera in a variety of styles and hopefully turn the community onto opera," she said.

Her achievements in the musical world include founding the Boston Opera Group, now the Opera Company of Boston, and conducting the Metropolitan Opera at New York — the first woman to do so.

Miss Caldwell was honored by President Clinton in 1997 with the National Medal of Arts.

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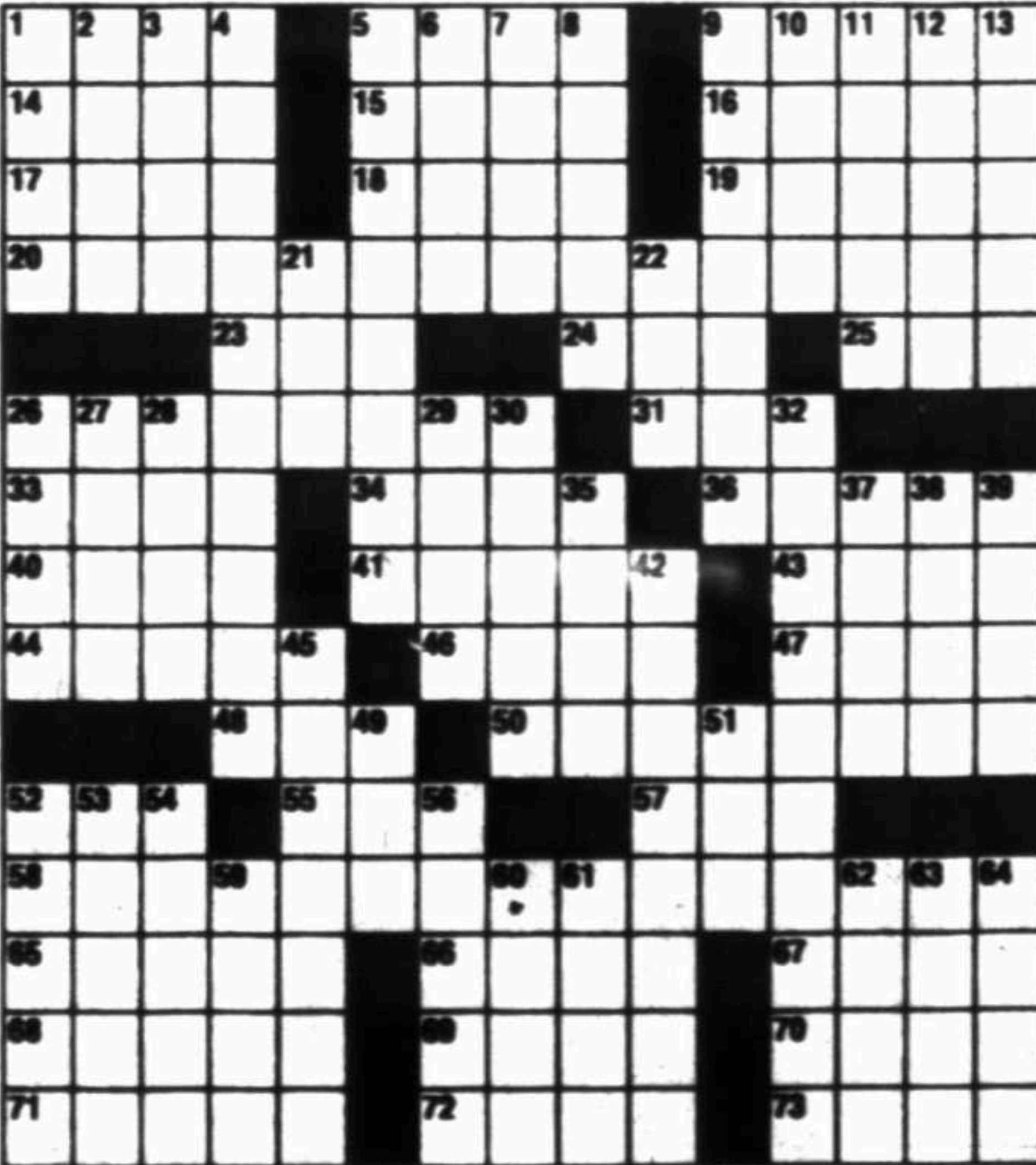
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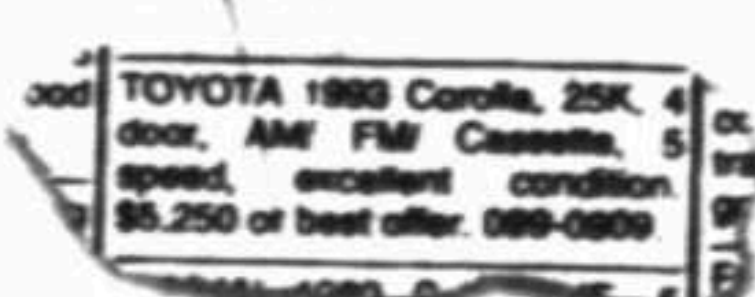
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DOE to order nationwide security training at sites

By John Diamond
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Energy Secretary Bill Richardson is temporarily suspending operations next week at Energy Department research and weapons sites for training on espionage prevention and other national security issues.

In a decision that was to be announced Thursday, Richardson accepted the recommendation of his newly installed security chief that a so-called stand-down occur department-wide at defense-related work sites that have not yet had their counterespionage and information security systems reviewed. The main point of the stand-down, scheduled for Aug. 3, is to provide employees with an entire day of training on information security issues.

"Every one of our workers must realize — if they don't already — that every job carries with it a security obligation," Richardson said in an Energy Department statement to be released Thursday, a copy of which was obtained Wednesday by The Associated

Press.

"I'm ordering this action to ensure that DOE is doing everything possible to protect America's secrets and sensitive technologies. Without exception, participation is required," Richardson said.

The stand-down will be the third conducted by the Energy Department. The first covered the nuclear weapons labs, including the sprawling facility at Los Alamos, N.M., the suspected target of a Chinese espionage effort. The second was a shutdown of the secure computer systems at the weapons labs after reports that a Los Alamos scientist suspected of spying for China had shifted sensitive weapons files from a secure computer system to one accessible to outsiders.

The weapons labs are not covered by the latest order.

The stand-down will cover sites that conduct classified work. Among the sites that will stand down are the Savannah River Site near Augusta, Ga.; the Y-12 Plant at Oak Ridge, Tenn.; the Kansas City, Kan., plant; Pantex in Amarillo, Texas; Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Lab near Idaho

Falls; the Hanford site in Richland, Wash.; the Nevada test site north of Las Vegas; and the Rocky Flats site near Denver.

The stand-down was ordered on the advice of DOE's new security chief, Eugene Habiger, former head of the U.S. Strategic Command.

Some additional sites that deal with research, academic exchanges and other non-classified work will be shut down before the end of August.

"Security must remain an inherent part of our day-to-day work ethic and culture," the retired general said. "The stand-down is a vital next step to ensure that all of our facilities, regardless of their missions, are living up to that special trust."

Employees will attend seminars and conferences on terrorism, cyber-security, export regulations, computer hacking, problems surrounding disgruntled employees and unintentional errors.

The move comes amid some complaints from Capitol Hill about poor awareness among DOE employees of security matters.

White House plans elaborate system to protect computers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is planning to create a government-wide security network to protect the nation's most important computer systems from hackers, thieves, terrorists and hostile countries.

Civil liberties groups complain that the security tools also would make possible unprecedented electronic monitoring, especially because of the increasingly widespread use of computers by the government in almost every aspect of its citizens' daily lives.

The 148-page proposal describes building an elaborate network of electronic obstacles, monitors and analyzers to watch for potentially suspi-

cious activity on federal computer systems.

The first 500 intrusion monitors would be installed on nonmilitary government computers next year, according to a draft copy of the proposal obtained by The Associated Press. The full system would be completed by May 2003.

The plan also suggests ways to convince private companies to monitor their corporate computer networks and share information about threats, although it says the government will not force companies to permit federal monitoring of their systems.

The report predicts federal spending on computer security to increase to \$1.4 billion in fiscal 2000.

Ken Starr special investigator finds no evidence of witness tampering

WASHINGTON (AP) — An investigator in Kenneth Starr's office found insufficient evidence that conservatives paid a key Whitewater witness in hopes of influencing his testimony about President Clinton.

Closing a case that Clinton supporters viewed as evidence of a right-wing conspiracy to get the president, Starr accepted the investigator's recommendation that no charges be brought in connection with allegations against David Hale and activists working for a conservative magazine.

The investigator, former Justice Department watchdog Michael Shaheen, said that many of the allegations of financial assistance or other benefits to Hale were "unsubstantiated or, in some cases, untrue," according to a statement issued by Starr's office Wednesday that quoted Shaheen and two retired judges who reviewed his work.

"There is little if any credible evidence establishing" that Hale received some of the assistance alleged, the statement said.

In other cases, there is insufficient evidence of "criminal intent" attached to favors to Hale, the report said.

From 1994 to 1996 Hale sometimes stayed at secluded fishing camp in Arkansas owned by one of three men being paid by the American Spectator magazine to unearth information on Whitewater. He ate meals there and also was allowed to use the cabin owner's car.

Hale has denied receiving any cash payments from the group.

Shaheen sent a letter to Hale's lawyer on Tuesday stating that the Office of Special Review, as his team of investigators was called, had concluded no charges should be brought.

No further details of Shaheen's

investigation were provided and the statement from Starr's office made no indication whether Shaheen's 168-page report, turned over to Starr in June, would be made public.

David Bowden, Hale's attorney, could not be reached for comment. Shaheen's investigation focused on allegations, first reported by The Associated Press, that Hale received assistance from conservative activists working for the American Spectator magazine — on a project financed by billionaire philanthropist Richard Mellon Scaife — at the same time Hale was cooperating with Starr's investigation.

A disgraced former Arkansas judge, Hale pleaded guilty in 1994 in connection with two Whitewater-related felonies and became Starr's top witness against Clinton and his Whitewater business partners.

His testimony helped convict President Clinton's former business partners and Arkansas' sitting governor in a fraudulent loan case in the spring of 1996.

Fishing camp owner Parker Dozier of Hot Springs, Ark., and two other conservative activists were being paid by the magazine to unearth information about Whitewater.

Dozier denied giving money to Hale. "The investigation proved that out," he said in a phone interview Wednesday.

The magazine funded the project with \$1.7 million it received from foundations controlled Scaife, whose foundations have given millions to anti-Clinton groups.

Caryn Mann, Dozier's former girlfriend, alleged that Hale received a series of cash payments of between \$40 and \$500 each and frequently discussed the Whitewater case with Dozier and the others.

NASA engine manager: Columbia's fuel leak was 'too close for comfort'

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA found three little holes Wednesday in an engine nozzle of space shuttle Columbia after its return to Earth, confirming fears that the ship leaked hydrogen fuel during liftoff.

NASA's engine manager called the leak "too close for comfort," and the space agency vowed to find out how it happened.

Officials said that there was never any danger of an explosion but that if the leak had been bigger, it could have caused an engine shutdown and forced an unprecedented emergency landing in either Florida or Africa.

"We're very concerned about it, very concerned," said George Hopson, manager of NASA's shuttle main engine program. He added: "We fully intend to find out what happened to this nozzle and make sure it doesn't happen again."

Last week, engineers were perplexed when Columbia ended up seven miles short of its intended orbit after liftoff Friday. They

checked photographs of the launch and found that a hydrogen leak probably was to blame.

After Columbia touched down Tuesday night, NASA got a look, and the damage was immediately visible: three holes, no more than a quarter-inch in size, in three side-by-side steel tubes in the right engine nozzle.

The holes were big enough for as much as five pounds of hydrogen fuel to leak each second of Columbia's 8 1/2-minute climb to orbit.

"That's too close for comfort," Hopson said.

The nozzle may have been struck by a rock or a piece of the brick flame trench underneath the spacecraft when the rocket ignited, Hopson said. The area is supposed to be clean of debris. It's also possible the tubes were damaged well before the countdown, he said.

Hopson said it is extremely unlikely a structural defect caused the holes, since all three tubes had the same kind of flaw in basically the same place.

1999 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN THE CITY OF MIDLAND

This notice concerns 1999 property tax rates for the City of Midland. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine the property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties used in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by law. The rates are given in per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes
Last year's debt taxes
Last year's total taxes
Last year's tax base
Last year's total tax rate

\$17,586,107.93
\$2,684,097.54
\$20,270,205
\$3,099,419,797
\$0.6540 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)
/ This year's adjusted tax base
(after subtracting value of new property)
= This year's effective tax rate

\$20,250,926
\$3,159,474,116
\$0.64096 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes
(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)
/ This year's adjusted tax base
= This year's effective operating rate
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate
+ This year's debt rate
= This year's rollback rate

\$17,569,749
\$3,159,474,116
\$0.55610 /\$100
\$0.60059 /\$100
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SCHEDULE A: UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FUND - EST	\$4,715,000
INTEREST AND SINKING FUND EST.	\$277,815

SCHEDULE B: 1999 DEBT SERVICE

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
General Obligation Bonds 1992	\$400,000	\$30,200	\$400	\$430,600
Certificates of Obligation 1995	\$335,000	\$211,225	\$400	\$546,625
Certificates of Obligation 1997	\$265,000	\$212,873	\$400	\$478,273
Certificates of Obligation 1998	\$47,500	\$44,546	\$400	\$92,446
General Obligation Refund 1998	\$965,000	\$224,112	\$400	\$1,189,512
General Obligation Refund 1999	\$97,782	\$337,709	\$400	\$435,891
Total Expenditures	\$2,110,282	\$1,060,665	\$2,400	\$3,173,347

Total required for 1999 debt service
Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A
Amount (if any) paid from other sources
Excess collections last year
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1999
+ Amount added in anticipation that unit will collect only 97.5% of its taxes in 1999
= **Total Debt Levy**

\$3,173,347
\$110,797
\$0
\$28,645
\$3,033,905
\$77,792
\$3,111,697

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 4631 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas.

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Research first: Scientists turn normal cell cancerous

By David Kinney
Associated Press

For the first time, scientists have created a cancerous human cell by genetically altering a normal one in the laboratory — a breakthrough that could speed the development of drugs that wipe out tumors.

Researchers know that cancer is caused by genes turned bad, and they have been trying to develop drugs that fix these flaws. But up to now, they have been fumbling in the dark: They aren't sure exactly which combinations of flaws cause the many types of cancer. Nor do they know precisely which drugs repair which faulty genes.

Now, with this latest breakthrough, they will be able to create specific genetic flaws in the lab and then try to find drugs that work.

Moreover, they can use this breakthrough to work backwards and determine which flaws cause which types of cancer.

The research was led by Dr. Robert Weinberg of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research. It was reported in Thursday's issue of the science journal *Nature*.

"This provides a laboratory tool, and it's a significant one," said Curt Harris, chief of the National Cancer Institute's human carcinogenesis lab.

Moshe Yaniv, a cancer researcher at France's Pasteur Institute, called Weinberg's work a landmark paper.

"I think this is an important step. Understanding cancer is an important step," Yaniv said. "But we should not give people the impression that we're going to cure cancer next year."

With this latest breakthrough, researchers will be able to create specific genetic flaws in the lab and then try to find drugs that work.

Scientists have previously been able to turn normal human cells cancerous using chemicals and X-rays. But that is a scatter-shot approach: The scientists have no idea exactly what kind of genetic flaws might result.

Weinberg's research is part of a relatively new approach to treating cancer that is more like a rifle than a shotgun. Scientists believe that attacking the underlying genetic flaws would not only be more effective but would also spare patients the side effects caused by today's chemotherapy drugs, which assault both cancerous cells and healthy ones.

About two dozen gene-targeting drugs are already in the testing pipeline. Earlier research by Weinberg helped pave the way for Herceptin, a government-approved drug that targets the genetic flaws that cause breast cancer.

Genes are the blueprints that tell a cell when to divide and when to die. Often, when a gene turns bad, it triggers uncontrolled growth, but genes called tumor suppressors step in to stop it. It's when these tumor suppressors also turn bad that tumors develop.

Weinberg built his cancer cell by first inserting a gene-turned-bad called *ras* that causes cells to grow incessantly. Then he disabled two tumor-suppressing proteins with another bad gene. Finally, he added a telomerase catalyst, which allows cells to

continue dividing indefinitely.

Researchers can now look for drugs that would, for example, restore the tumor suppressors or intercept the telomerase catalyst. "One can use this model now to identify in a rational way drugs that are targeted to those pathways," Harris said.

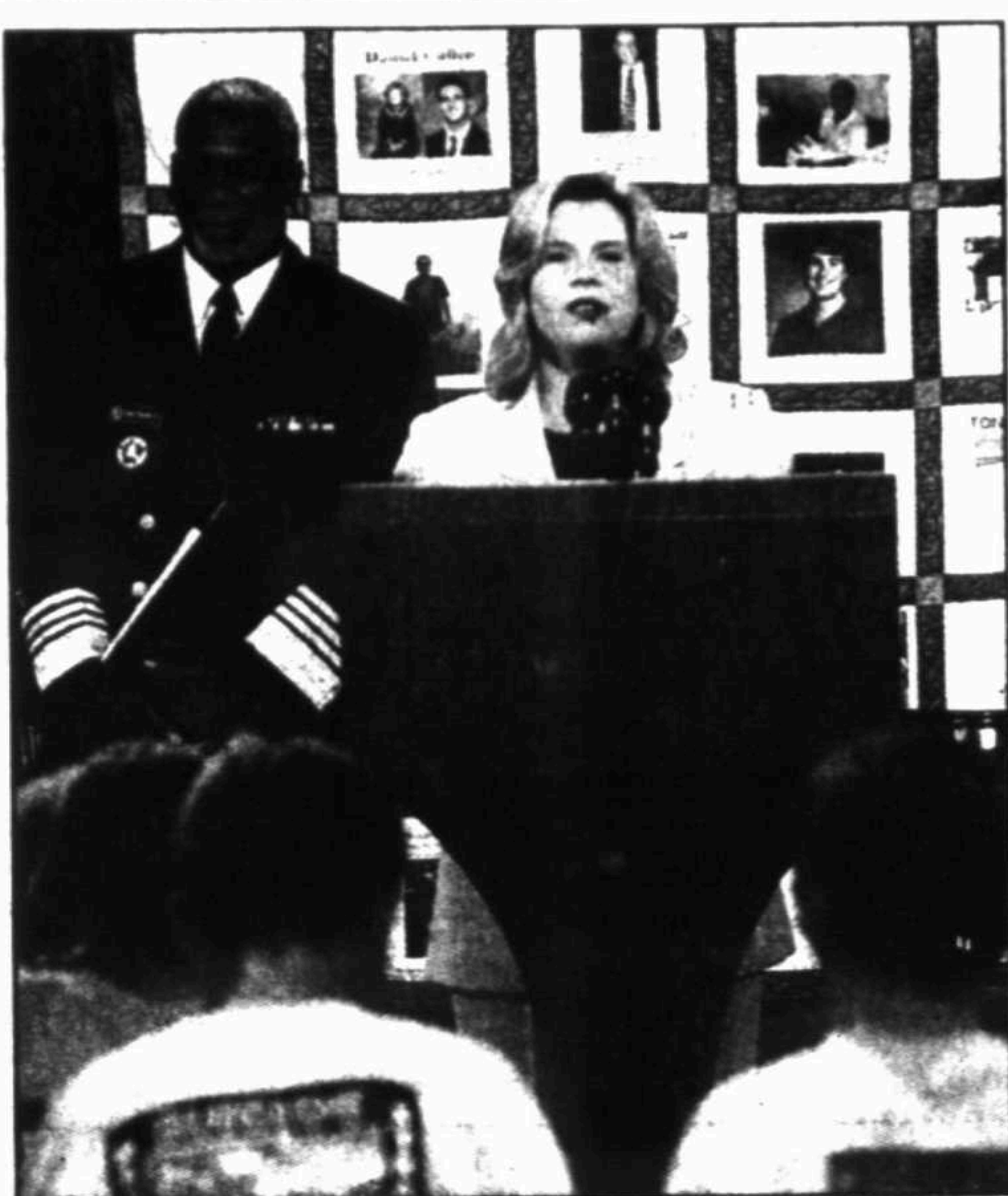
In creating this cancer cell, the researchers started with skin and kidney tissue, but they do not believe it is like any cancer that exists in humans.

There are major types of cancer, such as breast cancer or colon cancer, and then subgroups that may have slightly different genetic flaws. Researchers know some of the flaws that cause, say, breast cancer, but not all of them.

Simply taking cancerous tissue from a patient and examining it for genetic flaws would be near impossible because there are hundreds of thousands of genes in every cell.

"The cell is still very much a black box. We've rubbed away some of the outside of it, but the middle is still unclear," said Bill Hahn, a clinical oncologist involved in MIT's research.

But by using this latest breakthrough, scientists can work backwards. They can take, say, human breast cells, genetically alter them and see what happens. That way, they might identify some of the major genetic changes that cause breast cancer.



AP Photo

Tipper Gore, wife of Vice President Gore, accompanied by Surgeon General David Satcher, addresses students in the Old Executive Office Building in Washington Wednesday to discuss the surgeon general's report 'Call to Action to Prevent Suicide.'

Surgeon general asks nation to focus on suicide prevention

By Laura Meckler
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Suicide, once only whispered about, must be boldly confronted by the nation's parents and children, doctors and schools, baseball coaches and hairdressers, Surgeon General David Satcher said Wednesday as he declared suicide a serious national threat.

Suicide is the eighth leading cause of death, claiming about 30,000 lives each year. That compares with fewer than 19,000 homicides. And more than a half million Americans attempt suicide each year but survive.

"People should not be afraid or ashamed to seek help," Satcher said, putting his first stamp on mental health issues. "Suicide is a serious public health problem."

He issued 15 public recommendations for increasing awareness about suicide, stepping up research and encouraging intervention with people at risk. Early next year, Satcher plans to present a "national strategy" toward suicide prevention that will offer more specific ideas for helping particular groups.

Older Americans, particularly men, are most likely to take their own lives. Also at heightened risk are American Indians and gay and lesbian youth.

Satcher plans a full report reviewing the science and treatments for mental illness, a first for the surgeon general's office.

Tipper Gore, the vice president's wife and a longtime advocate for mental health issues, joined Satcher to release

the report and said that too often, mental illness leads to suicide. "Millions of Americans and their families face mental illness, often alone and sometimes in fear. Too often suicide is the result," said Mrs. Gore.

Parents, teachers and others who interact with people at risk of suicide often do not realize that they can help, the report concludes.

Doris Smith of Atlanta, whose 27-year-old son committed suicide, agreed. "I did not know depression was a disease that could be treated," she said.

Victims also need to be educated that depression and other mental illnesses are treatable, said Christopher Marshall, 37, who suffered from panic attacks that nobody seemed to understand. He spoke of one day in the summer of 1994 when he walked into his father's Wardtown, Va., farm with his father's shotgun in hand.

"I cried as I walked and wondered how I got to this place. I believed there was no other way to end this nightmare," he said. But somehow, he said, he was able to "grasp the faintest notion" that there could be hope.

"Tears streamed down my face and I put the gun down," he said. "Suicide is preventable."

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., whose father shot himself to death in 1972, said that hearings are planned for this fall in the Senate Appropriations health subcommittee. Advocates hope it will be an important step toward getting more money and attention to the problem.

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The Texas 10000 Leukemia Fun Run
Saturday, September 25, 1999
8:30 AM - Haley Park

Later This Year

Celebrate 2000 Volunteers
Saturday, October 23, 1999
Trinity Towers Retirement Village - Fall Festival
Casa de Amigos - Paint Cakes
Habitat For Humanity - Complete House
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Saturday, October 30, 1999
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Sales tax holiday can help Texans' school shopping

Parents and students getting ready to do their back-to-school shopping should be aware that under a bill passed by the Texas Legislature and signed into law by Gov. George W. Bush, they can save money by doing that shopping on Aug. 6-8.

Those are the dates on which Texas will observe its first-ever sales tax "holiday," and items of children's and adult clothing and non-athletic shoes costing less than \$100 will be completely exempt from state and local sales taxes.

Of course, some items will not be included in the exemption — such as those articles of clothing used exclusively for athletic purposes like golf shoes or football pants. Neither will jewelry, handbags, wallets and formal wear be exempt.

But for those 72 hours on Aug. 6-8, Texans will be able to enjoy tax-free back-to-school shopping. The holiday means Texans will save up to 8.25 percent on their purchases. In fact, say state officials, Texans actually could save as much as \$69.2 million or more during the tax-free period. That has been the experience in other states that declared a sales tax holiday. New Yorkers have saved \$81.6 million thanks to three sales tax holidays since January 1997. And residents of Florida saved \$15.1 million last August during that state's \$50 sales tax holiday.

Texas' sales tax holiday is part of a package of pro-consumer tax relief measures aimed at putting money back into the pockets of Texas families. The Texas Legislature also eliminated sales taxes on over-the-counter medications and up to \$25 per month in Internet access charges. In all, state leaders cut consumer, business and property taxes by nearly \$2 billion this year.

Texans can take advantage of some of that savings on Aug. 6-8.

For those 72 hours on Aug. 6-8, Texans will be able to enjoy tax-free back-to-school shopping.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, July 29, the 210th day of 1999. There are 155 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On July 29, 1981, Britain's Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. (They were divorced in 1996.)

On this date:

In 1588, the English defeated the Spanish Armada in the Battle of Gravelines.

In 1890, artist Vincent van Gogh died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Auvers, France.

In 1914, transcontinental telephone service began with the first phone conversation between New York and San Francisco.

In 1948, Britain's King George VI opened the Olympic Games in London.

In 1957, the International Atomic Energy Agency was established.

In 1957, Jack Paar debuted as host of NBC's "Tonight" show.

In 1958, President Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, which created NASA.

In 1967, fire swept the USS Forrestal in the Gulf of Tonkin, killing 134 servicemen.

In 1968, Pope Paul VI reaffirmed the Roman Catholic Church's stance against artificial methods of birth control.

In 1975, President Ford became the first U.S. president to visit the site of the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland and paid tribute to the victims.

Ten years ago: Poland's newly elected president, Wojciech Jaruzelski, resigned as Communist Party general secretary and was succeeded by Mieczyslaw Rakowski.

Five years ago: Abortion opponent Paul Hill shot and killed Dr. John Bayard Britton and Britton's bodyguard, James H. Barrett, outside the Ladies Center clinic in Pensacola, Fla. (Hill was convicted and sentenced to death.) Supreme Court nominee Stephen G. Breyer won Senate approval.

One year ago: President Clinton reached an agreement with Kenneth Starr to provide grand jury testimony via closed-circuit television in the Monica Lewinsky case. Jerome Robbins, a master choreographer of modern ballet and a major Broadway innovator, died in New York at age 79.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Lloyd Bochner is 75. Actor Robert Horton is 75. Former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker (R-Kan.) is 67. Actor Robert Fuller is 65. Republican presidential candidate Elizabeth H. Dole is 63. ABC News anchor Peter Jennings is 61. Actor David Warner is 58. Rock musician Neal Doughty (REO Speedwagon) is 53.

GEORGE WILL

Polls have taken the surprise out of campaigns

WASHINGTON—Polls, complains a witty curmudgeon (Barbara Holland, an essayist writing from her redoubt in rural Virginia), have "done for elections what amniocentesis did for pregnancy—stolen the surprise." Similar complaints are now heard concerning George W. Bush's fund-raising success which, complainers say, has drained the drama from the Republican presidential contest.

The subtext of this complaining is that what Bush has accomplished short-circuits or otherwise affronts democracy. Actually, Bush's fund-raising is evidence of democratic vitality and dramatizes the anti-democratic confusion behind most campaign finance "reforms."

The most impressive eruption of popular participation in presidential politics since the Second World War occurred in 1968, and liberals will be chagrined to learn that it was not the anti-war insurgency of Minnesota Sen. Eugene McCarthy in Democratic primaries that helped precipitate the withdrawal of President Lyndon Johnson. The most remarkably broad-based involvement in presidential politics was the drive that placed Alabama's Gov. George Wallace on all 50 state ballots, when impediments to ballot access for third parties were much more onerous than they are today.

To get on California's ballot, Wallace supporters had to get 66,000 signatures—not a daunting total, but they had to get them in 1967, and all signatures had to fill out a two-page legal-size form to register as members of Wallace's new party. More

than 100,000 did.

Ohio required Wallace supporters to gather the absurd number of 433,000 signatures—in 10 weeks. When his supporters surpassed that total by perhaps 100,000, an Ohio court ruled that Wallace's American Independent Party was a "fictional party." Real parties, the court opined, develop not from the top down but from the bottom up—which was exactly what was happening. Wallace stopped executing the U.S. Supreme Court long enough to appeal to it, and it ordered Ohio to put him on the ballot.

The continentwide combustion of the Wallace movement has not been given due respect, largely because it refutes the intelligentsia's assumption that democratic vitality must coincide with "progressive" causes. And now comes another affront to liberal paradigms: The second-most remarkable postwar instance of participatory politics in presidential campaigning is the ongoing fund raising that has emancipated Bush from federal laws designed to restrict political participation.

Comically oxymoronic descriptions of Bush's success spring to mind. It is the insurgency of the establishment, the incandescence of the comfortable, the oppressed rattling their tennis bracelets rather than their chains. Amusing. But if Al Gore could be made more sober, a sobering fact would be this:

By now about upward of 80,000 contributors have given about \$40 million to Bush. As of the last reporting date, June 30, the average contribution was \$466.69. Most give the maximum that has been permitted since 1974, \$1,000. If that limit had been indexed for inflation, then the limit would be today \$3,306.

Of the approximately 460,000 individuals who have contributed to the Republican National Committee so far this year, almost 70,000 are first-time

contributors and another 42,000 have resumed contributing after abstaining for three or more years. In 1997, the last nonelection year, RNC contributors totaled just 119,715.

Participating in politics by contributing money is not generally a vice, it is good citizenship. Some of those who have difficulty attracting contributors say contributing is somehow a less seemly, less noble way of participating in politics than, say, giving time or labor. But money embodies time spent working; money is congealed labor.

Both parties, and candidates at all levels, are raising money in unusual quantities. This is partly a wholesome consequence of unusual economic conditions: The gross domestic product was \$1.4 trillion when the \$1,000 limit was set in 1974. It is almost \$9 trillion today. In a healthy democracy, individuals should spend more of their personal surpluses on politics.

In the 1995-96 election cycle, Americans spent \$675 million on presidential politics; in 1997 they spent \$8 billion on pornography. But, then, in the last quarter-century pornography has been deregulated, whereas spending on political expression has been enveloped in regulations.

Bush's fund raising enables him to forgo federal matching funds, and the speech rationing they entail. So taxpayers who do not support him will not see tax dollars spent to support him, and he will not be restricted to the government-approved amounts of political communication—just \$1.13 million of it in Iowa and \$661,200 worth in New Hampshire.

Campaign finance "reformers" are scandalized, another sign of national health.

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SPEAKING OUT

There is no such thing as a fair fight

By Connie Holloway

This week we have an anniversary in my family, but it's not one that we look forward to celebrating. Four years ago we lost a loved one — James Irving Poole.

"Jip" was murdered on July 27, 1995; it was his 18th birthday. He thought he was going to back a friend in a fair fight. With the easy access to weapons that our children have today there is definitely no such thing as a fair fight. Even if your child doesn't take a weapon, there is no guarantee someone else won't. After all, it is a fight and everyone wants to win.

Even the innocent bystander can quickly become the victim. We must instill in our children the fear of violence and the knowledge of the devastation it can bring. If everyone could sit in with a support group called Survivors of Homicide, they would realize there is never just one victim of a crime. Everyone who was ever touched by that person has their life changed; they have been victimized.

Although we must rely on our courts to hand down punishment, our experiences have proven that it is not a justice system. Where is the justice when a murderer is released because of a computer glitch or an overlooked legality? Where is the justice when a murderer receives a sentence of only 10 years for his crime and then only has to serve four or five years in jail? Where is the justice when the victims' families have to live in fear of retaliation because a murderer is free to walk the streets? If you're thinking this is not justice, you're right.

There was no justice for Jip. The young man guilty of this crime had proven time and again to be a danger to our society, yet each time they were sent on their way with just a slap on the hand. Perhaps if criminals really had to suffer the consequences of their crimes as in an-eye-for-an-eye, these terrible crimes

would decrease.

The Victims' Rights Groups work continuously to promote awareness of these problems in the hope that someday they might right some of the injustices. It's a very slow, heartbreaking job, but one we cannot afford to give up.

Jip was my nephew and I still think of him every day. Sometimes it feels like that knife was stuck into my heart, too. It can hurt so much and many things cause it to twist a little deeper, like remembering all the good times that we'll no longer share with him or thinking of the many things that we'll never get to see him do, like graduating from high school and college, getting married and starting his own family. These things have been stolen from us by an uncaring and selfish individual who has never shown any remorse for the terrible things that he did.

Knowing the pain that I feel, I can only imagine how much deeper that pain must be for his Mom and Dad. They lost their only child!

We will tell our stories over and over, not to wallow in self-pity and grief but to keep our loved ones memories alive, to honor their souls and to celebrate the goodness that was left behind when they touched our lives for a brief time. We do it because we loved him and we want everyone to know. We do it because we don't want anyone else to have to suffer what we have. We do it in hopes that we can touch that hearts of everyone but especially our young people and make them realize that violence cannot be the answer, for when violence steps in there are no winners!

The changes have to begin within each of us. Parents, love your children and let it show. Children, love your parents and let them know. Everyone love each other as kindred souls in this journey we call life. Every little flame makes the fire burn brighter and together we can light up this world with love and a hope for a safer and happier future. But for now we must live with the knowledge that we will rejoice our loved ones in a better place where the pain will all be gone and we will live forever with joy and happiness.

Jip, we will always love you, miss you and remember you.

Aunt Connie



CAL THOMAS

Television people kill broadcast journalism

There may be no specific date on which the Roman Empire fell, but the final gasp of broadcast journalism occurred last week during the mawkish, obsequious and completely unprofessional coverage of the death of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law. Individuals once known as journalists morphed into alien life forms I'll call the Television People.

The Television People gave us their version of Woodstock '99. It was a massive encounter group for these aging and made-up Baby Boomers who decided to work out their frustration over the mythical Camelot that never was and now, with the death of "the heir," can never be.

Misleading "breaking news" revealed how broken the news has become. The Television People stopped the world, but they didn't want to get off.

Writing in the New York Times, Caryn James observed: "With this death television has not served the useful function of communal mourning so much as it has provided communal mind control and illusion.... Mr. Kennedy (and by extension his dutifully mentioned wife and sister-in-law) were canvases on which reporters, historians and long-lost college classmates imposed what they wanted to believe."

On CNN, one of the Television People narrated film of a young John Jr. playing on a beach, rhapsodizing about "the boy who so loved the ocean that one day he would be part of it." Later, Candy Crowley babbled: "Summer should never be the final season of life." Checking the obituary page would have shown Crowley that death takes no vacation, one of the few clichés I didn't hear during the past week.

A once-proud profession has become all tabloid, all the time. A profession mostly respected in the past, which once informed, now titillates. The most outrageous untruths and inaccuracies are tolerated, even promoted, so long as they ratify the favored myth, be it Camelot or liberalism. NBC's Tom Brokaw, who knows what real journalism looks like but feels the pull of the Television People, said: "I think many people in my generation believe that (the Kennedys) would define our lives in terms of accomplishments and achievement and triumph." Get a real life, Tom.

From another of the Television People, Diana Olick on CBS News, we learned: "It is a testament to their unquestioning love of these waters that this family can continue to find peace in a sea that has stolen so much from them."

The Television People (CNBC's Chris Matthews excepted) mostly excused Clinton's false statement that he hosted JFK Jr.'s first return visit to the White House.

The decline of broadcast journalism began in the late '60s when I worked for NBC News. The advertising department, which had been mostly kept out of the news division during the tenure of NBC President Robert Kintner and his predecessor, Sylvester "Pat" Weaver, was allowed in. Ratings for news started to matter, as they did for entertainment. Stories were increasingly selected for the type of audience they would bring, especially women. The ratings declined anyway, along with the respect most people once had for the journalism profession. Add to story imbalance what many correctly perceive to be an ideological tilt to the left and you know why increasing numbers of people are looking elsewhere for real news.

Cal Thomas' column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.



Thomas

Replacement of Clark exposes discontent over Kosovo victory

By John Diamond
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration decision to accelerate the replacement of Gen. Wesley Clark as NATO commander next year exposes rifts in the U.S. high command that persist despite the allied victory in the Kosovo campaign.

Pushing Clark aside paves the way to install Air Force Gen. Joseph Ralston, now vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs and a confidant of Defense Secretary William Cohen.

The administration was putting the best face possible on the abrupt change of command, praising Clark and saying that moving up the four-star Army general's departure by two months — from July to May next year — was done to accommodate Ralston, who must leave his Joint Chiefs post by early next year. By law, he must get a new four-star position within 60 days or retire.

"General Clark is a superb commander. The president has the highest degree of confidence in him," Sandy Berger, the national security adviser, said Wednesday at a White House news conference. "He did a superb job in the prosecution of the campaign in Kosovo. Witness the fact that we won."

Berger left open the possibility that Clark might serve his country in "other ways" after leaving the NATO post.

The victory in Yugoslavia apparently was not enough to earn Clark a second extension of his term as the supreme allied commander in Europe. Of the 10 previous officers to hold the job — all Americans — only three served shorter terms than the two years, 10 months Clark will have served by next May. One of those, Gen. John Shalikashvili, left the European command in 1993 because Clinton named him chairman of the Joint Chiefs.

Clark appeared to take the decision in stride. But officials close to him said he was miffed at how he was informed of it in a telephone call Tuesday from the current Joint Chiefs chairman, Army Gen. Hugh Shelton.

"When a soldier's journey is over, it's over," Clark said Wednesday, describing the action as a routine staff change.

"I am very proud of wearing this uniform. I love my job," he said in Vilnius, Lithuania, after a meeting with Lithuanian President Valdas Adamkus, according to Baltic News Service.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Cohen recommended the accelerated change of command because of the difficulty in changing Ralston's departure date from the Joint Chiefs. President Clinton accepted that recommendation, he said.

Sen. John Warner, chairman of



AP Photo
NATO's supreme commander Gen. Wesley Clark passes an honor guard in the Lithuanian capital Vilnius, Wednesday. The Clinton administration has told Gen. Wesley Clark, the American commander who led the successful NATO bombing campaign against Yugoslavia, to give up his command two months early next year.

the Senate Armed Services Committee, praised Clark as a "strong, decisive leader" but displayed no concern over the timing of the change of command. Warner, R-Va., said that when Ralston's nomination is sent to the Senate for confirmation, "he will have my support."

Several U.S. administration and military officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, pointed to points of tension in Clark's tenure:

■ He argued strenuously that the option of using ground troops in Kosovo not be removed from the table and he chafed at the graduated air campaign dictated by the 19-member NATO alliance.

■ Clark was not particularly close to Cohen and the two often communicated through an intermediary, often Shelton or Ralston.

■ The former Rhodes scholar, first in his West Point class of 1966, has a sometimes curt manner and he ruffled feathers by appearing to covet the chairmanship of the Joint Chiefs.

Former senior officers viewed the administration's move as something between a slight of Clark and a political necessity in a 19-member alliance that was often uneasy with the largely U.S.-led air campaign.

"Clark did a magnificent job of moving U.S. interests forward through a very complex arrangement of 19 NATO nations," said retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles Link. "To me it was unlikely that he was able to do that without leaving some broken glass, and that broken glass will clutter the landscape for the U.S. and her NATO allies for months and years to come.... What's the best way to clear away that broken glass? It'll be gone the day that Clark steps down."

Retired Army Col. Kenneth Allard, a professor at Georgetown University's National Security Studies Program, said Ralston's appointment reflects a concern at the Pentagon that arose during the Kosovo campaign over having an Army general leading an air campaign.

All but one of the 11 NATO military commanders has been an Army general; the exception was Air Force Gen. Lauris Norstad in

the late 1950s. That was because NATO's strategy was based on a large land force in place to defend Western Europe from a Soviet attack. NATO's new role focuses on using air power to combat instability and civil war in Europe. Moreover, Allard said, the Ralston appointment reflects the U.S. view that its contribution in future conflicts may be limited to air power.

"It's clearly a slight. I don't see how you can spin it any other way, especially due to the fact that you had a successful outcome of that war," Allard said. "What I read into this is the fact that Wes Clark was a very, very strong advocate for not only using ground forces but for being very aggressive in what he did, and I think he was basically fought at every turn."

Korn, Martin, TLC, Will Smith top MTV video award nominees

NEW YORK (AP) — With a backdrop of screaming teen-age girls, a grinning Ricky Martin reaped one more reward of his wild life: six MTV Video Award nominations for "Livin' La Vida Loca."

TLC and Will Smith also earned six nominations, but they couldn't hold a candle to Korn. The rock band led the way with nine nominations for its video, "Freak on a Leash."

The awards show will be held on Sept. 9 at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City. Comedian Chris Rock is the host.

Rock figures he'll have to brush up on his Spanish. Martin — clearly the star at MTV's news conference to announce the nominees Wednesday outside Lincoln Center — was asked three questions in Spanish by reporters.

Fans kept behind barricades several hundred feet away squealed at Martin's every move.

"The mission this year is to conquer, to gain the acceptance of the audience," Martin said.

"Livin' La Vida Loca" will compete for best video of the year. Other nominees: "Freak on a Leash"; "I Want It That Way" by the Backstreet Boys; "Doo Wop (That Thing)" by Lauryn Hill; and "Wild Wild West" by Smith featuring Dru Hill and Kool Mo Dee.

Grammy darling Hill was nominated for five

Nominees for the MTV Video Awards

Video of the Year: Backstreet Boys, "I Want It That Way"; Lauryn Hill, "Doo Wop (That Thing)"; Korn, "Freak on a Leash"; Ricky Martin, "Livin' La Vida Loca"; Will Smith featuring Dru Hill and Kool Mo Dee, "Wild Wild West."

Male Video: Eminem, "My Name Is"; Lenny Kravitz, "Fly Away"; Ricky Martin, "Livin' La Vida Loca"; Will Smith, "Miami."

Female Video: Lauryn Hill, "Doo Wop (That Thing)"; Jennifer Lopez, "If You Had My Love"; Madonna, "Beautiful Stranger"; Britney Spears, "Baby One More Time."

Group Video: Backstreet Boys, "I Want It That Way"; Limp Bizkit, "Nookie"; N Sync, "Tearing Up My Heart"; Sugar Ray, "Every Morning"; TLC, "No Scrubs."

R&B Video: Aaliyah, "Are You That Somebody?"; Brandy, "Have You Ever?"; Lauryn Hill, "Doo Wop (That Thing)"; Whitney Houston featuring Faith Evans and Kelly Price, "Heartbreak Hotel."

New Artist: Eminem, "My Name Is"; Kid Rock, "Bawitdaba"; Jennifer Lopez, "If You Had My Love"; Orgy, "Blue Monday"; Breckinridge Video, Busta Rhymes, "Gimme Some More"; Eels, "Last Stop This Town"; Eminem featuring Dr. Dre, "Gully Conscience"; Fatboy Slim, "Prase You"; Korn, "Freak on a Leash"; UNKLE, "Rabbit in Your Headlights."

Viewer's Choice: Backstreet Boys, "I Want It That Way"; Jay-Z featuring J. Lo and Aaliyah, "Can I Get A..."; Korn, "Freak on a Leash"; Ricky Martin, "Livin' La Vida Loca"; N Sync, "Tearing Up My Heart"; TLC, "No Scrubs."

awards, along with rapper Busta Rhymes for his videos "What's It Gonna Be?!" and "Gimme Some More."

Martin, Smith, Lenny Kravitz and Enimem are competing for best video by a male artist. Hill, Jennifer Lopez, Madonna and Britney Spears are the female nominees.

Selected viewers, journalists and industry representatives determine the award winners by secret ballot.

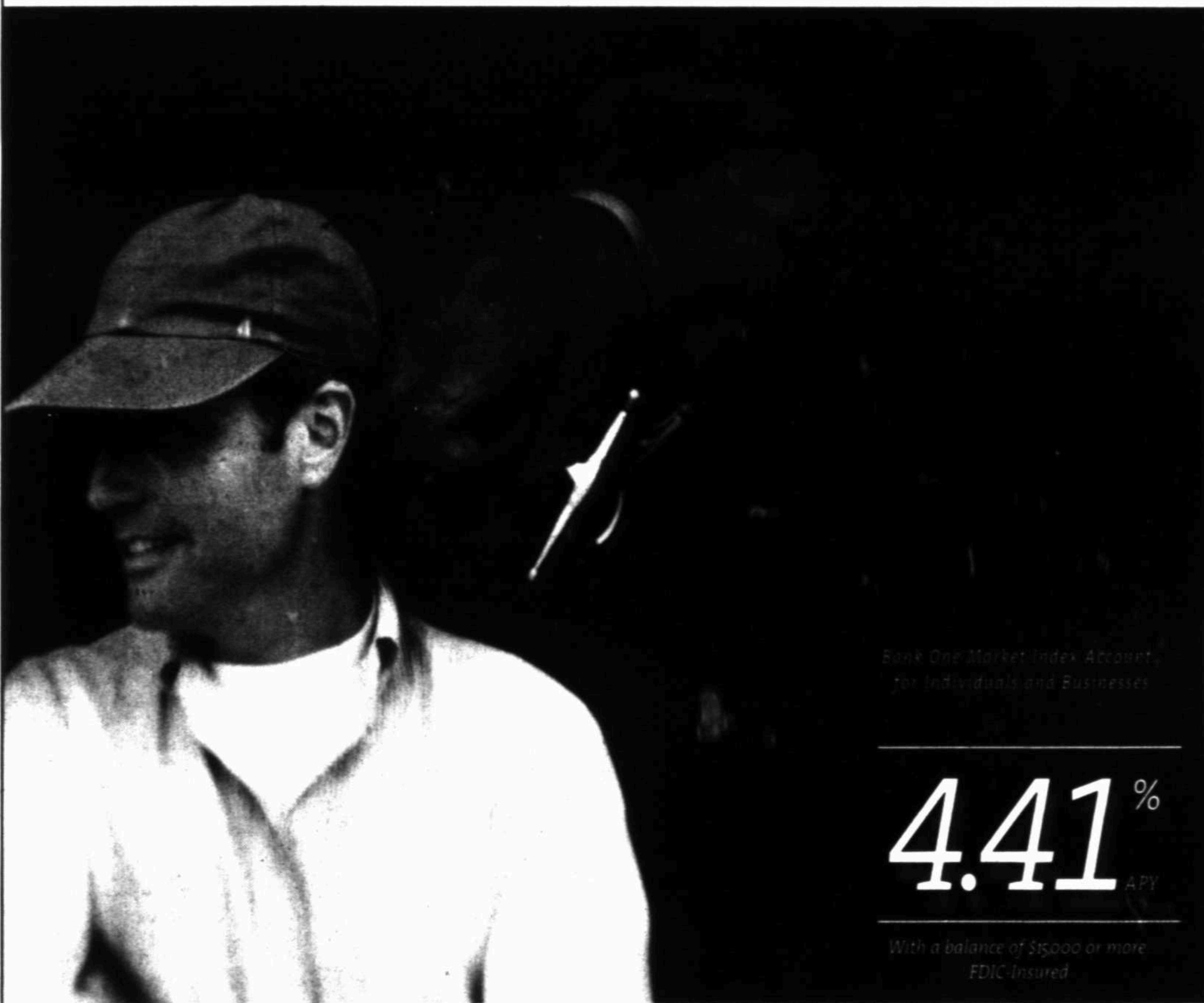
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Death toll from heat climbs past 50

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The body of 83-year-old Russell E. Dowley was found in his brick bungalow. Despite a scorching heat wave, the windows were closed and a fan and two air conditioners were turned off.

"Air conditioning wasn't a part of their lives while they were growing up, and a lot of them feel they don't need it now," Jacqueline Hutchinson, spokeswoman for Operation Weather Survival, said Wednesday.

The heat wave that has hit the Midwest and the East has led to the deaths of at least 53 people since July 19. There have been 18 deaths in Missouri, 18 in Illinois, 10 in Ohio, two in North Carolina, Georgia and Maryland and 1

in Pennsylvania.

On Wednesday, temperatures were in the 90s from the Plains to the East Coast. The heat index made it feel like triple digits in some areas, and forecasters say there's no relief in sight at least through the weekend.

A band of renegade showers Wednesday helped cool some parts of Missouri but much of the state topped 90 degrees for the 14th straight day.

In New Jersey, Gov. Christie Whitman said she planned to issue a drought warning so that water can be transferred from wetter areas to drier ones.

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By Mella Mc
Staff Writer

A tax increase in the Midland County budget for fiscal 2000.

"In terms of decrease due to said Larry Sanz finance. Board members approve the budget meeting. The budget, to operate Midland is down from \$199.9 million in 1999. Sanz expects 1999 budget has state's settlement.

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Brian Adams

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By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

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When school served free breakfast rooms. They were Breakfast Express.

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Ed Todd

Veter

War is won And its failures, scapegoats, human spirit, valor are all embedded in the USS Indianapolis cast night of July.

As the heat "top secret" was heading for yet another invasion of Japan torpedoed by marine, the Japanese.

Along with demise was death, one of officers.

It was a moment the 1,196 men miracle or not.

Hospital district not expected to raise taxes

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

A tax increase is not expected to fund the Midland County Hospital District's budget for fiscal year 2000.

"In terms of dollars, we'll have a tax decrease due to falling market values," said Larry Sanz, vice president of finance.

Board members are expected to approve the budget at their August meeting.

The budget, projected at \$4.25 million to operate Midland Memorial Hospital, is down from \$5.342 million for fiscal 1999. Sanz explained that the fiscal year 1999 budget had a lump sum from the state's settlement with tobacco compa-

nies included, and only \$500,000 of that settlement is included in the next year's budget.

No room rate increases are included in the budget, but patient days are projected to rise to 65,043, up from 64,290 as more patients are admitted to the soon-to-open Heart Institute and more surgeries are performed in the renovated surgical suites. The patient days are down, however, from FY 1998, which recorded 67,343 patient days.

The budget also projects an operating excess of \$483,000 from tax funds, up from a deficit in the current fiscal year of \$771,000 but down from an excess of \$1.58 million in fiscal 1998.

Bob Dimit, president of the board,

reported that in June, the hospital had total operating revenues of \$9.8 million, down 7 percent from \$10.6 million in June 1998 and expenses of \$9.7 million, down 6 percent from expenses of \$10.36 million in June 1998. Operating excess of \$135,652 is down 52 percent from an excess of \$283,230 in June last year and Dimit said the hospital's profit margin of 1.4 percent is almost half of last year's 2.7 percent margin.

With 46 percent of the hospital's gross revenues being deducted, up from 42 percent last year, he said the trend is of concern "and if it rises another 3 percent, we'll be at the break-even point."

However, the hospital's asset-to-liabilities ratio is very healthy and the fund

balance is growing at 6 percent, Dimit said. The hospital's current liabilities and long-term debt have dropped significantly over year-ago figures.

A sharp growth in accounts receivable is primarily attributable to the hospital awaiting payments from Medicare and Medicaid, Sanz explained.

Dr. Harold Rubin, hospital president, said the hospital's sale of its interests in Mid-Con Health Plans to HMO Blue, an arm of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, is awaiting final approval from the Texas Department of Insurance and the hospital will receive \$1.194 million for its interest.

He also reported that the hospital is looking to expand its Surgicare unit, a

day surgery unit at 3001 W. Illinois Ave., by adding a third operating room. The space opened up when two physicians relocated from the center. Volume at the center is up 19 percent over the previous year, he said, and the hospital expects to complete the expansion by the end of the year.

Rubin also assured board members, that in light of the attorney general's office lawsuit against Manor Park, that the hospital has prudent hiring practices in place, including previous employment verification, drug screening, a criminal investigation background check, professional license verification and verification of current drivers license and Social Security number.

Rollin' on by ...



Kids attending the weeklong Rainbows Summer Camp were treated to a skating party Wednesday at First United Methodist Church.

Dana Gallegos skated with Becca Hinshaw, 5, near left, while Tabor Barbee, 5, far left, skates with Shelley Harper. Four-year-old Devin Barbee, above, gets double the help. The camp is for youth ages 4 through 18 involved in Rainbows, a Hospice of Midland support program that helps children cope with loss from death, divorce, separation or other transition. The camp continues until Friday at the church.

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram



National Night Out to kick off with weekend parade, dance

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

Every man, woman and child in the city of Midland have been called out to help prevent crime in Midland. For the second year, the city of Midland will take part in National Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday.

Cities all over the country will have activities to bring their communities together to help prevent crime.

"The event encourages neighborhoods to host block parties, have cook-outs and talk about crime prevention in their area," according to Tina Jauz, spokeswoman for the city.

Kathy Brumit will host all of the Midland Police Department activities at her home at 1907 W. Washington Ave. She said that her neighborhood watch group was chosen because it is active.

"We were already having a party and they asked if we could join them and we said sure," Ms. Brumit said. "We are going to have a cookout and a dunking booth. Chief John Urby has agreed to be in our booth and we are waiting to see if the mayor will do it too."

As a warmup for National Night Out a number of activities have been planned around the city for Saturday.

The following is a list of all the free Saturday activities:

■ Kick off Parade is scheduled for 9 a.m.

The parade will travel down Wall Street from Dennis the Menace Park to the federal courthouse, according to Midland Police Community Service Division officials. The parade, featuring Grand

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Breakfast Express expands to four more MISD schools

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

The scraggly curmudgeon sat his grandson upon his knee and said, "Son, there is no free lunch. You have to work for everything you get."

To which the young student at Henderson Elementary School replied, "There may not be any free lunch, but there is free breakfast."

When school starts Aug. 10, all students at Henderson Elementary will be served free breakfast in their classrooms. They won't be alone in their boon.

Breakfast Express is going into its third year, according to Patricia Mouser, director of food services for Midland Independent School District. The program began as a pilot at five campuses three years ago and expanded to 10 schools last year.

The coming year will add four schools — Henderson, Houston, Jones and Rusk.

"We felt like it was a good time because of the renovation," said Henderson Principal Clydene Freeman.

Back to School

Special section appears inside today's paper

Henderson will be undergoing a massive renovation during the 1999-2000 school year, which will include some disruption of the cafeteria.

Ms. Freeman said Breakfast Express will, at least, solve any problems at breakfast because it is served in the classroom.

Additionally, Ms. Freeman feels like it's a good program because 50 percent of her students are already on free and reduced meals.

However, "our main concern is trying to get breakfast for all the kids," Ms. Freeman said. "There are a lot of kids getting themselves up and getting themselves breakfast. It's hard to guess how many don't eat breakfast but I bet a lot of them don't."

According to Ms. Mouser, that's one of the primary reasons the program was

initiated.

"The number of students who eat breakfast has declined in the last 10 years," said Ms. Mouser. "More and more you have two-parent working households and it's a rush every morning to get the parents off to work, as well as getting the kids off to school."

She added that even some of those students who eat breakfast at home may not be getting a balanced meal.

The inquisitive might ask why it's the school's responsibility to provide adequate breakfast to its students.

"I think it's essential for them to have some food in their system in order to think and react as clearly as they need to," said Ms. Freeman.

She added that she's even read in the past that the brain functions better when

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Deputies arrest two men on manslaughter charges

By Rick López
Staff Writer

ODESSA — Two men have been detained in connection with the death of a Monahans man in February.

Henry William Ridings, 47, was arrested Tuesday at his Monahans home by the Ward County Sheriff's Office on a warrant issued by Ector County authorities.

Ridings was taken to the Ector County Detention Center, where he remained as of Wednesday on a \$250,000 bond, jail officials said.

He and another suspect, Floyd Dean Phipps, 44, are charged with felony manslaughter in connection with the death of Richard Brian Newport of Monahans.

Newport, 41, was found Feb. 9 by Ector County sheriff's deputies near the intersection of Westcliff Drive and Grey Eagle Road in West Odessa.

Phipps is in custody of the Texas Department of Corrections on an unrelated charge, officials said. His bond is set at \$200,000.

Newport had been reported missing to the Ward County Sheriff's Office for 12 days before his body was found, said Sgt. Carl Rogers of the Ector County Sheriff's Office. Ector and Ward county officers searched West Odessa for the body after receiving a tip, officials said.

Rogers said the men were arrested after they were indicted by an Ector County grand jury on Monday.

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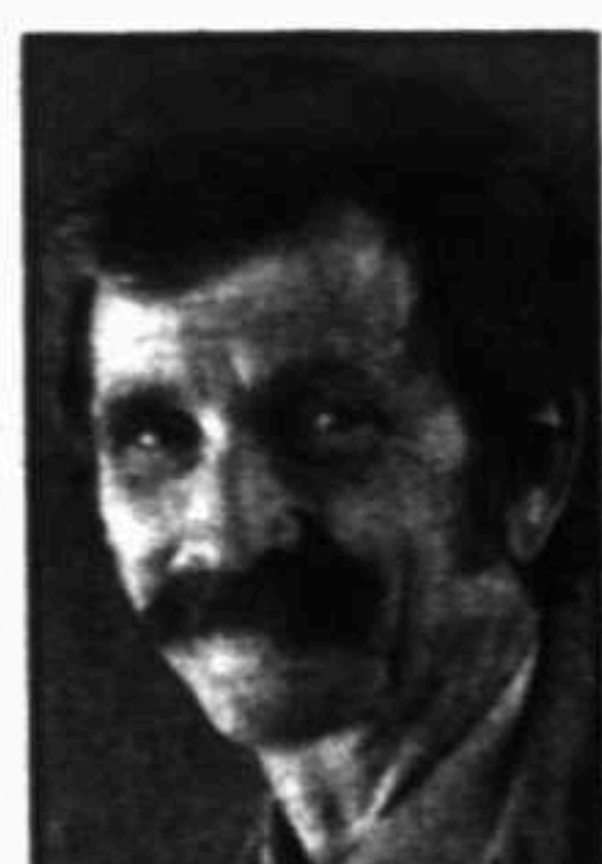
Veterans recall tragic sinking of USS Indianapolis in July 1945

War is woe. And its misery, blunders, communications failures, scapegoat-isms and the perseverance of the human spirit, camaraderie and valor are all so poignantly embedded in the sinking of the USS Indianapolis on the overcast night of July 30, 1945.

As the heavy cruiser, its "top secret" mission fulfilled, was heading to port to prepare for yet another mission — the invasion of Japan — she was torpedoed by an enemy submarine, the Japanese I-58.

Along with the cruiser's demise was the agonizing death, one patriot son at a time, of 880 sailors and officers.

It was a monumental naval tragedy. Only 316 of the 1,196 men aboard the vessel survived. And that, miracle or not, was remarkable.



Todd

"There has been great controversy over it," recalled Dr. Henry Page, a retired Midland physician. As a World War II U.S. Navy officer, he had witnessed a historic conflagration almost four years earlier: the Japanese naval air attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and the America's forthwith plunge into the world war. "Everyone sort of blamed everybody else," Page said.

The wonder of it all was "what the hell had happened," Page said. "There was a lot of talk about it. But it was so overshadowed by the atomic bomb going off that it didn't get as much notoriety as it would have otherwise. In Navy circles, it was (controversial) and much talked about and worried about."

The heavy cruiser had just delivered to Tinian, an island in the Mariana Islands south of Japan, atomic bomb parts. "It was a first-class, front-line ship," Page said.

The mission was so secret, or so goes a legend, that sailors, long in lore, speculated that their ship was carrying a cargo of gold to buy Japan out of

the war. Instead, the horrific cargo of the Indianapolis would soon be airborne and, in August 1945, its nuclear blasts would force Japan into unconditional surrender.

Untold lives would be saved. Already millions, 50 million or more, military and civilian alike, had perished in the 1939-1945 war.

The ship's commander, Capt. Charles Butler McVay III, was a charming and handsome 46-year-old career Navy man whose father was an admiral. He would be court-martialed for somehow contributing to his ship's sinking and the death of most of his faithful crew members. The sub's commander, Mochitsura Hashimoto, 36, testified at the court-martial.

The Navy said that the ship had not been zig-zagging, a maneuver to minimize its being hit by an enemy torpedo. McVay, the story goes, had not been apprised by command of a submarine threat as the Indianapolis steamed westward in the Pacific Ocean to Leyte in the Philippines for invasion training.

But what apparently appalled the Navy's rank and

file and the ship's survivors, including McVay, was the almost unconscionable delay in the dispatch of search-and-rescue aircraft and ships as the cruiser failed to make port.

Many sailors who survived the initial blast died in the sea from frenzied sharks, the searing sun and thirst as they drifted for several days in the deep waters.

"No one knows where the (communications) breakdown was between the actual torpedoing and before the rescue planes came," Page recalled. "It was a tremendous length of time. It's still a hot topic."

Naval historian Dan Kurzman in his book, "Fatal Voyage" termed the tragedy the "worst sea disaster in American naval history, and the Navy high command desperately needed a scapegoat."

McVay, generally dishonored by his superiors but honored by his crew, later would grief himself to death. By Japan's tradition, it would have been an honorable death — by suicide — though McVay's

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Area briefs

Big Blondes

Tickets are available at the door for tonight's benefit performance of "Big Blondes" at the Midland Center in downtown Midland.

Written by Linda Bond and Rob Hunt, the show spotlights a star-struck video clerk who dreams of becoming famous.

The clerk gets advice from three superstars — Mae West, Marlene Dietrich and Marilyn Monroe. The show is a cabaret performance, which focuses on the new songs rather than the entire plot.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Reserved seating is at sponsor tables only, all other seating is general.

Tickets for "Big Blondes" are \$15 with proceeds benefiting Summer in the City 2000. Summer in the City provides free family entertainment every Thursday evening in downtown Midland.

Tickets for "Big Blondes" are available at the door but if you plan on attending, please call 687-1149 so event organizers can have a count for hors d'oeuvres and seating.

Night Out

Century 21 Kay Sutton Realtors is sponsoring Night Out at the Rockhounds Aug. 8 to help raise money for a thermal imaging camera for the Midland Fire Department.

The Rockhounds will be playing the San Antonio Missions.

Today's Agenda

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library at 688-8991.

The Permian Basin Stamp Club will meet at the General Mail Facility, Midland International Airport, 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information, call Mike Cherrington at 699-0202.

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Bldg., 15 Smith Rd., 11:30-12:30 p.m., 987-7286.

Post traumatic stress disorder support group for women, 6 p.m., Community National Bank, 601 E. Florida Ave., 570-9412.

Optimist Club of Midland, noon, Best Western Sidewalk Cafe.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) No. T139, 7 p.m., 1007 Austin St., 694-8643.

Project ADAM. (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men), 570-0467.

General admission tickets are \$5 each and are available by calling Shirley Mims at 570-8200. In addition, Century 21 representatives will be selling tickets during the Fire Department's Safety Day, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at Midland Park Mall.

Speech class

Wall Street Toastmasters is offering a Speechcraft class 5:30-7 p.m. Mondays Aug. 2 through Sept. 13 (except Labor Day) at the Midland County Public Library.

The fee is \$31, which includes materials and a three-month membership to Toastmasters International.

For more information call James Groce at 687-0732 (leave a message).

Public forums

Permian Basin Community Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation has scheduled a series of public forums to discuss several issues, including the budget and program and service modifications for fiscal year 2000.

The Midland forum is set for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at 1403 E. Front. There are other forums planned for Odessa, Monday; Fort Stockton, Wednesday; and Alpine, Aug. 5.

Spanish and translators and signers are available with 48 hours notice. For more information call Jane Vaughan at 570-3332.

Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m., Sibley Center by SE entrance of Hogan Park. Call 686-7442.

Permian Toastmasters, noon, Permian Basin Graduate Center, 684-0044.

Parents Anonymous, 7 p.m., for location and other information, 570-1084.

Survivors of Homicide Support Group, 7:30 p.m., second-floor classroom at law-enforcement building, 400 S. Main St., 688-8909.

Northside Lions Club 7:30 a.m., Plaza Club at ClayDesta, 694-5624.

National Association of Retired Federal Employees 6 p.m., Mr. Gatti's.

Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., 408 South G St.

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous, noon, First United Methodist Church, 694-2860.

Palmer Drug Abuse Program Parent Group, 7 p.m., second floor First Baptist Church, 685-3645.

Disability Awareness Fair opens new understanding

By Matt Josefy

ODESSA — Citizens of the Permian Basin may be better "ABLE" to understand those who have disabilities, after the second Disability Awareness Fair.

The Area Base for Living Enrichment (ABLE) Center for Independent Living is to host the event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Music City Mall's Grand Stage.

The fair is in conjunction with the ninth anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"This is for everyone: people who are disabled and those who aren't," said Jeri Kounce, executive director of ABLE. "With people like me and others who will be on hand, any visitor should be able to get a

grasp of what it is like to be disabled. For the disabled, this shows them the services that are available locally."

"Kids on the Block" will use puppets to convey a better understanding of the disabled, he said.

Headlining the list of approximately 20 agencies that will be on-hand are the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, the Medical Equipment Shop, Nurses Unlimited and West Texas Opportunities.

A silent auction will be held simultaneously with the festivities to raise money for the center's information services, independent living skills training, peer counseling, and education programs provided to the Permian Basin area.

MURDER: Medical examiners have ruled death from heroin poisoning

(From 1B)

Rogers said that Lubbock County medical examiners have ruled Newport's death as an acute heroin poisoning, which did not seem voluntary.

Newport's body was found

almost a month after human remains were found in Goldsmith. Sheriff's deputies said the two cases appear to be unrelated. The remains had not been identified as of Wednesday, sheriff's officials said.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Wednesday

Aggravated assault: A handgun was discharged at 1002 S. Maricopa St. Danny Siesman reported it at 12:08 a.m. No one was injured.

Criminal mischief: Two

vehicles were damaged at 1801 N. Midkiff Road. John Gillespie reported it at 2:01 a.m.

Anyone having information concerning any of these reports should contact the Midland Police Department at 685-7108.

OBITUARIES



Barbara Land

Barbara Land was born March 31, 1935, in Goldthwaite, Texas, to Herbert Truman and Melissa Alice (Cunningham) Vaughan. She graduated from Shannon Nursing School in San Angelo in 1956. On September 29, 1956,

she married Doyle Land. They moved to Midland and she was employed as an RN at Midland Memorial Hospital, Parkview Hospital, and Medical Center Hospital in Odessa for a total of 20 years. Mrs. Land then became involved in the family business. She was a member of Crestview Baptist Church.

Mrs. Land was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Johnny Vaughan.

She is survived by her husband, Doyle E. Land of Midland; her sons, Stephen Ross Land and his wife, Denise, and their children, Keith and Jacob, of Midland; Dale Eugene Land and his wife, Doylene, of Odessa; and Patrick Vaughan Land and his wife, Linda, and their children, Cara, Brianna, and McKenzie, of Gardenale, Texas; her daughter, Melissa A. Land of Midland; and her brother, Herbert T. Vaughan of Sugarland, Texas; her sisters, Jerol Daniel of Goldthwaite and Scottie Leech of Brownwood; and

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Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Land died after a brief illness Tuesday, July 27, 1999.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, July 29, in Crestview Baptist Church with Dr. Larry Ashlock officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Serving as pallbearers

will be Alan Cooper, Russell Brooks, Tommy Tucker, Dan Friday, John Garza, Stan Tinney, Steve Pollock and Bill Gambell.

The family requests memorials be directed to American Diabetes Association, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 220-E, Midland, Texas 79705 or Home Hospice House, 516 Texas, Odessa, Texas 79761.

DEATH NOTICES

Connie McCarley

Connie McCarley, 96, died Tuesday, July 27, at a local hospital.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. (MDT) Friday, July 30, at First Baptist Church in Clayton, N.M. Burial is to follow at Clayton Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Hass Funeral Home in Clayton. Local arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Survivors include her son, Jim McCarley of Midland; and four grandchildren.

Irene Jauz

Irene O. Jauz died Tuesday, July 27, at her home.

Services are to be 1 p.m. Friday, July 30, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born June 9, 1921, in Rock Island, Ill.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her husband, Harold J. Jauz of Midland; a son, Clayton J. Jauz of Naples, Fla.; a brother, John C. Hughes of Las Vegas, Nev.; a sister, Yvonne Pissig of Ill.; five grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2304 Wadley Ave., Midland, Texas 79705.

Garen Milton

BIG SPRING — Garen K. Milton, 48, of Fresno, Calif., died Monday, July 26, in Fresno.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Friday, July 30, at John & Lisle Funeral Chapel in Fresno. Burial is to be at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

He was born Aug. 29, 1950, in Des Moines, Iowa.

He was an Enabler Program counselor for Fresno City College for nine years.

Survivors include his parents, Dick and Wanda Milton of Big Spring; a brother, Gordon R. Milton of Kansas City, Mo.; and a sister, Kay W. Green of Denver.

Memorials may be made to Fresno City College, Scholarship Fund, 1525 E. Weldon, Fresno, Calif. 93704.

Dovie Sorge

Dovie May Sorge died Wednesday, July 28, at a nursing home in Granbury.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Daniel Adams

Daniel Adams died Wednesday, July 28, in Tennessee.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

POLICE: All-day Safety Fair is planned as part of Night Out

(From 1B)

Marshals Safety Pup and McGruff the Crime Dog, will have more than 70 entries including floats, law enforcement vehicles and mascots from various organizations from Midland and Odessa.

■ An all-day Safety Fair is

planned at Midland Park Mall.

The fair will offer such information as how to have a block party.

Nancy Bowlin, spokeswoman for Midland Park Mall, said local, city, state and federal law enforcement officials will have booths in the mall during the fair. The Midland Police K-9 Unit will

have a demonstration at 2 p.m. in the JCPenny's court. Outside the mall the police mobile station, fire trucks and other emergency vehicles will be on display.

Parents also will have an opportunity to register their children with the Midland Police's SKID child identification program.

■ A dance is planned for 8-11 p.m. at the mall parking lot.

"The dance, featuring the band Black Gold, will be free admission, but some concessions will be sold," Ms. Bowlin said. "It will be held on the northeast corner of the parking lot and will be a family oriented event."

BREAKFAST: Program increases students' attention spans

(From 1B)

children eat breakfast.

Ms. Mouser added that since incorporating the free breakfast program, several student problem areas have improved at several campuses.

"We found those negatives to be a positive," Ms. Mouser said. "Teachers at the first five campuses (to adopt the program) said students had better attention

spans and were better prepared for learning."

She also said that attendance is higher at all 10 campuses currently participating and tardiness is down.

According to Ms. Mouser, the meals are brought to the class and the children eat in their classrooms. The meal consists of an entree — sausage biscuit, cinnamon roll, muffin or one of 12 other

choices — juice and milk.

The program is currently in place at Burnet, Crockett, De Zavala, Lamar, Long, Milam, Pease, South, Travis and Washington elementary schools.

The program is only available at elementary schools and any elementary can participate. Ms. Mouser added that she would like to see it extended to all campuses in the future.

The best news of all, however, is that it doesn't really cost the district any money.

Ms. Mouser said the program, like all food service programs, is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Teachers do facilitate in the delivery of the food, but that would be a minor incidental labor cost. Other than the USDA funds, the food service department is self supporting.

TODD: McVay was court-martialed for not taking extra precautions

(From 1B)

defenders, including his surviving crew members, apparently held him guiltless.

Jack Edwards, a U.S. naval aviator who was flying Wildcat and Corsair carrier-based fighters off the Mariana Islands shores when the great ship sank, figured that the Pentagon powers were "covering up for our (U.S.) lack of going out and looking for them (the survivors)."

"A lot of messages weren't transmitted, that didn't get through to him, a lot of notices weren't taken care of," Edwards said. "They just let it go for several days before they even started looking for them."

"It was a tragedy, of course," Edwards lamented.

A "consensus of opinion of people outside the Pentagon," Edwards said, is that the upper-

echelon powers "always have got to find a scapegoat. But a lot of fingers were pointing back at the Pentagon — the lack of communications and dispatches. He (McVay) wasn't advised that there was known Japanese sub activity in the area."

World War II historian Bill Coombes reckoned that McVay was "essentially lulled into a false sense of security."

"The Japanese commander (Hashimoto) of the submarine was at his court-martial, and he said it would not have made any difference whether the Indianapolis had been zigzagging or not," Coombes said. "He (Hashimoto) was in perfect position no matter what ... to torpedo the ship."

The submarine skipper apparently was unaware of the cruiser's mission. "Delivery of the bomb was such a secret mission,"

Coombes said.

"In any bureaucracy, there are things that fall through the cracks even if it is a (heavy) cruiser," Coombes said. "Periodically, people try to get Congress to intervene to reopen the case (to exonerate McVay and to clear his record). And essentially, the Navy stands by what it did (in the court-martial). He committed suicide."

In court-martialing McVay, "the Navy basically didn't do anything but break him in rank," Coombes said. "They didn't discharge him from the Navy. They just put a black mark in his book basically so he wouldn't be eligible for promotion."

"It wasn't like he was convicted as causing the sinking," Coombes said. "He was not as diligent, perhaps, as he should have been. I think that is what the Navy finally came up with. By

not zigzagging, he contributed to the tragedy."

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, opposed McVay's court-martial. "His (McVay's) failure to order a zigzag course was an error in judgment, but not of such nature as to constitute gross negligence," Nimitz said. He recommended a letter of reprimand in McVay's file.

"The survivors are the ones who rallied around Capt. McVay, and basically said, 'He didn't do this to us,'" Coombes said. "The survivors generally have been mad at the Navy for not being more rapid to search for them, to realize that the ship was overdue" in port.

Ed Todd is a staff writer for the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Report: Evidence may contradict FBI on Davidian fire

(From 1B)

AUSTIN (AP) — An elite state law enforcement unit is holding evidence that may call into question the U.S. government's claim that it didn't use incendiary devices the day a fire consumed the Branch Davidians' compound in 1993, according to the head of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"Some of the evidence may be problematic but I'm not an expert ... and I think an expert ought to take a look at it," James B. Francis Jr., DPS chairman, said Wednesday.

Francis declined to elaborate on the evidence. But he said some FBI officials may have made statements to the Texas Rangers immediately after the fire that contradict the federal government's account of what happened.

Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin said the allegations were nonsense.

"We know of no evidence that any incendiary device or flash-bang device was fired into the compound on April 19," Marlin said.

The Dallas Morning News reported that sources close to the government's Davidian investigation say the current question focuses on several 40 mm munitions said to have been found in the compound wreckage.

Federal officials have insisted that FBI agents didn't use any pyrotechnic or incendiary devices during an assault that ended with the compound consumed by fire.

David Koresh and about 80 of his followers died during the fire at their Mount Carmel compound, ending a 51-day standoff with federal authorities. Investigators concluded that sect members set the fire.

Francis has asked U.S. District

Judge Walter Smith of Waco to take control of the evidence, which is now being held by the Texas Rangers but is under the Justice Department's control.

"I don't know what the evidence is going to prove. That's why we have a court system," he said.

Since the Justice Department has retained control over the evidence, the agency makes decisions about who can see it, Francis said.

When there is a request to see the evidence, DPS officials routes it to Washington. But DPS has become frustrated that Justice Department officials routinely send such requests back to Austin, he said.

"It was a perfect Catch-22," Francis said.

"We would go to the government for permission to show the evidence and would be turned down," he said. "We had this

cycle that seemed inappropriate to me."

A judge should decide who will see the evidence, Francis said.

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HOUSTON (AP) — President Al Gore's constituency and the governor of Texas Gov. Bush, told Hispanic day that Americans have to settle for compassion."

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Jury

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Ms. Hall said



Acknowledging Hispanic power, Gore takes swipe at potential rival

HOUSTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore, wooing a constituency and making a slogan of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, told Hispanics on Wednesday that Americans shouldn't have to settle for "crumbs of compassion."

While his Spanish didn't match Bush's proficiency, Gore made a statement transcending language just by coming to the annual meeting of the National Council of La Raza, the nation's largest Hispanic advocacy group.

The vacationing Gore did not, upsetting some activists who warned that the governor should not take the Hispanic vote — usually Democratic in any event — for granted. Bush drew strong support from Texas Hispanics in his reelection as governor, getting about half of their vote.

"I am not satisfied when even one Latino is left out of our prosperity," Gore declared in a speech warmly applauded by many in the crowd of 2,300.

Gore never mentioned Bush by name but underscored some of the social problems in Texas and took a glancing swipe at the Republican presidential candidate's description of his beliefs as "compassionate conservatism."

"I want to do things the right way," he said. "Not letting people fend for themselves or hope for crumbs of compassion."

That was in English, but Gore

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sprinkled phrases and sentences in Spanish throughout his address.

"I'm certainly not satisfied when over 10 percent of all uninsured children in America live in the state of Texas," he said, then used a phrase that became a refrain: "Nuestras familias merecen lo mejor (Our families deserve the best)."

The speech was labelled "official business" as opposed to a campaign address, and was paid for with public money.

Gore tailored the administration's argument against the Republican tax-cut plan to fit his audience, saying that the tax cuts proposed in Washington would endanger Medicare, upon which elderly and disabled Hispanics are disproportionately reliant.

He also focused on education issues, among the most critical for the 31 million Hispanics making up America's fastest growing minority group. Just 62 percent of Hispanic adults age 25-29 completed high school compared



Vice President Al Gore thanks the crowd after addressing participants at the National Council of La Raza annual conference Wednesday Houston.

It's time for a renewed commitment to our public schools."

In introducing Gore, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, the highest ranking Hispanic in the Clinton administration, called next year's elections "The most important year in the history of Latino political development."

Latinos are seeking to turn sheer numbers into political muscle that can select mayors, gov-

ernors and strongly influence the 2000 presidential election. Gore is seeking the Democratic nomination and Bush the Republican one.

With Hispanics heavily concentrated in key electoral states like New York, California, Texas, Florida and Illinois, the Latino influence could be huge there, said Carmen Joge, a La Raza policy analyst.

"We have numbers but it hasn't translated to political power just yet," Joge said. "But we recognize that we have to keep educating our young people to vote so when they become eligible, they know the issues and are ready."

Although the number of Hispanic registered voters rose to 5.4 million in 1996 from 4.2 million in 1992 and has continued to surge, over a third of the Hispanic population is under 18.

At one point, Gore joked that since his first grandchild was born on the Fourth of July earlier this year, a future one might be born on Cinco de Mayo, a national Mexican holiday on May 5.

Examples of the newfound voting clout can be found primarily in Western states with the election of California Lt.-Gov. Cruz Bustamante in November to statewide office and the election of Ken Salazar as Colorado's first Latino attorney general.

President Clinton won 72 percent of Latino voters in 1996 but Hispanic leaders say it's important for Latinos not to become captive of one party.

"It's great to be on both sides," Joge said. "We know that candidates have to talk issues. They can't just talk about their party."

Ex-official wants Bush's testimony surrounding National Guard assignment

DALLAS (AP) — A former Texas Lottery chief is trying to determine whether Texas Gov. George W. Bush received special treatment to gain a spot in the National Guard during the Vietnam War, court records indicate.

Attorneys for former lottery director Lawrence Littwin say they want to question Bush, the frontrunner in the GOP race for president, under oath in connection with their case brought against the state's lottery operator, GTECH.

According to The Dallas Morning News, Littwin's attorneys are trying to find out whether former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes, an ex-lobbyist for GTECH, helped Bush get into the National Guard in 1968.

Bush, facing questions from political rivals about his service in the reserves, and Guard officials who approved his application have continued to deny allegations that favoritism played a part in Bush's appointment as a Houston-based

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jet pilot.

In papers filed in a federal court in Dallas, Littwin said Barnes "is alleged to have helped the current Governor George Bush avoid active duty during the Vietnam War."

Such domestic units were seen by many as a way to avoid going to Vietnam. Littwin's attorneys also have questioned whether Bush allies, in return for the Guard appointment, helped the state's lottery operator, GTECH, fend off efforts by Littwin that might have upset its lucrative contract.

An unsigned letter to a U.S. attorney in 1996 that Littwin's lawyers obtained in their case prompted questions about the Guard, The News said.

The letter was sent after the three-member Lottery Commission voted unanimously to extend the GTECH contract for five years rather than seek new bids.

It alleged that GTECH was allowed to keep its contract in return for Barnes not revealing his help in getting Bush into the Guard, the newspaper said. A former top Bush aide who now lobbies for GTECH brokered the deal between the governor and Barnes, according to the letter.

Both the former aide and Lottery Commission Chairwoman Harriet Myers denied the accusations.

Barnes has said he doesn't recall whether his office interceded with the Guard on behalf of Bush, whose father, George Bush, was a Republican congressman at the

time.

The governor's office still denies the favoritism charge and said Bush has nothing to add in Littwin's suit, filed last year.

"There's no reason for the governor to go to court. The governor was not involved in the Lottery Commission's decision to dismiss Larry Littwin," Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards said Wednesday.

Littwin's lawyers have sent a letter to Attorney General John Cornyn saying they would like to depose Bush in connection with the case, but haven't subpoenaed him, sources told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

"The attorney general's office will challenge any effort to require testimony from the governor," Ted Delisi, a spokesman for Attorney General John Cornyn, said of this effort.

Littwin said he was let go after five months because of his aggres-

sive investigation of alleged contract violations by GTECH — against the wishes of his bosses on the Bush-controlled Lottery Commission.

He said GTECH also opposed his attempts to encourage competition for the company's \$150 million yearly state contract, the paper reported.

GTECH officials have denied that. Commissioners said at the time of his dismissal that they had lost confidence in Littwin.

In a recent deposition conducted by Littwin's lawyers, Nick Kralj, a former aide to Barnes, who was speaker of the Texas House when Bush joined the Guard, spelled out in part how some Texans contacted the speaker's office for assistance in joining the Guard.

Kralj, an Austin lobbyist, testified that Barnes and one of his assistants, sometimes passed on to him names of people wanting to get into the Guard, The News

reported.

Kralj was a member of the Texas Air National Guard and an assistant to the late Gen. James Rose, head of the Texas Air National Guard. Kralj testified that he turned the names over to the general but did not know whether they were accepted.

Kralj also said that he couldn't recall any of the names but that Bush's was not among them.

"I guess the bottom line here we want is that I did not help George Bush Sr. or George Bush Jr. get in the National Guard," he said during questioning by Levine.

Pressed further, Kralj said, "I didn't do it because I think that, you know, it would have been something that I would have remembered. He was a United States congressman. It would have been his son. I think I would have recalled something of that."

Jury awards family \$907 million in unicorn killer case

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A counterculture guru convicted in absence of killing his girlfriend and stuffing her body in a steamer trunk 22 years ago was ordered by a jury Wednesday to pay her family \$907 million.

The wrongful-death verdict in the civil case against Ira Einhorn came after a two-day trial in which Einhorn — who lives as a free man in France, where he is fighting extradition — put up no defense.

"I hope it's heard loud and clear in Champagne-Mouton," said Elizabeth Hall, one of Holly Maddux's sisters, referring to the small town where Einhorn lives.

Ms. Hall said she does not

expect to collect any of the award. James R. Beasley, the family's lawyer, said the point was not necessarily to get the money but to prevent Einhorn from profiting from any book or movie deals.

Earlier this year, the murder case was the subject of an NBC mini-series, "The Hunt for the Unicorn Killer." Einhorn did not profit from it.

Ms. Maddux was bludgeoned to death in 1977, but her body was not found until 18 months later in a closet in Einhorn's home. A prominent antiwar campaigner and activist in the 1960s, Einhorn, now 58, fled the United States and was sentenced to life in prison following his 1993 trial.

After 16 years in hiding, he was tracked down and arrested at his home in the French countryside in 1997.

Einhorn failed to respond to numerous legal papers delivered to his home in the wrongful-death case, leading Judge Sandra Moser Moss to rule that he had effectively admitted liability.

She told jurors that their only decision was to determine how much Einhorn should have to pay. The jury awarded the family \$752 million in punitive damages and \$155 million in compensatory damages.

Earlier in the day, Ms. Hall testified that she was "infuriated and horrified" at the thought Einhorn

could make millions from his story.

Einhorn could not immediately be reached for comment on the verdict.

In an interview with the syndicated radio talk show Radio

America on Wednesday morning, he said he was interested in writing a book but had no intention of making money.

"I am innocent of the crime as charged, and I will declare that until my dying breath," he said.

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Futures soar

Prices of gasoline futures contracts rose to 21-month highs Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange as government and industry reports showed falling inventories and high demand during a peak driving period.

Unleaded gasoline futures prices climbed to their highest levels since October 1997 as the U.S. Department of Energy released a report showing declines in crude and gasoline stockpiles last week.

Meanwhile, the industry's American Petroleum Institute reported that demand for gasoline rose last week. The holiday travel period between Memorial Day and Labor Day generally sees high gasoline demand.

Bill O'Grady, an energy analyst with AG Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis, said the falling inventory numbers coupled with summer car trips have sent energy futures soaring.

"Demand's up, inventories are tightening and crude oil is going along for the ride," O'Grady said.

Dow falls

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan left financial markets unscathed and unimpressed Wednesday as he reassured the Fed's willingness to raise interest rates at any sign of a rebound in inflation.

Market indexes ended a quiet session with mixed results. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 6.97 points to close at 10,972.07. The blue-chip index spent much of the afternoon in positive territory before falling back in the final hour of trading.

Broader stock indicators, however, were modestly higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 2.56 to 1,365.40, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 26.51 to 2,705.84.

Last Thursday, Greenspan surprised Wall Street by telling the House Banking Committee the Fed remains on watch for inflationary pressures, and may be willing to raise interest rates again to hold off inflation. Stocks slumped through Tuesday, when the Dow picked up 115.88 points.

Analysts said the next wave of government economic data should offer clues on whether inflation has encroached on the economy. Wednesday, a Commerce Department report said that orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket manufactured goods rose just 0.3 percent in June — less than analysts had anticipated, and a fresh sign that the economy has not overheated.

Dollar turns

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. dollar turned broadly lower against other major currencies as there were no new interest rate surprises in congressional testimony by the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

In late New York trading, the euro was quoted at \$1.0659, up from \$1.0620 reached late Tuesday. On Monday, it rose as high as \$1.0724, a 10-week high.

The dollar also slipped against the Japanese yen, falling to 116.12 yen in New York from 116.36 yen Tuesday.

The dollar lost ground as Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan provided no new hints about prospects for a further increase in U.S. interest rates in testimony to the Senate Banking Committee. Rising American rates make returns more attractive on investments denominated in dollars.

Last week, the euro slid to an all-time low of \$1.0108 before staging a sharp rebound amid signs of renewed economic growth in Europe.

Wal-Mart gives chamber \$4,000 boost

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Economic development efforts by the Midland Chamber of Commerce got a \$4,000 boost Wednesday from Wal-Mart and Sam's Club.

James Montgomery, Sam's store manager, and Warren Wright, co-director at Wal-Mart, presented the check to Mike Conaway, vice chairman for economic development. The funds came from the Wal-Mart Economic Development program.

Dennis Clayton, director of economic development, explained that the chamber had applied for a grant from the program and received \$4,000 last year to upgrade the department's technology. Wednesday's presentation was the second part of the grant. The program was established a couple of years ago to support the communities where there are Wal-Mart stores.

"Communications and promotion are a vital part of economic development," he said. He said he's not sure how the most recent funds will be spent, but said they will probably continue to be used for communications and promoting Midland.

As part of the economic development efforts, the division's retention and expansion committee continues to visit existing businesses; representatives visited 36 in June and 29 in July. The division also handled inquiries from in-state companies for a controls manu-

facturer, trailer manufacturer, youth activities center and call center. Out-of-state inquiries were received for call centers, an apparel manufacturer, food service company, pump manufacturer and retail outlet. Staff also made follow-up calls to a health care equipment manufacturer, inbound call center, oil-field pipe manufacturer, power company and other manufacturing interests.

In other reports:
■ Joan Baskin said that the Midland Vision 2000 and Beyond committee will host community meetings on Sept. 28 at Carver Center, Goddard, Alamo, and San Jacinto junior high schools and Midland Freshman High School.

■ Vic Hardy, vice chairman of the convention and visitors bureau, reported that in May, out-of-town visitors booked 270 room nights and had direct visitor spending of \$90,950. In June, visitors booked 1,651 room nights and had direct spending of \$630,070. Year-to-date, direct visitor spending was \$4.6 million.

■ Business representation is still being sought for the new Education Committee.

■ Marvin Wynn, president and chief executive of the chamber, received a Milestone Award from the Texas Chambers of Commerce in recognition of his service to the community, state and nation as a chamber professional since 1968.

Area chambers unveil campaign to remind shoppers to 'Buy the Basin'

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

With back to school shopping getting into full swing, the Midland and Odessa chambers of commerce want to remind shoppers to "Buy the Basin."

The program, a joint effort of the two chambers, entered its seventh year as chamber and city officials unveiled public service announcements promoting the program and detailing its impact on the local economy.

"It's an awareness campaign," said Marvin Wynn, president and chief executive of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. "People are thinking before they buy outside the basin. I hear people comment on it, so they are becoming aware of the program."

Guy Andrews, chairman of the Odessa chamber, said "I believe this has had a significant impact on the economy, on retailers here. We're all stronger financially for it."

He pointed out that "Buy the Basin" not only benefits retailers but professionals like architects, accountants and attorneys.

Midland City Council member Lee Woods said that buying locally not only supports the local economy and employers but generates funds for charitable projects.

"That's one of the most important aspects. With the economic situation and corporations moving in and out, it's important to find new corporate sponsors. So buying locally, we strengthen companies so they can support our charities," he said.

It also strengthens the area tax base, he said. Odessa City Council member Bill Hext said that is particularly important in the current economy.

"In our community — and I surmise it's the same in Midland in terms of ad valorem taxes based on mineral values — we've seen a 60 percent erosion since 1995," he said. "Some of that is based on \$8 oil, though posted is now \$18. But we still have a declining asset base because we're depleting reservoirs. There's no solution to bringing back minerals, so we need to develop businesses externally and internally, and Buy the Basin is one way."

"Along with ad valorem taxes, our sales tax collections have dropped about \$2 million in the two cities combined. Each of us as citizens can be economic developers by supporting local businesses. True economic growth comes not just from bringing in new business, it comes from the growth of established businesses and the expansion of the market within the area, supporting new ideas and products from local businesses."

Greenspan cautions against cutting taxes now

By Jeaninne Aversa
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan urged Congress on Wednesday to delay any big tax cuts until budget surpluses materialize.

Testifying before the Senate Banking Committee, Greenspan also renewed a warning issued to House lawmakers last week that the Fed was prepared to raise interest rates again if necessary to hold inflation in check.

On tax cuts, Greenspan said Congress should proceed slowly and cautiously. "We probably would be better off holding off on a tax cut immediately, largely because of the fact that it is apparent that the surpluses are doing a great deal of positive good to the economy," Greenspan told the panel.

Greenspan's testimony came as the Senate began debating the Republicans' proposed 10-year, \$792 billion tax cut.

The central bank chairman has said repeatedly that he's not against tax cuts. Indeed, he has long opposed capital gains taxes. But he expressed concern that given the uncertainty of projecting future government surpluses, all the money needed to finance such a cut may not materialize.

"We should be cautious in the beginning," he said, adding that there's "no problem in delay."

Projecting budget surpluses over a long period is dubious because the country's economic boom cannot be entirely explained, Greenspan said.

"Things are happening which we call technical factors, which is another way of saying we don't have a clue, and they



AP Photo
Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, right, talks with Senate Banking Committee member Sen. Phil Gramm, D-Texas Wednesday in Washington. Greenspan renewed warnings Wednesday that the nation's central bank will move again to raise interest rates to counter inflation if the economy shows signs of overheating.

could just as readily go in the other direction," he said. "And, if you start to simulate a number of these things that could go wrong, those surpluses evaporate fairly rapidly — at least the size of them shrinks dramatically."

Greenspan said, however, he would prefer a tax cut over using the expected surpluses to pay for new government programs, such as the expansion of Medicare benefits President Clinton has proposed.

Greenspan said his "first preference" was to use any surpluses to pay down the national debt. That would help pull down interest rates and better prepare the nation for the looming baby

boom retirements.

And a tax cut always could come in handy as an economic stimulus if the now-robust economy should weaken, he said.

Greenspan made his remarks after giving the committee his midterm report on the economy, the same report he gave last week to the House Banking Committee.

He renewed last week's warning that the Fed will move "promptly and forcefully" to raise interest rates again to counter inflation if the economy shows signs of overheating. The Fed raised rates June 30 as a pre-emptive strike against possible inflation.

Separately, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday that orders for big-ticket manufactured goods expected to last at least three years rose just 0.3 percent in June, less than many analysts expected.

Economists said June's report shows that the nation's battered manufacturing sector is still feeling the lingering effects of a global financial crisis. "The industrial sector is still struggling," said Merrill Lynch economist Stan Shipley.

The increase reflected gains in orders for cars and auto parts, and electronic and electrical equipment, and came despite a decline in orders for aircraft and airplane parts.

THE ECONOMIST

Next big deal may be limited liability partners, 'junk bonds'

By M. Ray Perryman

Everywhere you turn in the financial services industry, deals are being made — and the excitement is just beginning. Twenty years ago, over 50 percent of the industry's revenue worldwide came from commissions and about 10 percent came from transactions. Today, less than 20 percent comes from commissions; 30 percent is "transactionally" driven. For many companies, national boundaries have become invisible; firms produce and sell products wherever they can find the best deals. Here's a peek at the seemingly endless variety of financial activities around the country and around the world.

Some companies have found that reorganizing their corporate structure has given them a new freedom. The limited liability partner (LLP) business structure allows one major partner to make all the decisions in a company while the others have no decision-making authority. In return, these partners are released from liability except on their equity in the firm's capital. As a result, limited partner-

ships can be sold much like stock in a company is sold. Moreover, partners only pay individual taxes on their portion of the company's income.

Another popular avenue to raising capital that has recently resurfaced is the "junk bond" market (bonds that are speculative grade or less than investment grade). If a company can be identified whose net asset value is higher than its outstanding stock value, junk bonds can be sold to raise the cash needed to buy the firm. The common practice then is for the purchasing firm to sell some unwanted assets and retire the junk bonds. The newly merged company is left with solid assets and sizable profits. The junk bond market is a favorite tool for takeovers.

A window of financial opportunity is also available through tax rate discrepancies. A tax asymmetry occurs if two or more firms have differing effective tax rates. Varying rates can result from (1) special tax supports of a specific industry, (2) different tax structures for domestic and foreign firms, (3) nonstandard levels among nations, or (4) players in the financial market who carry excessive tax write-offs or tax credits. Astute financiers will use situations with seemingly out-of-balance resources to their advantage. For instance, swapping one firm's debt for another's equity could yield tax benefits

that overcome price differences.

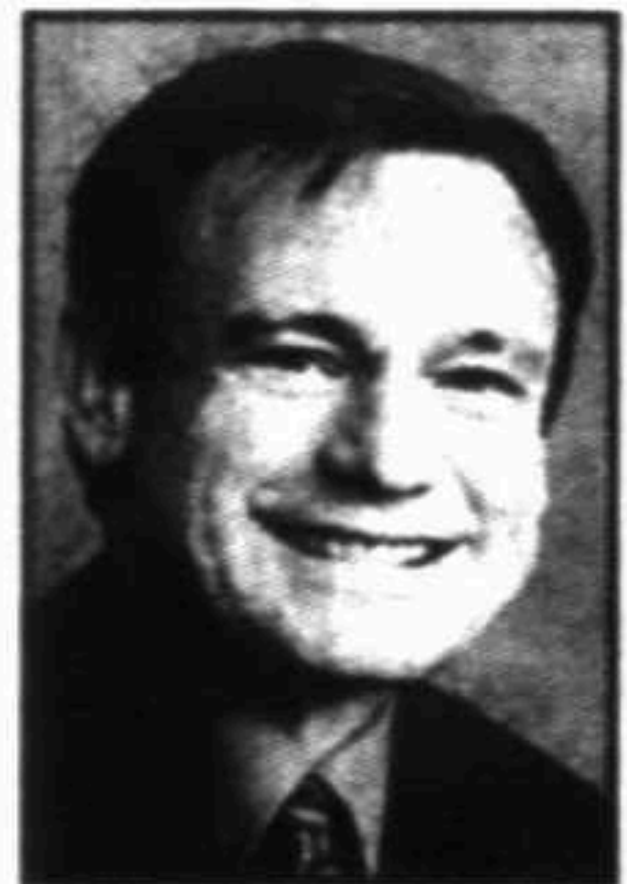
Two increasingly popular routes to managing financial risks are contracts called futures and forwards. Users of these contracts may hedge against price risks by fixing prices on instruments that are yet to be delivered. More often, the action is a later (as opposed to immediate) delivery of a type of asset. The highly-regulated futures contracts trade on futures exchanges, while the individualized forward contracts are more widely traded. Underlying deliverables on futures contracts are rarely actually delivered; rather, financial traders use these instruments as hedges (to lock in a price, for instance) although speculators enjoy these instruments as well. Since they are relatively unregulated, forwards are popular in situations that are highly specialized or in instances where a futures contract is not available.

Futures contracts are taken out on CDs, treasury issues, stock indices, and debt instruments such as mortgages. Recent innovations in instruments allow futures to exploit interest-rate differentials in various countries as well as differences among exchange rates. The primary futures exchange for currency contracts is the International Monetary Market (IMM), frequently used by foreign exchange dealers, especially those dealing in Eurodollars.

If you are doing business internationally, you are — or soon will be — aware of swaps. The swap market has evolved faster than any other in the history of financial markets. The basic, plain vanilla swap is simply a voluntary exchange of differing obligations, such as a variable interest rate contract for a fixed rate contract. Although the record keeping involved in a swap is complex and, thus, normally requires an intermediary, the instrument has proven exceedingly popular for many kinds of corporate and governmental organizations. Among their many uses are managing risk, furthering economies of scale, entering fresh markets, and reducing the cost of capital.

I still put a lot of stock in a handshake and a deal that just feels good — and those good deals are happening right and left. Nevertheless, as you can see, when it comes to financial services, it's a whole new world. Profits abound for those who can work with innovative financing. Emerging financial strategies are keeping the door to the future of business wide open.

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Perryman

Art from closed Mexico City museum back in limelight

By Julia Preston
N.Y. Times News Service

MEXICO CITY — In the 1980s, when he was flush with cash, the television magnate Emilio Azcarraga Milmo decided to create a modern-art museum that would give Mexico City a new aura of sophistication and make it a respectable stop on the international art circuit.

To direct his museum, Azcarraga plucked Robert R. Littman from New York art circles and brought him to Mexico. Littman, the former director of the Grey Art Gallery and Study Center at New York University, became the director of the Cultural Center for Contemporary Art, which opened here in 1986. Before long, the new museum was filled with traveling and other exhibitions involving artists of the global stature of Robert Motherwell, Salvador Dali and Anselm Kiefer.

Persistently but rather quietly, Littman also put his eye on Azcarraga's largesse to work on building a permanent collection for the museum. In time it came to include about 1,800 works of modern art and a collection of photographs assembled by the nonagenarian dean of Mexican photographers, Manuel Alvarez Bravo.

Azcarraga died in 1997. His son, Emilio Azcarraga Jean, took over his media empire, closed the museum as a luxury he could no longer afford and let Littman go. The museum went out of business, and its permanent collection was locked away in the basement of the headquarters of Grupo Televisa, the Azcarragas' media conglomerate.

But the collection, in a sense, has been reborn, in an incarnation that befits the times in which it will live: financially leaner, but

with more fluid artistic interchange between Mexico and the rest of the world.

After reviewing proposals from several museums and libraries, the Televisa Cultural Foundation, which owns the collection, signed a 25-year agreement to turn over its management to Casa Lamm, an institute run by five Mexican women who show art and teach art history. The institute is in an aristocratic turn-of-the-century mansion in the capital city.

IN CONTRAST to the generous spaces of the Cultural Center for Contemporary Art, Casa Lamm (which is named for its architect, Lewis Lamm) is far too small to serve as a museum to show the collection. So instead of exhibiting it, Casa Lamm will lend the works to other museums in Mexico and the United States. Rather than having an ample supply of Televisa's money, as Littman did, Casa Lamm will spend its time searching for funds to support the collection.

Its new curator is Victor Zamudio Taylor, an American-Mexican, as he calls himself: an American of Mexican descent who grew up at the border in San Diego and later lived in Mexico. One of Zamudio Taylor's goals is to close the circle that Littman began drawing, by taking the Mexican art that is part of the Televisa collection and sending it to be shown in the United States, especially in areas with many Latino residents.

In the Televisa-Casa Lamm deal, there is a something of a parallel with the past. For the chairwoman of his museum, the senior Azcarraga had chosen Paula Cussi, who eventually became his wife. Although her only professional experience had been in reading horoscopes on a Televisa variety show, over the

years Ms. Cussi proved herself to be an astute museum manager. Now one of the directors of Casa Lamm is Germaine Gomez Haro, the wife of Alejandro Burillo Azcarraga, a cousin of the younger Azcarraga. Burillo is the vice chairman of Grupo Televisa. "I hope I can do half the job that Paula did," Ms. Gomez Haro said, acknowledging that she was part of a kind of succession. "She threw herself into it and made that museum out of her pure talent and with a lot of love. But we are facing different times."

Her Casa Lamm role is not mere nepotism. The institute offers a master's degree in art history, one of the few genuinely

electronic pieces and more conventional canvases by artists like Jasper Johns, Sigmar Polke and Gerhard Richter. Among the unusual pieces are huge wall tapestries woven in a Mexican workshop from designs by Francisco Clemente and Ray Smith. Ms. Gomez Haro said many pieces in the collection had never been displayed in public.

In the Alvarez Bravo collection are works from photographers like Guillermo Kahlo (Frida's father), Paul Strand and Tina Modotti.

Casa Lamm has already arranged for two-year loans of modern art to the Carrillo Gil Museum in Mexico City and the Museum of Contemporary Art in

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professional programs in that field in Mexico, which has a vast artistic legacy but few scholars to study it. Among the credits of Casa Lamm's in-house art director, Elin Luque Agraz, is an intriguing exhibition she put together in 1996 of small paintings representing pledges by Mexican Catholics to their saints.

It was shown, coincidentally, at the Cultural Center for Contemporary Art. "I don't think anyone doubts that we do a serious job," Ms. Gomez Haro said.

Casa Lamm presented the only proposal to Televisa that did not involve breaking up the collection into separate parts. There is the contemporary art collection, with works by Mexicans like Sergio Hernandez, Maria Izquierdo and Francisco Toledo, as well as installations, video and other

Monterrey, Mexico. Casa Lamm will not charge fees for the loans in Mexico and does not expect to get caught up in the traditional competitive jostling among more established institutions.

"We are not a museum, so we can actually work with museums," Zamudio Taylor said.

Zamudio Taylor, who has been associated with museums in San Diego, Los Angeles and New York, said that his vision was to show the art Littman had assembled in order to enhance the glory of Mexico on walls in Latino communities across the United States.

"The first generation had to achieve status," Zamudio Taylor said. "Ours has to balance intellectual rigor with creativity in finding ways to show the work. And figure out where the money's coming from."

RADIO: DJs warm up to morning show

(From 8B)

chit-chat about the "railroad killer" and some other news items.

Anyone imagining Ms. Tijerina and Ramos scurrying around trying to find songs to play could not be further from the truth. Everything is on computer, including introduction music, commercials and almost all the songs.

Ramos' display screen has a block of what is coming up next, what is playing now and what has already played. If a listener requests a tune that is not on the block, Ramos calls it up, picks the song, places it in the block and lets it roll.

The only time they use a CD player is if they are playing something that one of the artists brought with them.

6:28 a.m. Ramos goes on air to announce that the KMRK news break is next. Then it is time for coffee. Everyone heads over to the coffee room and pours a cup. Ramos, however, pours himself a liter, not including the sugar and cream, which appears to be the secret to his perkiness.

"We go through a lot of sugar here," Ms. Casas said. "The coffee guy came in and said, 'What happened to all the sugar?' And we all just looked at Ricky."

Our conversation is interrupt-

ed by Ramos calling everyone back to the booth for the news. Ramos said that Ms. Casas gets nervous when she reads the news and normally everyone leaves the booth until she is done. However, Ramos calls me into

cert," Ramos tells me. "I called and asked for a floor layout. They told me they work with this guy out of San Antonio. So I call him up and ask him about cost and coming down here. We play phone tag for a while and when

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the room and tells me to shut the door, much to the dismay of Ms. Casas.

6:31 a.m. Ramos announces the song that is to come up after the news and cues Ms. Casas. "Good morning, I'm Pasty Casas from the KMRK newsroom."

When she finishes, Ramos starts reading the sports and Ms. Casas walks by me saying, "I hate when people are in here when I do the news."

6:36 a.m. After a commercial break, Ms. Tijerina gives a weather update and Ramos plays another song. During the time between songs, Ramos shares the dilemmas of being program manager.

"I'm still trying to finalize things for the Chris Perez con-

I get him back and he tells me the price. I was like, 'Man, that's expensive.'"

Being the two marketable names for the radio station, the morning team often has evening engagements in addition to doing the morning show. After a while the long hours begin to take their toll.

Ms. Tijerina said her alarm goes off at 3:45 a.m., but she hits the snooze button until about 4:30 a.m. on a "good day." Ramos said he gets up about 4:30 a.m. or 5 a.m. but sleeps in the shower.

"You get into a daze sometimes," Ramos said. "It is like you're a zombie. I remember one time, I was driving to work and I pulled up to a red light. ...

"I am sitting there and I see the light turn green. And I am still just sitting there. Then I realized it was red again. So I am there and it turns green again and I don't move. Finally I look up and there are like four or five cars behind me waiting to go. I like, slept through a green light."

"Twice," Ms. Tijerina inserted.

"Thank you, Grace," Ramos replied.

6:51 a.m. Time for the morning show game, 'Mas Frégon, Mas Frégon.' One man and one woman call in and Ramos and Ms. Tijerina challenge the caller of the opposite gender to list items found in a certain place. The players, in this case, Rachel and Eddie, will take turns listing items until one other cannot think of anything.

Ms. Tijerina tells Eddie he has to list items found in a make-up bag and Ramos tells Rachel she has to come up with things found in a mechanic's shop. After going back and forth a few times Rachel wins a ticket to see Chris Perez.

7 a.m. "Yaba-daba-do," the morning show officially kicks off, escorted in by the KMRK morning show montage followed by the jingle, "It's a Tejano morning with Ricky and Amazing Grace. On K... MRK."

Study indicates Latinos' TAAS scores going up

Staff Reports

COLLEGE STATION—A new study from the Texas Education Excellence Project at Texas A&M University indicates the test score gap between Latino and Anglo students has narrowed over the last four years on the Texas Academic Assessment Skills (TAAS) test.

South Texas Independent School District, Los Fresnos Consolidated and Pittsburgh ISD are ranked respectively, by TEEP as the top three schools that are doing an exemplary job of educating Latino students.

In the past, minority student pass rates on the TAAS exam have consistently lagged behind those for Anglo students, noted Kenneth J. Meier, program director for TEEP and political science professor at Texas A&M. TEEP consists of researchers from Texas A&M and the University of Texas-Pan American.

"Latino student performances on TAAS exams is generally depressed in districts with high numbers of uncertified teachers, high poverty levels and high percentages of students from low-income families," Meier said. "These findings are consistent with a large body of scholarly research that had examined problems in minority student achievement."

This latest study examined Latino student performance on the TAAS for 303 Texas school districts from 1995 to 1998. To be included in the study, districts had to have a minimum of 1,000 students as well as minimum of 10 percent Latino students.

TEEP rankings are determined through the use of an education "production function" model where student performance (Latino performance on TAAS exams) is a function of inputs into the educational process such as operating expenditures, student teacher ratios, various education policies, and variables to control for differences in student makeup across districts and district socioeconomic characteristics, Meier explained.

The top school district for Latino students was South Texas, with an improvement score on 18.3 percent.

"The South Texas school district is somewhat unique in that it overlays several other districts and operates magnet schools. As a consequence the student body in South Texas is different from that of most other school districts," said Jerry Pollard of the University of Texas-Pan American. "This does not mean that the improvement scores for South Texas should be discounted. South Texas along other high-ranking districts should be commended for leading the way in teaching basic skills to Latino students in Texas."

"There are no miracles in producing positive educational outcomes for Latino students or any other student group," Meier said. "If the top 25 districts have anything in common, it is hard work and the application of well designed programs applied consistently over a long period of time."

The goal of TEEP in identifying these exemplary districts is to provide the public and policy makers with information relevant to the future policymaking efforts aimed at improving Latino education in Texas he added.

Rankings for all of the school districts in the study can be found on the Internet at: <http://people.tamu.edu/~kmeier/teep/>.

BUSH: Also skips LULAC

(From 8B)

ly have no thoughts about it."

Both Bush, who enjoyed strong Hispanic support in his gubernatorial election, and Elizabeth Dole said they had scheduling conflicts that prevented them from attending the conference.

On the Democratic side, former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley also cited a scheduling conflict, while Vice President Al Gore was scheduled to speak Wednesday.

This isn't the first time Bush has run into complaints from minorities that he's ignoring them.

Bush made a last-minute appearance at the recent Unity conference of black, Latino, Asian and American Indian journalists in Seattle after initially declining an invitation to speak even though he was scheduled to be in Seattle at the time on other business.

Yzaguirre said he was bothered that Bush did not attend other Latino events. Bush skipped the recent gathering of the League of the United Latin American Citizens,

which was also in his home state, and the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials in Philadelphia.

"The fact he has missed a lot of Latino events is troublesome," Yzaguirre said.

Meanwhile, La Raza officials released a report Monday saying hate crimes against Hispanics are on the rise and underscore a troubling pattern of harassment against the nation's fastest-growing minority group by law enforcement officials and extremists.

Private citizens and law enforcement officials feel they can harass or attack Hispanic-Americans with almost complete impunity," Yzaguirre said.

To reduce hate crimes, La Raza is advocating the passage of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1999 and extensive training of local law enforcement officials in how to identify and respond to hate violence.

DEAR ABBY

Safety whistle poses hazard if hanging around a young child's neck

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: This letter is in response to "Wm. T. Elliott" and his suggestion that "small children should have a whistle tied around their necks when they go on picnics and camping."

A b b y, please accept this important reminder to parents: ANY cord, string, necklace or tie around a child's neck could KILL if accidentally snagged by a tree, bush, fence, swing, etc. Parents should really protect little ones by PINNING or CLIPPING on that whistle!—A CONCERNED PARENT AND PHYSICIAN, TORRANCE, CALIF.

DEAR CONCERNED: I apologize for letting that slip by. You are not the only reader who hastened to point it out. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I agree that supplying a whistle for small children who are camping is a good one. However, since tying anything around the neck of a small child is a strangulation hazard, it would be better to securely attach

it to a zipper pull, belt loop or shirt.

When my four children were small, I also laced a small ID tag onto their shoe for family outings - zoos, hikes, etc. - in case the child was too frightened or injured to give vital information. Nowadays you can have bracelets made up for that purpose. —MARY ELLEN HANRAHAN, LYNNWOOD, WASH.

DEAR MARY ELLEN: Thank you for the input. A reader in Clackamas, Ore., also suggests that providing older children with walkie-talkies on camping trips is a good precaution in case they become separated from the family for any reason. That way the child can be heard from more than a mile away.

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for printing the letter from "Wm. T. Elliott" about the importance of carrying a whistle while camping. Abby, a safety whistle should be carried not only while camping or in the woods, but at all times. Boaters carry whistles in case the power goes out and they are stranded. College students carry whistles for safety on campus. The elderly carry whistles in case they are attacked or are physically unable to call for help.

The American Whistle Corp., where I work, is the only manu-

facturer of metal whistles in the United States. We frequently receive letters from people relating how they have been saved by blowing their whistle while lost in the woods or while being mugged. Our most recent survival story came from a man who was having a heart attack and "was unable to yell. He was, however, able to blow his whistle to get attention."

Once again, Abby, your column has been an instrument in saving lives. Thank you. —JENNIFER BLACKBURN, COLUMBUS, OHIO

DEAR JENNIFER: I am sure many people will find your letter of interest. I am pleased to "blow the whistle" for safety. I have carried a whistle on my key ring for many years.

DEAR ABBY: My friends of many years and I are planning a special beach trip to celebrate a friendship that began in the late '50s in elementary school.

We are big fans of yours and would like to know if you have any words about friendship that you could share with us. It would be an honor and a thrill to hear from you. —THE YA-YAS

DEAR YA-YAS: Friendship is a gift to be cherished. The way to have a good friend is to BE one!

DEAR ABBY: My advice to the mom who is hosting a wedding at which she didn't want children is to arrange for a baby sitter at the reception to keep an eye on the little ones. The children could attend the early part of the reception, and then at an agreed-upon time, the sitter could take the children to another room or location and entertain them.

Abby, I have very fond childhood memories of my cousin's country club wedding reception. I was allowed to dress up and attend the big event for a little while. Of course, I got sleepy before the evening was over, but the children's party had a place for us wee ones to fall asleep while the adults partied on.

This approach would avoid bad feelings just as the marriage is beginning. —FAITHFUL FAN IN TAMPA, FLA.

DEAR FAITHFUL FAN: A sitter and a separate children's party is an excellent idea. However, some parents think their little darlings belong with the adults for the entire evening, regardless of how fussy or rambunctious they may become, and other parents are unwilling to allow their children to be cared for by a stranger.

DEAR ABBY: This is my first letter to you, but because the top-

ic is so important, I felt I must share my thoughts.

I am writing in response to the young woman who has been seeing a man for 18 months, but wants to be only friends with him. While she says she "loves" him, she clearly is not "in love" with him.

You were so right to advise her to be honest with the man. I hope she takes what you said to heart and doesn't fall into the trap that I did.

Twenty years ago, I had been seeing the ideal man. We had so much in common. After a few months of dating, I told him I liked him very much, but didn't feel that I was in love with him. He was devastated, and I was racked with guilt. I doubted my own judgment and wondered how I could throw away the "perfect" mate. The result was that I "learned" to love him and we married.

Abby, after 17 years of a very difficult marriage, I am finally on my own — regretting that I ever gave in to guilt. Please tell your readers, as the saying goes, "In matters of the heart, follow your heart ..." not your need to take care of others. The price is too high. —LEARNED THE HARD WAY

DEAR LEARNED THE HARD WAY: You said it — and

eloquently.

DEAR ABBY: Is it appropriate for a couple to host their own housewarming party? Or should someone else host it?—D.C. IN DALLAS

DEAR D.C.: Traditionally, housewarming parties are hosted by the new homeowners.

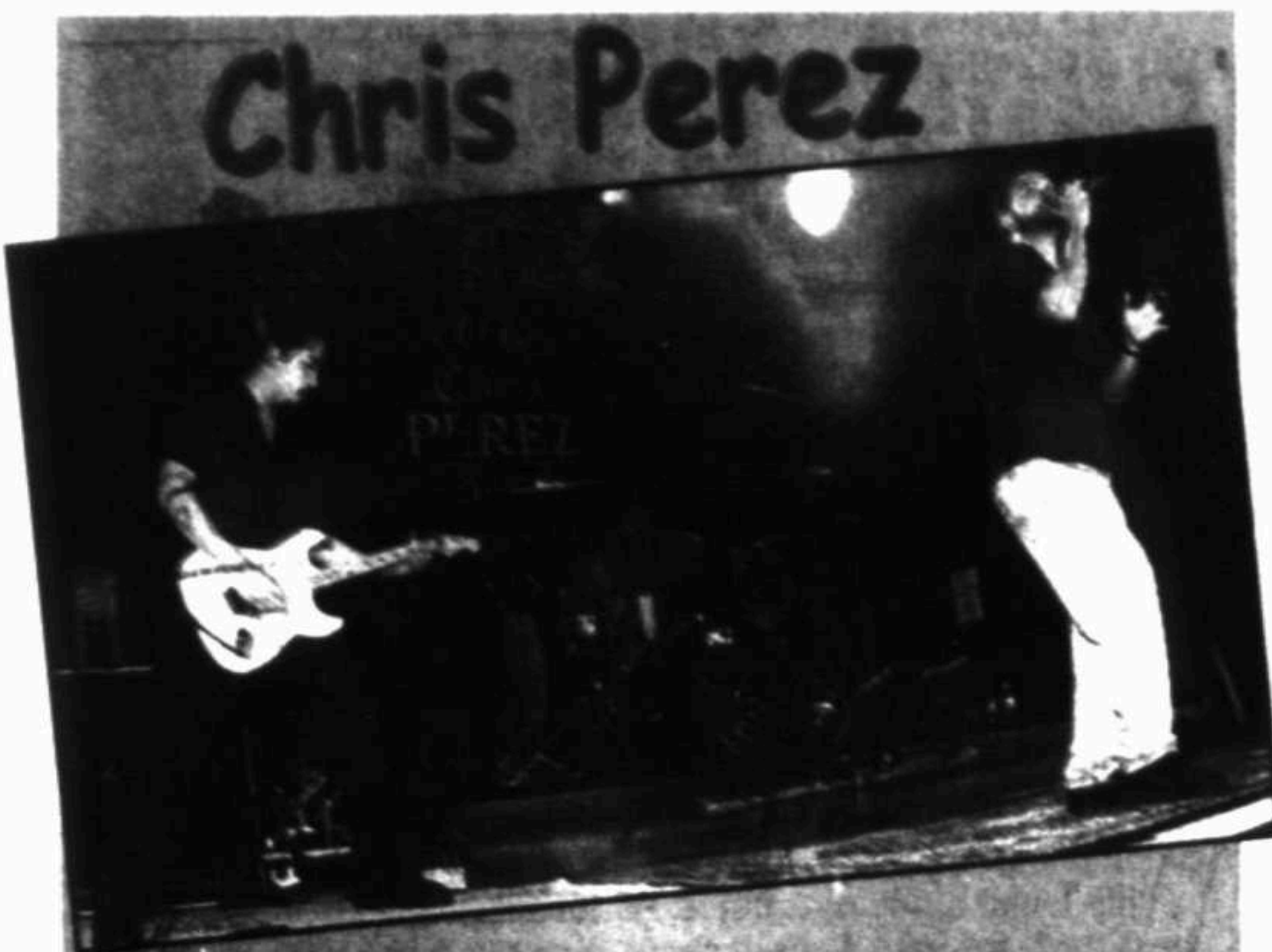
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¿Qué Pasa?

Dear Abby/7B



Chris Perez, left and below, leads on guitar as John Garza sings and Jorge Palacios plays drums at Graham Central Station in Odessa. Perez, the widower of Selena, performed July 17. He is scheduled to play more Texas sites in August and September.



Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Perez joins Maná tour

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

Latin pop star Chris Perez and his self-named band will join up with another big name on a new tour in September.

The band has been asked to join the "Maná" tour which is one of the top bands on the Latin rock scene. The new tour is great news to Perez who expressed disappointment when Maná decided to get off the Whacha Tour that will feature Perez's band.

The band's Latin rock style was not what concert goers were expecting. Before the last song Perez asked the crowd, "Who expected me to play cumbias?" To which more than half the hands in the crowd went up.

"It is like I said before," Perez said. "I knew they would come out the first time out of curiosity, it is getting them to come back that will be the challenge."

Although their expectations were different, the crowd was anything but disappointed.

Maryanne Sais from Odessa said she was happy with what she saw on stage.

"It was a great sound and a good mix of some different things," Ms. Sais said. "I would definitely come see him again."

Perez and his band recently played in Odessa for the first time since he was with his late wife Selena.



AP Photo

The rock band Maná, which has sold more than 2 million records worldwide, has signed up the Chris Perez Band to tour with them. Based in Guadalupe, Mexico, Maná is one of the biggest names in the rock en Español movement.

Bush a no-show at La Raza

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush is a no-show at the annual National Council of La Raza conference. But that doesn't mean the GOP presidential front-runner has been forgotten. Even though Sen. John McCain did show up and addressed the nation's largest Hispanic civil rights advocacy group, questions about Bush's absence dominated the talk around the George Brown Convention Center.

"We are disappointed," La Raza President Raul Yzaguirre said Monday. "Some of our people are a little angry he

didn't show up. If he's taking us for granted, he is misreading our community."

McCain was the only Republican candidate for 2000 to accept La Raza's invitation to appear. Asked about Bush's absence, the Arizona senator said, "I real-



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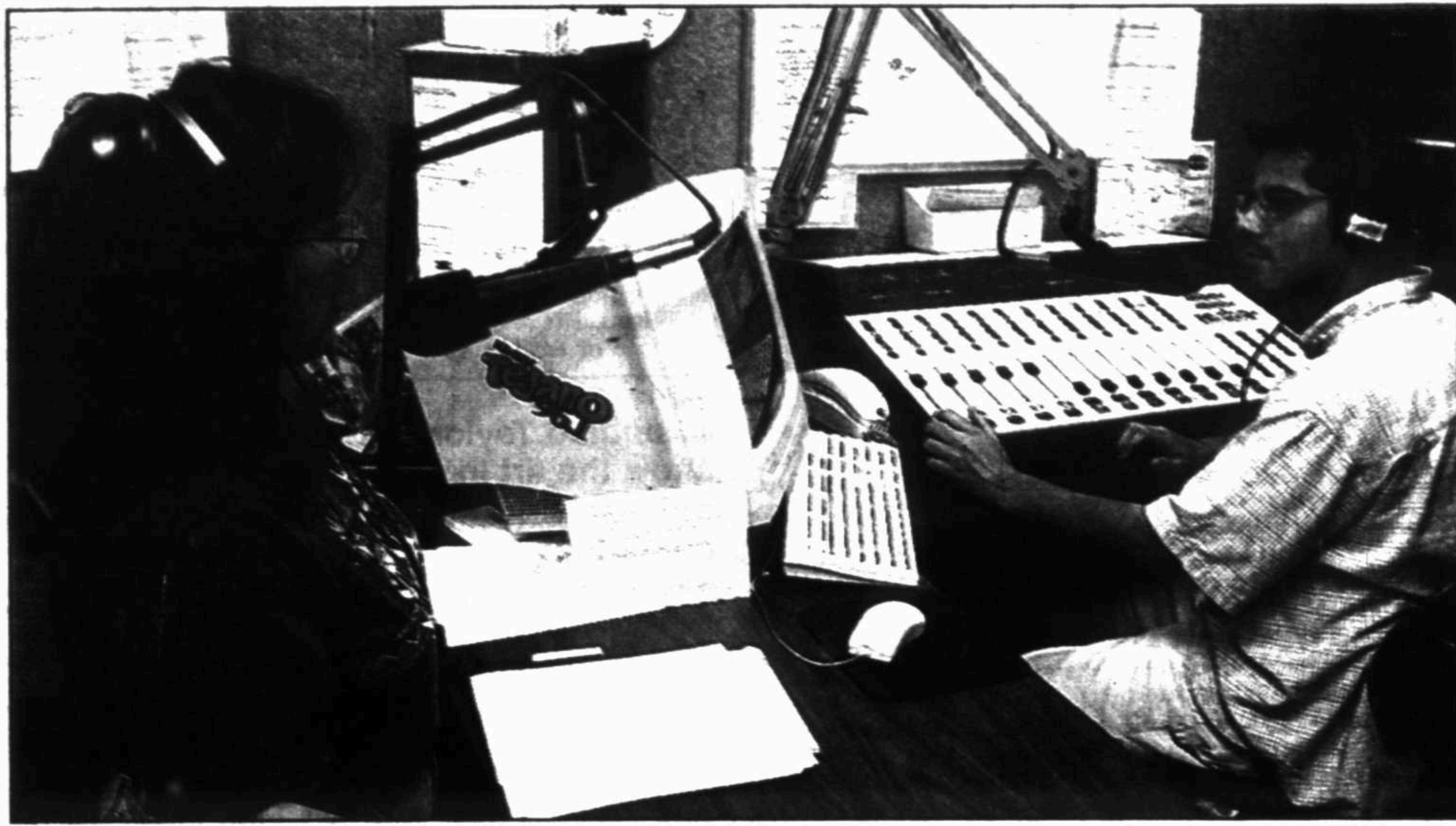
Please see BUSH/7B

TOP 10 Hot Latin Tracks

As listed by Billboard for the week through July 31

1. No Me Ames, Jennifer Lopez with Marc Anthony, Work
 2. Bailamos, Enrique Iglesias, Overbrook, Interscope
 3. Loco, Alejandro Fernandez, Sony Discos
 4. Mi Vida Sin Tu Amor, Christian Castro, Ariola
 5. Se Me Olvido Otra Vez, Mana, WEA Latina
 6. Bella, Ricky Martin, C2
 7. Lagrimas, Los Tigres del Norte, Fonovisa
 8. Tu Sabes Bien, Ednita Nazario, EMI Latin
 9. El Niágara En Bicicleta, Juan Luis Guerra 440, Karen
 10. Necesito Decirte, Conjunto Primavera, Fonovisa
- GREATEST GAINER this week at No. 11 — *Dejarte Querer*, Gilberto Santa Rosa, Sony Discos.

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Grace Tijerina (Amazing Grace) and Ricky Ramos are a contrast in personalities as they host the morning show at KMRK Tejano 96.1.

Buenos dias, Tejano West Texas ...

EDITOR'S NOTE: Reporter-Telegram staff writer Richard Acosta spent a recent morning with Tejano 96.1 radio personalities Ricky and Amazing Grace. This story details the first hour the pair are on the air.

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

ODESSA — 5:55 a.m. I arrive at the First State Bank building at 1330 E. Eighth St. at the same time 102.1 FZXX disc jockey Steve Driscoll, who is carrying in his shoes and socks, pulls up. Walking toward the elevator, I introduce myself and tell him I am here to shadow Ricky (Ramos) and Grace (Tijerina, a.k.a. Amazing Grace).

(Gulfstar Communications houses Tejano 96.1, FZXX 102.1 and Power 106.7 in the same building. The broadcast booths are located next to each other.)

"I thought you were here to use the ATM machine," Driscoll tells me as we walk off the elevator.

5:58 a.m. We get to the production area, and no Ricky and no Grace. "They aren't even here yet," Driscoll says as he ducks into the FZXX booth to sit down and put on his shoes. In the recording room, Pasty Casas, (who said she had been there since 4 a.m.) is getting her news reports ready for the different stations.

6 a.m. I'm standing outside the Tejano 96.1 booth as Ms. Tijerina comes around the corner walking briskly. As she zooms past me into the booth she says, "It's one of those mornings." She hits a switch, does a station identification, starts a song and zooms by me again.

As we are walking (almost running) down the hall, Ms. Tijerina says, "I'm running late because I was trying to get my hair fixed before I came up here."

We go to her office, she grabs her earphones and heads back to the booth.

6:02 a.m. "Good morning this is KMRK and I am Amazing Grace. Let's start this morning off right with the Hometown Boys and some Emilio Y Mazz on KMRK ... good morning!"

She starts the song, turns around, "I need coffee." We run back to her office where she is trying to get news and sports stories off the computers from the Associated Press wire.

6:03 a.m. Back at the booth there is a phone call while the first song of the day is still playing. It is an anonymous caller, claiming to be Ramos, who is making light of the fact that Ramos is not yet arrived. Ms. Tijerina jokes with the caller, hangs up, and runs back to her office to get weather reports.

6:08 a.m. Ms. Casas comes out of her recording booth with a recorded segment of the news bellowing in the background. "That is the weather from the FZXX news room, I'm Pasty Casas..." Ms. Tijerina runs back from her office with the weather written on a sheet of paper, "I hate computers sometimes."

She gets on air, gives a weather report and says, "We just had a call for El Ricky Ramos and he is running late..."

6:10 a.m. "The chaos is in the beginning. It gets easier as the day moves along. We have some talk time, but then we hit the 45-minute music sweep and it gives us a chance to catch up. Less talk more music... and when things work it is good (referring to her computer that is refusing to print)."

6:13 a.m. Ms. Tijerina is walking around a newsroom area, throwing away a little snack bag and cups as she talks out loud about her printing problems.

"I just wanted a black-and-white printout. No color, just a printout, but that stupid machine..."

6:16 a.m. Back to the booth. "West Texas Número Uno Tejano hit station KMRK. I'm the amazing one — Amazing Grace. Stay tuned, Intocable will be in

the house later today. Here is one of their latest on Tejano 96.1."

6:18 a.m. As the song is playing and Ms. Tijerina is looking out the window for Ramos' car, he walks down the hall and says, "Hi Grace."

Ramos and Ms. Tijerina are complete morning opposites. While she is running around trying to get things together, Ramos is very calm and collected as he is looking over the sports section. "I was going to be here early and have coffee and doughnuts for you, but we wanted you to see what it is really like around here," he said jokingly.

The pair have worked together for three years, but their paths crossed a few years before.

Ms. Tijerina, of Marfa, got into radio nine years ago on KNDA 1000 AM. Ramos, of Odessa, has been in radio for six years and got his start at KMRK.

"I had recorded some news that I got out of the paper and sent the tape to the owner at the time in 1992, but they never called me back. A few months later I called again and they said they lost the tape to send another one. I sent one in and called back everyday to ask if they needed anyone."

Then Ms. Tijerina decided to leave the station, making room for Ramos to come aboard.

"When I left I was only doing weekends. They called me back and asked if I would do weekdays, so I came back."

Three years ago the two suggested that the station have a morning show and basically were taken up on their suggestion to start one.

"We agreed to do it for a year, and here we are three years later," Ms. Tijerina said. "It has not become a job yet; we still have a whole lot of fun."

6:26 a.m. Song after song is played while the morning radio duo fill the time with

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From a pauper's birth on a dirt floor to being crowned 'The King of the Brown Sound'

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

From being born on the dirt floor of a garage to being crowned with the title of, "King of the Brown Sound," is quite a trip. However, Tejano music pioneer Little Joe was able to overcome his set backs to claim his crown and assure his place in Tejano music.

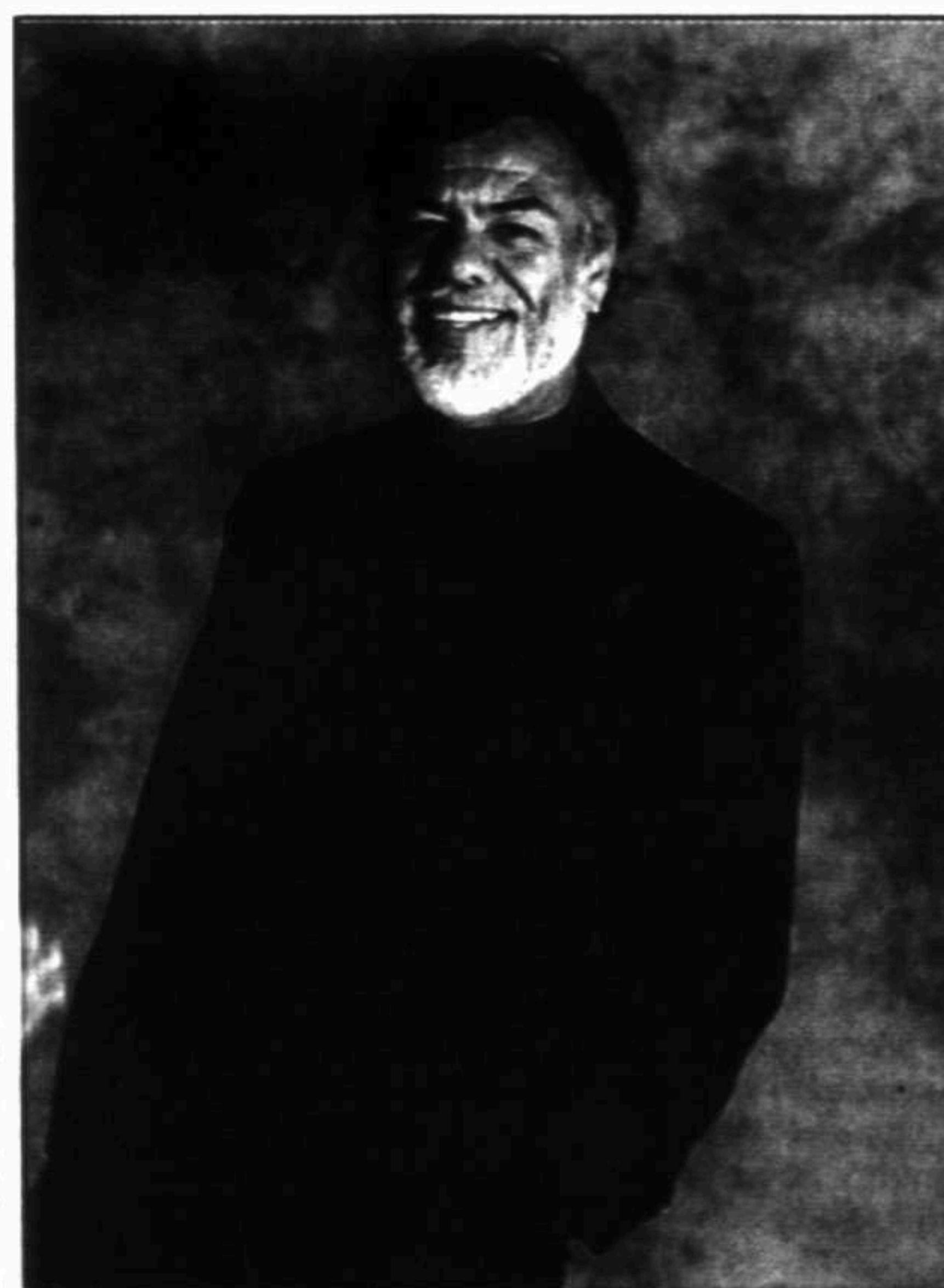
After headlining the Menudo Cookoff showcase in Midland, Little Joe will be bringing his brass-driven Tejano sound to the Class Act Club at 101 N. Mineola Ave. in Midland, Friday night.

Little Joe (born Jose Maria DeLeon Hernandez) was born the seventh of 13 children, on a dirt floor of a three-wall garage, in the rain in Temple on Oct. 17, 1940. He said starting life from there, a person has no where to go but up.

"Every day is a blessing when you start that way," Hernandez said. "I dealt with a lot of set-backs, racism and prejudice but I have always worked hard every day to get to where I am today."

The Grammy winner, who has played all over the world, is one of the most recognizable names in Tejano music. In fact, the 58-year-old Hernandez was one of the innovators of Tejano music, according to Ivan Hernandez with Ivan Entertainment. Ivan said that Hernandez has toured for almost half a century with the music he helped make mainstream.

"Forty years and over 50 albums later,



Little Joe, "King of the Brown Sound," rose from humble beginnings to become a major force in Tejano music.

Joe is still touring the world breaking down cultural and musical barriers," Ivan said. "He strives to bring people together to make a more peaceful and harmonious world."

Hernandez said he tries to use his notoriety to encourage kids to stay in school and strive to be successful.

One example of this is the two movies the singer has starred in, "Deadly Lay - Proposition 187" and "Down for the Bar-

Ticket winners

Winners in the Midland Reporter-Telegram drawing for tickets to the 7:30 p.m. Little Joe y Familia concert at Class Act Friday (July 30) are — (All Midlanders)

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- Moses Gavia
- Elva Gomer
- Celina Granado
- Joe Lopez

Winners may call 687-8856 for verification.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. Friday night at the Class Act for the performance of Little Joe y La Familia. Attendees must be 21.

For more information on tickets call the Class Act at 570-7474.

rio." Hernandez said both portray Mexicans in a positive light.

Friday night, Hernandez said although he cannot guarantee everyone a good seat for his act, he can guarantee everyone a good show.

"I will definitely play some of the old stuff," Hernandez said. "People would not let me get out of town without doing that. But I will also play some of our new tracks and maybe some of the stuff we are recording now."

"I can tell you this. You will get everything you have come to expect from Little Joe y La Familia."

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Smith

By Jaime Aro
AP Sports Writer

WICHITA Falls, Kan. — Retirement of Emmitt Smith, rushing leader, hopes his status in football.

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Smith becomes NFL's active leading rusher

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

WICHITA FALLS — Although the retirement of Barry Sanders makes Emmitt Smith the NFL's active career rushing leader, the Dallas Cowboys star hopes his statistical rival returns to football.

"If he chooses to leave the game, that's his choice," Smith said Wednesday. "The only thing I can say is that I wish he wouldn't."

"I believe he's a back who has many, many more years in front of him," he said. "This is a very unfortunate situation. Maybe it's only temporary. Maybe he might reconsider and come back. Maybe they might trade him away. Who knows?"

Sanders leaves with 15,269 career yards, the second-most all-time and 1,458 shy of breaking Walter Payton's record. Smith is No. 5 on the overall list with 12,566 yards.

"I would love to see him break the record," said Smith, who is only 694 yards from passing Tony Dorsett and Eric Dickerson to become No. 3. "I think Barry would've been the first back to break the 20,000 barrier."

Now Smith is the leading favorite to top Payton. At his career average of 89.8 yards per game, he's about 30 games away, putting the target date at late in the 2000 season.

"I'm not a selfish person and only a

selfish person would look at it that way," Smith said. "He has a great opportunity to do it this year. It would be exciting to watch. Hopefully, someday, my chance may come."

Either Smith or Sanders led the NFL in rushing from 1990-97, with each taking four titles. Sanders had the best year between them with 2,053 yards in 1997. But the biggest difference in their careers is the success of their teams.

Smith has won three Super Bowls in nine seasons with the Cowboys, while Sanders has only advanced as far as the NFC Championship once in 10 years with the Detroit Lions.

"The man has been everything Detroit wanted, but has Detroit been everything he needed? Probably not," Smith said. "So, frustration and a lot of

disappointment is on his side."

"I can guarantee you this: Barry would switch with Emmitt any day of the week," Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin said. "That's what it's all about."

If Sanders decides to return, Detroit would be his only choice because of salary-cap implications the Lions would face for trading or cutting him. The only way around that would be if the NFL finds or creates a loophole.

Should one be found, Dallas' NFC East rival Washington would be among the top bidders. The Redskins talked about trading for Sanders long before Wednesday's announcement.

While Smith said he thinks the league should step in, Irvin is lobbying against any intervention if it could land

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AP Photo
Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith stretches with help from a teammate during training camp Wednesday in Wichita Falls.

LEGENDARY LION RETIRES

Sanders runs from Detroit

Running back hangs it up 1,500 yards from record

By Harry Atkins
AP Sports Writer

PONTIAC, Mich. — Barry Sanders always had eye-popping moves, dazzling and dazzling NFL defenders for 10 years. Now comes the move of all moves, and like the others, no one saw this coming.

Sanders retired on the eve of the Detroit Lions' training camp, a shocking decision that prevents him from becoming the NFL's career rushing leader this season.

In a statement released Wednesday, the game's most explosive running back said he was leaving because, "My desire to exit the game is greater than my desire to remain in it."

The news stunned the Lions, who left the door open for him to return.

That didn't appear likely, however. "Ten years is a lot of football," the 31-year-old Sanders said at Gatwick Airport after arriving on a flight from Detroit to London. "I'm just really not feeling like playing. It's not the same game. ... As I've gotten older, the game has changed in my mind."

"I'm thinking about doing other things," he added. "It's still fun, but not as fun. It just felt like it was time."

Asked if he might change his mind, he shook his head.

"I don't think that's going to happen," he said.

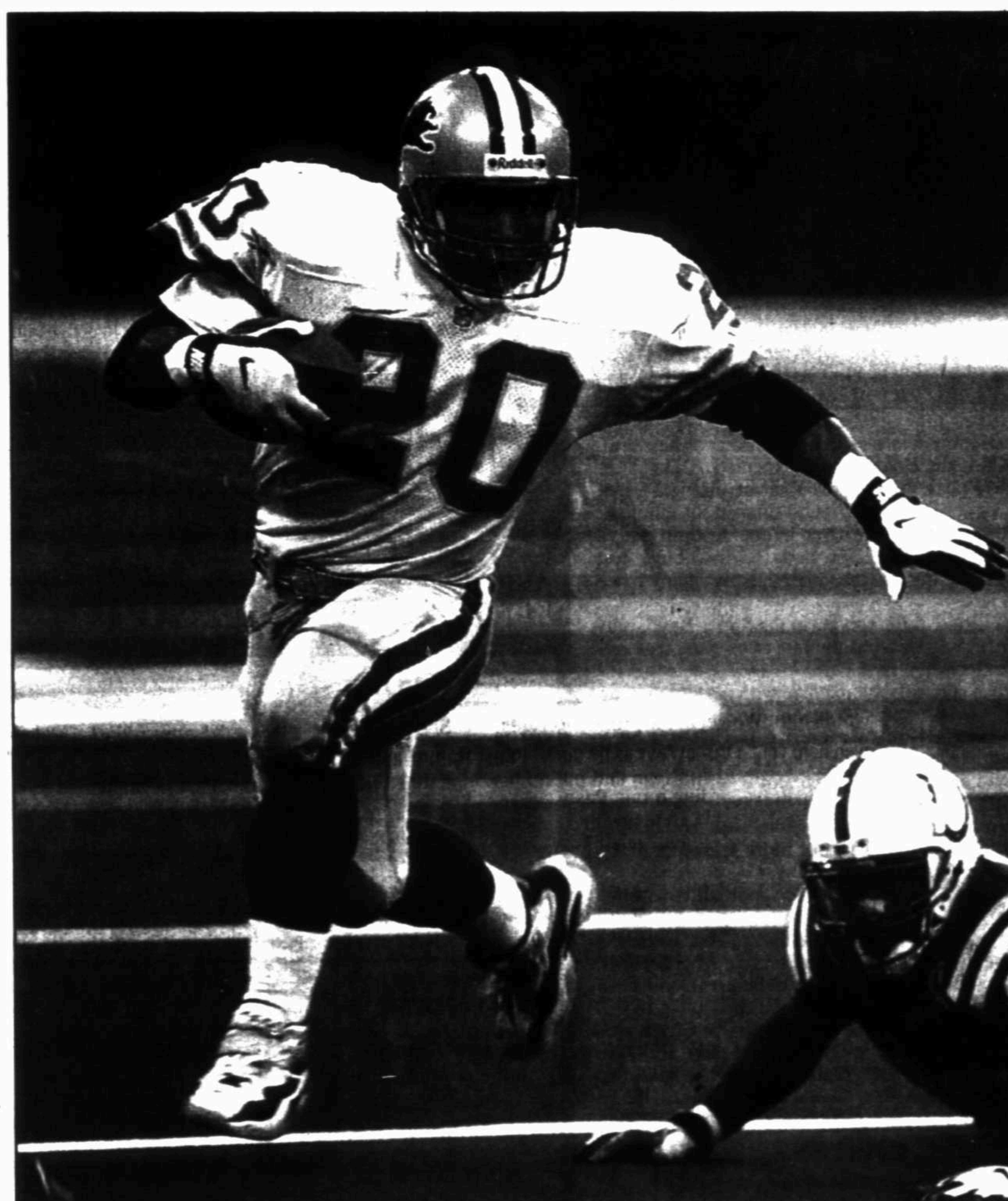
Sanders becomes the fourth superstar to retire since January, joining John Elway, Wayne Gretzky and Michael Jordan. Unlike those three, Sanders leaves while at the top of his game, much the same as Jim Brown, who retired from the NFL in 1966 at age 30.

Why now, especially since he's only 1,458 yards shy of breaking Walter Payton's NFL career rushing record of 16,726 yards?

Sanders has never thought much of such records.

Payton, who suffers from a rare liver disease and is awaiting a transplant, said he understood Sanders' decision.

"It is not about money. It is not about statistics. It is about the romance kindled by playing the game the way it was supposed to be played," Payton said. "As I am engulfed in my personal trials, my



AP Photo
Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders, who left many defenders lying on the ground behind him, announced his retirement Wednesday despite being only 1,458 yards from the all-time rushing record.

family, friends and life are more important than any yard or touchdown ever scored. And in a sense, Barry is fighting for the same."

Sanders, who planned to spend about two weeks in Europe, said he was leaving football before he became "old and gray and can't run" and got "kicked out."

Lions general manager Chuck Schmidt said Sanders would be welcome back any time.

"He's on the 'Reserve: Did Not Report' list, not the 'Reserve: Retired' list," Schmidt said. That means Sanders can be activated any time this season until Dec. 5. If he

joins the team before then, he can play in the playoffs.

Schmidt said the Lions have no intention of trying to trade Sanders.

"If Barry comes back, we would want him to come back to the Detroit Lions," he said.

Still, Schmidt said he intends to talk with Sanders' agents about repaying \$7.3 million of the unearned signing bonus on the \$36 million contract extension Sanders signed two years ago.

His agents — David Ware of Atlanta and Lamont Smith of Denver — said they tried to talk Sanders out of retiring. They had no more

luck than a defender trying to arm-tackle the one-man highlight film.

Sanders retired without speaking to Detroit coach Bobby Ross or anyone else on the team. Yet he said he leaves "on good terms with everyone in the organization."

"Obviously, this doesn't come at the greatest time," Ross said. "What we have to do is move on, and that's what we'll do."

He refused to speculate on why Sanders retired.

"I don't feel Barry left because of me," Ross said. "I don't feel that way at all."

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NL considers which ump's to let resign

■ National League will let go of 13 umpires after hiring replacements from minor leagues.

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Ability, racial and ethnic background, and experience will be among the factors used by baseball to decide which 20 National League umpires to take back and which 13 to let go.

Management officials and lawyers spent much of Wednesday trying to make decisions on the NL ump's, and they said they expected to make their choices by the end of this week.

On Monday, AL president Gene Budig told nine of his umpires that their resignations were being accepted.

A day after its attempted walkout collapsed, there were no new actions by the Major League Umpires Association. While union head Richie Phillips said Tuesday he would file unfair labor practice charges against baseball, none was received by the National Labor Relations Board's Philadelphia office, where umpires usually file.

In addition, baseball wrote a letter threatening to seek sanctions against Phillips for filing a lawsuit Monday, a management official said on the condition he not be identified. Federal court rules say suits must be based on "existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument" for changes in the law.

All of the claims the umpires made in the suit are subject to the jurisdiction of the NLRB or the binding arbitration clause in the umpires' labor contract, or are based on anticipated actions that haven't occurred, management officials said.

Forty-two umpires withdrew their resignations Tuesday as the union's strategy of a Sept. 2 mass walkout collapsed due to lack of support among AL ump's. The group withdrawing their resignations included the nine AL ump's who were told Monday that they weren't welcome back because 12 replacements already had been hired from Triple-A.

Before Tuesday, only three NL ump's had told their bosses they were remaining. Of the 33 NL ump's who withdrew their resignations Tuesday, 20 will be taken back and 13 will be replaced by new hires from the minors, several baseball officials said.

Two high-ranking officials said ability won't be the sole factor in determining who stays. Baseball has pushed to increase minority hiring in recent years, and doesn't want to decrease the percentage of minority umpires.

In addition, if an umpire is close to retirement age, the NL may be more likely to let him go, the officials said.

Baseball also must be careful not to accept the resignations of too many of the union's leaders, because that would open up the sport to a charge of illegal retaliation.

While union president Jerry Crawford was the highest-rated NL umpire in a survey by the players' association after the 1998 season, Terry Tata was ranked 29th of 36th and Bruce Froemming was ranked 33rd. Both Tata and Froemming are key backers of Phillips.



Beck, Mehaffey move into final-match battle for Women's City Championship

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

And then there were two.

After some grind-it-out battles Wednesday on the Ranchland Hills Country Club golf course, Krystal Mehaffey and Lisa Beck are the survivors of the 36th Annual Women's City Championship after tough second round matches.

Mehaffey edged three-time champion Jo Dickson by winning two holes up after 18, while Beck outlasted Letitia Collins, 2 and 1. Beck and Mehaffey will meet for the title at 9:50 a.m. today when the tournament switches to Midland Country Club.

Unlike the day before, the ladies didn't have to battle any snakes or other slithering reptiles but just the competition, which was as blistering as the West Texas heat that gripped Wednesday's morning and early afternoon play.

Mehaffey, one of the young guns of the championship flight, took down yet another championship veteran in Dickson. Both Mehaffey and

Dickson struggled on the front nine, but the Midland College sophomore turned it up on the back nine and played 1-under to advance.

"On the last few holes I hit a lot of pins and that's what you have to do," Mehaffey said. "Jo's a really good player. It wasn't really shocking. I knew I could do it but I also knew I had to play my best game."

After helping the Midland College Lady Chaparral golf team win the NJCAA title and garnering All-American honors just two months ago, Mehaffey must be riding high on confidence right now. She said she's ready for her match with Beck.

"I feel pretty good (about today's final) because I played pretty solid today so I expect to play pretty well and put up a pretty good fight," Mehaffey said. "I've been playing pretty good lately and I've been putting well. I've also been driving the ball well lately and that's a big kicker for me."

Beck's and Collins' match was as even throughout, but like Mehaffey, Beck pulled away

on the back nine.

"I don't know, maybe we ran out of holes," said a laughing Beck when asked about the key to her victory. "I just played better on the back. I was 3-over on the front and I was only 1-over on the back. I made a lot of pars on the back so I guess that keeps you hanging right in there."

Beck, the 1993 and '95 champion, may have the advantage in today's play, which moves over to her home course.

"I'm more used to Midland Country Club. These greens just scared me to death today," Beck said. "I don't know if it will be an advantage. From the tees where we'll be playing tomorrow, it'll play pretty short. If you hit it straight

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram



Reporters surround Detroit Lions quarterback Charlie Batch, center, as he talks about teammate Barry Sanders' announcement that he is retiring from football.

NFL players will miss getting to see Sanders play football

Associated Press

To those who played with him and those who tried to stop him, the retirement of Barry Sanders stripped the NFL of a true superstar — and a whole lot of fun.

"You look at a player like Barry and say, 'Wow!'" Dallas wide receiver Michael Irvin said. "I don't know if we realize how fortunate we were to see him play," said Cleveland linebacker Chris Spielman, a former teammate of the Detroit Lions' running back.

"The best way to describe Barry is that he did something every single week, whether it would be in practice or a game, that would absolutely amaze you. How did he do that? He did it consistently. Barry is in a class by himself."

Sanders said Wednesday he was retiring from the NFL after 10 years and just 1,458 yards from the career rushing record set by Walter Payton. After averaging 1,500 yards a season, Sanders seemed certain to break the mark this year.

Those who know him said surpassing Payton probably never entered into his decision.

"Barry was never much on records or stats. He was all about winning," Spielman said. "For him to play just to break Payton's record would be very much out of character for him."

"Maybe it wasn't important to him," said Terrell Davis, the NFL's Most Valuable Player and last year's league rushing leader with Denver.

Payton, who suffers from a rare liver disease and is awaiting a transplant, said he understood Sanders' decision.

"It is not about money. It is not about statistics, it is about the romance kindled by playing the game the way it was supposed to be played," Payton said. "As I am engulfed in my personal trials, my family, friends and life are more important than any yard or touchdown ever scored. And in a sense, Barry is fighting for the same."

"For my own selfish reasons, I would like to see Barry come back and play."

Davis gained 2,008 yards in 1998 and Sanders rushed for 2,053 the previous year. They are among just four players to top the 2,000-yard mark in NFL history and were to meet for the first time in the Silverdome on Christmas Day.

"I am going to play against Detroit without Bar-

ry so I am going to miss out on that opportunity," Davis said. "I am like anyone else. I am disappointed. ... Barry's been doing things I wouldn't try to do. I'm a running back. Barry's an athlete."

Sanders running style was unique, combining the speed of a sprinter with the contortions of a gymnast.

"I could say I'm glad I don't have to play against him, but he's exciting to play against," said defensive tackle Mike Wells, now with Chicago. "I was a teammate of his for four years, and I was a fan as well."

Bears coach Dick Jauron said memories of playing against Sanders were "all bad."

"He's no fun to play against," said Jauron, a Pro Bowl defensive back who plotted ways to stop Sanders on the coaching staffs at Green Bay and Jacksonville. "He was fun to watch — as long as you weren't the one he was making look bad."

At 31, Sanders was in his prime and the retirement announcement was unexpected.

"He's not retiring, is he? Y'all are joking. Please! That's got to be a joke," said Emmitt Smith of the Cowboys, who takes over as the leading active career rusher with 12,566 yards. "I don't buy it just yet because the man has many, many, many more years left."

The Lions' failure to get to the Super Bowl, plus a pair of 5-11 seasons the last two years, frustrated Sanders.

"I can certainly sympathize with his situation up there," Smith said. "I mean, the man has been everything Detroit wanted, but has Detroit been everything he needed? Probably not. So, frustration and a lot of disappointment is on his side."

Smith, Davis and others said they hoped that Sanders' absence would be short-lived, and that he would return for at least one more season of high-light-film runs.

For the time being, however, football is without perhaps its single most spectacular performer.

"My remembrance will be that you had a chance ... to be around sheer greatness, like Michael Jordan or Sam Snead or Jack Nicklaus or Dan Marino," said Miami Dolphins assistant coach Pat Jones, who recruited and coached Sanders at Oklahoma State. "He has withstood the test of time. He'll go down as one of the greatest backs that has ever played the game."

all related to contract negotiations.

"I am not involved in a salary dispute of any kind," Sanders said in his statement. "If I had played this season, I would have earned a more than satisfactory salary."

All the more reason why some of his ex-teammates were dismayed.

"It kind of pulls the rug out from under everybody," wide receiver Johnnie Morton said.

"We've got to redo about a year's worth of work in only a few days now. We have to scramble all our plays now, and put in a whole new package tomorrow."

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Cowboys sign 2nd-round pick

Associated Press

WICHITA FALLS — With the signing of second-round selection Solomon Page, the Dallas Cowboys have their top seven draft picks at training camp.

Page signed a four-year deal worth nearly \$2 million, including an \$800,000 bonus, and joined his new teammates for Wednesday's morning practice.



Other than final selection Kelvin Garmon, who won't be signed for months, Page was the only pick to miss the first two rookie workouts Tuesday.

"He looked rusty, very rusty," coach Chan Gailey said. "But I talked to him after practice and he's ready to go."

"He missed a little bit, but he'd been at the coaching sessions, so he's not nearly as far behind as he would've been in years past."

EMMITT ARRIVES: Emmitt Smith arrived at Midwestern State University on Wednesday, a day earlier than expected, and joined his teammates for some sprints.

"I'm out here to do a little bit of running, loosen up my legs and to get everything situated in the dormitory," he said. "There's no need to prolong the agony of when it's going to happen."

Did he do anything special to get ready for camp? "I spend about two weeks preparing for the media blitz that's going to occur," he said, smiling. "Nah, actually the mindset doesn't change. You just come in recognizing it's going to be hot already, so don't dwell on the heat. Maintain a positive attitude, maintain focus and just try to have fun out here."

SMITH: Dallas star wants Barry back

(From 1C)

Sanders in the same division as the Cowboys.

"Don't send him to the East. I love Barry, but either play in Detroit or don't play," Irvin said, laughing. "You definitely don't go to Washington. I'm running into the office today to talk to (team owner Jerry Jones) about throwing up red flags on this one. There's no way."

Cowboys coach Chan Gailey said Sanders will be missed by fans and the league, but not by teams that play the Lions.

"I'm sorry to see him go right now," Gailey said. "But the next time we line up against them I'll be glad he's not there."

Smith said he and Sanders had never talked about retirement. Smith didn't even know about Sanders' announcement until reporters asked for his reaction

following a morning workout.

"It's sad for the NFL because they're losing one of the best backs in the game, period, and at a young age," Smith said. "I wish him well. I really do. And, you know, he can call me any time. We can talk about it."

Smith knows what he'd say if Sanders calls.

"Come on back," he said. "Don't leave me out here to be the Lone Ranger."

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Highest Averages

By The Associated Press	Through 1998 season
(minimum 1,500 attempts)	
1. Jim Brown	2,359 12,312 5.22
2. Barry Sanders	3,062 15,269 4.99
3. Joe Perry	1,737 8,378 4.82
4. O.J. Simpson	2,404 11,236 4.67

Sanders Glance

Records	Consecutive seasons
1,000 or more yards	10 (with Walter Payton)
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Sanders Statistics

Regular Season				
Rushing				
	Att	Yds	Avg	TD
1989 Detroit	280	1470	5.3	14
1990 Detroit	255	1304	5.1	13
1991 Detroit	342	1548	4.5	16
1992 Detroit	312	1352	4.3	9
1993 Detroit	343	1115	4.6	9

Orioles get four RBI from Johnson, edge Rangers

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — For a change, Charles Johnson helped the Baltimore Orioles by starting at the plate, instead of behind it.

Johnson drove in four runs and Scott Erickson won his sixth straight decision as the Orioles ended the Texas Rangers nine-game winning streak, 8-6 Wednesday night.

Baltimore obtained Johnson for his skill in mowing down would-be base stealers and for his ability to deftly handle pitchers. The catcher has delivered in that regard, but has been relatively silent with his bat.

Against the Rangers, however, Johnson had a pair of two-run doubles for his first multiple-RBI game since June 13. The first hit staked Baltimore to a 2-0 lead and his second one ultimately proved to be the margin of victory.

"It was kind of nice tonight to drive in some runs. I haven't really been able to do that lately," Johnson said. "It was big to drive in those last two runs, because a team like Texas can come back on you very easily."

Mike Bordick had two hits and two RBIs for the Orioles, who have won 12 of 15. Cal Ripken, vying for his 400th career homer, hit three singles. In his final at-bat, he sent a long drive to left that barely hooked foul.

Todd Zeile and Ruben Mateo both homered and drove in two runs for the Rangers, who lost for only the second time in 13 games since the All-Star break.

"We didn't expect to win the rest of them," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "The idea now is to just keep grinding them out."

Erickson (7-8) allowed four runs and six hits in six innings, striking out four and walking three. After opening the season 1-8, the right-hander has won his last four starts and is 6-0 in 10 starts since June 4.

"I'm just trying to keep the ball down, slow the mechanics down, and tonight I pitched on a good night," Erickson said. "Sometimes that's more important than pitching well. You score eight runs, you should be able to win."

Doug Johns pitched two innings and Mike Timlin got three outs for his 12th save in 20 chances.

After Texas scored three runs in the sixth to make it 4-4, the Orioles took the lead for good with two runs in their half. Ripken singled and took second on a sacrifice before Brady Anderson was given a two-out intentional walk. Bordick then foiled the strategy by lining a single to left, chasing starter John Burkett (3-5).

"You put the chips out there and they fall where they may," Oates said. "You win sometimes and lose sometimes. There's a team over there trying to counter every move. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't."

B.J. Surhoff followed with an RBI single off Mike Munoz. Johnson's one-out double made it 8-4 in the seventh, and Mateo hit a two-run homer in the eighth.

"Six runs should be enough to win a ballgame, but I wasn't able to hold them down when I needed to," said Burkett, who fell to 0-5 lifetime against Baltimore.

AL Roundup

Zeile led off the fourth with his 15th homer, giving him an RBI in his eighth straight game, but the Orioles took a 4-1 lead in their half on an RBI single by Delino DeShields and a run-scoring grounder by Bordick.

Erickson was in control until the sixth, when he walked the first two batters and Zeile singled in a run. Two outs later, Luis Alcega delivered a two-run single, giving him five RBIs in two nights after going 46 games with only six RBIs.

Red Sox 8, Blue Jays 0
TORONTO — Butch Huskey starred in his second game for Boston, hitting a grand slam and a solo home run to lead Pat Rapp and the Red Sox over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Huskey was acquired Monday from Seattle and went 3-for-5 Tuesday night in his Red Sox debut. He came back to break open a scoreless game in the sixth inning with his second slam this year, and hit his 17th homer in the ninth.

Rapp and Tim Wakefield combined on a two-hitter as the Red Sox improved to 8-1 against the Blue Jays this season. Boston had lost 12 of 18 before sweeping the two-game series and moving back ahead of the Blue Jays in the AL wild-card race.

Rapp (3-5), making his first start since June 22, gave up two hits in eight innings and retired his final 17 batters.

Shawn Green extended his hitting streak to 26 games, longest in the AL this year and matching John Olerud for the longest in Toronto history. Joey Hamilton (3-6) gave up Huskey's slam.

White Sox 11, Yankees 3
CHICAGO — Magglio Ordonez and Ray Durham homered in a six-run fifth inning as the Chicago White Sox snapped the New York Yankees' seven-game winning streak.

Ordonez, who had two home runs Tuesday night, hit his 24th over the center-field fence off Dan Naulty to open the fifth.

Durham hit a two-run shot later in the inning and added an RBI triple in the seventh for the White Sox, who won for only the fifth time in their last 16 games.

Andy Pettitte (7-8) took the loss, the first by a Yankees starter in the last 11 games. He gave up three runs on eight hits in 3 1-3 innings.

Carlos Lee, Paul Konerko, Craig Wilson and Mike Caruso each had three of Chicago's season-high 19 hits. Carlos Castillo (1-0), called up from Triple-A Charlotte on Tuesday, picked up the win with five innings of one-run relief.

Chicago starter Jim Parque left the game with a bruised left thumb after Luis Sojo's single deflected off his left hand in the fourth. X-rays were negative and his status was day-to-day.

Devil Rays 4, Angels 1
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Wade Boggs went 3-for-4 to move within eight hits of 3,000, and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays sent Anaheim to its 12th loss in 13 games.

Boggs singled in the second,

fifth and seventh innings for his 220th three-hit game.

Ryan Rupe (5-5) allowed one run and six hits in eight innings, and Roberto Hernandez finished for his 28th save in 31 chances as Tampa Bay.

Jack McDowell (0-2), making just his second start following right elbow and shoulder surgery, allowed two runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Indians 7, Tigers 2
CLEVELAND — Dwight Gooden gave the Indians reason to consider putting him back in the starting rotation and Manny Ramirez raised his major league-leading RBI total to 106 as Cleveland defeated Detroit Tigers.

Gooden (3-3) made the most of his first start since July 2, limiting the Tigers to five hits in seven innings for his first win since May 18. The right-hander hasn't been happy pitching out of the bullpen and was further miffed last week when he lost a chance to start in New York when Indians manager Mike Hargrove changed his mind.

Gooden, who warmed up in the bullpen before the game with his son, Dwight Jr., standing a few feet away, mixed a 94 mph fast ball with a nasty curve to get his first win in 13 appearances — four in relief. He struck out a season-high eight and walked two.

Ramirez returned to the lineup after missing one game with a bruised left knee. Sporting a new orange hairdo, he homered off Brian Moehler (8-10) and had a pair of RBI doubles as the Indians completed a three-game sweep.

Twins 5, Athletics 3
MINNEAPOLIS — Corey Koskie hit a go-ahead single in the fifth inning and Mike Trombley worked out of a jam in the ninth as the Minnesota Twins beat the Oakland Athletics.

Twins starter LaTroy Hawkins (7-8) allowed three runs and four hits in 5 1-3 innings, but just one run was earned. Hawkins is 4-0 with a 4.18 ERA in his last six starts.

Trombley, the Twins' fourth pitcher, relieved to start the ninth with a two-run lead. Mike Macfarlane and Eric Chavez singled, but pinch-hitter Tony Phillips flied out and Miguel Tejada grounded into a double play. Trombley got his 16th save in 23 chances.

Oakland starter Jimmy Haynes (7-9) allowed four earned runs and nine hits in five-plus innings.

Royals 5, Mariners 3
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Carlos Beltran hit his second two-run homer in two days and Jose Rosado survived a shaky beginning to win his first game in more than a month as Kansas City beat Seattle 5-3.

Rosado (6-8) went seven innings and gave up three runs on five hits. He walked five and tied his season high with seven strikeouts in his first win since June 22, a span of five starts that included three no-decisions.

Scott Service pitched the ninth for his second save in two days.

Chad Kreuter led off the fifth with a tying home run against Freddy Garcia (10-6). With two outs, Carlos Febles walked and Beltran homered.

a 10-season career with Baltimore, the New York Mets, Montreal and Seattle.

Toronto manager Jim Fregosi said Segui will see playing time at first base, designated hitter and in the outfield. As a result, first baseman Carlos Delgado will see some time at designated hitter.

"Personally I'd like to be out there as much as possible, but I'll do anything to help the club win," Delgado said. "I think Segui is going to help us. I'm happy the front office is showing the commitment to win."

On Monday, Seattle traded outfielder Butch Huskey to the Boston Red Sox for minor league left-hander Robert Ramsay.

LOCAL SPORTS

Strauss wins TAGS title

AUSTIN — Midland's Greg Strauss won the 200-meter butterfly title at the Texas Age Group Swimming Championships last week.

Strauss took the title in the 15-18 year-old division and also qualified for the Junior National Championships, which will be held this week in Bakersfield, Calif., with a time of 2 minutes, 9.89 seconds.

Another City of Midland Swim Team member who qualified for the Junior National meet was Stephanie Brown in the 200 backstroke. Erin Irons and Michael McKeller will also compete at Junior Nationals.

COM results from the TAGS Championships held last week in Austin.
Girls 13-14: Caroline Carson, 200 Fly, 6:14; Malory Keathley, 100 Fly, 1:03.03; Kasey Wentworth, 200 Free, 8:11; 1500 Free, 5:11; 800 Freestyle Relay: Wentworth, Carson, Brooke Mayes, Keathley, 8:11.
Boys 13-14: Tommy Brown, 200 Breast, 7:10; 100 Breast, 7:11; Kyle Edens, 800 Free, 3:10; 1500 Free, 4:11.
Girls 15-18: Stephanie Brown, 200 Backstroke, 2:10; 100 Back, 1:08.41; Kristin Carson, 1500 Free, 7:11.
Boys 15-18: Gregg Strauss, 800 Free, 3:10; 1500 Free, 4:11; 200 Fly, 1:11.

Midessa Racing

Results from this past weekend's races
Mini Stock: 1. Tracy Stock, 2. Kerry Games, 3. Denny Loan, Street Stock: 1. Brandon Baker, 2. Tim Ridgeway, 3. Brian Canady, IMCA: 1. Monte Barton, 2. Bob Sikes, 3. Wally Reeves, Rookie Stock: 1. Russell Yeary, 2. Ethan Blackburn, 3. Matt Miles, Super Stock: 1. Arley Ugent, 2. Mike Baughman, 3. Justin Graves.

Scramble results

The foursome of Pee Wee Reyes, Mo Dominguez, Nick Sanchez and Brian Bernard won the The Knights of Columbus Council No. 9215's 4-Man Scramble Tournament held at Hogan Park.

The winning foursome defeated the teams of Sainz, Saldana, Sanders and Rodriguez and Atwood, Campbell, Knotter and Laughlin.

Mad Dogs roll on

LUBBOCK — The Midland Mad Dog adult in-line hockey team captured first place in the Texas Games.

The Mad Dogs, which won

first place in the World Hockey Alliance Games held in St. Louis in June, defeated Albuquerque 8-6 in the title game. The team is now preparing for August's TORHS National Championships in Las Vegas.

The members of the team are Dan Laverigne, Craig Stephenson, Don Margette, Dale Logan, Jeremy Lasseter, Bragston Morris, Jon Andrews, Jon Andrews Jr., Paul Logan, Chris (Woody) Woodruff and Brett Lilliams.

GTCC junior golf program

1999 Mid-Summer Junior Skills Challenge held Tuesday and Wednesday at Green Tree Country Club.

Overall Standings
1. Drew Bell 47 points, 2. Stuart Sutter 44, 3. Neil Chris Spot 43, Michael Mann 43, 5. Sarah Gawick 41.

Individual Events
Putting Skills Champions: Michael Kovarik, Matt Soarsley, Joey White, Chipping Skills Champions: Ryan Lamb, Clayton Luttrell, Short Game Skills Champion: Thomas Foster, Iron Play Skills Champion: Chris Dunham, Driving Accuracy Skills Champion: Jackson Burns, Tyler Shepherd, Driving Distance Skills Champion: Ryan Warrick.

Summer Long Match Play Final Results
Boys 9-11: 1. Jared Shepherd, 2. Brian Scherer, 3. (tie) Clayton Luttrell, Stuart Sutter, 5. Tyler Sheppard, Girls 9-11: 1. Taylor Frank, Boys 12-13: 1. David Frank, 2. Lee Prucka.

Junior Jamboree Results
12-13: 1. Jared Shepherd and Anthony Corson, 2. Lee Prucka and David Frank, 3. Ryan Warrick and Will Clark, 14-16: 1. Sara Gawick, 2. Matt Soarsley, 3. Jay Soarsley, 9-11: Tyler Sheppard and Drew Hill, 2. Miles Walker and Reed Redmon, 3. Zach Pitts and Brian Scherer, Mid-Summer Classic Putting Shootout: 1. Tyler Sheppard, 2. Stuart Sutter, 3. Jared Shepherd.

Rogers makes debut for Mets

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kenny Rogers, making his Mets' debut, allowed one hit in six innings but didn't get a decision as New York used a seven-run eighth inning to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 9-2 Wednesday.

Rogers left with a 2-1 lead after six innings because of slight tightness in his right hamstring. John Wehner tied it with a pinch homer by John Wehner off Dennis Cook (9-2) in the eighth.

Edgardo Alfonzo, who went 3-for-4, singled off Marc Wilkins (2-1) in the eighth and scored on Benny Abgayani's double. The Mets are 11-3 since the All-Star break and are a major league best 34-14 beginning June 6.

Cardinals 6, Giants 3
SAN FRANCISCO — Livan Hernandez (5-10), making his Giants' debut, allowed six runs and seven hits in seven innings, and Mark McGwire got ejected for disputing a strikeout.

Fernando Tatis had a three-run triple, J.D. Drew added a solo homer and Alberto Castillo had an RBI single for the Cardinals. McGwire went 0-for-2 before getting tossed out.

Darren Oliver (6-7) gave up three runs and six hits in 7 2-3 innings. Ricky Bottalico pitched the ninth for his 16th save.

Expos 8, Cubs 2
MONTREAL — Javier Vazquez (4-5) pitched

a three-hitter for his second straight complete, allowing a ninth-inning homer to Sammy Sosa, who tied Mark McGwire for the major league lead at 37.

Vazquez, the loser in **NL Roundup** David Cone's perfect game at Yankee Stadium on July 18, also hit a run-scoring bloop single during a six-run second.

Kevin Tapani (6-8), 0-5 in his last six starts, allowed seven runs — four earned — and seven hits in five innings.

Phillies 9, Marlins 4
PHILADELPHIA — Steve Schrenk (1-1), making an emergency start in place of Curt Schilling, allowed four hits in six scoreless innings for his first major league victory.

Schrenk (1-1), pressed into service because Schilling had tendinitis in his right biceps, had never started in the majors. He had not been a starter since 1997 for Triple-A Rochester.

Ryan Dempster (4-6) struck out a career-high 10 in 6 1-3 innings but allowed Mike Lieberthal's 20th homer.

Brewers 10, Braves 4
ATLANTA — Geoff Jenkins drove in four runs and Jeff Cirillo homered and scored four times as Milwaukee stopped a five-game losing streak.

Jenkins, who tripled, and Cirillo each had three hits. The Brewers stopped Atlanta's three-game winning streak.

Blue Jays get Segui from M's

TORONTO (AP) — First baseman David Segui was dealt from the Seattle Mariners to the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday for pitchers Tom Davey and Steve Sinclair.

Segui, 33, is hitting .293 this season in 90 games with 22 doubles, three triples, nine home runs and 39 RBIs.

"Clearly he's going to help our lineup," said Blue Jays general manager Gord Ash, who for the first time since being hired as the GM in 1994 is not dumping players before the July 31 trading deadline.

"He's an experienced bat, an experienced player," Ash said, "and any time you can add that kind of experience as you're going down the stretch, that's a

very positive thing."

Segui, in Kansas City where the Mariners were playing the Royals, refused to talk to reporters as he left the clubhouse. The Blue Jays weren't immediately able to talk to him either.

"He's going to be a free agent at the end of the year. We got a couple of good young pitchers for him," Mariners manager Lou Piniella said. "I talked to David when he got to the ballpark and informed him of the trade. I thanked him for his contribution here and wished him well. He's a good player. I told him he's going to a contending club and he'll enjoy that for the next couple of weeks."

Segui has a .284 career average with 97 homers and 474 RBIs in

GOLF: Beck, Mehaffey face each other

(From 1C)

you shouldn't have too many problems. It'll probably come down to who's putting the best."

After being beat in the first round of last year's tournament, Beck came into the tournament looking for a little redemption.

"I have been practicing some and I had hoped to be in the championship, but in match play anything can happen. Midland has so many good golfers. You never know," Beck said.

In other action from the championship flight, Trina Albright defeated Becky Hakes, 5 and 4, while Midland High senior Shelley Winchell beat Mary Robinson, 2 and 1. Winchell and Albright will meet in the consolation finals at 9:40 a.m.

Here are the second round results of the 28th Annual Midland Women's City Golf Championship played at Ranchland Hills Country Club on Wednesday.

Championship Flight: Krystal Mehaffey def. Jo Dickson 2-up; Lisa Beck def. Letitia Collins, 2 and 1. Consolation: Trina Albright def. Becky Hakes, 5 and 4; Shelley Winchell def. Mary Robinson, 2 and 1. Today's Finals: 9-50, Mehaffey vs. Beck, Consolation: 8-40, Albright vs. Winchell.
First Flight: Crist Brannum def. Polly Martin, 2 and 1; Amber Myers def. Mary Brown, 3 and 2. Consolation: Ann Drake def. Dorothy Moring, 4 and 3; Dede Plank def. JoAnn Teasley, 3 and 2. Today's Finals: 9-30, Brannum vs. Myers, Consolation: 8-20, Drake vs. Plank.
Second Flight: Beth Blomer def. Florese Lush, 4 and 3; Liz Hughes def. Susan Brazan, 1-up (20). Consolation: Kathy Cowan def. Janell Burnett, 4 and 2; Sylvia Roberts def. Mary Emma Bennett, 4 and 3. Today's Finals: 8-50, Blomer vs. Hughes, Consolation: 8-20, Dorey vs. Dougherty.
Third Flight: Danna McGuire def. Terry Manney, 4 and 3; Norma Pyle def. Carol Whitbalt, 2-up. Consolation: Leslie Lawson def. Gale Phillips, 7 and 5; Doris Schultz def. Jane Taylor, 1 up (19). Today's Finals: 8-50, McGuire vs. Pyle, Consolation: 8-40, Lawson vs. Schultz.
Fourth Flight: Sherrie Evans def. Evelyn Davis, 1-up; Susan Taylor def. Angela Nash, 5 and 4. Consolation: Dawn Dearsley def. Kathy Motley, 5 and 3. Pat Dougherty def. Penny Bateman, 4 and 2. Today's Finals: 8-30, Evans vs. Taylor, Consolation: 8-20, Dearsley vs. Dougherty.
Sarah McDonald Memorial Flight (Fifth Flight): Ginny Plette def. Peg Hodge, 4 and 2; Julie Green def. Eileen Guthrie, 5 and 4. Consolation: Mary Ellis def. Ella Heath, 1-up; Karen Martin def. Jean Corner, 1-up. Today's Finals: 8-15, Plette vs. Green, Consolation: 8-00, Ellis vs. Martin.

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Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and City Council will conduct a Public Hearing at 11:30 A.M. on Tuesday, August 10, 1999, in the City Hall Council Chamber located at 300 North Lorraine. The Public Hearing is for the purpose of allowing the public and other interested groups to make comments regarding the 1999/2000 Midland Budget.

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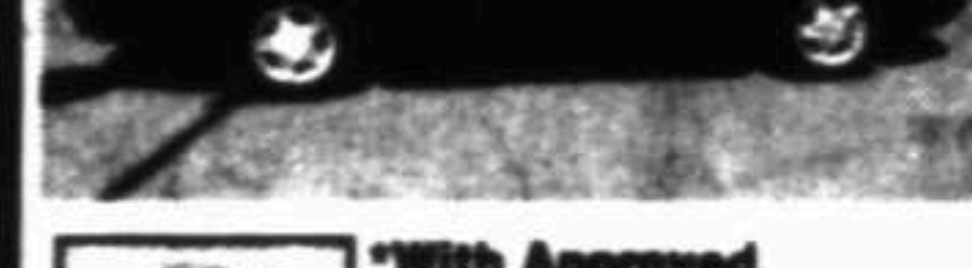
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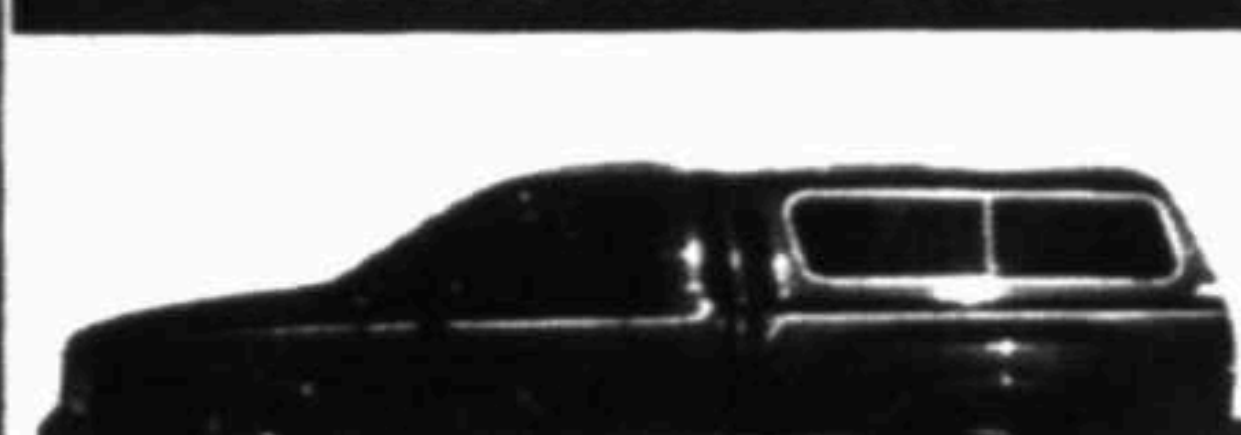
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2200 PRINCETON: Friday- 8:00 until 2:00! Office desks, game table & chairs, sofa, coffee table, toy box, trundle bed, washer, dryer, microwaves, TVs, exercise equipment, school clothes, miscellaneous!

2600 LOCKHEED

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Antiques & Collectibles: Heavily carved classical Empire sofa, Demilune table, Empire burled cherry chest/paw feet, carved Victorian chair, pair of Eastlake-style chairs, carved card table, Russell Wright demitasse cups & saucers, Royal Haeger bowl & candle holders, set of white Bavarian china, Lariat punch bowl with cups & Miscellaneous collectibles.

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All Major credit cards accepted.

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923 NORTH WEATHERFORD- Back to school sale! Friday/ Saturday, 8:00AM. Clothes- girls Junior size, computer/ cabinet, sewing machine, table, chairs.

802 S. LORAIN: 10c garage sale. 2 bicycles, washer, dryer, lawn mower, furniture, miscellaneous. Thursday- Saturday 8-5.

79703

3509 THOMAS- One day garage sale! Men's and women's clothing, furniture, workout bench, china, books, household items, toys, and much more. Friday only, 8:00AM- 2:00PM.

501 RUBY DRIVE: Estate sale! Thursday- Saturday, 8:00 am until 7:00 pm! All household items, clothes, miscellaneous!

3505 LOCKHEED: Friday only 7:30-7:00! Miscellaneous, furniture, large women's clothes and uniform scrubs.

104 S. DEWBERRY: Moving from house to apartment. Collectibles, English antiques, Knickknacks, etc. Wednesday till sold. 9-5.

4516 ERIE- Baby items, 2 cribs, walker, stroller, boys and girls clothes- infant to 18 months, toys, and other miscellaneous items. Thursday and Friday, 7:00AM- 11:00AM.

3304 MARIANA- Large garage sale! Craft supplies, school clothes, jewelry, fax machine, office desk, and more. Thursday/ Friday, 8:00AM. No early birds.

79705

4909 POLO PARKWAY
FRIDAY, 12-5
SATURDAY, 9-1

3209 WARD- Four family garage sale! Friday and Saturday, 7:30- 3:00. Victorian couch, loveseat, and wingback chair, Little Tike cars, childrens toys. Children- adult size clothing, lots of sewing material, and much more!

3212 WEST DENGAR- IBM Selectric typewriter, Epson 1010 printer, lawn mower, gas grill, womens clothes 14- plus sizes, stereos, vacuum, carpet, and lots of miscellaneous. No checks. 8:00 am Friday- Saturday.

79705

3103 HAYNES. Friday & Saturday 8 AM. Mary Kay- 1/2 Price. Men's large clothing, women's clothing, old tools, furniture, and miscellaneous.

1612 EAST HICKORY- Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 8:30- 2:00. Also computer, desk, etc. for sale, 683-0089.

The deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

3216 APPERSON. Friday- Saturday 8-5. Dishes, pans, small appliances, bar stools, pictures, dog houses, bike, clothes, trunk, vacuums, ironing board.

79706

5708 SOUTH COUNTY ROAD 1200: Moving sale! Saturday and Sunday- 9:00 am until 6:00 pm! Call 683-6647 for information!

2501 WEST COUNTY ROAD 130: (2 miles South of I-20 between Cottonflat and Midkiff). Friday and Saturday- 7:00 am! First ever garage sale! Two families! Lawn mower, baby crib, file cabinet, furniture, CD's, computers, kids clothes, lots of toys for toddlers to teens! Much more!

2414 East County Rd. 140- Friday/ Saturday, 8:00AM- 5:00PM. Chairs, kitchen items, junkie, uniques, crafts.

2901 WEST COUNTY ROAD 110: (Sunglo)- (South on Midkiff over I-20 overpass, immediately go left- then immediately go right in curve). Huge four family sale! Friday- Saturday- Sunday- 8:00! Name brand childrens clothing, baby items, bedroom suite, household items, etc.

79707

3900 NASWORTHY- Garage sale! Saturday only, 7:00AM- 1:00PM. (In alley between Conroe and Livingston)

3216 ELMA DRIVE: Friday & Saturday- 8:00 am! Bicycles, desk, TV, exercise equipment, lots miscellaneous!

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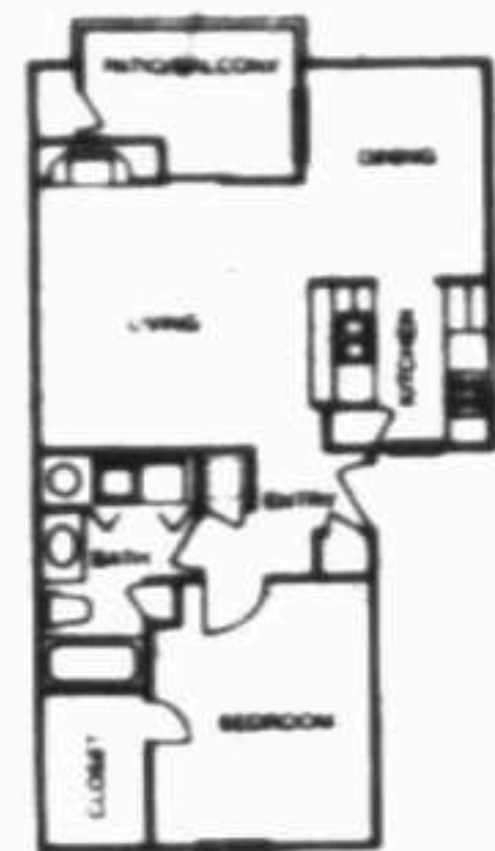
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STRAIGHT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

School improvement projects have reached halfway mark

By Joseph Baressi

I am happy to announce that our school improvement project has reached the halfway mark, with Travis, Crockett, Pease, Bowie, Fannin, Burnet and Milam reaching completion as of July. The campuses where work is ongoing through December of this year or through December of 2000, include Long, Bonham, Henderson, Rusk, Jones and Emerson. We are into Phase III of the overall project and, by the end of this summer, we will have occupied Burnet and Milam.



Baressi

We are taking 30- to 40-year old school buildings and totally renovating them. This has been possible because of the spring 1997 bond election which resulted in our being able to invest \$39 million in school improvements. I am proud of our school staffs for working so well with the architects on their campus renovations. It is heartening to see our architects—James Riggen, Associated Architects, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, and Vandergriff Group—be so committed to supporting our schools in this exciting venture. Our Executive Director for Auxiliary Services, Wilson Heidelberg, is to be

commended for all his hard work in bringing this massive undertaking to fruition.

Our School Board is featured on the cover of SCHOOL NOTES (the back to school newsletter of MISD) and deserves recognition as the top volunteers because of the energy, time and effort they invest as trustees. I invite you to learn more about your public schools by joining us at Board meetings, which are held at 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, except July and December. The agenda is posted prior to each meeting in the glass case outside the Missouri Street doors to the Administration Building. All Board meetings are open to the public.

If you request that an item be placed on an agenda for discussion at the regular meeting, it must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent or to the School Board President no later than noon of the eighth day before regular or special meetings. Each individual will have a maximum of 15 minutes to make his/her presentation.

Thank you for your support of MISD. As our new logo reflects, we're all working together for the purpose of Educating the Future!

To receive a complimentary copy of the MISD newsletter and minutes of each Board of Trustees meeting, contact the MISD Communications Department at 689-1008.

Judge dismisses two areas of agreed judgement

In response to a motion made by the Midland Independent School District involving two areas of the Agreed Judgment, U. S. District Judge Edward C. Prado issued an order Thursday, July 1 dismissing MISD's Majority-to-Minority Program and Carver Cultural Center from continued court supervision.

The Agreed Judgment, a document resulting from a settlement agreement involving the Court's supervisory jurisdiction to ensure desegregation in MISD, addresses eight areas. They include: Majority-to-Minority Transfers; Faculty and Staff Desegregation; Bilingual and English as a Second Language; Co- and Extra-curricular activities; Carver Cultural Exchange Center; Course Enrollment at the Secondary School; Gifted and Talented Education; and, Facilities. MISD had recently filed, along with its annual report covering those eight areas, a Motion to Dismiss the remaining areas from further court supervision.

The Department of Justice and the Intervenor were to file responses by July 26, 1999, setting out the basis, if any, upon which they object to the dismissal of the remaining areas from court supervision. District officials expect that a hearing on the motion, if necessary, can be held in the early fall. "We

believe we have carried out the agreed judgment in good faith and that we have eliminated the vestiges of the prior dual system to the extent practicable," responded MISD Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Baressi, Jr.

In 1970, the U. S. government filed a lawsuit against several school districts, including MISD, contending the districts operated a dual school system, or were still segregated. MISD had completely integrated grades 7-12 in 1968, but had maintained neighborhood elementary schools. Initially, the trial court denied the government's request, finding the MISD's school system was unitary. The government appealed the decision, and the appellate court ordered MISD to adopt a new elementary student assignment system.

On September 16, 1976, a Consent Decree was entered, which provided for the desegregation of Grades K-6, and continued the Court's supervisory jurisdiction.

In 1995, MISD filed a Motion to Dismiss the Court's supervisory jurisdiction and asked that the district be found to be unitary in elementary grades, also. MISD and the opposing parties in the Unitary Status lawsuit entered into a settlement agreement, which is spelled out in the document referred to as the Agreed Judgment. The Agreed Judgment

outlined eight areas which had to be addressed by the school district within a three-year period, and which ended last summer. Committees were formed to study these areas and, with the input of all parties, to prepare plans to address the concerns of all parties in the lawsuit. Plans were drafted and implemented in the following areas:

- Majority-to-Minority Transfers
- Faculty and Staff Desegregation
- Bilingual and English as a Second Language
- Co- and Extra-curricular Activities
- Carver Cultural Exchange Center
- Course Enrollment at the Secondary Schools
- Gifted and Talented Education
- Facilities

"Since 1995, an annual report has been filed with the Court to summarize the progress made on each of these plans. The last annual report was filed in July," reported Jane Carrens, MISD Director of Agreed Judgment.

"The time has come for the lawsuit—which has been on file for more than 25 years—to be dismissed," said Superintendent Baressi.

MISD encourages transfers

Midland ISD encourages parents to exercise the opportunity for their elementary students to transfer from the campus where they are assigned to a campus where their ethnicity is in the minority.

Parents may apply for a majority-to-minority transfer for their elementary students to any campus. The transfer would be approved for that school year. If space is not available at the selected campus, a list of schools serving

the grade level and with space available will be provided to the parent for an alternate choice.

Transportation will be provided by Midland ISD for elementary students with an approved majority-to-minority transfer.

For questions regarding the program, or to receive an application, contact Lorena Gonzales, Parent Information Center Specialist, at 689-1014.

Enrollment is easy at MISD

It's as easy as a-b-c, 1-2-3! Go to your child's assigned campus with your records in hand and the staff will assist you with your enrollment needs. If you are unsure of the campus your child will attend, call 689-1940 with your correct address. They will confirm your attendance area and campus. For children enrolling in Kindergarten or First Grade, it is necessary to take with you a complete record of immunizations and a copy of the child's birth certificate. It also is helpful to have the child's social security

card, if it is available.

For students new to MISD and in grades 2 through 12, take the withdrawal form or school records from the previous school, along with immunization records, to the assigned campus. Current MISD students who are making a move to another MISD campus must see the staff at the new campus and provide them the necessary information to request the transfer of records. MISD campuses open July 26, 1999.

Information center keeps parents 'in the know'

The Parent Information Center (PIC) was created to provide information and assistance to parents. The center's primary goals are to keep parents informed about MISD programs, to provide a resource for parents to solicit information and to make available a specific person to contact for help or information. The PIC is located on the second floor of the administration building in the community affairs department (#220). Parent Information Specialist, Lorena Gonzales, is ready and willing to help.

"My role is to help every parent become better informed of our educational process on various levels. You are welcome to stop by my office. Let's talk! Your child's education is very important to me and to MISD," said Gonzales at the inception of the program.

Gonzales served MISD as a bilingual teacher before taking on the PIC and is available to assist all parents. Gonzales said she is available to help parents with teacher conferences and other school-related programs. For

more details, contact Lorena Gonzales at 689-1014.

Who benefits from the Parent Information Center?

- Parents
- Students
- Teachers
- Community

What services are offered?

- Correspondence with parents
- Assistance with parent requests for information
- Dissemination of information about transfer programs
- Assistance with direct school and parent communication

How can the PIC Specialist assist parents?

- By answering questions about existing district programs
- By working with schools to foster positive environment for parents
- By providing staff development for district employees
- By referring and directing parents to appropriate resources
- By making presentations to parent groups as requested

Extracurricular programs are important educational element

Student activities beyond the classroom are an important complement to a child's education. They support the academic mission of the school by stressing class attendance and higher grades. For every student's benefit, MISD offers a wide array of extracurricular and co-curricular activities, from sports and fine arts to academic and vocational organizations. We welcome your child's participation and we encourage parents to become actively involved in the associated booster clubs.

Students involved in extracurricular activities share common interests with others, build lifelong friendships and develop talents which can be the springboard for future careers. Former MISD students such as actor

Tommy Lee Jones and Miss Texas Reagan Hughes, applied the experience they gained through similar "beyond the classroom" activities in meeting their goals.

The cost of participation in extracurricular activities is minimal. Annual physicals for athletes are provided at a nominal cost, and MISD provides a major portion of funding for uniforms and equipment necessary for participation in programs. Supplemental accident insurance is available; it serves as a supplemental policy to parents' health or accident insurance coverage. Some activities involve students in fundraising to cover travel costs for special performances. Financial assistance is also available for summer camp programs.

The transportation system will be adjusted, to the extent possible, to accommodate the needs of rural students who participate in extracurricular activities.

Schedules vary with each activity. Athletic and fine arts classes are held during the academic day with additional practices held after the school day during each sport's or activity's particular season as outlined by UIL guidelines.

Encourage your child to experience the thrill of achievement, the discipline and competitive spirit of participation! For additional information about the opportunities available at your child's campus and for registration procedures, call the school counselor.

Rules for medications available at school

Many medications are sent to school for the nurse or office personnel to give to students. For the safety of your child, the campus staff will follow policies and procedures for administration of medication.

- All prescribed medications must include on the label the name of the student, name of the medication, the dosage and what time the medication is to be administered.
- All over-the-counter medications must be FDA approved and must be in the original container. Parent's

instructions must be written specifically for their child.

- A parent permission slip must accompany all medications.
- No medication is supplied by the school.
- Medication purchased in a foreign country will not be given.

Attention: For medications prescribed by a doctor that are given three times daily, you are encouraged to give a dose before school, one after school and one at bedtime, unless otherwise advised by your physician.

Important dates for early childhood centers

Aug 9	Application/Registration for Head Start, Pre-K & Migrant at Casa de Amigos, 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Start Open House 6:30 West Pre-K Open House
Aug 10	First day of classes for Pre-Kindergarten, Migrant 4-Year Old Pre-Kindergarten, Pre-K Dear Education, and Pre-School Program for Children with Disabilities students.	Sept 16 6:30 West Head Start Open House 6:30 Bunche Pre-K Open House
Aug 10	Home Visits for Head Start Families and Migrant 3-Year Old Families	Sept 27 WAIVER DAY for Bunche and West Early Childhood Centers NO CLASSES FOR CHILDREN
Aug 11	Home Visits for Head Start Families and Migrant 3-Year Old Families	Nov 1 WAIVER DAY for Bunche and West Early Childhood Centers NO CLASSES FOR CHILDREN
Aug 12	Home visits for Head Start Families and Migrant 3-Year Old Families	Feb 7 WAIVER DAY for Bunche and West Early Childhood Centers NO CLASSES FOR CHILDREN
Aug 13	8:00-11:00 Head Start Orientation at Bunche ECC 11:30-2:30 Head Start Parent Orientation at West ECC Home Visits for Migrant 3-Year Old Families	May 1 WAIVER DAY for Bunche and West Early Childhood Centers NO CLASSES FOR CHILDREN
Aug 16	First day of classes for Head Start Students First day of classes for 3-Year-Old Migrant Pre-K students at Bunche	May 24 Last day of classes for Head Start students, Migrant 3-Year Old Pre-K
Sept 14	6:30 Bunche Head	May 25 Last day of classes for Pre-K, Migrant 4-Year Old Pre-K, Pre-K Deaf Education, Pre-School Program for Children with Disabilities

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is important to notify your child's school of any change of telephone number, address, emergency number, or place of employment of either parent or guardian. It also is vital to have the name and phone number of a local person, other than the parent or guardian, who can be contacted in the event a child becomes ill or is injured.

Midland School Food Services Association (MSFSA)

offers frozen enchiladas and lasagna for sale as part of its ongoing fund raising efforts to address community projects. The price is \$6.50/dozen enchiladas and \$10.00/large pan of lasagna. Call any school cafeteria for more information and to place orders. Your support of MSFSA helps the organization support the Dress-A-Live-Doll program, college scholarships, continuing education and community outreach.

What happens when my child gets sick at school?

If a child becomes ill at school, he/she will be evaluated either by the campus nurse or the office staff. If the child's illness warrants leaving campus, a staff member will contact the parent or the designated emergency contact to sign the child out and take him home.

We ask that a child with vomiting, diarrhea or fever stay

home for 24 hours prior to returning to school. The Texas Department of Health provides specific guidelines for communicable diseases, such as chicken pox. Some of these illnesses may require a release from the physician in order to return to school. Call your campus nurse for further information.

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Students at eight MISD schools wear uniforms, which are code rules in the Handbook, and approved by the The 1999-2000 School rules are in effect in Bonham and South schools; San Jacinto Abell junior high; Midland Freshman high school; Conduit was most year, as follows: S wear baggy or o (one size larger than surements is allow

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Back To School

MISD dress code in effect for all ages

Students at eight campuses in the MISD will suit up this school year in uniforms, which are part of dress code rules in the Parent-Student Handbook, and recently was approved by the school board. The 1999-2000 *Standard Attire* rules are in effect for Washington, Bush and South elementary schools; San Jacinto, Alamo and Abell junior high schools; and Midland Freshman and Lee Freshman high schools. The *Student Handbook and Code of Conduct* was modified for this year, as follows: Students will not wear baggy or oversized pants (one size larger than actual measurements is allowed for growth).

Joseph P. Baressi Jr., said the school uniforms follow standards adopted by other school systems. "School uniforms have become more popular in recent times because of incidents of school violence that involved students wearing oversized clothing that makes it easier to hide weapons," he said.

Traditionally, school dress codes help to instill self-discipline and prevent disruption in the classroom.

Specific guidelines for student dress are outlined in the official dress code found in the Code of Conduct, which states that MISD students shall:

- wear shoes at all times, specifically prohibited footwear

includes shower clogs, bathroom slippers or footwear not intended for outdoor wear;

- not wear hats, caps, sweat bands, visors, head coverings or bandannas in the building;
- not wear sun shades in the building or classrooms;
- not wear any clothing and/or jewelry that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, death and dismemberment, or writing and pictures that are lewd, offensive, or vulgar;
- not wear any see-through styles, revealing fashions such as bare midriffs, bare shoulders, backless fashions, spandex, tight-fitting clothing, cutoffs or other clothing which is torn or cut, windshorts, muscle shirts, tank

tops, halter tops, mini-skirts, or underwear garments that are worn as outerwear;

- not wear any dress, skirt, slit skirt or dress, slacks, jeans, knickers, pants, shorts or unhemmed attire which when measured with the student standing is more than three inches from the top of the kneecap;
- not wear pants around the hips or lower; pants are designed to fit around the waist;
- not wear any apparel or accessory that separates students from the general student body into small groups and denotes gang-related association;
- not wear hair coloring that extends beyond natural tones;
- wear pierced/clipped jewelry in the ears only.

MISD suggested school supply list

(Check with your school before buying supplies)

Kindergarten	2 pencils, #2 lead	2 pocket folders with brads
1 box crayons	1 box facial tissue, large	1 school box
2 4-oz white glue, plastic container	1 wooden ruler, metric/inches 12"	
1 pair scissors		
1 spiral notebook, 120 pages		Grade 4
1 box facial tissue, large		2 pencils, #2 lead
1 school box		1 box crayons, 16 colors
		1 box map colors
Grade 1		1 white glue, plastic container, 8 oz.
2 pencils, #2 lead		1 rubber eraser (not art gum)
2 primary pencils		2 spiral notebooks
1 box crayons, 16 colors		1 200-count, wide-ruled, loose leaf paper
2 4-oz white glue, plastic container		3 pocket folders with brads
1 pair scissors, sharp-pointed, 5"		1 box facial tissue, large
1 rubber eraser (not art gum)		
1 notebook, spiral, wide-ruled, 120-count		Grade 5
		2 pencils, #2 lead
2 pocket folders with brads		1 box crayons, 16 colors
1 box facial tissue		1 box map colors
1 school box		1 white glue, plastic container
1 wooden ruler, metric/inches 12"		1 pair scissors, sharp-pointed, 5"
		1 rubber eraser (not art gum)
Grade 2		1 200-count, wide-ruled paper
2 pencils, #2 lead		4 pocket folders with brads
1 box crayons, 16 colors		1 notebook, 8" x 10 1/2"
1 white glue, plastic container		1 box facial tissue, large
1 pair scissors, sharp-pointed, 5"		1 wooden ruler, 12"
1 rubber eraser (not art gum)		
1 notebooks, spiral, wide-ruled, 120-count		Grade 6
2 pocket folders with brads		2 pencils, #2 lead
1 200-sheet, wide-ruled, loose leaf paper		1 box crayons, 16 colors
1 box facial tissue, large		1 box map colors
1 school box		1 red pen
1 wooden ruler, 12"		1 black pen
		1 white glue, plastic container
Grade 3		1 pair scissors
2 pencils, #2 lead		1 rubber eraser (not art gum)
1 box crayons, 16 colors		1 spiral notebook
1 white glue, plastic container		1 vinyl binder
1 pair scissors, sharp-pointed, 5"		4 pocket folders with brads
1 rubber eraser (not art gum)		1 white, wide-ruled paper (no college-ruled paper)
3 spiral notebooks		1 box facial tissue, large
1 200-count, wide-ruled, loose leaf paper		1 ruler
		NO trapper keepers
		NO mechanical pencils

Meal Prices

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Students	\$1.00
Reduced-price	\$.30

Lunch

Pre-K Head Start students	\$1.35
Elementary Students	\$1.50
Secondary students	\$1.75
Reduced-price	\$.40
Visitors/Staff	\$2.25

School day hours are as follows:

Half-day Kindergarten:

8:10 till 11:00 a.m. and
12:20 till 3:10 p.m.

Elementary students:

8:10 a.m. till 3:10 p.m.

Secondary students:

8:40 a.m. till 3:40 p.m.

Immunizations required for enrollment

When the school year begins, all students must have received the required immunizations before they can attend classes. Immunization requirements are established by the Texas Department of Health for all persons residing in the state. School districts and day care centers are required by law to ensure that all students who attend the programs comply with the law.

Parents must present a record of immunizations for each child before enrollment procedures may be completed. The record must indicate a clinic, doctor's office or health department validation. For transfer students to MISD, 30 days are permitted for receipt of records. Parents are encouraged to keep the original record or a copy in a safe place.

Students five years and older must have the following immunizations:**

Five years through six years:

- three doses polio vaccine including one received on or after the fourth birthday
- four doses DTP/DTaP vaccine including one received on or after the fourth birthday
- one dose MMR vaccine

received on or after the first birthday

- Children born on or after Sept. 2, 1991, must have two doses of measles vaccine (this dose may be received as part of a second MMR)
- Children born on or after Sept. 2, 1992, must have three doses of Hepatitis B.
- one dose of Varicella (effective Aug. 2000)

Seven years and older:

- three doses polio vaccine including one received on or after the fourth birthday
- three doses DTP/DTaP vaccine, including one received on or after the fourth birthday and one dose within the last 10 years
- one dose MMR vaccine received on or after the first birthday
- Children born on or after Sept. 2, 1991, must have two doses of measles vaccine (this dose may be received as part of a second MMR)
- Children born between Sept. 1, 1978, and Sept. 1, 1991 (inclusive) must show proof of two doses of measles vaccine within 30 days after their

12th birthday (this dose may be received as part of a second MMR).

- Two doses of Varicella (effective Aug. 2000).
- Hepatitis B series will also include 12-year-olds because it takes at least six months to complete the series. The series will need to start with students who are 11 years old this current school year, no later than December 1999 (effective Aug. 2000).

Children ages 15 months through four years must have one dose Hib vaccine administered on or after 15 months of age, unless a primary series and booster have been completed. They must also have had one dose MMR on or after the first birthday, three doses polio vaccine, and four doses DTP/DTaP.

For more information, contact the Midland Health Department at 681-7613, or your family physician.

**According to the Texas Department of Health "Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Texas Children."

1999-2000 Educating the Future! School Principals and Clusters

Elementary Schools

Bonham Elementary School 909 Bonham St. 79703 Robbie B. King, Principal	689-1770
Bowie Elementary School 805 Elk Ave. 79701 Dr. Peggy Holland, Principal	689-1400
Bunche Early Childhood Center 700 S. Jackson St. 79701 Jo Ada "Jodie" Baugh, Principal	689-1410
Burnet Elementary School 900 Raymond Rd. 79703 Larry Hines, Principal	689-1780
Bush Elementary School 5001 Preston Dr. 79707 Jill Arthur, Principal	689-1870
Carver Cultural Center 1300 E. Wall Ave. 79701 Patricia A. Maurer, Principal	689-1420
Crockett Elementary School 401 E. Parker Ave. 79701 Romeo Canales, Principal	689-1430
DeZavala Elementary School 705 N. Lee St. 79701 Barbara Watson, Principal	689-1440
Emerson Elementary School 2800 Moss Ave. 79705 Mary L. Smith, Principal	689-1790
Fannin Elementary School 2400 Fannin Ave. 79705 Rob Van Stavern, Principal	689-1450
Greathouse Elementary School 5107 Greathouse Blvd. 79707 Trudie Thomason, Principal	689-6250
Henderson Elementary School 4800 Graceland Dr. 79703 Clydene R. Freeman, Principal	689-1801
Houston Elementary School 2000 W. Louisiana Ave. 79701 Deborah J. Tubbs, Principal	689-1460
Jones Elementary School 4919 Shadyline Dr. 79703	689-1810

Kathy Knowles, Principal

Lamar Elementary School 3200 Kessler Ave. 79701 Carroll L. Harris, Principal	689-1820
Long Elementary School 4200 Cedar Spring Dr. 79703 Teresa Moore, Principal	689-1830
Milam Elementary School 301 E. Dormard Ave. 79705 Thomas J. Miller, Principal	689-1470
Parker Elementary School 3800 Norwood St. 79707-4499 Robert B. Stewart, Principal	689-1840
Pease Elementary School 1700 E. Magnolia Ave. 79705 Dr. William H. Maurer, Principal	689-1480
Rusk Elementary School 2601 Wedgewood St. 79707 Carl L. Pirkle, Principal	689-1850
Santa Rita Elementary School 5306 Whitman St. 79705 Bob L. Watkins, Principal	689-1490
Scharbauer Elementary School 2115 Hereford Blvd. 79707 Lisa Neighbors, Principal	689-1860
South Elementary School 200 W. Dakota Ave. 79701 Retha Rae Hoffacker, Principal	689-1550
Travis Elementary School 900 E. Gist Ave. 79701 Michael J. Worley, Principal	689-1560
Washington Elementary School 1800 E. Wall 79701 Randy Baiza, Principal	689-1570
West Early Childhood Center 2101 W. Missouri Ave. 79701 Patricia J. Stevens, Principal	689-1580

Junior High Schools

Abell Junior High School 3201 Heritage Blvd. 79707 David E. Adams, Principal	689-6200
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Alamo Junior High School

3800 W. Storey Ave. 79703 Owen Roades, Principal	689-1700
2500 Haynes Ave. 79705 Herman Gunter, Principal	689-1300
1400 North "N" St. 79701 C. Larry Winget, Principal	689-1350

Freshman High Schools

100 E. Gist Ave. 79701 Donald R. Mason, Principal	689-1200
1400 E. Oak Avenue 79705 Davis Corley, Principal	689-1250

Senior High Schools

906 W. Illinois Ave. 79701 Neil E. Richmond, Principal	689-1100
3500 Neely Ave. 79707 George B. Cooper, Principal	689-1600
1600 E. Golf Course Rd. 79701 Helen R. Lackey, Principal	689-5000

Cluster Schools

- Cluster #1: Parker-Bowie-Pease
- Cluster #2: Bonham-Fannin-Crockett
- Cluster #3: Henderson-Scharbauer-DeZavala
- Cluster #4: Lamar-Bush-Washington
- Cluster #5: Rusk-Santa Rita-Travis
- Cluster #6: Jones-Emerson-South
- Cluster #7: Houston-Greathouse-Milam
- Cluster #8: Long-Burnet

To college and beyond!

Parents and their children who are secondary students are encouraged to work closely with their school counselors to ensure students have the requisite courses to graduate with the appropriate transcript seal.

The three levels of transcript seals which are available to secondary students include:

- Minimum High School Program (22 credits),
- Recommended High School Program (24 credits), and
- Distinguished Achievement Program (24 credits).

Breakfast express helps students achieve success

The Breakfast Express program provides elementary students and their teachers with a complimentary breakfast in the classroom setting.

DeZavala, Pease, South, Travis and Washington will serve breakfast beginning in September. Burnet, Crockett, Lamar, Long, Jones and Milam will serve breakfast beginning the first day of school, Aug. 10.

Three more campuses (Henderson, Houston and Rusk elementary schools) are new sites where breakfast will be served beginning in September. Bush Elementary is set to begin serving breakfast in the new year.

Fourteen MISD campuses will sponsor the program throughout

the 1999-2000 school year. All breakfasts include milk, juice and an entrée such as a muffin or sausage/biscuit.

Breakfast is an excellent way to prepare students for the challenging day ahead. Studies show that students who eat wholesome breakfasts have a number of advantages over children who do not, including:

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3. Fewer discipline problems
4. Higher test scores

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Back to school

MISD students make the grade with TAAS

Local results of the 1999 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test (TAAS) were presented this summer and a better than 80 percent district rate was achieved by students at each grade level. The TAAS measures student skills in reading, writing and math. MISD executive Director for Administrative Services, Evaluation and Planning, Joe Cummins, presented details of the exciting summary at a packed news conference attended by elementary and secondary school principals, District Superintendent Dr. Joseph Barresi Jr., administrators, community leaders and news media. "It was a celebration of the accomplishment of our students," said Dr. Barresi. He lauded the TAAS results as the highest achievement to date.

Mr. Cummins noted that tenth grade scores showed marked improvement in certain areas. For example the 1999 passing math score among sophomores hit 84-percent and a 9-point increase over 1998. Tenth graders taking

the TAAS fared a point better than the state's average in math and two points above the state reading average.

Mr. Cummins reported that, in his analysis, MISD was maintaining pace with the state level. "We are proud that our students posted gains over last year in virtually every grade level in reading, writing and math," said Cummins.

While some grades were the same as last year's passing rates, Cummins said only fourth grade math showed a decrease from 85-percent among non-special education students to 85 percent this year.

"We also have to consider a new standard adopted by the state that specifies districts include the scores of special education students," said Cummins.

Factoring in the rates of special education students will affect the district's overall passing rates. In a comment to local media, Mr. Cummins said the special education scores were not factored in

to give more of an apples-to-apples comparison. He said MISD expects to receive TEA's full report in August.

Mr. Cummins explained that for the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to rate a school as "acceptable" it must have a 45-percent passing grade in each section of the TAAS, with consideration given to socioeconomic and ethnic elements.

"Last year, MISD schools rated 'acceptable' and Houston Elementary achieved 'recognized' status," said Mr. Cummins.

The news was good and it was with pride that Joe Cummins announced the results this summer. "All grade levels at MISD schools exceed the 50th percentile national average of all students taking the Terra Nova," he said. The Terra Nova test, which was taken by elementary students in late March and administered under the same rules the Texas Education Agency (TEA) requires for the TAAS, requires students to sit for 2-4 hours of

examination time over three days.

Teachers make a strong emphasis on computational accuracy and research shows 80-percent of MISD students can handle the computation with a great deal of accuracy and are ready to move on to more difficult concepts.

The total of the battery scores are combined by CTB McGraw-Hill - the testing company - and reported to the school district as a national percentile, where MISD students' scores rank in comparison to students tested on the national level. Cummins reported that the percentile is notably higher in grades 1 and 2 in reading, language and math. He and other MISD officials attribute the high scores in the mid-70s in reading, for example, to a very strong reading recovery program. "Test data shows that 3 out of every 4 students (75%) can read well," explained Mr. Cummins.

Teach your children student and school safety

Your child's safety is of utmost importance to school staff. It is an unfortunate fact of life that sometimes children get hurt while at school or in transit. Many such injuries can be prevented by educating your children and helping them practice good safety habits.

School Bus Safety Tips to Discuss With Your Children

- At the bus stop, line up facing the bus or street, not parallel to the street. Also, don't stand too close to where the bus stops. The first person in line should be well back from the edge of the street.

- Don't play ball or tag in the street while waiting for the bus.

- Never retrieve papers that have fallen under the bus. If you drop papers under the bus on your way to school, tell the bus driver and ask him or her to help you retrieve them. If you drop something as you are leaving the bus, wait for the bus to leave and then ask an older child or an adult to help you retrieve what you dropped.

- After getting off the bus, move immediately to the sidewalk or to an area away from the bus where the driver can see you.

- When crossing the street, follow the driver's instructions as to when it is safe to proceed. Even then, never run across the street without looking both ways.

General Safety Tips for Parents

- Make sure your children know their full name, address and telephone number.

- Tell your children who in your community can help them if they have a problem: police, crossing guards, block parents, neighbors, etc.

- Keep the telephone number of the police and fire departments taped to or near each phone in your house. Make sure your children

know how to call for help and under what situations they should make those calls.

- Tell your children where it is safe to play and what places to avoid.

- Teach your children never to go near a car with someone in it and to never get into a car without parental permission.

- Tell your children that a stranger is anyone they don't know.

- Find a safe walking route to and from school and show it to your children. Walk the route several times with your children.

- Tell your children to travel and play in groups no matter what time of day it is.

- Teach your children never to accept gifts such as candy or money from anyone they don't know well.

For questions about school safety, please contact MISD Safety and Security Services at 689-1885.

Free or reduced price meals offered at schools

Midland Independent School District offers free or reduced-price meals for children of families whose income is at or below guideline levels. Eligible families may apply at the beginning of each school year.

A letter containing valuable information about the Midland Independent School District meal program and the process for applying for the free or reduced-price meals will be distributed to students the first week of school.

Foster children are also eligible for the benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for meals, this may be indicated on the application.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

If a parent is dissatisfied with the school's decision regarding an application or the results of verification, the parent must first discuss the con-

cern with the school before requesting a hearing. A fair hearing may then be requested by calling or writing:

Patricia Mouser, R.D., L.D.
MISD Food Service Director
801 S. Moran, Building 2
Midland, Texas 79701
915-689-1525

The income guidelines below will be used to determine eligibility for free or reduced price meals:

Any student approved for free and reduced-price meals last year may continue to receive free and reduced-price meals when school starts while the new application for meal benefits is being reviewed.

1999 - 2000 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Family Size	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
	Free	Reduced Price	Free	Reduced Price	Free	Reduced Price
1	\$10,712	\$15,244	\$893	\$1,271	\$206	\$294
2	14,378	20,461	1,199	1,706	277	394
3	18,044	25,678	1,504	2,140	347	494
4	21,710	30,895	1,810	2,575	418	595
5	25,376	36,112	2,115	3,010	488	695
6	29,042	41,329	2,421	3,445	559	795
7	32,708	46,546	2,726	3,879	629	896
8	36,374	51,763	3,032	4,314	700	996
9	40,040	56,980	3,338	4,749	771	1,097
10	43,706	62,197	3,644	5,184	842	1,198
11	47,372	67,414	3,950	5,619	913	1,299
12	51,038	72,631	4,256	6,054	984	1,400
For each additional family member add:	+\$3,666	+\$5,217	+\$306	+\$435	+\$71	+\$101

A Thoughtful Review of "What Reading Does for the Mind"

By Jane Rambo

Schools have the responsibility for teaching children how to read. Schools offer students the opportunities to read by providing a variety of reading material. However, the following article confirms that reading at school must be reinforced with reading at home. A child's independent reading has far greater implications than ever imagined.

Cunningham and Stanovich's article "What Reading Does for the Mind" reinforces the importance of children reading at home in addition to reading at school. According to the article, reading volume is the prime contributor in individual differences in children's vocabularies. It is the primary source of vocabulary expansion. "Children's books have 50 percent more rare words in them than does adult prime-time television and the conversations of college graduates. Print provides many more word learning opportunities than television or talking,"

according to Stanovich.

The average child at the 90th percentile on standardized reading tests reads almost two million words per year outside of school, more than 200 times more words than the child at the 10th percentile who reads just 8,000 words outside of school during a year.

Stanovich's study of college students reveals the potency of reading volume. Reading volume makes a significant contribution to vocabulary, general knowledge, spelling and verbal fluency. After studying fourth, fifth, and sixth-grade children, Stanovich found that reading volume is a significant contributor to the development of verbal intelligence. Reading volume was associated with higher scores on general knowledge measures while television exposure was associated with lower scores.

In 1995, Stanovich examined the performance of college students and senior citizens on gen-

eral knowledge, vocabulary, and working memory as well as other areas. The results found that "reading a lot can even help to compensate for the normally deleterious effects of aging!"

In summary, "Students who get off to a fast start in reading are more likely to read more over the years, and furthermore, the very act of reading can help children compensate for modest levels of cognitive ability by building their vocabulary, and general knowledge. In other words, ability is not

the only variable that counts in development of intellectual functioning. Those who read a lot will enhance their verbal intelligence; that is, reading will make them smarter."

This is an encouraging message for teachers and parents.

Cunningham, Anne, E. and Stanovich, Keith. "What Reading Does for the Mind." *American Educator*. Spring/Summer 198.

Reviewed by Jane Rambo, Director of Reading



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1999-2000 School Year Calendar

Aug. 5	Teacher In-service
Aug. 6	Teacher In-service
Aug. 9	Teacher Preparation
Aug. 10	First day of class, 1st Sem.
Sep. 6	Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 17	End of 1st 6 weeks
Oct. 29	End of 2nd 6 weeks
Nov. 22	Teacher In-service
Nov. 23	Teacher In-service
Nov. 22-26	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 17	End of 3rd 6 weeks
Dec. 18	End of 1st Semester
Dec. 20-Jan. 4	Preparation Day
Jan. 5	Christmas Holiday
Jan. 17	First day of class, 2nd Sem.
Feb. 18	MLK Holiday
Feb. 25	School Holiday
March 13-17	Spring Break
April 7	End of 5th 6 weeks
April 21	Easter Holiday
April 24	Snow Day
May 5	Snow Day
May 25	End of School Year
	End of 6th 6 weeks
May 26	End of 2nd Semester
May 27	Preparation Day
	Graduation Day

Bold face indicates Student Holiday

MISD Police Department to receive COPS grant

Safety and Security Services, Chief Dan Walkenshaw, said the U. S. Department of Justice's grant is in its second year. "We were awarded a COPS Universal Hiring Program grant for over \$55-thousand, and we have used the federal funds for reimbursement of salary and expenses of one additional officer for three years," said

Chief Walkenshaw. The funds allow for the Department to provide security beginning at 7 in the morning and run an evening shift officer until 10 p.m. The grant offers the ability to patrol campuses at extended hours. "This enables us to increase safety and security of our students, staff and neighbors," said Walkenshaw.

Join the PTA

by Becky Ferguson

Midland Council of PTAs President

One of the best ways to get involved in your child's education is to become a member of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Show your children you care by participating in activities at their campus. You'll meet some wonderful new

friends while performing a vital function in the educational experience of your child. Our schools are as strong as our community and we appreciate the commitment our PTA officers and members invest in our children. Please consider joining the PTA this year. Call the office of your child's campus for the name of your PTA contact. Thank you.

Calling All Kindergarten Students!

MISD to Offer Half- and Full-Day Kindergarten Sessions

Parents who want their children to participate in the kindergarten program can register, beginning July 26, at any of the four schools offering the half-day program, contingent on space availability. Campuses offering the half-day kindergarten classes are **Bowie, Fannin, Greathouse and Rusk** elementary schools. Parents from other attendance areas can still register their child for the half-day program at any of these four schools.

opportunity for our kindergarten-age children to attend a half-day program," said Dr. Joseph P. Barresi. Superintendent Barresi said school offices officially open July 26 for fall registration.

If space is not available in the school cluster neighborhood in which the child resides, they may attend one of the other three schools where space is available.

Full-day kindergarten sites are: **Bonham, Bowie, Burnet, Bush, Crockett, DeZavala, Emerson, Fannin, Greathouse, Henderson, Houston, Jones, Lamar, Long, Milam, Parker, Pease, Rusk, Santa Rita, Scharbauer, South, Travis and Washington** elementary schools.

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Back To School

Big Spring Junior High completed just in time for the 1999-2000 school year

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — Education is expected to be nice and cool when classes start Aug. 9 in Big Spring schools.

With the completion of Big Spring Junior High School and the closing of two older schools, Big Spring has eliminated all vestiges of un-air conditioned classrooms.

"We'll be moving all of our kids into a refrigerated air classroom," said Superintendent Bill McQueary. "It's a real plus for the remainder of our students and teachers."

Big Spring Independent School District completed the junior high over the summer and incoming seventh- and eighth-graders will be the first group of students to pass through its halls.

"We're very proud of it," said Big

Spring Junior High Principal Bill Tarleton, who has served as principal at the old Rannels Junior High School for the past two years and at BSISD's Washington Elementary for five years.

He is particularly proud of the building's technology. BSJH will have computers and televisions in every classroom.

The new building also will herald the closing of two older campuses, Rannels and College Heights Elementary, neither of which had refrigerated air, will be closed.

Rannels, most recently an eighth-grade campus, was built in 1917 and originally served as Big Spring High School.

"A lot of old-timers and not so old-timers went to high school there," McQueary said, adding that the building was old and had so many problems it wasn't fiscally feasible to keep it open.

Class changes for students will

include the combination of seventh- and eighth-graders at the new junior high and moving students previously at College Heights to Goliad Elementary.

Goliad had housed grades six and seven. Moving the seventh grade freed up space at Goliad to accommodate College Heights students.

The recent addition brings Big Spring campuses to 10, plus an alternative campus.

"We're looking forward to a great year but like a lot of other West Texas districts we're anxious about our enrollment," McQueary said.

BSISD has an average enrollment of 4,400 students.

Registration for Big Spring students began Tuesday.

July 26-30, Aug. 2-6 — Registration for all new students grades 6-12 at Goliad, junior high and senior high from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

July 30-Aug. 3 — Registration for all students K-8 at school of attendance. July 30, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Aug. 2, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Aug. 3, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Aug. 5 — Ninth grade schedule pick up and orientation at high school auditorium, 7:45-9 p.m.

Tenth grade schedule pick up at the high school office, 9-11:30 a.m.

Sixth grade orientation and schedule pick up at the Goliad gym, 9-10 a.m.

Goliad Elementary grades 1-5 orientation at Goliad gym, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Seventh grade orientation and schedule pick up at open house at Big Spring Junior High, 4:30-6 p.m.

Eighth grade orientation, schedule pick up and open house at Big Spring Junior High, 6-7 p.m.

Eleventh grade schedule pick up at the high school office, 9-11:30 a.m.

Twelfth grade schedule pick up at the high school office, 1:30-3 p.m.

Aug. 9 — First day of school.

Bill consolidates college grant programs

By Matt Josefy

While back-to-school sales tax exemptions have been created to help school children, college freshmen have a new opportunity to cut costs as well.

Thanks to House Bill 713 initiated by Rep. Henry Cuellar and a similar bill written by Sen. Rodney Ellis, a variety of former grant programs have been consolidated to better supply the financial needs of Texas college students.

Cuellar of Laredo gave his reasoning for the bill. "We have seen the cost of college shift over the years to the student and the parent, and that in turn has made it harder for many students to go to college." He said that the allocations — \$18 million this year, \$100 million total with additional funding on the way — are intended to increase retention and graduation rates.

"For so many students, having to work part-time jobs has increased the traditional four-year term to six or more years."

Under the name the TEXAS Grant Program, a coordinating board will give priority to students with financial need at all higher-level institutions.

Distribution will be through individual colleges and universities. The University of Texas of the Per-

mian Basin will receive in excess of \$100,000. Midland, Odessa and Howard colleges each have slightly more than \$30,000 to award. According to the expected average award, approximately 170 area students will receive full tuition.

Bob Vasquez, director of financial aid at UTPB, said the change, "should get the money into the hands of the students who really need it."

Harold Whitis of Midland College agreed.

"Some programs in the past weren't being utilized because of their specific requirements. This will be much easier to administer. The hard part is getting the word out that it is available."

In some aspects, the program is designed to help students who would not otherwise be able to attend college, but certain requirements may limit the number of students who would be helped.

"A lot of students who are on an advanced high school program intend to go to college anyway. This won't help students who get a GED, or who home school," Whitis said.

However, the TEXAS (Toward Excellence, Access and Success) program will reduce the necessary loans of students who have not met financial need.

For Midland students, the grant

can complement the Abell-Hangar scholarship, which is based on community service hours and residency.

Ann Duncan, director of financial aid at Howard College, has attempted to get the word out to her students through the radio and the newspaper and by going through applications of students who might qualify.

"If we benefit one student, it's a positive program and could certainly encourage and prompt some students to go to college," she said.

The Dora Roberts Foundation currently aids almost 200 students at Howard College, and the TEXAS grant could meet any further need.

Vasquez thinks that next year, as the word gets out, UTPB might be able to attract more students and encourage them to stay in the Permian Basin. Since this is a need-based program, it will supplement the university's primarily merit-based scholarships.

Debbie Villareal, who will be a freshman at UTPB in the fall, said that with a program like this, "it makes you a lot happier to know you don't have to pay back the money. But if they want the education, they're going to go either way."

She used the Free Application For Federal Student Aid to apply

for the financial aid package that met her needs.

An applicant for the grant is required to be a Texas resident, have graduated this past year, completed the recommended or advanced high school curriculum, demonstrate financial need, and have applied for any available financial aid. After May 1, 2000, students already enrolled would be eligible as well.

To qualify, a student would also have to enroll for at least nine credit hours.

The grant is renewable under certain guidelines, including a 2.5 GPA. Of interest to local students, the grant is transferable. For instance, the grant could carry over from a local junior college to a four-year institution such as UTPB.

The TEXAS grant program streamlines existing programs and will replace the Texas National Guard/ROTC Student Scholarship Program, the Texas New Horizons Scholarship Program, the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program, and the Texas Tuition Assistance Grant Program.

Measures for a state one-stop financial aid center, a program to begin promoting college in middle school, and encouragement for students to take college prep courses, were also in the bill.

Partners in Education

By Pam Isom

The Partners in Education Program unites MISD educators and citizens from non-profit organizations and businesses to link education to the 21st Century. School-community partnerships can take the form of adopting a class, a grade level, a particular school, several schools or the school district.

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School recess is being substituted by more academics

BRONXVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — Is recess going the way of the hula hoop?

Simple playtime is being nudged off the school schedule in favor of more and earlier academics and highly structured free time, and that's bad news, says Jan Drucker, director of the Child Development Institute at Sarah Lawrence College.

"If play is removed or prevented too early, there will be a toll on the deep cognitive processes, the underpinning of what everybody wants children to develop: the ability to think, the ability to use language productively, the ability to use symbol systems," she says.

But some schools and even entire school districts around the country have eliminated recess from their school day. "Open-end-

ed work periods and recess in schools are being undervalued and even eliminated," says Sara Wilford, director of the Early Childhood Center at the college. She cites research that shows children play less than they did 16 years ago.

Drucker says children left free to play make-believe develop the ability to think hypothetically, to imagine what's not there. "Being able to imagine that which is not is the basis of abstract thinking. For example, the whole field of computers and cyberspace involves the imagining of what you cannot see."

Drucker says the change from play to formal learning isn't and shouldn't be an abrupt switch for children. "They continue to need to be inventive, to find ways of rep-

resenting their growing knowledge of the world through many different activities like play, not just through formal learning tasks," she says.

Her colleague, Margery Franklin of the college's psychology faculty, notes disagreement among child development professionals about the issue. "Some of those who defend the place of play in the preschool curriculum take the view that by the age of six, children should put aside such childish activities, at least in school, and turn to the serious business of learning to read, write, and manipulate numbers. On the other side, we find a growing group of educators and psychologists engaged in articulating and theorizing the significance of play beyond the preschool years."

Market forces are fueling the demand for structured products such as computer games and high-tech toys, Drucker says. But overuse of these may limit creative thinking. "It's a matter of not playing in one's own imagination, but rather in the imagination of the toy or computer game's designer."

The Sarah Lawrence group emphasizes that pretend-play is self-initiated, self-directed, and self-fulfilled. Simple, inexpensive and readily found materials — paint, clay, blocks, sand, water — allow children to choose what to play and how to play. They are constructing their own learning, they say.

"Our point of view is that play is not only OK, but essential," says Drucker.

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1999-2000 Open House Dates

4th grade August 23
5th grade August 24

6th grade August 26
Junior High September 2
Freshman High September 7
Senior High September 9

Classroom discipline is not synonymous with punishment

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Classroom discipline is something everyone is for, but not all teachers are able to achieve.

"No teacher can effectively motivate or correct problems or mistakes in the classroom without proper discipline," says Don Fuhr, professor of school administration at Clemson University.

"It does not, however, have to be synonymous with punishment. It simply involves staying in charge of the classroom."

Fuhr says that there's a huge gap in the education of teachers

about classroom behavior. "Most teachers are unprepared when it comes to classroom management. And don't think students don't pick up on that."

Some teachers compound the problem because they lack confidence, he says. They want to be liked — in contrast to being respected — by the students.

Fuhr says the teacher must prepare and establish from the very beginning of classes that he or she is in charge.

"The effective teacher sets

the standard by making it clear the first day. 'Here are the rules, here are the consequences,' and sticking to it. And it's vital that a teacher treat all students alike."

"A teacher should be firm, fair and consistent. That's good teaching. That's caring for kids."

Top teachers understand the importance of effective classroom management, says Fuhr. The elements include being well prepared, knowledgeable about the subject, enthusiastic, a good moti-

vator, and consistent and fair in setting and administering behavioral limits. Where there are limits, the students come to understand that there is freedom in knowing the boundaries.

"When most people recall their favorite teacher, discipline is probably not the first word that comes to mind," says Fuhr. "But the elements that make a teacher in control of the classroom amount to the same thing."

What Is The Cluster System?

A "cluster system" is in place in MISD to achieve desegregation in MISD's elementary schools. The elementary school student assignment system places students in Kindergarten through third grades in their neighborhood schools. Students in grades 4-6 attend two of those years in campuses within their "cluster" and one year at their neighborhood campus. The cluster groups in MISD are:

Cluster	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Cluster 1	Parker	Bowie	Pease
Cluster 2	Bonham	Fannin	Crockett
Cluster 3	Henderson	Scharbauer	DeZavala
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A student's involvement in extracurricular activities is

another basis for consideration of the zero period option in order to meet credit requirements established for these transcript seals. The district may provide transportation to zero period once the need has been determined. Other opportunities for students who need additional ways to earn course credits include night school, summer school or correspondence courses.

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Back-to-school trends should be easy on your kid's feet

Oh no. Your daughter wants some of those big heels and platform soles she's seen the Spice Girls wear.

Find a compromise, says Dr. Robert Bruce, pediatric orthopedic surgeon at the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. High heels are especially inappropriate for growing girls, whose skeletal systems are still developing, he says. Wearing shoes with a 2-inch heel and little sole under the forefoot puts the ankle at about a 30-degree angle to the ground — and at risk for injury.

That's like walking around all day barefoot on tiptoes, he says.

"Whenever I see adolescents, even boys, for foot pain, I evaluate their footwear, often finding the source of their complaints."

Youngsters of both sexes should select shoes that have no more than a 1-inch heel, adequate arch support, and a roomy toebox.

But if your daughter or son insists on being cutting-edge trendy, divert his or her attention to some of these items at

stores for the back-to-school season:

■ Ever hear of a skant? It's a pair of slim pants at the same time it's a form-fitting, swingy skirt for teen girls (\$19.99), and you'll see how it's put together at T.J. Maxx stores. Wear it with a black tank (\$7.99) under a sheer pink sweater (\$19.99).

■ The kilt that's built differently is at The Children's Place. It looks like a tartan kilt, but it's really a plaid skirt for girls (\$18). It's part of the store's Class Act collection, which also has a coordinating argyle vest (\$18). Wear it with an embroidered poplin shirt (\$26).

■ The girls' plaid skirt or jumper (\$21-\$26) also shows up at OshKosh B'Gosh, charmingly coordinated with a fleecy cardigan and embroidered top (\$15-\$30).

■ As you might expect, there's an abundance of cargo pants from the overall people at OshKosh B'Gosh. They're available for boys and girls (\$21-\$28). Wear them with fleece vests and engineer stripe tops (\$21-\$23).

■ Older girls want you to know they're almost grownups now, and their choice of clothing reflects that. Boot-cut jeans or cargo jumpers (\$30-\$32) from Genuine Girl by OshKosh B'Gosh are just that type of sophisticated selection. They can be worn with classic cardigans and thermal tops (\$18-\$22), also in the line.

■ Lots of classic pants and shirts for boys can be found at Lands' End Kids collections. Consider the check twill shirt (\$23.50), worn over a Super-T (\$12). The pants could be relaxed-fit five-pocket jeans (\$24). A variation for girls is the corduroy cargo skirt (\$22). Wear it with a ribbed knit crew (\$16).

■ The popular blue pup found on Nickelodeon's Blues Clues is the inspiration for the line of Blues Clues apparel at Sears. One item for boys is a button-neck jersey shirt with three clues and matching solid blue shorts (\$29.99 the set). The cute puppy peeks out from the high waistline of a girl's blue check dress (\$18.99).

■ For the young space cadet, there's a boys' fleecy snap-front color-block hooded jacket with spaceship embroidery (\$20-\$23), by Healthtex. The look is completed with a long-sleeve French terry crewneck shirt with embroidered spaceship applique (\$20-\$23) and French terry playground pants (\$19-\$22). More traditional, for girls, is the striped mock neck top (\$16-\$19) and solid twill jumper with embroidery (\$28-\$30), both from the Girls Club line from Healthtex.

■ For padding around the dorm, the new Impressions slipper collection from Isotoner features matte satin ballerinas (\$20) and washable suede ballerinas (\$22).

■ One of those sometimes unsettling times in a young girl's life is when she needs her first bra. The odds are that it won't fit right. That's a shame, says Diane Weiss, national lingerie fit consultant for JCPenney, which offers fit seminars for first-timers and their mothers. "Most mothers were never taught, so they don't know how to help their

daughters buy a properly fitted bra," says Weiss. Complicating matters, young girls are developing and growing rapidly, so their measurements can change almost overnight. Weiss says getting a proper fit each time begins with learning how the first time. Girls and their moms can get help by calling their local Penney's lingerie department for information on a Bra Fit Seminar.

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Healthtex — healthtex.com; or 1 (800) 554-7637 for stores.

JCPenney — jcpenny.com.

Lands' End — landsend.com, or 1 (800) 734-5437 for a catalog.

OshKosh B'Gosh — oshkoshb-gosh.com, or 1 (800) 692-4674 for stores.

Sears — sears.com for stores.

The Children's Place — tcpkids.com, or 1 (888) TSP-KIDS for stores.

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Back To School Fashion show



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Matching accessories make the smart student look even smarter.



Courtesy of Land's End
The plaid flannel shirt is a perennial fashion in schools.



Courtesy of Land's End
More and more students are wearing school uniforms. Pictured here (above and left), school uniforms come in a variety of colors and styles.



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Three-quarter length sleeves and cargo pants are hot fashions for this school year.



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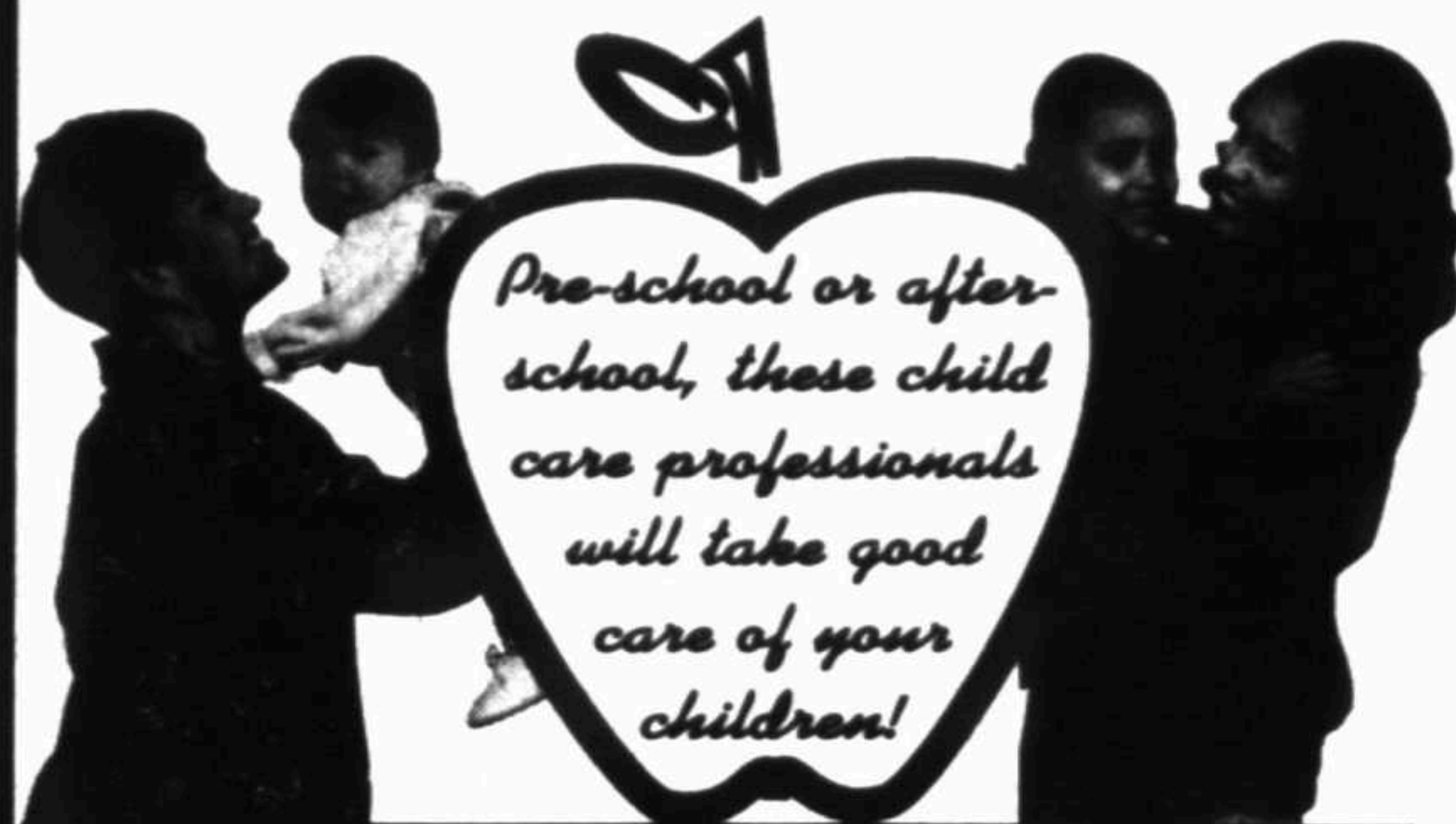
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Back To School 1999-2000 Bus Schedule

From	To	Grade	Bus	Time	Bus	Time	From	To	Grade	Bus	Time	Bus	Time	From	To	Grade	Bus	Time	Bus	Time
Abell	Goddard	7-8	048	8:10a	048	3:55p	Greathouse	Houston	4	042	7:40a	042	3:15p	MSHS	MC	VOC	030	8:40a	030	10:30a
Abell	Goddard	7-8	033	8:10a	033	3:55p	Greathouse	Houston	4	041	7:40a	041	3:15p	MSHS	MC	VOC	046	1:45p	046	3:35p
Abell	LFHS	9	020	8:10a	020	3:45p	Greathouse	LFHS	9	018	8:10a	018	3:45p	MSHS	MFHS	9	072	8:00a	072	3:45p
Abell	LFHS	9	080	8:10a	080	3:45p	Greathouse	LFHS	9	097	8:10a	097	3:45p	MSHS	Stadium	10-12	68	10:40a	68	11:55a
Abell	LSHS	10-12	059	8:10a	059	3:55p	Greathouse	LSHS	10-12	031	8:10a	031	3:45p	MSHS	Stadium	10-12	070	1:45p	070	2:30p
Abell	MFHS	9	078	8:10a	078	3:45p	Greathouse	Milam	6	039	7:40a	039	3:15p	MSHS	Stadium	10-12	070	2:40p	040	3:45p
Abell	MSHS	10-12	071	8:10a	071	3:50p	Greathouse	Milam	6	040	7:40a	040	3:15p	MSHS	Stadium	10-12	N/A	N/A	14	3:45p
Alamo	Abell	7-8BL	096	8:20a	096	4:05p	Henderson	Carver	GEM W/T	094	7:50a	094	3:15p	Parker	Alamo	7-8	102	8:10a	102	3:45p
Alamo	LFHS	9	017	8:10a	017	3:45p	Henderson	DeZavala	6	098	7:40a	098	3:15p	Parker	Alamo	7-8	096	8:00a	096	3:45p
Alamo	LFHS	9	019	8:10a	019	3:45p	Henderson	Goddard	7-8	032	8:10a	032	3:45p	Parker	Carver	GEM W/T	091	7:40a	091	3:15p
Alamo	LFHS	9	088	8:10a	088	3:45p	Henderson	Goddard	7-8	001	8:00a	086	4:10p	Parker	LFHS	9	076	8:10a	076	3:45p
Alamo	LFHS	9	012	8:10a	043	4:00p	Henderson	MSHS	10-12	067	8:10a	067	3:50p	Parker	Travis	5	102	8:40a	102	4:15p
Alamo	LSHS	10-12	056	7:55a	056	3:55p	Henderson	MSHS	10-12	108	7:40a	108	3:15p	Parker	Pease	6	043	7:40a	043	3:15p
Alamo	LSHS	10-12	085	7:55a	085	3:55p	Henderson	Scharbauer	5	108	7:40a	108	3:15p	Pease	Carver	GEM W/T	093	7:45a	093	3:15p
Alamo	Crockett	7-8	N/A	N/A	025	3:45p	Houston	Carver	GEM W/T	095	7:50a	095	3:15p	Pease	Parker	4	096	7:30a	096	3:15p
Alamo	Crockett	7-8	N/A	N/A	079	3:45p	Houston	Greathouse	5	031	7:40a	031	3:15p	Pease	Parker	4	087	7:30a	087	3:15p
Alamo	Crockett	7-8	N/A	N/A	087	3:45p	Houston	Greathouse	5	006	7:40a	038	3:15p	Pease	Bowie	5	072	8:40a	072	4:15p
Bonham	Carver	GEM M/T	094	7:40a	094	3:00p	Houston	MFHS	9	041	8:10a	041	3:50p	Rusk	Carver	GEM M/T	093	7:40a	093	3:15p
Bonham	Crockett	6	025	7:40a	025	3:15p	Houston	Milam	6	051	7:40a	051	3:15p	Rusk	Santa Rita	5	047	7:40a	047	3:15p
Bonham	Crockett	6	029	7:40a	037	3:15p	Jones	Carver	GEM W/T	053	7:30a	053	3:15p	Rusk	Santa Rita	5	107	7:40a	107	3:15p
Bonham	Fannin	5	074	7:40a	074	3:15p	Jones	Emerson	5	060	7:30a	060	3:15p	Rusk	Travis	6	046	7:40a	046	3:15p
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Bush	Washington	6	090	7:30a	090	3:15p	LFHS	LSHS	10-12	043	8:10a	043	3:45p	South	Jones	4	019	7:30a	019	3:15p
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Coleman	Alamo	7-8	079	8:05a	N/A	N/A	Long	Burnet	6	064	7:50a	036	4:15p	Travis	Rusk	4	062	7:40a	062	3:15p
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Coleman	Alamo	7-8	029	8:05a	N/A	N/A	Long	LFHS	9	063	8:10a	063	3:45p	Travis	Santa Rita	5	022	7:40a	022	3:15p
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Coleman	San Jacinto	7-8	093	8:15a	093	3:55p	Long	Long Annex	025	8:40a	025	4:15p	Washington	Goddard	7-8	090	8:00a	090	3:45p	
Crockett	Bonham	4	088	7:40a	088	3:15p	LSHS	Alamo	7-8	056	8:10a	056	3:45p	Washington	Lamar	4	055	7:30a	055	3:15p
Crockett	Carver	GEM M/T	014	7:55a	327	3:15p	LSHS	Alamo	7-8	085	8:10a	085	3:45p	Washington	MFHS	9	100	7:55a	100	3:55p
Crockett	Fannin	5	104	7:40a	104	3:15p	LSHS	LFHS	9	015	8:10a	015	3:45p	Washington	MSHS	10-12	091	8:15a	091	3:55p
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DeZavala	Carver	GEM W/T	093	7:55a	093	3:15p	LSHS	MC	VOC	307	10:50a	090	11:50a	West	Bunche	M-3	035	11:40a	035	2:30p
DeZavala	Henderson	4	067	7:30a	067	3:15p	LSHS	MC	VOC	307	1:40p	089	3:35p	West	Greathouse	5	031	7:30a	031	3:15p
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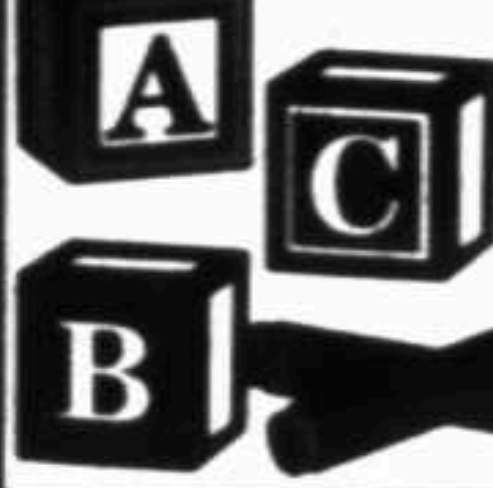
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