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U.S. fighter crashes into German village

FORST, West Germany (AP) — A U.S. Air Force jet fighter plunged into the center of this small town today, killing the pilot and at least one resident, setting homes on fire and forcing the evacuation of about 60 people.

The plane was carrying a canister of hydrazine, which forms toxic gas when mixed with water, but local officials said there was no evidence of a gas leak.

Witnesses said the F-16 smashed into the roof of one home, tore off the porch roof and started a ball of fire that sent residents fleeing.

"There was a crash and then a loud explosion and buildings caught fire," said Herbert Loeff, a baker who

lives three houses away from the street from the crash site. The plane was demolished.

Regional governor Bernhard Dittgen said the body of a 60-year-old man was pulled from the rubble and rescue workers were looking for other victims. At least one resident was injured.

It was the second crash of a military aircraft in West Germany in as many days. On Wednesday, a French Mirage jet fighter narrowly missed a nuclear power plant in Bavaria, about 185 miles east of today's crash site, before crashing and burning. The pilot was killed.

Today's crash occurred at 10 a.m. (3 a.m. EST) in the middle of Forst, a

town of 6,000 residents 60 miles south of Frankfurt, police said. The pilot, whose identity was not immediately released, was the only person aboard, the Air Force said.

Wreckage was scattered over a wide area and thick black smoke billowed from the crash site, witnesses said. Three homes were destroyed and two were extensively damaged, including that of an 80-year-old woman who managed to escape unhurt when the plane hit her house, officials said.

Emergency crews evacuated more than 60 people from about 40 houses in the area, according to local police.

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George Wolf/Reporter-Telegram

Following father's footsteps

Three-year-old Marcus Bibbs watches his dad, Rodney, take the basketball to the hoop during a recent afternoon practice at Rusk Elementary School.

House sends Contra aid bill to Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — House approval of \$48 million in humanitarian aid for the Contra rebels and for children injured in Nicaragua's civil war marks the first time in more than five years that lawmakers have been able to get aside partisan divisions on the issue.

The House voted 345 to 70 late Wednesday to approve the aid package and send what the chamber's leaders said was a strong signal of support to the rebels and the leftist Sandinista government, which are trying to forge a long-term cease fire.

The winning margin came from 179 Democratic votes and 166 GOP votes. The largest group of dissenters seemed to be liberal Democrats, many of whom oppose any form of Contra aid on principle.

The House action sent the aid bill to the Senate, where Majority Leader Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said he planned to take it up today. It remained unclear whether Senate leaders could get the unanimous consent needed to bring the measure up quickly for a vote before Congress leaves on a 10-day Easter recess.

House Speaker Jim Wright, noting years of bitter battles over what U.S. policy in the region should be, called

the bipartisan House vote remarkable and perhaps a turning point for Congress on the issue. The vote was occasioned by last week's agreement on a 60-day cease fire between the two warring sides in Nicaragua.

"There has been a major turning point in Central America. They decided they wanted to make peace," Wright said.

In the past, Contra aid votes have typically been bitterly fought and decided by a margin of a just a few votes. The last time the House came together in a strong bipartisan display was Dec. 8, 1982, when it voted 411-0 to bar the CIA from trying to overthrow the Sandinista government.

Officials of the Nicaraguan Resistance, the Miami-based political arm of the rebels, were elated. "This is what we have been waiting for, for a long time," a broad bipartisan aid package for the resistance," said Alfredo Cesar, a director of the resistance.

It sends a strong political message to Central America in general and to the world that the United States is not abandoning the resistance fighters in the mountains," Cesar said.

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Did Roberts' prayers prompt Swaggart's stand?

EULESS, Texas (AP) — Jimmy Swaggart's decision to return to the pulpit may have been prompted by television evangelist Oral Roberts praying for him and casting out demons from his life, said a longtime friend of Swaggart's.

The Rev. Mike Evans, pastor of the Church on the Move in Euless, said Wednesday that Swaggart told him of Roberts' prayer when Evans visited Baton Rouge, La., last month.

"Oral Roberts called him up and told him that he saw demons with

long fingernails digging the flesh into Jimmy Swaggart's body and he cast those demons out of his body," said Evans.

A lawyer for Swaggart in Baton Rouge on Wednesday said the minister would resume preaching May 22, in defiance of church discipline.

National Assemblies of God officials have barred Swaggart from preaching for at least a year and suspended him from the ministry for two years.

Swaggart stepped down from the

pulpit Feb. 21 after confessing to a moral lapse. Church officials have said Swaggart confessed to meeting prostitutes in motel rooms.

After the telephone conversation with Roberts, the 52-year-old Swaggart told Evans he felt he was released from sin.

"I think this explains some of the rationale behind Jimmy's decision to return to television after three months," Evans told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

But Evans, who has his own televi-

sion ministry, said Swaggart should abide by the Assemblies of God decision. "He needs to have plenty of time to experience complete restoration."

Phone calls made by The Associated Press to Church on the Move went unanswered Wednesday night. Evans' number was not listed in information for Euless, a suburb of Fort Worth, and he could not be reached for comment.

Oral Roberts' son, Richard, verified that his father had counseled

Swaggart, telling WFAA-TV in Dallas, "I am proud to confirm that." Last year, at the height of the PTL scandal involving another Assemblies of God minister, Jim Bakker, Swaggart and Roberts exchanged angry words.

Roberts made an announcement in a taped appearance on his son's program broadcast Wednesday that he will ask followers to donate another \$8 million, but he did not repeat last year's warning that God would call him "home."

McClure movie panel unsure of time frame

By RICK BROWN
Assistant City Editor

A blue ribbon citizens panel formed to screen television movie producers for the Jessica McClure story will meet within a week, but the chairman doesn't know when its task will be finished.

Wayne Merritt, United Bank of Midland chairman and the man Mayor Carroll Thomas appointed to head the five-person panel, could not offer even a broad ballpark guess

Wednesday when a recommendation will emerge from the panel's efforts.

The panel Thomas appointed Tuesday includes former Chamber of Commerce chairman Joan Baskin, Midland contractor Dave Leonard, current Chamber chairman Charles Spence and First Baptist Church pastor Dr. Daniel Vestal in addition to Merritt.

The committee was formed in response to what some news media

have called "bickering" between two associations of Jessica McClure rescuers.

The groups had worked side by side last October to free the girl — now 2 years old — from an abandoned southwest Midland water well.

One association primarily is made up of paramedic, police and fire personnel, while the other consists of about 40 volunteers whose portrayal rights are legally committed to Hol-

lywood producer Larry Spivey.

Said Merritt Wednesday: "As I understand it, both sides have agreed — and not in any legally binding sense — to go with whatever movie company we recommend."

The two groups also have agreed to stop negotiations they may have in progress with any producer and stop talks among themselves, Merritt added.

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West Texas observatory again offering its rare view

MCDONALD OBSERVATORY, Texas (AP) — A 107-inch telescope might not be 10 times better than a 10-inch scope, but a chance to look through it is enough to attract people from all around.

Wednesday night marked the first chance in 19 months for stargazers to peer through the eyepiece of McDonald Observatory's 107-inch reflector and take a good look at the moon.

About 60 people reserved viewing spots almost two months in advance for a chance at a minute-long look through the telescope, the biggest of the observatory's five optical instruments and one of the world's 15 largest.

The University of Texas-run observatory about 6,000 feet atop Mount Locke in the Davis Mountains of West Texas has been letting the general public look through its largest

telescopes since 1938, said Mark Bridges, observatory publicist.

For the past several years, officials had opened the observatory to the public once a month. Public viewing nights were suspended in August 1986 while officials altered the 107-inch scope's focal length and started changing the eyepiece, Bridges said.

"The optical train has been improved so that the image quality has been much improved," he said, add-

ing that observers sometimes saw ghost images and complained of low contrast.

"People would look through it at times and say, 'This isn't as good as my friend's 8-inch telescope,' and that was true sometimes," Bridges said. "The 107-inch telescope isn't 10 times better than a 10-inch telescope."

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A security guard, foreground, accompanies Attorney General Edwin Meese as he leaves his McLean, Va. home.

Specter asks assessment of Meese's role

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican senator today called on President Reagan to meet with a resigned Justice Department official and then reconsider whether Attorney General Edwin Meese III should stay on the job.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said a published report quoting resigned Assistant Attorney General William F. Weld as saying he would have moved to indict Meese if the decision had been his requires a presidential inquiry and decision.

Meese is the target of a broadening criminal investigation. Department sources have said the top officials quit because they felt Meese's legal problems were "poisoning" the Justice Department.

On Wednesday, Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., said flatly that Meese should resign. Senate Democratic Leader Robert Byrd also called for his resignation, calling him "the crown prince of the sleaze factor in Reagan administration history."

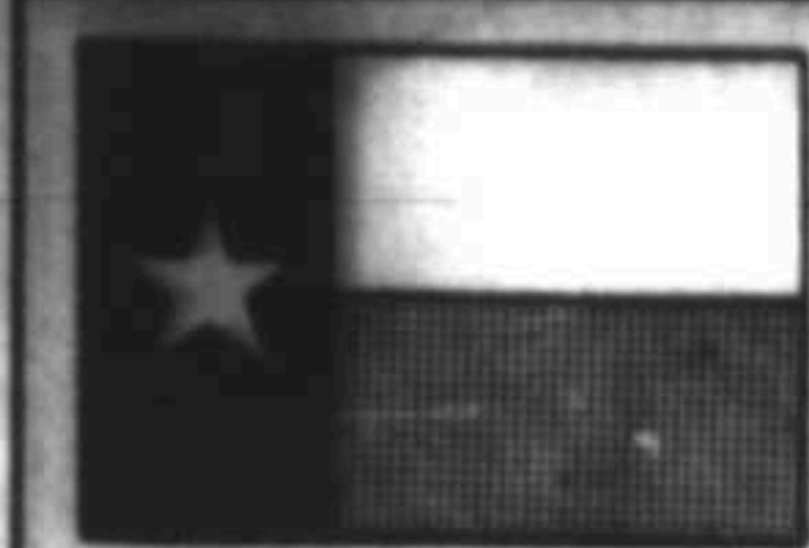
Specter, interviewed on NBC-TV's "Today" show, referred to a report in today's Washington Post that quoted sources familiar with Tuesday's meeting of Meese, Weld and Deputy Attorney General Arnold Burns, at which Weld and Burns turned in their resignations.

The Post said Weld told Meese the attorney general's situation presented a close call but that if it were up to Weld he would present it to the grand jury for an indictment.

The New York Times, in a similar report, quoted sources as saying Weld had previously commented that "he would have to seriously consider indicting Meese." The newspaper said that comment, asked about that comment, would not respond on the record.

Specter, asked about the quotes attributed to Weld, said, "Up until this moment, or perhaps yesterday, you had a situation where the independent counsel was looking...but I think now is a different matter. The president has to talk to Mr. Weld, has to examine the facts and then has to make a presidential decision."

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STATE

Weight gain turns out to be 130-pound tumor

FORT WORTH (AP) — Barbara Louise Jones says she feels much better now that she's had a 130-pound tumor removed, and she urges others not to wait as long as she did to seek medical help.

"I realize now how dangerous it can be and could have been for me," she said Wednesday.

Miss Jones, 55, said the tumor appeared gradually over the past three years and at first thought she was only putting on weight. Then when she realized something was wrong, she put off going to a doctor because she feared she would suffer the same type of painful death as her mother, who died of ovarian cancer in 1973.

Eventually, Miss Jones' weight doubled and the 5-foot-1½ woman was hardly able to move. She retired early from her job as a school district purchasing agent last March and by July was unable to drive a car or move about without tiring.

Now, she is almost completely recovered from the December operation to remove the ovarian tumor, said Fort Worth surgeon Dr. J.E. Way.

"I went to the doctor Monday and my blood pressure is up a little, but other than that, I'm doing fine," Miss Jones said.

Miss Jones finally decided to seek medical attention in November and was referred to Way. Within two weeks, the tumor was removed.

Way said he had to cut a 4½-foot incision in Miss Jones' abdomen to remove the malignant tumor. He said most ovarian cysts are detected when they are 1-1½ inches.

"There's nothing typical about this," Way said. "You can find a lot of tumors that weigh 5 to 30 pounds, and those are humongous tumors." The 1988 Guinness Book of World Records lists a 1905 case of a 328-pound ovarian cyst as the largest tumor in history. Oddly enough, the woman in that case also was from Texas; the reference book says she recovered fully.

Way said the tumor was fixed to the walls of Miss Jones' abdomen and stretched her skin almost paper-thin. He said what made the surgery difficult was keeping the taut skin from breaking and the tumor from rupturing.

"As it turned out everything went like Johnny clockwork," Way said.

Way said that all of the cancerous growth was removed and although Miss Jones must have regular check-ups for a recurrence, she is now in good health.

If the surgery had not been done, Way said, more tumors could have developed, the tumor could have become so large it would have caused respiratory problems, it could have ruptured and spread cancer throughout her body, or it could have blocked her ability to digest food.

Wheelchair-bound man sentenced to 50 years

DALLAS (AP) — A 75-year-old, wheelchair-bound man convicted for the 12th time in 10 years has been sentenced to 50 years in prison.

Nelson Jacobs was sentenced Wednesday following his conviction Tuesday for car burglary and being a habitual criminal. He faced a range of sentences from 25 years to life in prison.

He told jurors he began a life of crime at 66, after his wife died and he found it increasingly difficult to survive on a \$370-a-month Social Security check. But, he admitted he spent much of the money on women, alcohol and drugs.

"I made a few mistakes," Jacobs said after the sentencing. "I'm not

glad about that." He said he has overcome his addiction to drinking and drugs.

Prosecutors said Jacobs had been convicted 11 times in the past nine years for crimes ranging from forgery to theft, drug possession and burglary. He was convicted Tuesday in the Jan. 5 theft of a Corvette t-top.

State law requires a minimum 25-year sentence for anyone convicted of a felony after serving two previous prison terms. Jacobs was placed on probation five times, served three prison terms and had two probation violations before he was convicted Tuesday.

But his attorney, Bill Bret, said Jacobs was a victim of the system



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Senate expected to approve INF Treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic vote-counters say the Senate will easily approve the U.S.-Soviet treaty eliminating medium-range nuclear weapons, despite Republican complaints over an amendment limiting future presidential interpretations of the agreement.

Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., No. 2 in the Democratic leadership, said his counts show no more than five of the 100 senators are likely to vote against the pact. Ratification requires approval of 67 senators.

"I think there will be hurdles, but I don't expect it to be turned down," said Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Both Pell and Cranston offered their assessments shortly after the Foreign Relations Committee endorsed the pact Wednesday on a 17-2 vote that included the support of 10 Democrats and seven Republicans. Only Sens. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and Larry Pressler, R-S.D., voted against the treaty.

The treaty, signed Dec. 8 by Presi-

dent Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev, requires both sides to destroy all nuclear-armed missiles with a range of 300 miles to 3,400 miles.

Among the weapons that will be destroyed are the Soviet force of 680 SS-20s and other medium-range weapons aimed at western European targets. The United States will give up Pershing II missiles stationed in West Germany and ground-launched cruise missiles stationed in five NATO nations.

The pact is the first in the history of arms control to require the actual destruction of the missiles that carry nuclear warheads. It is also the first to require on-site inspection to verify compliance.

"For the first time since Hiroshima, you see the number of weapons going down," said Pell.

The treaty will probably come to the Senate floor by late April and when it does, Pell said, the most contentious issue will be the Democratic-backed amendment.

The amendment says that a future president cannot change the U.S. in-

terpretation of the treaty without congressional approval.

The fight stems from Reagan's assertion that he can unilaterally change the interpretation of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, a view challenged by congressional Democrats.

Sen. Rudy Boschwitz, R-Minn., a supporter of the pact, called the amendment "a great mistake" and said, "It very frankly may change my position in response to the treaty" on the floor.

Pressler predicted the amendment "will lead to the defeat of this treaty entirely because (with it), the votes aren't there."

The Foreign Relations vote was the third overwhelming endorsement given the pact by a Senate committee. The Intelligence Committee unanimously approved it and the Armed Services Committee voted in favor by an 18-2 margin.

The Armed Services Committee did express some concerns, and Maynard Giltman, chief U.S. negotiator, tried to answer those fears Wednesday in testimony before the Foreign

Relations panel.

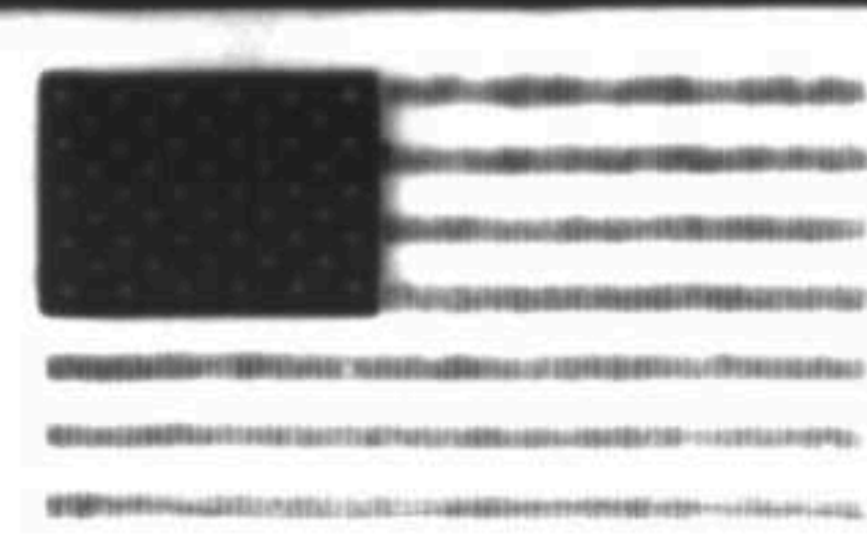
Giltman said "futuristic" weapons such as lasers and particle beam generators are banned by the treaty if they are carried on "weapons delivery vehicles" within the prohibited range.

The Soviets "understand that all future (weapons) systems falling within the criteria will be banned," he told Helms.

And if an unarmed medium-range missile were to strike and destroy a target through impact alone, it would be considered a weapon if it had been designed for that purpose, he said.

But Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., Armed Services chairman, said he didn't think Giltman's comments had settled the issue. Nunn said he would seek a more definitive clarification during Senate debate.

Nunn said he might seek an amendment to the treaty requiring the administration to obtain a specific statement from the Soviets acknowledging that they had agreed not to produce, deploy or flight test futuristic medium-range weapons.



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IRS waives retirees' penalties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retirees don't have to worry any more about being penalized for underpayment of estimated taxes on their 1987 pensions.

The Internal Revenue Service announced Wednesday that it will waive penalties that otherwise would hit retirees who failed to pay sufficient tax in advance on their pensions.

"The idea is to have equity between retired people and wage earners," said IRS spokesman Johnell Hunter. "Retired people will now have the same benefits as wage earners."

The IRS announced last year that it would not impose penalties on taxpayers who had too little withheld from their 1987 wages. That announcement was made because of widespread taxpayer confusion about the numerous tax-law revisions enacted in 1986 and a complex new W-4 withholding form.

Even with these two waivers, taxpayers with large amounts of interest, dividends and other investment income still might be penalized if they have to pay too much tax when they file their returns. But the penalty would not apply to wage or pension portions of income.

As a rule, at least 90 percent of 1987 tax liability must have been paid in advance through withholding or estimated quarterly payments. Withholding is not required on pensions, although most recipients opt to have tax taken out from each check.

The IRS said most retirees will be automatically covered by the waiver without having to take any additional action. Those who have already filed a return and paid the estimated-tax penalty will have any overpayment refunded.

A taxpayer who receives a penalty notice dated before May 2, 1988, and has not responded should call the IRS toll-free line for assistance, the agency said. That number is 800-424-1040.

The waiver applies to any retirement income that must be reported on Line 16b of Form 1040, including Individual Retirement Accounts and profit-sharing distributions, employee savings plans, pensions and annuities.

In another decision affecting retirees, the IRS said owners of multiple IRAs who passed the age of 70½ in 1987 will be allowed more discretion in choosing from which IRA to take a distribution. Such IRA owners are required to take money from an IRA by April 1.

Schoolchildren to pick name for new space shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The nation's schoolchildren will select a name for the space shuttle which will replace Challenger, whose explosion in 1986 killed teacher Christa McAuliffe and six others.

NASA, in cooperation with the Council of Chief State School Officers, invited teachers Wednesday to enter students in a national competition to name the new orbiter being built and scheduled for its maiden flight in 1992.

The three remaining shuttles in the fleet are Discovery, Atlantis and Columbia.

NASA said the name Challenger had been retired, in honor of the seven astronauts killed in the explosion.

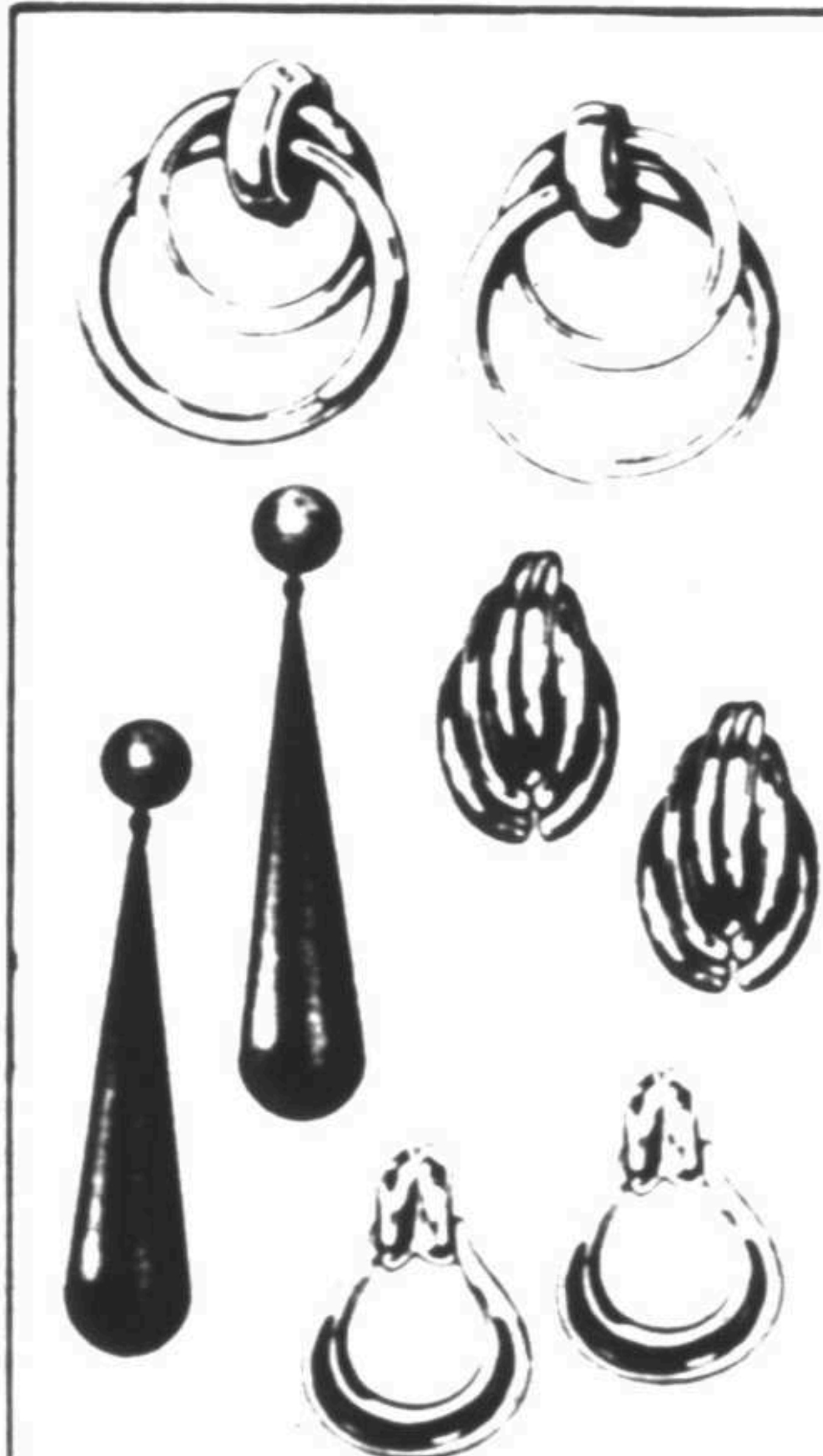
"It is fitting that students and teachers who shared in the loss of the space shuttle share in the rearing of its replacement," said NASA administrator James C. Fletcher.

Announcements of opportunity will be distributed soon to elementary and secondary teachers and principals. Entry packets will be available in May.

Students in public and private schools in the United States and U.S. territories, Department of Defense overseas dependents' schools and Bureau of Indian Affairs schools are eligible.

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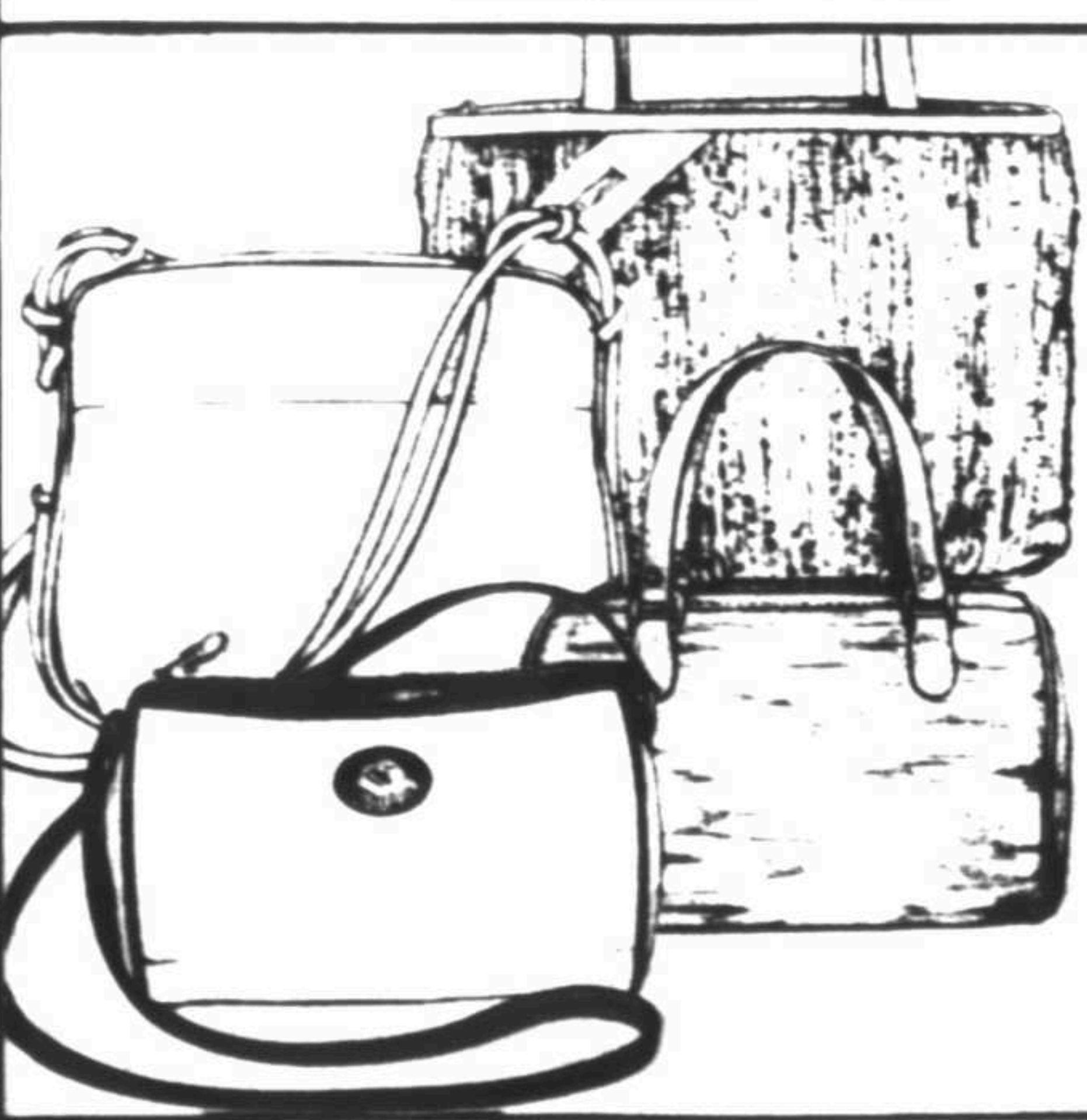
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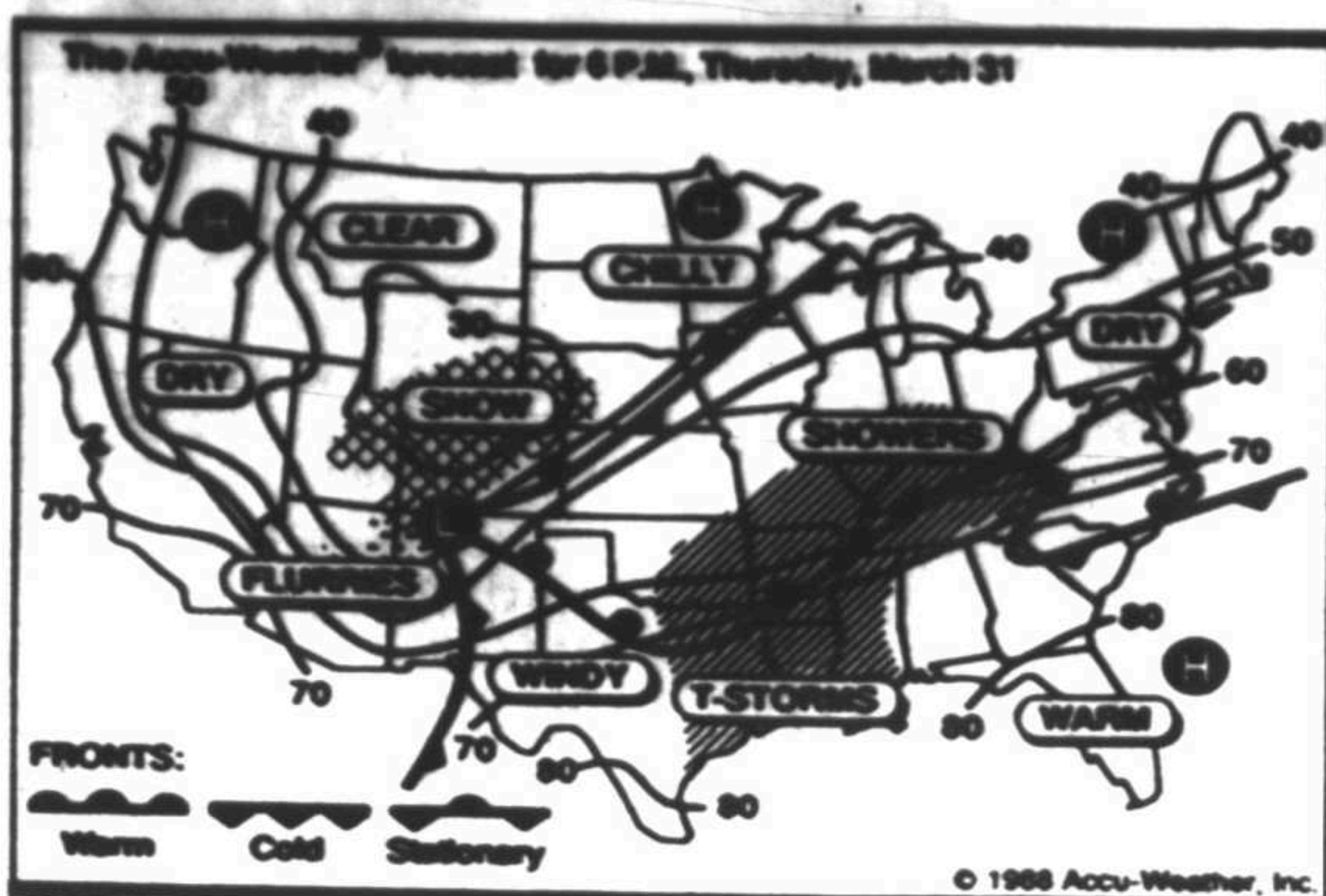
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Cloudy skies forecast; Chance for rain slim

From Staff and Wire Reports

Skies will be mostly cloudy tonight with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, according to the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport. The low is expected to be in the middle 40s with south winds blowing at 15-25 mph and becoming gusty. Winds should become northwesterly by morning.

Friday will remain cloudy and cooler with the chance of showers remaining at 20 percent. The high should reach the lower 60s with northwest winds blowing at 15-25 mph and becoming gusty.

Wednesday's high of 73 was 21 degrees below the record high of 94 set for that date in 1946. Today's record low of 42 was 26 degrees above the record low of 16 set for this date in 1931.

STATE

Snow is possible in the Texas Panhandle tonight and showers and thunderstorms are forecast for much of the state tonight and Friday.

Forecasts called for mostly cloudy skies across most of the state through Friday with scattered showers and thunderstorms in the forecast.

Lows tonight will be in the 30s in the Panhandle and in the 50s and 60s over the rest of the state.

Highs Friday will be in the 40s in the Panhandle, the 50s and 60s over most of West Texas except in the Big Bend area where readings will climb into the mid 70s, in the 60s and 70s in North Texas and in the 70s and 80s in South Texas.

A warm front located along the Texas coast triggered scattered thunderstorms and rain early today.

The thunderstorms were located in Southeast Texas along the upper Texas coast and offshore in the Gulf of Mexico along the entire Texas coast.

Elsewhere, drizzle and fog was reported across much of South Texas and North Texas. A dense fog advisory was issued for South Texas where visibilities under one-half mile were common.

Fair skies were reported across all of West Texas.

Early morning temperatures were mostly in the 40s and 50s, ranging from the 30s in the mountains of Southwest Texas and the Panhandle to the 60s in South Texas. Extremes ranged from 32 at Marfa in the Davis Mountains to 86 at Beaumont and Brownsville.

Other early morning temperatures around the state included 36 at Amarillo, 50 at Wichita Falls and Fort Worth, 51 at Waco, 52 at Austin, 53 at San Antonio, 56 at Corpus Christi, 49 at San Angelo, 39 at Lubbock, 44 at Midland and 58 at El Paso.

NATION

A storm packing winds up to 40 mph swirled around the Rockies today, spreading more than 5 inches of snow from Utah to the Great Plains.

Rain fell across the Tennessee and lower Mississippi valleys, prompting flash flood watches in parts of Mississippi and Louisiana where recent rain left the ground saturated.

Forecasters said up to 2 feet of snow were expected in the foothills of the Colorado Rockies by Friday morning. So far, more than 5 inches have fallen at Fort Collins, Colo., and more than 3 inches in parts of Wyoming.

Snow also fell this morning in parts of Utah. Forecasters said 3 to 6 inches would fall today and be blown by strong northerly winds.

Northeast winds gusted up to 40 mph this morning at Rock Springs, Wyo., and Akron, Colo. In California, forecasters posted wind advisories for parts of Southern California and a gale warning for the northern coast.

A heavy snow warning was issued for the eastern foothills of northern Colorado through tonight. Snow advisories also were posted in Nebraska's southern panhandle. In addition, forecasters issued winter storm watches for parts of Wyoming and Kansas.

Today's forecast called for showers and thunderstorms from the southern Plains across the lower Mississippi Valley, Alabama, the Tennessee and lower Ohio valleys and the southern Appalachians. Rain from Oklahoma and eastern Texas into Kentucky and Tennessee, snow from northern Arizona and the central Rockies into the central high plains, windy conditions from Southern California into Western Texas.

Highs will be in the 50s and 60s in much of the nation, below freezing over parts of Colorado and southern Wyoming, 30s and 40s from the northern and central Rockies across the northern Plains into the upper Great Lakes region, 70s and low 80s over California, the desert Southwest and from southern and eastern Texas to the southern Atlantic Coast.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. The low should be in the middle 40s with south winds at 15-25 mph becoming northwesterly by morning. Friday: Continued cloudy and cooler with a 20 percent chance of showers remaining. The high expected in the lower 60s with northwest winds at 15-25 mph and gusty.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High	73 degrees
Overnight Low	42 degrees
Sunrise today	7:08 a.m.
Sunset today	6:38 p.m.
Surf tomorrow	6:38 a.m.
Precipitation:	
Last 24 hours	0.0 inches
This month to date	7.0 inches
Year to date	1.14 inches
LOCAL TEMPERATURES:	
8 a.m.	34
9 a.m.	33
10 a.m.	33
11 a.m.	33
noon	33
1 p.m.	33
2 p.m.	33
3 p.m.	33
4 p.m.	33
5 p.m.	33
6 p.m.	33
7 p.m.	33
8 p.m.	33
9 p.m.	33
10 p.m.	33
11 p.m.	33
midnight	33

Texas temperatures

	H	L	P
Abilene	65	50	
Albino	63	52	0.03
Amesbury	64	54	
Austin	61	51	0.01
Beaumont-Port Arthur	61	57	0.89
Beverly	58	53	0.01
Brownsville	67	61	
Bryan-College Station	61	50	0.01
Childress	63	41	
Corpus Christi	56	53	0.12
Dallas	71	56	
Del Rio	64	33	
El Paso	60	48	
Fort Worth	74	58	
Galveston	64	54	1.34
Hondo	68	53	
Houston-Hobby	68	53	1.58
Junction	73	52	
Kingville	67	48	0.23
Laredo	67	57	
Lubbock	60	47	
Marfa	70	38	
Midland	64	49	0.21
Odessa	76	58	
Midland-Odessa	73	43	
Mineral Wells	66	48	
Palacios	67	53	0.08
San Angelo	72	48	
San Antonio	68	58	0.01
Stephenville	62	49	0.01
Texasville	68	53	
Victoria	68	53	0.18
Waco	60	50	
Wichita Falls	63	48	
Wink	78	47	

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy, fair, with a chance of showers or thunderstorms more numerous south Central, Southwest Texas and along the Coastal Plains. Highs in the 70s, 80s extreme south. Lows in the 50s and 60s, near 70 extreme south.

Weather elsewhere

	H	L	P	Ch
Albany N.Y.	64	32		cdy
Albuquerque	72	41		cdy
Anchorage	37	31	0.2	cdy
Atlanta	73	58		cdy
Atlantic City	56	44		cdy
Baltimore	70	51		rn
Boston	48	23		cdy
Butte	48	42		cdy
Casper	67	29	0.1	cdy
Charleston S.C.	37	22		cdy
Chicago	70	60		cdy
Cincinnati	49	31		rn
Dayton	70	45		rn
Denver	66	36		rn
Detroit	41	28	32	cdy
Flagstaff	62	34		cdy
Grand Rapids	50	27		cdy
Great Falls	45	25		cdy
Honolulu	42	29	0.1	cdy
Indianapolis	66	30	0.6	cdy
Jackson Miss	54	41		rn
Kansas City	63	58	1.78	rn
Las Vegas	60	38		cdy
Little Rock	63	48		cdy
Los Angeles	57	46	0.6	cdy
Louisville	71	50		cdy
Memphis	51	35		cdy
Minneapolis	56	51	82	rn
Missoula	46	26		cdy
Mobile	59	48		cdy
Nashville	60	50	0.7	rn
New Orleans	61	57	50	cdy
New York City	57	44		cdy
Oakland	58	47		cdy
Omaha	64	30		rn
Philadelphia	71	48		cdy
Phoenix	79	51		cdy
Pittsburgh	64	37		cdy
Reno	49	25		cdy
Richmond	61	53		cdy
Salt Lake City	47	34		cdy
San Diego	66	54		cdy
San Francisco	74	60		cdy
Sioux Falls	61	33		cdy
Spokane	49	31		cdy
Syracuse	72	29		cdy
Topka	63	33		rn
Tucson	62	56		cdy
Tulsa	60	48		cdy
Washington D.C.	79	53		cdy
Wichita	59	37		rn

Extended forecast

	Saturday Through Monday
West Texas:	Partly cloudy with a warming trend throughout period. Permian Basin: Lows near 40s to mid 40s. Highs upper 60s Saturday to low 80s Monday. Panhandle: Lows mid to upper 30s and high mid 60s Saturday to upper 70s Monday. South Plains: Lows near 40 to mid 40s. Highs mid 60s Saturday to low 80s Monday. Concho Valley: Lows in low to mid 50s. Highs mid 70s Saturday to near 80s Monday. Far West: Lows mid 30s to low 40s. Highs upper 60s Saturday to upper 70s Monday. Big Bend area: Lows mid 30s to near 60s Big Bend. Highs upper 60s to low 80s Saturday to near 80s Saturday and Sunday except in the lower 70s southeast. Highs in the 70s around Monday.
North Texas:	A chance of thunderstorms east Saturday. Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday. Fair and a little warmer Monday. Lows in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Highs in the 60s Saturday and Sunday except in the lower 70s southeast. Highs in the 70s around Monday.
South Texas:	Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms more numerous south Central, Southwest Texas and along the Coastal Plains. Highs in the 70s, 80s extreme south. Lows in the 50s and 60s, near 70 extreme south.

Reagan 'unlikely' to oust Meese

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan has always been reluctant to fire aides when they're in trouble and he is unlikely to change that now by ditching Attorney General Edwin Meese III, presidential scholars and observers say.

Reagan didn't fire Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan, who was facing a federal court indictment in early 1985, nor did he oust Interior Secretary James Watt in 1983 after Watt made offensive remarks about blacks, women, Jews and the handicapped.

The closest Reagan came to being faced with a decision on what to do about an indicted aide was when Donovan was indicted. Donovan spared him the decision, however, by resigning immediately.

Watt also offered to step aside, and the only way Meese will leave is if he does likewise, several observers say.

Reagan so dislikes firing top aides that an embittered Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. had to try at least twice to quit before the president finally accepted his resignation in June 1982.

"After watching Ronald Reagan and reading about him all these years, I've come to the conclusion that it is a matter of leadership style that dictates that he not fire people," said Robert A. Bonatti, who was Reagan's labor adviser early in the administration.

"He never gets on the side of firing people and he always defends people who are under attack," Bonatti said of the president.

Reagan proved this theory once more Wednesday when besieged with questions about whether he would push Meese out in response to the attorney general's mounting legal problems and mass defections at the Justice Department.

"He's been a friend for over 20 years. I have every confidence in him," Reagan told reporters.

His statement recalled the time in the summer of 1984 when Reagan, arriving in Dallas for the Republican National Convention, was quizzed about whether he would oust Donovan. Reagan declared that he wouldn't give in to a "lynch mob atmosphere."

In quintessential Reagan style, the president threw his arm around Meese when reporters tried to question him about the attorney general early last fall, just after the two had appeared in the White House press room to announce Anthony M. Kennedy's selection for a Supreme Court vacancy.

Reagan has steadfastly said he thinks public officials ought to be presumed innocent until found guilty in court. He has gone even further in the case of indicted former White House aides John M. Poindexter and Oliver L. North, declaring that he thinks they are innocent — period.

While Reagan has been reluctant to fire people in general, he has shown even greater resistance when dealing with longtime confidants like Meese.

During his first months in the presidency in 1981, writes Reagan biographer Lou Cannon, "Reagan valued Ed Meese's advice above all others, believing that Meese would see to it that conflicting points of view were presented to him without coloration."

His close association with Meese goes back to Reagan's days as governor of California from 1967-75, when Meese was a valued counselor.

A former high-ranking official in the Carter administration, describing the difficulty that President Jimmy Carter had in ousting budget director Bert Lance, said "it's always difficult for presidents to let go of people close to them, and that was true of Lance, and it's certainly true of Meese."

"These are the toughest issues for presidents to face," said this former high-level Carter associate, talking on grounds of anonymity.

Two presidential scholars said that, in his reluctance to get rid of aides who have become political liabilities, Reagan's style has differed from other presidents who have been faced with aides who became heavy political liabilities.

They pointed out that Dwight D. Eisenhower ousted top aide Sherman Adams and that President Lyndon B. Johnson got rid of close associate Walter Jenkins, while Gerald R. Ford eased out Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz.

MEESE

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Specter earlier questioned "whether the U.S. Department of Justice can function" with Meese in charge.

"You finally reach a place where there is a cloud of suspicion, a sufficient cloud of suspicion, that I think you owe it to the president to remove yourself," he said.

Weld told the Times that he had become concerned about the collective "damage" being done to the Justice Department by having a man under investigation as its leader.

The Times quoted a source as saying Weld told his aides in announcing his resignation that, to him, "it was a question of moral authority and the tarnishing of the department."

Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, said today that Reagan's "duty" is "to bring about the resignation of Mr. Meese."

"The president owes a duty to the country that may be much higher than that which he owes to his personal friend," Metzenbaum said at the start of a Senate Judiciary subcommittee hearing on antitrust matters.

The question, said Metzenbaum, is "if Mr. Meese should not shortly resign whether the public will be losing confidence in government as a whole."

The Boston Herald, meanwhile, quoted Weld as saying in an interview that, when he and Burns told Meese they were resigning, the attorney general "thought we were joking. I told him it was so. He seemed a little taken aback."

For his part, Meese said "there's no reason to resign" and Reagan reiterated his support for his old friend, saying "he's been a friend for over 20 years. I have every confidence in him."

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater was asked Wednesday why Meese remained on the job when White House chief of staff Howard Baker, Vice President George Bush and first lady Nancy Reagan wanted him out.

Mrs. Reagan's press secretary Elaine Crispin, said today that reports that the first lady was campaigning for Meese's removal were "absolutely not true."

"She hasn't talked to anyone and no one has talked to her about the issue," Mrs. Crispin said by telephone from Los Angeles, where Mrs. Reagan is visiting before joining the president at their California ranch Friday for an Easter vacation.

PLANE

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A spokesman at the U.S. Air Force Base at Ramstein, Doug Moore, said the jet had been declared missing after taking off from Hahn Air Force Base in the Eifel Mountains.

Lt. Col. Edward Neunherz, another base spokesman, told The Associated Press by telephone that the F-16 was on a training mission, but he had no further details.

He confirmed the plane was carrying hydrazine, which is used to re-fire jet engines in case of engine failure. But Neunherz added, "That gas disperses easily in the event of an accident."

Norbert Scherer, spokesman for police in nearby Karlsruhe, said there was no evidence to indicate any toxic gas was released.

Scherer said he was told by American authorities that the plane was carrying 500 rounds of practice ammunition but no live ammunition.



Firefighters rush to the area of Forst, a West German village near Karlsruhe, where a U.S. Air Force jet crashed into several houses. The pilot and one resident were killed, another resident was seriously injured and the subsequent fire led to the evacuation of about 60.

Book rates American school districts

By LEE MITGANG

AP Education Writer

NEW YORK — If a bold new guidebook is correct, schools are tops in suburban New York. Flunking in much of California, and Education Secretary Bennett was close to the truth when he said Chicago is in a state of "educational meltdown."

"Public Schools USA" (Williamson Publishing, \$17.95) a 366-page book by longtime education writer Charles H. Harrison, offers a first-ever comparative guide to some 500 metropolitan school districts around the country, rating each on a "school effectiveness" scale of 0-100.

The book, to be published late April, is not a scientific study or survey, but a consumer guide to public schools similar in spirit to the many college guides on the market.

It meant as a starting point for families moving to the nation's largest metropolitan areas who want to know "Where are the good schools?"

But as the introduction stresses, "We have not tried to pick the so-called 'best districts' in an area."

That point is worth remembering in light of the book's glaring omissions.

New York City, Boston, Detroit, Kansas City, Boise, Idaho, Charleston, S.C., Newark, N.J., New Orleans and San Francisco weren't evaluated because those districts did not re-

spond to Harrison's mailed statistical questionnaires sent twice to each district.

Likewise some highly regarded districts like Edina, Minn. and Newton, Mass. are missing for the same reason.

And the guide covered only districts with at least 2,500 students located within 25 miles of 52 core cities — meaning thousands of districts were automatically excluded because of their size or ruralness.

Harrison, who took a year and spent approximately \$10,000 of his own money researching the book, profiled each district using 22 statistics including average SAT scores, spending per pupil, dropout rates, teacher salaries and numbers of students expelled or suspended.

The book then appraised each district's "quality of school leadership," "quality of instruction" and "quality of school environment," drawing on the expertise of about 1,000 local education reporters, parent groups and others.

Third, and most controversial, the book scored each district on a scale of 0-100 using an "effective schools index" devised by Harrison. The median score nationwide was 58.

School districts earned from zero to 100 points on each of ten statistical criteria: average daily attendance, current spending per pupil, dropout rate, average combined SAT or ACT scores, percentage of eligible stu-

dents taking the SAT or ACT, number of Advanced Placement courses, teacher-student ratio in elementary and secondary grades, counselor-student ratio, and number of students per music specialist.

Districts that didn't provide a statistic or misinterpreted a question received a zero.

The ratings produced few surprises, big cities generally scored lowest and wealthy suburbs highest. And a disproportionate number of California districts scored low — a legacy, said Harrison, in an interview of property-tax-cutting Proposition 13 passed by that state's voters in 1978.

The highest score of any district was Brighton, N.Y., an affluent suburb near Rochester with a near perfect 98. The profile said opportunities for gifted students were particularly excellent.

Twenty of the 26 districts that scored 85 or higher were in the Northeast. A dozen were in the New York-New Jersey-Westchester metropolitan area, and seven of those were in Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island.

In the Philadelphia area, Lower Merion School District scored 85. Upper Merion District in King of Prussia tallied 92. Two Pittsburgh-area districts, Fox Chapel and Mount Lebanon, each scored 92. Lexington and Wellesley, Mass. scored 88 and 89 respectively.

Correction

DALLAS (AP) — The Associated Press reported erroneously on March 20 that Pyramid Ranch in Fairfield was among the properties that First Republic Bank Corp. plans to sell to help pay off its bad loan debt.

Not included in the bill, but set out in a separate letter, is a promise from Wright that if the peace process falls apart, he will give "fair and orderly" consideration to any new request for military aid President Reagan might want to send to Congress.

Have we made an error? Call 682-5311, ext. 130, and a correction will be published.

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Dialogues produce accords on basic beliefs

Minister lauds BEM as major step forward

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third installment of a four-part series, "Strangers No Longer," on the Protestant-Catholic convergence toward unity, dealing with official dialogues.

By GEORGE W. CORNEIL
AP Religion Writer

From across Christianity's denominational spectrum, church judgments on a bid for intrinsic unity have poured into the headquarters of the World Council of Churches on the wooded outskirts of Geneva, Switzerland.

There, on the third floor of the three-winged building, in what's sometimes called the "power room" of offices dealing with church doctrine and functioning, the influx of church appraisals has accumulated in unprecedented scope.

Roman Catholic, Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations, 170 of them from around the globe, have sent their official reactions to an agreement jointly produced by their thinkers on basic features of a re-integrated faith.

"BEM," it's called, standing for the central church responsibilities — baptism, eucharist (celebrating the Lord's Supper) and ministry.

"The response has been tremendous," said the Rev. Gunther Gassman, a Lutheran and director of the council's Faith and Order Commission, an inclusive Protestant-Catholic-Orthodox unit that is compiling the reactions.

"It's a unique thing in the history of the ecumenical movement," he said in a telephone interview. "Never has there been so much interest and discussion of a church document throughout the world."

Generally the reactions have been "very positive," he said. "It's a major step forward. We're also very encouraged to see how hundreds of groups, ecumenical organizations and seminaries are studying this document."

SOMETIMES CALLED the "Lima Text," it was produced by the inter-church commission of 120 theologians, Bible scholars, historians, clergy and lay leaders at a meeting in Lima, Peru, in 1982.

They represented virtually the entire cross section of Christianity.

Roman Catholic, Reformed, Presbyterian, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Anglican (Episcopalian), Eastern Orthodox, United Church and others.

Drawing on a gathering tide of inter-church dialogues and understandings over the past decades, the drafters said the concurring document had come at a time considered "a kairos," a critical moment of decision in history.

"We have become increasingly aware of our unity in the body of Christ," they said. "Sadly divided churches have been enabled to arrive at substantial theological agreements. We believe many significant advances are now possible."

To that end, BEM for five years has circulated among the churches, translated into 35 languages.

After pondering the various denominations now have voiced their official assessments, an input virtually completed only by early 1988, the broadest ever attained in an ecumenical accord.

"It's a towering achievement," said the Rev. John Hotchkiss, ecumenical officer for U.S. Catholic bishops. "It could serve to put a new floor under the ecumenical movement. It's a very important landmark."

The Rev. Paul A. Crow, ecumenical officer for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) terms it "a miracle."

FOR THE FIRST TIME, the Vatican has joined in appraising the trans-Christian document, generally commending the results, but asking further elaborations, especially on the ministry.

The response is positive and critically constructive, opening the way for the next steps," said Catholic Archbishop J. Francis Stafford of Denver, head of the U.S. bishops' ecumenical committee.

The denominational responses, published in six volumes — the two latest still to come — are being distributed to the churches. A summary is being prepared for consideration by the joint commission's meeting in August 1989.

This is not the end of the process," Gassman said, noting that various clarifications and adaptations sought by the denominational responses are to be dealt with before presentation of an augmented document to churches by 1991.

Then it's up to them," he said.

"Our strong hope is that they act on it in the next 10 years, initiating some form of eucharistic sharing. Many of them are ready to do so now."

BEM offers concordant beliefs about key functions of the church, drawing on common biblical roots and Christianity's first eight centuries prior to the 1054 schism separating Rome and Eastern Orthodoxy and the 16th-century Protestant break from Rome.

The document challenges present-day churches to affirm this common, early core of faith. Baptism of infants as well as adults is recognized, with precedents for both in practices of the early church.

REGARDING THE eucharist, the approach goes behind the medieval Catholic doctrine of "transubstantiation," upholding instead a broader concept of Christ's "real presence" in celebration of the Lord's Supper.

On the ministry, BEM recommends a threefold tier of bishops, presbyters and deacons. Most major churches have all three, but usually refer to "presbyters" as pastors, priests or ministers.

Some Protestant bodies avoid the term "bishop," but have parallel overseeing offices under other titles.

However, the ministry has been a subject of dispute. In that section, the Vatican wants stress on the necessity of bishops being in the line of apostolic succession, a chain deemed passed on from apostolic times in ordaining bishops.

Some denominations ask other modifications. The Vatican's 40-page response wasn't as long as the Salvation Army's 70 pages, the longest. The shortest, a half page from the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, simply said fine, let's go with it.

Overall, the responses offer "a very promising opening," says the Rev. John Deschner, a United Methodist of Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, who chairs the World Council's Faith and Order Commission.

We've made an enormous lot of progress in the churches' acceptance of each other," he said. "A trust has developed among Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox churches that is beyond what we'd ever dared hope."

BEM culminates the rising pleas for increased acts of mutual recognition of members and ministry, a

kind of unity of mutual hospitality, welcoming each other in each other's denominational context, acknowledging each other before God."

PAVING THE WAY for BEM has been a swelling profusion of continuing dialogues and surprising accords between officially named representatives of the different denominations.

On national and international levels, the bilateral talks have gone on since the late 1960s between teams of Catholics with Lutherans, with Methodists, with Anglicans (Episcopalians), with Baptists, with Disciples, with Eastern Orthodoxy, with Presbyterians, with Pentecostals, with Evangelicals.

At the same time, Protestant bodies have carried on two-way dialogues with one another, scrutinizing their respective views, seeking closer understanding and concurrence.

It has become a vast, interconfessional conversation, a constant to-and-fro hum of inquiry, explanation, discovery and, often surprisingly, consensus.

"The talks are not negotiations for trade-off compromises, but are probes into the tangle of mutual misconceptions, mistaken impressions, misinterpreted terms and caricatured images accumulated through centuries of alienated isolation from one another."

They seek to clear up where each really stands, and on many points, it turns out to be together.

For instance, Lutherans and Anglicans (Episcopalians) in separate dialogues with Catholics have determined that they basically agree on a key issue of the 16th-century Protestant Reformation that divided them.

Protestants emphasized "justification by faith" alone, that salvation comes only through faith in Christ's forgiving grace, and charged that Rome claimed the church dispensed grace for earned merit.

But it turns out that arguments in the heat of old battle were misconstrued on both sides. They now agree — as the U.S. Lutheran-Catholic team put it — that "our entire hope of justification and salvation rests on Christ Jesus" and his forgiving grace.

SIMILARLY CONVERGENT views have been found about the papacy itself, with Anglicans (Episcopalians) and Lutherans agreeing on the benefit of some modified form of that office as a unifying center, a presiding bishop of a pastoral rather than juridical kind, responsible to regular ecumenical councils.

The agreements, partial agreements and sometimes persisting disagreements have accumulated massively.

Summarizing a score of them in a book published by Paulist Press, "Growth in Agreements," Lutheran scholar Harding Meyer and Reformed scholar Lukas Vischer say the results have taken on an "inner dynamic," pressing for implementation.

The dialogues "constantly point beyond themselves," the authors say, so the main aim no longer is "just reaching of consensus but translation of those theological agreements into practice in the living fellowship of the churches."

The dialogue reports have poured out under labels such as "Agreed Statement," "Toward Reunion," "Common Declaration," "Facing Unity," "Fundamental Consensus," from around the world — the "Malta Report," the "Athens Statement," the "Dublin Report," the "Honolulu Report," the "Versailles Report," the "Denver Report" and innumerable others.

They've dealt with virtually all the basic issues of churchmanship — spirituality, Scripture, apostolic succession, conversion, worship, grace, authority, the Holy Spirit, family, mixed marriages, salvation and papal primacy, usually with degrees of convergence.

"So much is happening, there is so much development that it's hard to keep up with," says Catholic Brother Jeffrey Gros, who heads the Faith and Order office of the U.S. National Council of Churches.

"It opens up whole new vistas for the future," he says.

The renowned Catholic theologian Karl Rahner, in a book just before his 1984 death, maintained Catholic-Protestant reunion is already possible now in "reconciled diversity."

structurally independent, recognizing papal leadership without binding authority, with churches sharing pulpits and Holy Communion, making churchwide decisions in inclusive councils.

Dialogue participants sometimes complain that official implementation of their findings remains lacking, leaving agreements to pile up unapplied.

"It puzzles me that the church hierarchies agree on one level, and at another, forget they've done it," Deschner commented. "They don't know what to do with all the theological convergences."

"But the churches can never go back on these discoveries. Starting theological convergences have occurred that have gone much further than we had ever dreamed. The demand for putting them into effect is coming out of the future."

However, the Vatican and others have now responded officially to BEM, encouraging work on it. U.S. Catholic bishops are beginning to respond to U.S. dialogue reports.

Oddly, the 1973 "Leuenberg Agreement" between European Lutherans and Presbyterian-Reformed denominations, calling for mutual sharing of pulpits and Holy Communion, has been implemented in Europe, but not in this country. However, it's being considered.

Many issues remain unsettled between Rome and Protestantism on such issues as ordination of women, which Rome and Orthodoxy forbid. But Anglicans and Catholics, in new talks, are discussing it.

Other stubborn obstacles also persist, such as Catholicism's papal infallibility on faith and morals, an 1870-decreed prerogative used only once since. Some consider it dormant.

DIFFERENT SHADES of understanding, terminology and doctrinal nuances also linger, as do conflicts on social issues such as abortion and divorce, along with bureaucratic inertia.

"The ecumenical movement is a glacier," says Lutheran Bishop Herbert W. Chilstrom, head of the newly unified Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. "It moves slowly, but it does move."

IT WOULD LEAVE churches FRIDAY: Grass-roots growth

Texan missionary becomes 'more African each day'

ANGLETON, Texas (AP) — A jungle rain forest with giant bugs and poisonous snakes located in another hemisphere is not the place where most Americans would choose to live.

Yet, after 2 years of missionary work in the Ivory Coast in West Africa, 35-year-old West Columbia native Dara Gallemore has come to love the country so much she wants to spend the rest of her life there.

"I am a Westerner and I always will be," Ms. Gallemore said with a soft Texas twang. "But I become more and more African every day. I am trying to learn to think the way they think."

Ms. Gallemore, a Southern Baptist missionary home for a six-month furlough, said she never dreamed when she was a student at Columbia High School that she would become a missionary.

When she was about 22 years old she decided she wanted to go into some sort of mission work, but not until much later did she realize she wanted to get on the "gut" level of working with people in a foreign country.

The Ivory Coast, called Cote d'Ivoire in its national French language, is a country about the size of New Mexico with about 10 million inhabitants.

Ms. Gallemore lives in the country's former capital of Abidjan, a coastal city built on a group of islands with a population of about 2.5 million people.

The country is divided into two geographic regions: the coastal section being a tropical rain forest and the inland part being savannah grassland.

Ms. Gallemore said the rain forest where she lives can be described in three words: heat, humidity and "lots of big bugs."

Tropical vegetation provides a lush backdrop for monkeys and exotic birds.

Huge snakes slither freely and are so dangerous outside the city limits that no one goes anywhere without a machete, she said.

The largest snake that Ms. Gallemore saw, which luckily was dead, was 32 feet long and as big around as a tree trunk.

But Ms. Gallemore said she has adjusted to the Ivory Coast environment, and has overcome a previous fear of snakes. The bugs never bothered her much because, after living in South Texas, "big bugs aren't really a big deal," she said, laughing.

The country is beautiful, but it is really the people, called Ivoirians, that intrigue Ms. Gallemore so much. "The people are always happy. They're open and warm and patient. They love to eat and dance and sing," Ms. Gallemore said. "They're just such a happy people. Even someone who you know doesn't have a thing they're always happy and always have a smile on their face."

The Ivory Coast is a peace-loving country, Ms. Gallemore said. In the cities, almost everything proclaims the words of the country's president: "Peace is not just a word; it is an attitude."

By American standards, the country is poor, with the average family income at about \$110 a month.



AP Laserphoto

Dara Gallemore, a Southern Baptist missionary from Angleton, displays her collection of African artifacts while home for a six-month furlough. The 35-year-old West Columbia, Texas native has worked as a missionary in the Ivory Coast in West Africa for over two years.

Most homes do not have plumbing or electricity.

But by West African standards, the Ivory Coast has the highest standard of living in the region. It is one of the main producers of coffee and cocoa, and also exports much of the world's hard woods like mahogany.

Chiefly an agricultural nation, food is plentiful. However, Ms. Gallemore said if a family does not eat rice once a day, they think they are starving.

Religious education is Ms. Gallemore's primary job as a missionary. She said in the churches she tries to teach adults how to teach the children.

Because the country still has the old French educational system, left from its days as a French colony, Ms.

Gallemore said it is very difficult to teach the people to think creatively.

Their system is one that teaches by memorization and imitation, she said.

"I was in a village one day working with Sunday school teachers, and they asked if the children could participate," she said. "I thought it would be a good time to show them how, so I brought the children in."

Ms. Gallemore said she told the children she would tell them a story and they should listen for something to draw. After the story, they would draw a picture about something from the story.

"They listened, and I made sure they were understanding everything," she said. "At the end, I asked them to draw a picture. The children

just looked at me.

"I even repeated the instructions, and then I asked one of the men to repeat in their native language just to make sure they understood," she said.

Finally, one of the men picked up

the paper and pencil and drew a picture to show the children what to do.

But to Ms. Gallemore's dismay, all the children drew the exact same picture that the man had drawn.

"American children are so creative every child would have drawn

a different picture. But there, all they knew was to reproduce exactly what the teacher drew," she said. "It's kind of tragic."

That's just one of the battles Ms. Gallemore faces as she tries to teach the people new ways.

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Gore attacks Jackson; Bush distances himself from Meese

Associated Press

Democratic presidential contender Albert Gore Jr. leveled strong criticism at Jesse Jackson for the second day in a row, and asked why his other opponents — particularly Michael Dukakis — are reluctant to do likewise. But Dukakis scoffed at that, saying voters "don't want to know what Gore thinks of Jackson."

Vice President George Bush, meanwhile, moved to distance himself from the growing controversy surrounding Attorney General Edwin Meese.

The Democrats were campaigning mainly in Wisconsin, with a primary on Tuesday, and Colorado, which holds Democratic caucuses on Monday.

Jackson was stung by Gore's contention that, among other things, he lacks the experience necessary to be president. Campaigning Wednesday night in Wisconsin, he told a crowd at a church in the working-class city of Cudahy: "Some leaders don't hold office. But leaders stand with the people in the hour of hardship and challenge."

Earlier, Jackson complained to reporters at Washington's National

Airport that Gore's remarks constituted an attack "more personal than principled." Gore, passing through the same airport a short while later, took issue with that, and criticized Jackson anew.

"I think it's ridiculous," the Tennessee senator said. "He's a major contender for the White House. Is he to be immune from any questioning of his position on the issues or his approach to the campaign?...Is there a separate standard?"

Gore and Jackson had planned to meet Wednesday, but it fell through. In light of Gore's comments a day earlier, Jackson said, "It's not necessary to meet at this time."

On Tuesday in New York, Gore said Jackson had a "complete and total lack" of qualifications for the nation's highest office and criticized his foreign policy views.

Gore ridiculed rival Dukakis, saying the Massachusetts governor's hesitancy to spell out differences with Jackson was "ludicrous." Dukakis, campaigning in Wisconsin Wednesday night, replied: "We can discuss issues without attacking each other....(Voters) don't want to know what Gore thinks of Jackson."

Dukakis has been under pressure as a result of recent losses to Jackson in Illinois and Michigan. But he managed to recoup with a solid 2-1 victory in Tuesday's Connecticut primary.

With that victory, the Massachusetts governor again took the lead in the national delegate race. According to the latest AP count, Dukakis had 648.55, Jackson 642.55, Gore 367.8 and Sen. Paul Simon 169.5, with 488.6 uncommitted.

Asked by reporters in Boston on Wednesday to detail the differences between himself and Jackson, Dukakis answered cautiously. He mentioned disagreements over Middle East policy and some domestic economic matters, but provided no specifics, saying he would discuss the matter more fully in a Wisconsin speech later this week.

Dukakis hinted that Jackson's lack of any experience in elective office ought to be considered by voters. But he quickly moved to stress that any disagreements he had with Jackson had always been "friendly and respectful."

That attitude got Gore's dander up.



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NATION IN BRIEF

Iran-Contra deal found to be on 1986 agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — Documents just released by the congressional Iran-Contra committees include a handwritten note offering new evidence that Cabinet-level opposition to the Iran arms deal was on the agenda of a January 1986 meeting attended by Vice President George Bush.

The vice president has maintained he was not aware of the concerns of then-Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Secretary of State George Shultz until much later.

Had he been aware of their objections, Bush said, he might have advised the president against the sale. "When you don't know something, it's hard to react. We were not in the loop," Bush said last August.

Among documents released Wednesday was an agenda penned by then-National Security Adviser John Poindexter for his Jan. 17, 1986, briefing of President Reagan and Bush. It includes an item that states "Shultz & Weinberger still recommend against."

The agenda also states that Attorney General Edwin Meese III and the late CIA Director William Casey "approve," and lists a "new finding" — or document to authorize the covert arms sales.

Reagan signed the document that day.

The scrawled 26-word agenda is marked "Done" at the top.

Gossip war continues

NEW YORK (AP) — James and Suzy are having a tiff. And to the delight of gossip-loving New Yorkers, they're having it out in public — in the columns they write for New York Newsday and the New York Post.



Revson

It began last week when James — that's James Revson, Newsday's new society columnist — wrote that he felt "cheated and used" by Suzy, who wrote in the Post about a party she did not attend.



Mehle

What specifically bothered Revson (one of THE Revsons of Revson cosmetics fame) was that Suzy mentioned 32 people who supposedly were at the party, but only 12 of whom actually showed up.

Suzy was on vacation (on the sun-drenched isle of Mustique) when both her column and Revson's appeared. But by Wednesday she was back. And Suzy — that's just plain Suzy to you, Alleen Mehle to her friends — was furious.

In a column that combined the tact of Joan Rivers with the politesse of Sean Penn, Suzy called Revson "a liar," "a rat," a "know-nothing," "a nut," "a jerk" and "a snake." Among other things.

"I'm delighted," said Revson, obviously holding to the theory that any publicity is good publicity. "The next time I see her, I may buy her a drink."

Students criticize policy

NEW YORK (AP) — More than 800 Chinese students studying in the United States have signed their names to an open letter opposing China's policy to sharply reduce the number of students abroad, a student organizer said today.

"We have had an overwhelming response from fellow students across the country," said Pei Minxin, a 30-year-old doctoral candidate at Harvard University. "It's been a mixture of shock, anger and action."

At a meeting late Wednesday at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, about 300 Chinese students shouted down a Chinese consular official who came from New York to explain the policy, said two Chinese sources speaking on condition of anonymity.

The letter, which appeared in Chinese-language newspapers across the United States on Tuesday and Wednesday, said the policy would hurt China's drive to modernize its economy.

Impeachment vote nears

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Gov. Evan Mecham is just days away from a Senate vote on whether to convict him of impeachment charges and remove him from office, but remains confident he will be exonerated.

"I've always been confident," Mecham, an auto dealer and perennial political outsider, told reporters Wednesday night, hours after the Senate dismissed the most serious of three impeachment charges against him.

The decision set the stage for a vote as early as Monday on two other charges against the first-term Republican, who also faces a May 17 recall election and an April 21 criminal trial.

The motion passed on a simple majority with 16 of those present voting in favor and 12 voting no. Two senators were absent.

Lawmakers refused to predict whether there will be the two-thirds majority of the 30-member Senate needed to convict.

Alaska leads spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alaska continues to lead the nation in per capita federal spending, but Virginia is closing in, new federal figures show. The U.S. government spent about

\$6,421 per resident in Alaska last year, making it the leading state in per capita spending.

But second-place Virginia — which moved up from third a year earlier — wasn't far behind at \$6,317 per capita, according to the Census Bureau.

That \$104 per capita difference in spending between the states was down from a \$246 spread in 1985.

Maryland, which had been second in 1985, dropped to third place with 1985 spending of \$5,113.

Classroom size studied

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Education Department study says the workload for secondary school teachers has "never been lighter"

and efforts to reduce class size in hopes of spurring student achievement are probably misguided.

The study released Wednesday estimated it could cost up to \$60 billion a year and require the hiring of 1 million new teachers to reduce the typical class size from 24 to 15 students.

It suggested school reformers look for ways to help teachers do a better job of managing the children in their classrooms rather than "sink vast sums" into efforts to reduce class size.

Boy begins 10-day flight

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — A 9-year-old nicknamed "Buzz" is winging his way across America on a 10-

day flight planned as the longest trip by a boy believed to be the nation's youngest unlicensed pilot.

Tony Aliengena of San Juan Capistrano, who earlier this month made a one-mile solo in an ultra-light plane, was at the controls of his father's twin-engine Cessna on Wednesday as it left John Wayne Airport.

Tony was accompanied by his flight instructor, Ed Fernett, and Don Taylor, an observer from the National Aeronautics Association.

His latest trip includes landings in El Paso, Texas; Dallas; Memphis, Tenn.; Gastonia, N.C.; Richmond, Va.; Bedford, Mass.; Washington, Evansville, Ind.; St. Louis; Oklahoma City; Tucumcari, N.M.; and Phoenix, Ariz.

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Jackson victory brings a challenge

Jesse Jackson's "win" in last weekend's Democratic caucuses has been the topic in recent days of commentators and editorial writers throughout the nation. Yes, it did mark a "historic moment" for politics, showing that a black candidate can attract substantial numbers of white voters in an industrial state and, in that respect, that his candidacy is no longer to be regarded as merely a political novelty.

At the root of the Jackson candidacy is the undeniable fact that a major segment of the American electorate is dissatisfied with politics as usual, or in this instance, the "usual politics" and is seeking something different and, hopefully, better.

The problem with politics in the Democratic ranks this year has not been so much finding a front-runner as it has been finding a candidate who could capture the hearts and minds of enough Democrats to present a united front when the Atlanta convention gets under way. Various candidates have sparked at different times; some have fallen

by the wayside; yet only Jackson has maintained his consistent level of support — and, in fact, expanded it to give the impression that a segment of the American public is hearing and apparently liking what he is saying.

Unfortunately, in too many instances Jackson's campaign rhetoric catches the attention of voters, but he stops short of giving concrete proposals about how to solve the problems he is tossing before the voters. Not that such a tactic hasn't been used before; it has many times over. It's simple. Say what you know will catch the people's interest, but don't be too specific. It can — and has — get a politician elected.

But now that he has the voters' attention, Jesse Jackson will do a disservice to himself and the nation as a whole if he does not offer a vision of the future as he sees it, and explain how to get to that future, realistically and practically.

If the nation really is in the mood for a change from politics as usual, the very least it deserves is a gameplan on what the change might entail.

JACK ANDERSON

Investigators say data subverted

WASHINGTON — A decision by Congress earlier this year to take away the independence of Nuclear Regulatory Commission investigators is already backfiring.

In January, Rep. Thomas Bevilacqua, D-Ala., sponsored legislation to fold the 40 people in the NRC's Office of Investigation into the rest of the NRC staff, making them answerable to bosses who have a reputation for being chummy with the nuclear industry. The Office of

Investigation investigates violations of criminal law at nuclear power plants.

Now, two NRC investigators say that their new bosses altered answers that the two wrote in response to a Senate subcommittee inquiry into the integrity of the NRC's investigative offices. As a result, the subcommittee got "incorrect and in other cases misleading" responses from the NRC, according to a memo obtained by our associate Stewart Harris.

The investigators, William Ward and Roger Fortuna, wrote the memo to the director of the Office of Investigation on March 7, after they saw what higher-up bosses had done to the answers they wrote for the Senate Nuclear Regulatory Subcommittee. Ward refused to comment to us about the memo. Fortuna could not be reached.

But their memo lays out some disturbing charges. It says their answers to the subcommittee were bumped upstairs at the NRC for approval before they went to Congress. The answers passed through several offices on their way to Capitol Hill and it is not known exactly where the changes were made. An NRC spokesman claimed that the Office of Investigation worked with the executive director's office before sending the answers to the subcommittee.

Ward and Fortuna, in their memo to Office of Investigation director Ben Hayes, said, "We are appalled at what we have found. Revisionist history is alive and well at the NRC."

The subcommittee, chaired by Sen. John Breaux, D-La., had asked if the commission had ever blocked the Office of Investigation from launching an investigation. Ward

and Fortuna said "never," but they added that the commission in 1985 voted 4-1 not to support an investigation of two senior managers at the Wolf Creek nuclear plant in Burlington, Kan. The vote was enough to spike the investigation. The Wolf Creek managers had been accused of sexual harassment, blackmailing a former employee and illegal search and seizure.

The truncated answer sent to Breaux's subcommittee said, "The commission has never denied an (Office of Investigation) request to initiate an investigation under its jurisdiction."

The subcommittee also had asked Ward and Fortuna if criminal wrongdoing by employees of a nuclear plant affects safety. They answered that workers who break laws can't be trusted to safely build or run nuclear plants. "The issue is integrity," they wrote in their draft answers. Therefore, wrongdoing "always has a degree of safety significance."

The answer, as edited by the the NRC bosses, said wrongdoing "generally has safety significance," but that it depends on the person's responsibilities. "Each case is reviewed on its merits."

The subcommittee also asked how the NRC decides when to close an investigation. Ward and Fortuna noted that 39 cases had been closed for lack of resources. But their edited answer merely said those cases were closed "administratively."

"We are worried about what we have seen," Ward and Fortuna wrote in their memo, after seeing the edited answers. "In the past, the commission and the Office of Congressional Affairs made some changes in our answers, usually editorial in nature. This appears to be a real change in operation. We don't know if this is a direct result of now being under the (NRC) staff."

The two added, "Why are we suddenly being less forthcoming as an agency?" It is indicative of an attitude toward the subcommittee, or is it a new era in our relationship with Congress? Whatever the answer, it puts us in a tough spot, particularly given our reputation both within and without the NRC as truth tellers.

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Jack Anderson



LETTERS

Israelis must remain

The editorial in a recent Reporter-Telegram stated that Israel could reaffirm "the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and their just requirements." The editorial writer pointed out that he had taken that quote directly from the Camp David Accords. May I remind you that the Camp David Accords were unanimously rejected by the Palestinians while Israel cooperated fully with the accords? Several prominent historians have stated that the Camp David Accords were an excellent plan for Palestinian self-determination. It is not Israel, but the Palestinians who have repeatedly rejected negotiation offers. I feel certain that they will continue to reject such offers because the only statement of "just requirements" which the Palestinians can come up with is that they want all of Israel.

The editorial also suggested that Israel could hold free elections now and magically let "leadership emerge." In all the period of rioting, there has not come forth a Palestinian statement of demands. How can Israel believe that there is unified leadership to take charge of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip when there is no leadership to state demands of "just requirements?" There are at least nine distinct factions of the PLO alone. When one includes other factions, the Palestinians in Israel are divided into at least a dozen different camps with most of them at odds with one another.

The question that Shamir must deal with is that even if the disputed territories were turned over to the Palestinian Arabs tomorrow, who would police the areas — the young radicals now running the uprisings, one faction or another of the PLO, or the Jordanian army? Neither the radicals nor the PLO accept the existence of Israel, so that leaves them out as possibilities even to the U.S. and the promise of Jordanian rule is repugnant to the masses of Arab Palestinians in Israel.

Charles Krauthammer in the March 14th issue of *The New Republic* magazine states, "...If Israel is to give up territory, it must get something in return. If it flees in panic it gets nothing. What Israel gets must be peace. And that peace must be secure." Faced with massive civil unrest whether they stay or leave the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, I can understand why the Israelis choose to stay.

Alice Brown
Midland

More lives to save

Barbara Carroll's letter in the March 13th edition of the Reporter-Telegram points out the absurdity of spending \$20,000 on a stone monument to the rescue of Jessica McClure, while another child, Heather Prease, is hospitalized with a deadly disease and cannot afford a life-saving surgical procedure. The rescue of Jessica McClure is a testimony to the spirit, generosity and courage of Midlanders in particular and West Texans in general. However, in this case the drama seems to have overshadowed the real purpose of this mighty effort. The purpose was to save the life of a child. The greatness of this effort is now diminished by squabbles over movie rights.

It is strange to us that these people who worked so well together cannot work together now. Their job is not done. They can save the lives of other children as well. I propose they collectively negotiate a percentage of gross revenues from any movie made about Jessica's rescue to a Jessica's Friends Foundation. Money could be distributed to partially fund medical care for children such as Heather Prease. This "see a movie, save a child" idea will also be attractive to the best professionals the movie industry has to offer.

Let's show the world that in West Texas one good deed leads to another.

Jack and Mary Blake
Midland

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History: Twenty years ago, on March 31, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson stunned the country with a surprise announcement at the end of a broadcast address on the Vietnam War, telling the audience, "I shall not seek, and I will not accept, the nomination of my party for another term as your president."

On this date: In 1851, Quebec and Montreal were incorporated as cities.

In 1870, Thomas Peterson Mundy cast a ballot in a municipal election in Perth Amboy, N.J., becoming the first black to vote following ratification of the 15th Amendment.

In 1880, Wabash, Ind., became the first town to be completely illuminated with electrical lighting.

In 1929, the Eiffel Tower, in Paris, was officially opened to the public.

In 1917, the United States took possession of the Virgin Islands from Denmark.

In 1923, the first dance marathon in the United States, held in New York City, ended with Alma Cummings setting a world record of 27 hours on her feet.

In 1932, Ford Motor Co. publicly unveiled its V-8 engine.

In 1933, during the Great Depression, Congress authorized the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In 1943, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway.

In 1948, Newfoundland entered confederation as Canada's 10th province.

In 1953, the United Nations Security Council nominated Dag Hammarskjöld of Sweden to become Secretary-General.

GEORGE F. WILL

At \$10 a rock, 'crack' spells cheap death

MIAMI — Light from passing traffic shimmers off a yellow satin Los Angeles Lakers warm-up suit on yonder street corner. The wearer of that

conspicuous garment is an undercover police officer and before the night ends he and more than 50 colleagues on the Street Narcotics Detail will have sent 68 people to jail, thereby sending a message to the community: Buying drugs is risky business.

The officers congesting the sidewalk at an intersection in the rough Liberty City neighborhood are dressed in denim, fatigues and other forms of street-corner-casual. The only constant is running shoes, which is fine. There will be some "runners" tonight — drug buyers who bolt.

Tonight's walk on the wild side is an exercise in fighting drugs on the demand side. Attempts to destroy drugs in source countries or interdict them en route to this country

are insufficient. When a rich country has a multi-billion-dollar demand for a product produced by peasants in poor countries, the supply will pour forth. There are not enough U.S. soldiers to seal U.S. borders. Interdiction has been both a resounding success and demonstrable failure. Quantities seized have increased dramatically, yet the price of cocaine has fallen. So Miami's police department has taken to the streets to target buyers.

At 5:30 p.m., officers establish a command post in a dusty school yard, with facilities for fingerprinting and buses (business will be brisk) to cart customers to jail. Other officers are away arresting the dealers at the intersection that the police will take over for tonight's sting.

A week ago, 250 arrests were made in a sting a few blocks away, but that was a Friday — payday — and tonight, a Thursday, will be relatively slow. Relatively there will be 68 arrests. Tonight's is the 68th sting. The first 65 resulted in 4,388 arrests. The important number is the small one: 40. Only 40 customers have been caught twice. Stings are repeated until a neighborhood's drug traffic dries up and the traffic is not just displaced to other neighborhoods.

However, conversations with arrested customers compel a dispiriting conclusion about the limits of deterrence. Deterrence depends on a degree of rationality. But some customers have minds hopelessly clouded by addiction, and others are virtually immune to society's information systems, including the media that publicize these stings.

Watching the corner at dusk from a second-story window, an officer sees a man take just two steps from a car and concludes, "He's a buyer — you can tell from the way he walks that he has tunnel vision." Another customer walks right past a news photographer, a white man in a black neighborhood, to make a purchase.

Stings conducted in places like Coconut Grove target yuppie customers who wear khakis and T-shirts when they go in search of weekend party supplies. But places like Liberty City are where sales are most blatant.

As a tall, thin man with a scraggly beard wanders by, an officer murmurs "rock monster." The man's weight loss and glittering eyes ("like a cat") are signs of "crack" addiction. Rock monsters steal all day and seek crack cocaine by night.

Real addicts are conspicuous by the absence of chains or other gold jewelry. It has all been sold. But many of the customers at this corner tonight are different. They are, so far, occasional users, but still dangerous to the community as well as themselves. When a community comes to have a critical mass of even recreational users, the pool of dollars calls into existence a merchant dining operation for a mass market.

Only one person arrested this night seemed high at the time. He said he had used "powder" (regular cocaine) three hours earlier. He had the slurred speech and gauntness of a man frying his brain in increasing frequency chemical bursts. Yet he said something also said by many others: "I won't use crack."

Anyone can afford crack. A dime-size rock costs \$10. But information — probably word-of-mouth — is getting around about its deranging powers. Even this evidence that people are learning has a disheartening side. Repeatedly one heard arrested customers saying they used "only" regular cocaine because "it don't kill as fast."

That is powerful testimony to crack's reputation, but also to the awful, fascinating fatalism of people who caught in the culture of poverty calibrate the pace at which they shall ingest slow-motion death.

NEXT TIME: The Trauma of a Drug Arrest.

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RUSSELL BAKER

They said things could get worse; they did!

NEW YORK — Evening. The cocktail hour they used to call it. We used to drink martinis and listen to the great Erroll Garner on the phonograph.

Well, they used to call it the phonograph. It played records. Records were big, circular — Well, never mind. Anyhow, they used to call them records. "Remember?" I said the other night. "Used to call it the cocktail hour," she said. "Martini and Erroll Garner on the synthesized multi-speaker and amazingly accurate sound system."

"No," I said. "It was just the phonograph."

"Oh yes. I'd forgotten. Erroll Garner records. So lovely."

"Then was then," I said. "Now is now."

That was my philosopher's way of saying I don't drink martinis at sundown anymore. I watch the news. We used to listen to the news. That's

right, listen they used to call it. No staring. You did it strictly with the ears, only not deafeningly as it was done after Mick Jagger came along.

"Let's let Erroll Garner break for a smoke and listen to Howard Smith or Eric Sevareid tell us what's going on in the world," we used to say.

Then was then, now is now, so now I pushed a button, and the watchable news started with background music, as if it intended to be a movie. A watchable man read the usual terrible news from South Africa.

"Things are as awful as ever in South Africa," I said, only because I knew she would say, "You know we shouldn't," if I said, "Why don't we skip the terrible-as-usual news from South Africa, try to get the old phonograph working, put on some Erroll Garner and have some martinis."

"As awful as ever in South Africa?" she echoed.

"Doomsday is inevitable," The watchable man said, "Ha! If we thought South Africa was depressing, what about Northern Ireland? He just happened to have some pictures freshly arrived from there: coffin, people being beaten to death, that sort of thing."

"Situation hopeless in Northern Ireland," I said, adding, "also in Israel, which seems to have a fatal case of Northern-Ireland envy," after

watching a little more.

"Just because the news from Israel, Northern Ireland and South Africa will always be hopeless," she said, "is no reason to start yearning for martini days when the big worry in the news was whether Americans could solve their leisure-time problem. Strength! No gin."

Did I say I wanted a martini? Surely not. I had been watching the daily AIDS story about people without hope dying wretched deaths heroically while doctors issued their nightly assurance that there was no hope in sight.

Then, something fresh in grim medical news: "They're doing Alzheimer's disease," I shouted to her in the next room, where she had retreated to sob in despair.

I urged her to come look at the depressing pictures of people who would soon be dead unless some vital Washington civil servant lifted his ban on an experimental drug.

"This is the strangest TV news I have ever seen," she said. "They're suggesting that people might live if they can get the necessary pills. They're saying that not everything on earth is absolutely hopeless."

I explained she was missing the point, which was that of course the situation was absolutely hopeless since vital Washington civil servants never lifted bans until after years

and years of paperwork.

The watchable man pressed on: If the Alzheimer's, AIDS, South Africa, Northern Irish and Israeli news hadn't driven us to the cynic, what about the latest on homeless Americans? (Monstrous homeless situation is hopeless and sure to get worse, official experts agree.)

"Is a paring knife suitable for opening a vein?" I asked, as the picture switched to the nightly reports on the illegitimate-birth catastrophe and the takeover of the whole world by savage crack dealers. After this the watchable man paused to let salesmen speak. They reminded us that people old enough to remember when it was called the cocktail hour were subject to loose dentures, constipation and incontinence, for which geriatric science was offering this marvelous new diaper.

"Are you mad?" she cried as she saw me reach for the gin and vermouth.

"Not mad," I replied. "Just determined to make the most of what I yet may spend before I, too, into incontinence descend."

When they used to call it the cocktail hour, they used to say, "Clear up, things could be worse." Now the martini is gone, and they are.

Russell Baker is a columnist for New York Times News Service.

'Tattoo file': Identifying features that stick in victims' minds

DALLAS (AP) — All the butterfly tattoos, appendix scars, fruit-shaped birthmarks and any other unique identifiable marking on people booked into county jail soon will become part of the inmate's computerized record. The features, sheriff's officials say, could become as commonplace as fingerprints in solving crimes.

County authorities plan to record every permanent body mark "due to an act of themselves, or an act of nature or God" that crosses the threshold of the jail on the body of a criminal defendant, said Lt. D.A. "Kirk" Kuykendall of the sheriff's Criminal Intelligence Division. Sheriff's deputies will then systematically catalog the information in a computer for retrieval by unique feature.

"We're looking for personal descriptors: What makes this individual stand out? If you saw this individual, what would you remember? If this person turned up as a missing body or the suspect in an assault, what would identify him?" said Deputy Marsha Gibson, who is training detention officers what to look for — including surgical and burn scars, permanent needle tracks, gold or diamond-studded teeth, missing limbs and cauliflower ears.

The developers of what may be an unprecedented sleuthing tool are banking on their experience that crime witnesses and victims recall the unusual characteristics of suspects.

"From my personal experience," said Kuykendall, "a lot of times they can't give you a good physical description of the person. But they can tell you about identifying features."

For instance, he said, a robbery victim who looked down the barrel of his attacker's gun might not be able to offer a description of the suspect's face, or estimate his height or weight. But a scar near the suspect's trigger finger might stick in the victim's mind.

"They'll zero in on it," Kuykendall said.

"Or," he said, "they might be staring directly in a person's face. They won't notice how tall or how wide he is, but they will remember that teardrop tattoo. It's just human nature."

Had such a suspect been in jail before and his teardrop logged into the computer, Kuykendall said, "that would give (investigators) an avenue to explore. It may not be a positive identification, but it gives them an avenue to explore."

The "tattoo file," as sheriff Jim Bowles describes it, may be particularly useful in tracking child abusers and abductors, because often the witnesses of such crimes are children. They remember incomplete images of the suspects, Kuykendall said, but frequently remember something odd.

For example, when 3-year-old Roxann Reyes was abducted from her Garland neighborhood last November, a 5-year-old playmate offered

authorities a description of the suspect, including the detail that he had one lazy eye. "That would be something we would try to hone in on,"

Kuykendall said.

"If we can help one agency solve an offense," he said, "that's what it's all about."

Roxann not been found, nor has her abductor been captured. The "tattoo file," which will be shared with dozens of county law

enforcement agencies, also may help medical examiners identify bodies and body parts that turn up with few clues.



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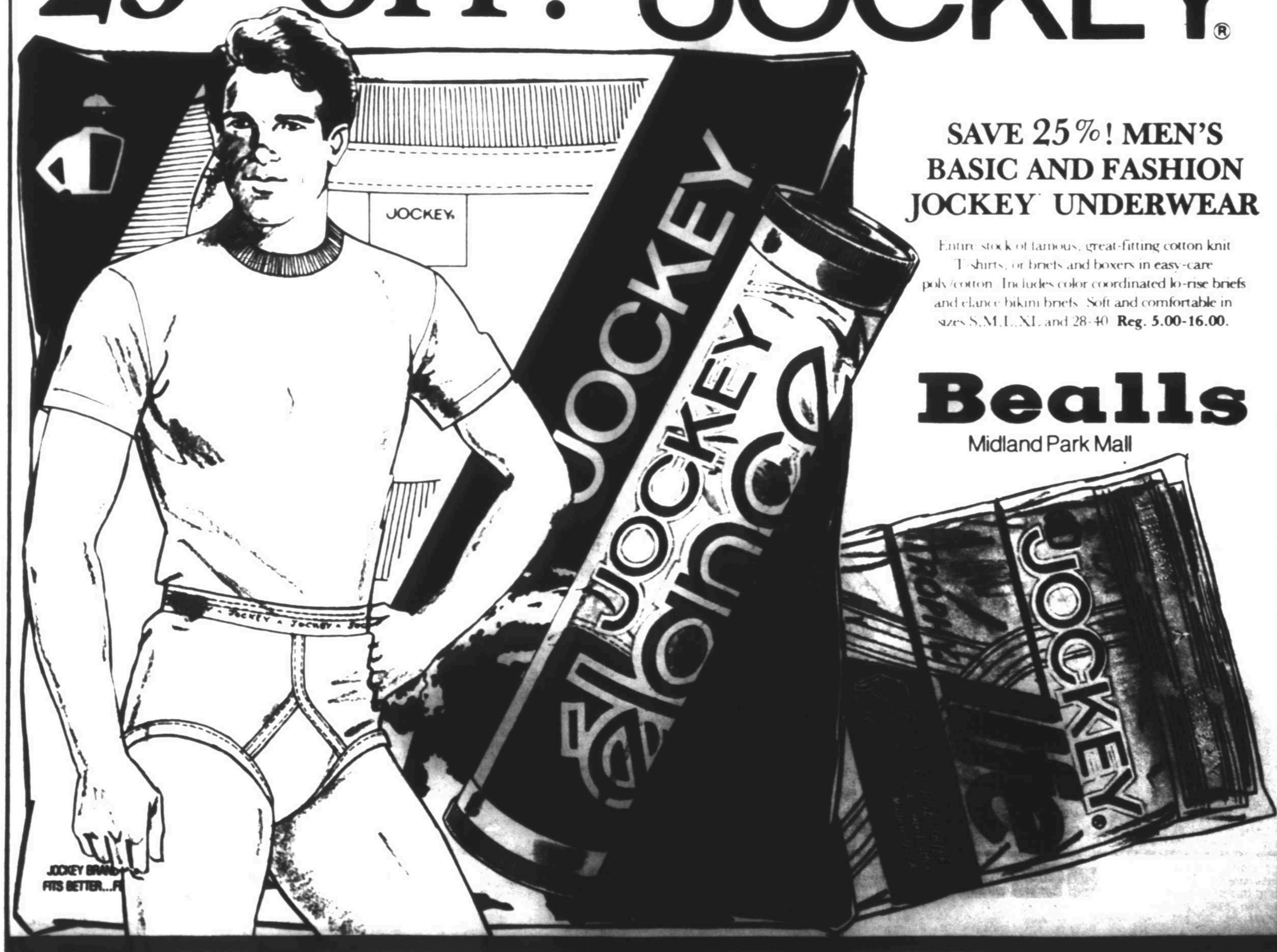
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By PATRICIA
Staff Writer

The cause of the blaze which killed a 14-year-old boy — a fire fatality — will be known Wednesday.

The death of the boy, who was 14, has also brought attention to the fire safety of living room heaters.

Following the fire, which broke out at 1209 E. Cuthbert, firefighters don't know where the heater was.

Fire Marshal John H. Hester said the heater was still in the living room.

"But we just don't know where it was," he said.

Investigations are continuing as they are to determine the cause of the fire.

But the heater was not inspected, cause, Petree said.

According to the fire department, the house was one of the houses when the fire started.

Assistant Fire Chief Hester said the children and the mother were not escape.

The fire broke out several hours after the flames were seen.

Although the fire deaths were all were adult, the department record was the Midland County five years.

"I'd like to see more efforts in the future to do more to prevent this kind of tragedy," he said.

While this is a tragedy, it is a tragedy we feel we have to prevent.

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Investigators say fire's cause may never be known

By PATRICK CRIMMINS
Staff Writer

The cause of a searing, smoky blaze which killed a 10-year-old Midland boy — the county's first child fire fatality since 1982 — may never be known, investigators said Wednesday.

The death of Kenny Lee Anderson has also brought the message home about the importance of teaching fire safety to young people, according to fire officials.

Following days of examining evidence from the early morning fire at 1209 E. Cuthbert Ave., investigators know where the fire started, but don't know what set it off, Midland Fire Marshal Jerry Petree said.

"We still think it started around the living room and closet area, perhaps near a hallway," Petree said.

"But we just can't find an ignition source anywhere in that area — and we're not going to guess."

Investigators found the heaviest fire damage — the "deepest burns," as they are termed — near the closet, which was right next to a gas wall heater.

But the heater was disassembled and inspected, and ruled out as a cause, Petree said. The house had no gas stove, investigators said.

According to a diagram of the house and interviews with occupants and witnesses, Kenny Lee Anderson was one of eight children in the house when the 4 a.m. fire broke out. Assistant Fire Marshal Lon Dominguez said. He was the only one of the children and three adults who could not escape, investigators said.

The fire probably smoldered for several hours before it broke into flames, investigators have said.

Although the county recorded 18 fire deaths between 1983 and 1987, all were adults, a check of fire department records shows. Kenny Anderson was the first child to die in a Midland County fire in more than five years.

"I'd like to think our fire prevention efforts in the schools had something to do with that," Petree said. "While this latest fire is certainly a tragedy — it is disheartening — we feel we have been lucky up to now."

Trust fund set up for fire victims

From Staff Reports

A trust fund has been set up to help pay for housing and replacement furniture for the family of Kenny Anderson, who died in a March 21 blaze at the family's rented house at 1209 E. Cuthbert Ave.

Most of the furniture and other belongings were destroyed in the fatal blaze, said Phillip Polley, minister at the Ebenezer Seventh Day Adventist Church, where the family attends.

The family probably lost at least \$2,000 worth of furniture and personal items, Polley said.

Eight children and three adults, including Kenny's grandmother, Gussie, 55, and his mother, 25-year-old Sharon Anderson, were staying at the house when the fire occurred, investigators have said.

Family members have been staying with relatives, Polley said.

The fund has been set up at United Bank, and contributions can be mailed to the Anderson Benefit Fund, P.O. Box 5705, Midland, Texas 79704. Or, contributions will be accepted at the downtown bank location, 500 W. Illinois, or the location at 1030 Andrews Highway.

In 1982, six children — all of whom were less than four years of age — died in three separate fires, according to records. Two adults also perished that year, the records show.

That brings it out, that these kids are the ones that need instruction in fire education," Petree said.

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Beau Boulter, left, discusses his political views during a Wednesday press conference. Boulter, a Republican congressman from Amarillo, faces Wes Gilbreath in the upcoming GOP primary runoff for the U.S. Senate. The winner meets Democratic

incumbent Lloyd Bentsen in the November general election. Ernest Angelo, right, a Republican National Committeeman from Midland, has endorsed Boulter.

Boulter thanks Angelo for endorsement

By JANE MARLER DEES
Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Beau Boulter thanked "prime mover" Ernest Angelo for his endorsement Wednesday and challenged his runoff opponent to "come out from behind his billboards" and talk issues.

Boulter, in town to receive National Republican Committeeman Angelo's nod, claimed "people voted for a billboard" and not for the political tenets of Wes Gilbreath, his opponent.

The two men will face off in an April 12 runoff race that will decide the opponent of incumbent Democratic Sen. Lloyd Bentsen in the general election in November.

Bentsen is seeking his fourth six-year term in the Senate.

"I want to make sure Bush has a Republican-controlled Senate in 1988," Boulter said alluding to the fact he believes Vice President George Bush will win the presidential race this November.

Boulter has been promised election funds of \$1.1 million by the Republican National Senatorial Committee should he beat Gilbreath, he said. "We have the truth going for us. The truth can win especially in a presidential year," the representative said.

Boulter said it is a myth that Bentsen is a "conservative Democrat."

"He shares an 81 percent liberal voting record with Sen. Ted Kennedy," Boulter said. "Our records stand in sharp contrast."

As for the runoff race he must face first, Boulter said qualification is the key to winning — a substance that Boulter says political newcomer Gilbreath lacks.

Gilbreath, dubbed the "billboard king of Houston" by Boulter because of the large outdoor advertising company he owns in Houston, won't debate the issues because he doesn't understand them, Boulter said.

"He says he wants a balanced budget. I am in favor of a balanced budget. Jesse Jackson is in favor of a balanced budget," Boulter said.

Airline passengers who illegally smoke could face charges

By JULIE HILLRICHS
Staff Writer

Airline officials aren't just blowing smoke when they say they'll file civil charges against anyone who lights up a cigarette aboard domestic flights of less than two hours.

The promise to penalize violators comes on the heels of a U.S. governmental ban on airline smoking, which takes effect April 23, and encompasses all commercial routes.

The law has possible ramifications for local airline passengers enroute

Federal law provides that a maximum civil penalty of \$1,000 be issued against the offender for each violation.

to Dallas, Houston, Austin, Albuquerque, N.M., Phoenix, Ariz., Lubbock and Amarillo.

Although Southwest Airlines doesn't anticipate any serious prob-

lems" with passengers insisting that they be allowed to smoke aboard airplanes, Public Relations Director Charlotte Goddard warned that offenders will be turned over to airport security should they be in violation of the law.

Federal law provides that a maximum civil penalty of \$1,000 be issued against the offender for each violation.

Passengers also may be subjected to a \$2,000 fine for tampering with smoke detectors in airline restrooms.

Ms. Goddard said the methods for alerting passengers about the smok-

ing regulations will be up to the individual airlines.

"We're in the process of developing internal regulations," Mrs. Goddard said of Southwest's plans which include the posting notices of all non-smoking and smoking flights at the airline's gates.

Flight crews also will alert passengers to the specific smoking rules aboard each of those flights, she added.

President Reagan signed the two-year ban on smoking last December. Unlike earlier legislative proposals, the final compromise does

not require the nation's airports to enforce the regulation.

Congress failed to tack on to the Department of Transportation's \$26.6 billion fiscal 1988 budget a penalty to airports that lease to air carriers allowing smoking on domestic flights.

The DOT earmarks about \$6.4 billion for air traffic controller systems and direct aid to the nation's estimated 800 airports.

In the past, Midland International Airport received about \$1.5 million a year from the federal government, Deputy Airport Director Larry Ro-

man has said.

Local airport officials designated the money be spent on adding safety lights to and extending runways, installing navigational aids, funding the airport's fire prevention system and de-icing machines, he noted.

Under the proposal, the Federal Aviation Administration was legally mandated to carry out the chore of enforcing the law.

The FAA already mandates that smoking not be allowed during take-offs and landings and that the smoking of cigars and pipes be prohibited.

Grandson of UT's ex-coach allegedly steals Einstein notes

AUSTIN (AP) — Former University of Texas football coach Darrell Royal's grandson was arraigned today on a felony theft charge alleging he stole a page of Albert Einstein's notes from a university display.

The page was found Tuesday at Samuel K. Royal's home in a photo album that also included pictures of his grandfather. The younger Royal was arrested Wednesday night at an Austin apartment.

Justice of the Peace David Crain today set a \$5,000 bond for Royal, 18, who is being held in the Travis County Jail. Crain said Royal was not represented

by an attorney and no family members were present for the brief court appearance.

Royal was not required to enter a plea today.

The page of handwritten notes, owned by the university, was reported missing last week from a locked glass display case on the fourth floor of the Peter T. Flawn Academic Center on the university campus. It was among six pages on display from a series addressing Euclidean rotation.

Investigators said a tip from Crimestoppers led them to the younger Royal's West Austin apartment Tuesday where the

page was found in a photo album, along with photographs of Darrell Royal.

According to an affidavit and complaint filed by Lt. Alan Sanderson of the Travis County District Attorney's Office, a woman named Alissa Chambers, who also lives at the apartment where the page was discovered, said Samuel Royal "walked in and flashed some papers in front of my face and said, 'These are the writings of Albert Einstein.'"

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Local real estate dispute evolves into battle over legal procedure

By JEANETTE ALLEN
Reporter-Telegram Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — A Midland County case that began as a real estate dispute between a truck stop company and the state has evolved into a battle over civil legal procedure that went all the way to the Supreme Court of Texas.

The attorney for Wood Oil Distributing Inc. could have gotten the case delayed at the county level if he had acted sooner and provided better evidence, Midland County Attorney Mark Dettman argued before the high court Wednesday.

"Twenty-two months is adequate time to file a motion," Dettman said. But Wood's attorney, Robert Sco-

gin of Kermit, said he did not object to trying the case until 1986 because he thought the state would not have enough evidence about the land involved — 0.164 acres owned by Wood Oil's truck stop. The state and county condemned the land because it was needed to build Loop 250.

Scogin said the case is "very technical" and based on disputes of what the correct legal procedure should have been. He said he understood that state highway engineers would not have accurate drawings of the construction until funds became available for the project, and figured that the trial would not go ahead based on preliminary, perhaps inaccurate, depictions of the project.

There was "no rush for it to be tried, no funds were available and

there were no detailed plans," Scogin said.

Dettman said state engineers concluded the construction would not block access to the truck stop and that a turn-around one-half mile past the stop allowed ample access to the stop.

If Scogin would have had an engineer or an architect file information with the court claiming the plans were not concrete, the trial may have been delayed, Dettman said.

"The engineers didn't have complete plans," Scogin explained later Wednesday. "All of a sudden, right before 1986, they wanted a trial."

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ED TODD

Unfortunately, people too quick to judge others

The mote-and-beam admonishment not to judge is just a bit poignant.

And after all these years, you'd think the essence of the biblical verse would be rather antiquated. Mankind has had ample opportunity to grow in knowledge, wisdom and discernment and, presumably, ought to be able to judge right down the line and be exacting.

History knows men and women have had a lot of practice in judging. But, apparently, that's all it has been — practice in an uncontrolled laboratory. And with all that practice, untold years of practice, you'd think mankind would be virtually unerring in judgment — of the right sort or the indignant ilk. If the common concept of Darwinian evolution had any credence, mankind and womankind today would be unerring judges. The term "judgmental" would have a different connotation, as would "opinionated."

Unfortunately or not, mankind is judgmental. And I deduct from the evidence, not excluding self, that judging is so easy to do and is accomplished with much error and warped perspective. Believe me, it is far more difficult not to judge than it is to judge. But with a little practice in self-restraint and compassion, you can embark on an adventure of not judging.

With some learned guidance and a conscious effort not to judge, you may

detect a faint inner voice making you aware of impending judgment. You can make observations but beware of making those inferences. They are froth with trapdoors.

For example, I was driving on an avenue the other day and noticed a woman walking toward the hospital with a lit cigarette in hand and mouth. Men do it, too, of course.

"What irony," I thought. One of these days, those cigarettes may drag the smoker into the backside of the hospital, marked "Emergency," or may rush the tobacco addict too soon to the grave by way of much discomfort and regret even while earthly "pleasure" is sought.

I suppose I felt a tinge righteous but without merit. My judgment was not in reflecting on the ill effect of smoking. Not at all. Rather, it was in coloring the smoker's character with unjust and vile assignments. I had no right to presuppose that the smoker had character defects that would cause her to give into smoking. The good Lord and my friends, who try to circumvent being judgmental by doing my inventory, know I'm laden with "character defects," which I tend to ignore. Some would be more appropriate in confession than in a newspaper column from Grub Street.

But I can list a few to illustrate my mortality and tarnished bid for sainthood:

It seems I have a ready addiction to women, booze, beer, ice cream, chocolate, and, yes, tobacco. I try to control my lusts and appetites. For me, control is abstinence. I either do, or I don't. That's why today I don't smoke regular or irregular cigarettes or drink moonshine or beer. And that's a pretty good reason why today I'm not married and am not in one of those uneasy and who-knows-what's-going-to-happen-next "relationships." The term unnerves me. Friendship will do just fine.

Trust me, I'm not one to judge. My record tells that.

So, I just redirect my obsessive nature and try to think and act on more fulfilling things, such as running up and down the streets, doing some hanger flying while lustling after my wings, lapping up that ice cream, and, nobly, striving to appreciate the finer things of life and in life. Indeed, being a self-perceived wholesome sort, I relish the splendor of sunrise and sunsets, mountains and oceans, rivers and streams, plains and forests — Heaven and Earth. I am astounded by life and, in my opinion, I am enamored by aspects of the feminine form and beauty — from pate to toe. Today, that obsession is in abeyance. But I still take notice of Eve's lovely children of the fairer sex — those adorable gals — without being charmedly lulled in my lust for life. And I'll watch the judgment factor, as I recall, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." I don't want to be judged today. No, Sir. No, Ma'am.

Ed Todd is a Reporter-Telegram staff writer.

DEATHS

Jay Spear

ALPINE — Jay Steven Woodward Spear, 7, of Alpine died Tuesday in an Odessa hospital.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in Alpine with the Rev. Mark Spence, officiating. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery in Alpine under the direction of Eastland Funeral Directors in Alpine.

He was born on May 18, 1960 in Alpine and was a first grade student at Alpine Elementary school. He was a Presbyterian and played on the T-ball of Big Bend Coca-Cola team. He was a seventh generation citizen of Alpine.

Survivors include his parents, Charles and Lissa Spear of Alpine; his father, John Frank (Trey) Woodward, III of Alpine; one sister, Chani Spear of Alpine; his maternal grandparents, Mickey and Ann Hill of Summit County, Colo.; his paternal grandparents, Sidney and Irene Spear of Larado; his great-grandparents, Beth Spear and Ray Allen of Louisiana; and other grandparents, J. Frank Woodward Jr., and Avis Faulk of Alpine, Wm. Dinwiddie of Oklahoma City, Okla., J.D. McIlhenny of Rockport, Dr. Albert C. King of Larado, E. Claude Ray of Chicago, Ill.; and several aunts and uncles from Midland.

The family requests memorials be directed to the J. Woodward Spear Memorial Fund or the Alpine Public Library.

Malcom Ham

Malcom J. Ham, 59, of Midland died Monday in a Kermit hospital. Services were conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral

at Home Chapel in Odessa with the Rev. Truman Warren, officiating. Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

He was born on Oct. 11, 1920 in Nowata, Okla., and was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Monahans. He was a life-long resident of the Permian Basin and worked his entire life as a West Texas oil man.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanine Ham of Midland; two sons, David B. Ham of El Paso and Paul Douglas Ham of Odessa; two daughters, Diann Ames of Grandbury and Debra Junell of Austin; one brother, Charles Ham of Houston; one sister, Mildred Howard of Houston; and eight grandchildren.

Geneva Nolan

Services for Geneva Nolan of Midland were to be at 1 p.m. today in the Christian Church of Midland with the Rev. Bob Blazek, pastor, officiating. Burial was to follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were to include Charles Evans, Glenn Bell, Tommy Rice and Buddy Evans.

Edna Branch

Services for Edna Jean Branch of Midland are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday evening at a local hospital.

Royce Austin

Services for Royce Austin of Midland are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday afternoon in his home.

WEST TEXAS IN BRIEF

MC to offer computer, real estate courses

From Staff Reports

Eleven flexible entry courses start next week at Midland College, including six in Computer Information Systems, two in Office Education, and three in Real Estate.

Persons interested may register at the Student Services Office in the Administration Building Tuesday, April 5, prior to the start of the course.

Real Estate classes carry three hours of credit, while the other courses are one credit hour. The classes end the first or second week in May.

The Computer Information System classes are: DataBase, which meets from 8-8:50 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, or from 5:30-6:50 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; Spreadsheet meets from 9-9:50 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; Word Processing meets from 9:30-10:50 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday or from 5:30-6:50 p.m. on Tuesday; and Advance DataBase, which meets from 5:30-8:20 p.m. on Thursday.

The Office Education classes include: Keyboarding of Tables and Manuscripts from 8:30-9:50 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday; and Word Processing-Display Write 3 that meets on Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-6:50 p.m.

All the Real Estate classes meet Monday through Thursday. Being offered are: Principles, which meets from 7-9:50 p.m.; Finance, which meets from 9-11:50 a.m.; and Marketing, which meets from 1-3:50 p.m.

Gun, knife show slated

From Staff Reports

The Texas Gun and Knife Association will have its second Midland Show of the year April 9-10 at the Midland Holiday Inn Convention

Center.

The Texas Gun and Knife Association has presented shows in cities across Texas and New Mexico for the past nine years.

Collectors and exhibitors throughout the area go to buy, sell and trade unique guns, knives and other accessories.

In addition, the show offers a selection of wildlife art, historical artifacts, Indian and military memorabilia, "Texana" items and displays of gold and silver jewelry.

Don Hill, president of the Texas Gun and Knife Association, is a staff writer for "Knife World Magazine" and designs knives in his spare time. His wife, Deressa, is business manager and organizer for the association.

Hours for the two-day show are: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 10.

The public is invited to attend. No ammunition will be allowed.

Woman freed on bond

From Staff Reports

A 54-year-old Midland storeowner sentenced to state prison for possession of heroin was released on a \$50,000 appeal bond Wednesday, according to Midland County records.

Emma Duran Valencia was released late Wednesday after the bond was set by 238th State District Judge Vann Culp, according to records.

On Tuesday, Ms. Valencia was sentenced to 10 years in state prison by Culp. Last week, a jury in Culp's court convicted the woman after a little more than an hour of deliberation.

According to testimony at the trial, Ms. Valencia was arrested Aug. 26, 1977, at the store she owns, La Moranita, 609 N. Dallas St. She was carrying a plastic pill bottle containing more than 30 "papers" of heroin, according to the testimony of law officers.

Ex-convict now doing good deeds

ORANGE (AP) — To look at him — the slightly built, unassuming man sitting quietly at his desk in the Programs for Human Services offices — you'd never imagine him sticking a knife in a guard's throat.

But that was one of the highlights in Clark Rolling's criminal career that spanned 27 of his 33 years, 14 of them in jails and the state penitentiary.

Rolling talks openly and publicly about his life now — the alcohol, drugs, armed robberies, assaults with deadly weapons and, ultimately, his beginning as a respected family man — for a good reason: "I want to help young people — some kid who might be on the edge now — from ending up like I did...I hurt a lot of people and I've got a lot of black marks on the book. I need to get as many white marks as I can."

He works hard for those white marks now, helping the elderly get adequate roofing and insulation, often on his own time, out of his own pocket. He also volunteers his time at elementary schools, talking to students about where alcohol-drug abuse can lead.

It's a path with which Rolling is well acquainted.

Born in Lockney to alcoholic, fighting parents, he quickly became a loner. After his parents divorced, he lived first with one, then the other. At 6, he says he sneaked beer and tried to avoid a physically abusive stepfather. At 8, he was smoking cigarettes and drinking a lot, and by the age of 10, he had his own gang.

From there, he progressed to first a boys' ranch, then two jail sentences marked by escape attempts. Finally making the big time — the Eastham Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections — he served five years of a 17-year sentence for yet another attempted escape before being paroled to Land Manor in Beaumont.

By then, Rolling had spent half his life — 14 of 28 years — in jail or prison.

"I was scared of the halfway house, scared of women. It was a long time to be in prison."

With counseling, he found a job as an intake clerk in Orange at Programs for Human Services. "I was taking applications for people who

needed assistance — working people, street people, the same kind of people I used to rob — and God got into me. I snapped."

Within 30 days, he was promoted to PHS programs supervisor, in charge of four programs to provide necessities — house weatherization, utility bill payments, home repair for the elderly and temporary emergency relief for those who qualify.

Sometimes in his job, he says, he meets people for whom the programs alone are not enough. "I put 2,800 volunteer hours in on one house. But the couple that owned it, they were in their 60s, living there with their grandchildren, and they didn't even have hot water."

There are several stories like that in Rolling's files. "It makes you feel so good, especially when you are leaving after a job and the old ladies say, 'God bless you.'"

Rolling is married now. He and his wife, Vickie, are parents of a 2-year-old child, and also are rearing her 17-year-old twins. He is attending classes at Lamar University in Beaumont to obtain his certification as a alcohol-drug counselor.

After his first presentation to a local school, Rolling got a batch of mail, thanking him for sharing his life story and information about drug and alcohol abuse with the class.

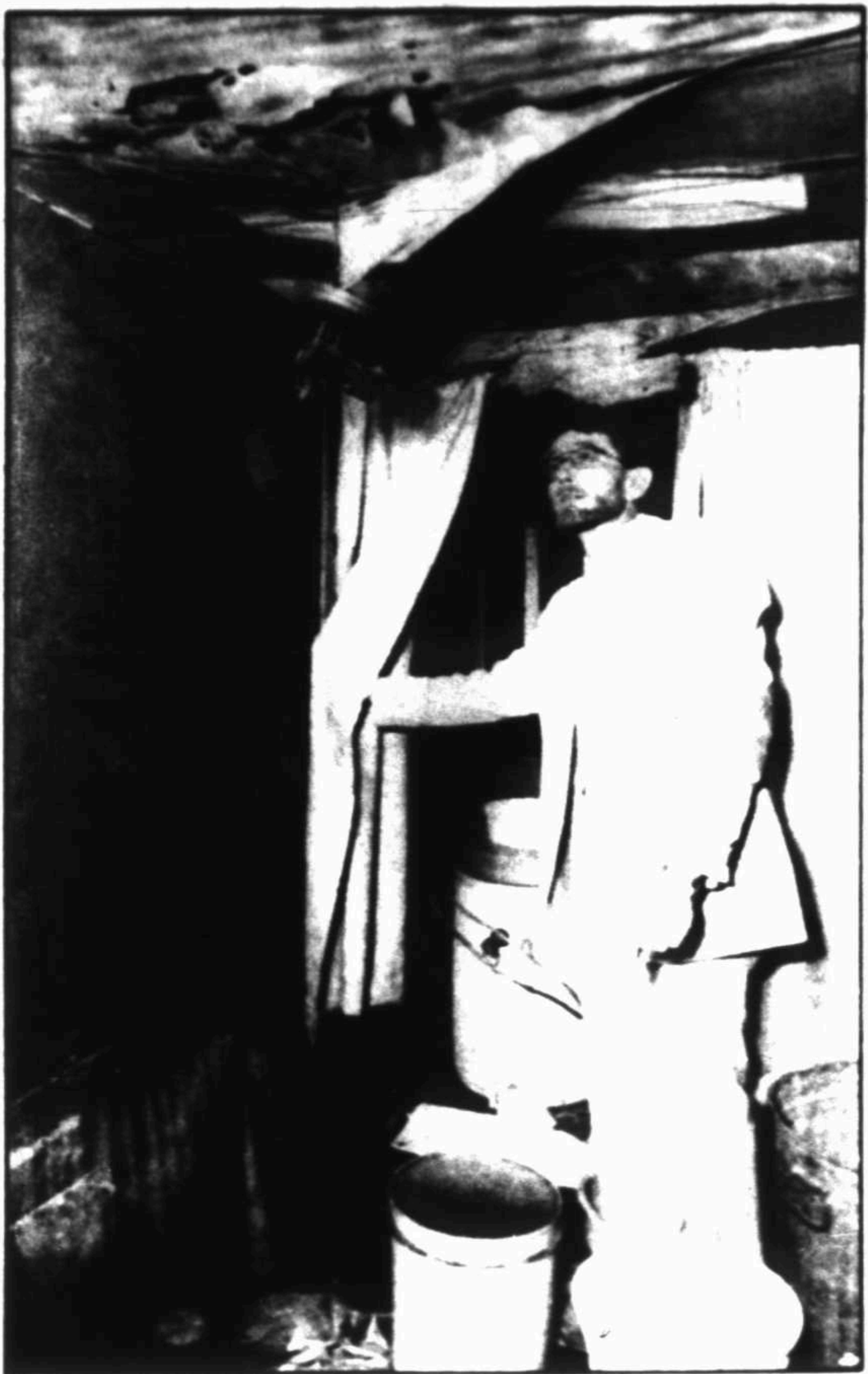
"I wish you could come back and tell us more," wrote one girl, "so people would stop telling lies about cocaine, crack, heroin, speed, crystal, etc. I think if you could reach more people, you would touch them. You touched me."

"This community is going to have to wake up," Rolling said. "Drug and alcohol abuse are real, and people need help."

Under the terms of his parole, Rolling will be under supervision until 1985. But he wants to be more — and contribute more to his family, his church and his community — than most, even exemplary, ex-convicts. And, "one day at a time," according to Rolling, he's succeeding.

"Life is so good, but I have so much to pay back I just don't want to expire before I've finished."

"Who knows?" he said, and grinned. "I might be a congressman one of these days."



Clark Rolling, program coordinator for the Programs for Human Services offices in Orange, inspects the roof of a dilapidated house which he hopes to repair for an elderly Mauriceville couple. Rollings, an ex-convict, now tries to help others.

'Sofas, sofas, sofas' man taking life little easier

By CAROL RUST

NEDERLAND (AP) — "Come in, folks, come in," Ed Northcutt says in between mouthfuls of chicken salad.

Lifting a potato chip into the air with a welcoming flourish, he invites a visitor to sit down for a sandwich, served on one of the dinette sets at Sofas, Sofas, Sofas on Twin City Highway.

The man who has probably said the word "sofas" more than any other human being in his years of making fast-moving, 30-second television commercials — in which he breaks mirrors or stabs waterbeds with a knife — takes life a little more leisurely these days.

And what better way to celebrate his retirement after all those years in the furniture business? A furniture sale, of course.

"They're putting me out to pasture," he said in a recent commercial, in which his wife, Dolores, strikes her traditional pose, sitting on a couch gazing at him speechlessly as he shouts, "That's right, Ed's retiring."

Although he's working just one day a week now, having transferred ownership of the business to Dolores, Ed doesn't feel like he's retired. "I guess it just hasn't hit me yet," he said.

Ed says maintaining a low overhead has been the central theme of

his success story.

When he and Dolores married 15 or 17 years ago — "I can't remember which," they both owned homes. He went to live with her and turned his house into a furniture store.

Eventually, he connected the house with the carport and built a roof over it to make a giant "show room" where he uses almost every available square inch to store bed room suites, couches, mattresses and chairs.

But what has gained Ed his recognition are his TV commercials. The commercials, too, were a product of Ed's low-overhead philosophy. When Ed first inquired about television advertising back in the mid

1970s it cost \$100 to cut a 30-second television spot and \$30 more for a script writer.

"I didn't have \$100, so I did it myself," Ed says. His commercials never were longer than 30 seconds. Ed just started talking faster to get more information in.

He started throwing in gimmicks like breaking mirrors, saying, "That's right, folks, we're BUSTING the price barrier" to get people's attention and because "a lot of people just take things too seriously these days."

And he still chuckles when he remembers that one mirror that took him three healthy swings with a hammer to break.

FIRE

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The department's four fire inspectors make rounds at the area's school's each year, armed with dozens of instructional leaflets and booklets. They target their message to students younger than the fifth grade, when messages about fire dangers seem to make the most impact. Day care centers are also visited frequently, Petree said.

Among the materials distributed regularly to students is an "I Will Learn Not To Burn" coloring book, which features instructions about how to dial the emergency 911 telephone number.

Smoke detectors are mentioned in almost all of the educational materials, and Petree said for less than \$10, the battery-operated devices could save many lives annually — including in Midland.

"I can't say it would have prevented this child's death, but it could have made the difference," Petree said. "A smoke detector would have picked up the smoke and given early warning."

Most of the fatal fires reported nationally occur between midnight and 6 a.m. and are "typically, the slow smoldering type," like the Anderson fire, he added.

DISPUTE

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In 1983 Midland County and the state condemned Wood Oil's land and the Midland County Commissioners awarded the company \$13,000 in damages. But Wood Oil contested the damages and the case went to trial three years later.

Judge Willie Dubose of Midland County Court at Law No. 1 ruled for the state in December 1986, because he said preliminary highway plans showed trucks could still get to the stop. But the Eighth District Court of Appeals in El Paso reversed that decision, sending the case to the Supreme Court, because it said the lower court should have heard testimony about impaired access to

the stop.

Dettman said Wood Oil's attorney made no attempt to investigate the highway department's plans in the 22 months that elapsed between the time damages were awarded and the case went to trial. He said that by siding with Wood, the Court of Appeals was saying, "We're allowing the litigants not to do anything until they go to court."

Scogin failed to show up for the first deposition in the case — formal interviews of witnesses held before the trial. But Scogin said he told Dubose he had to be at a criminal trial on the day of the deposition. "I told the judge I had to defend a criminal and he said, 'You work that out — that's your problem.'"

EINSTEIN

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UT Police Sgt. Jimmy Moore said in an affidavit for a search warrant that he met with Mack Royal, who identified himself as Darrell Royal's son, Friday. Mack Royal, who is custodian for the fourth floor of the academic center, said his son was Sam Royal, Moore said.

Samuel Royal is not a student at UT, university police said. Darrell Royal did not return a telephone call from The Associated Press to his Austin residence. He coached at UT from 1967 through 1976, was UT athletic director until 1979 and now is special assistant to the president of the university.

The missing page is part of an archive of 60 or 70 pages "upon which Einstein wrote the notes representing his thinking as he was trying to work out his theories near the end of his life," said John Chalmers, librarian for UT's Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center.

The university has owned the papers for 25 years. Einstein apparently wrote the notes in the early 1950s. He died in 1955.

It appears that the manuscript taken from the display suffered minor damage before it was recovered, Chalmers said.

"A small piece of it is torn away, and there is evidence of some water damage. I can't be positive, because I did not inspect this document before this unfortunate event," he said.

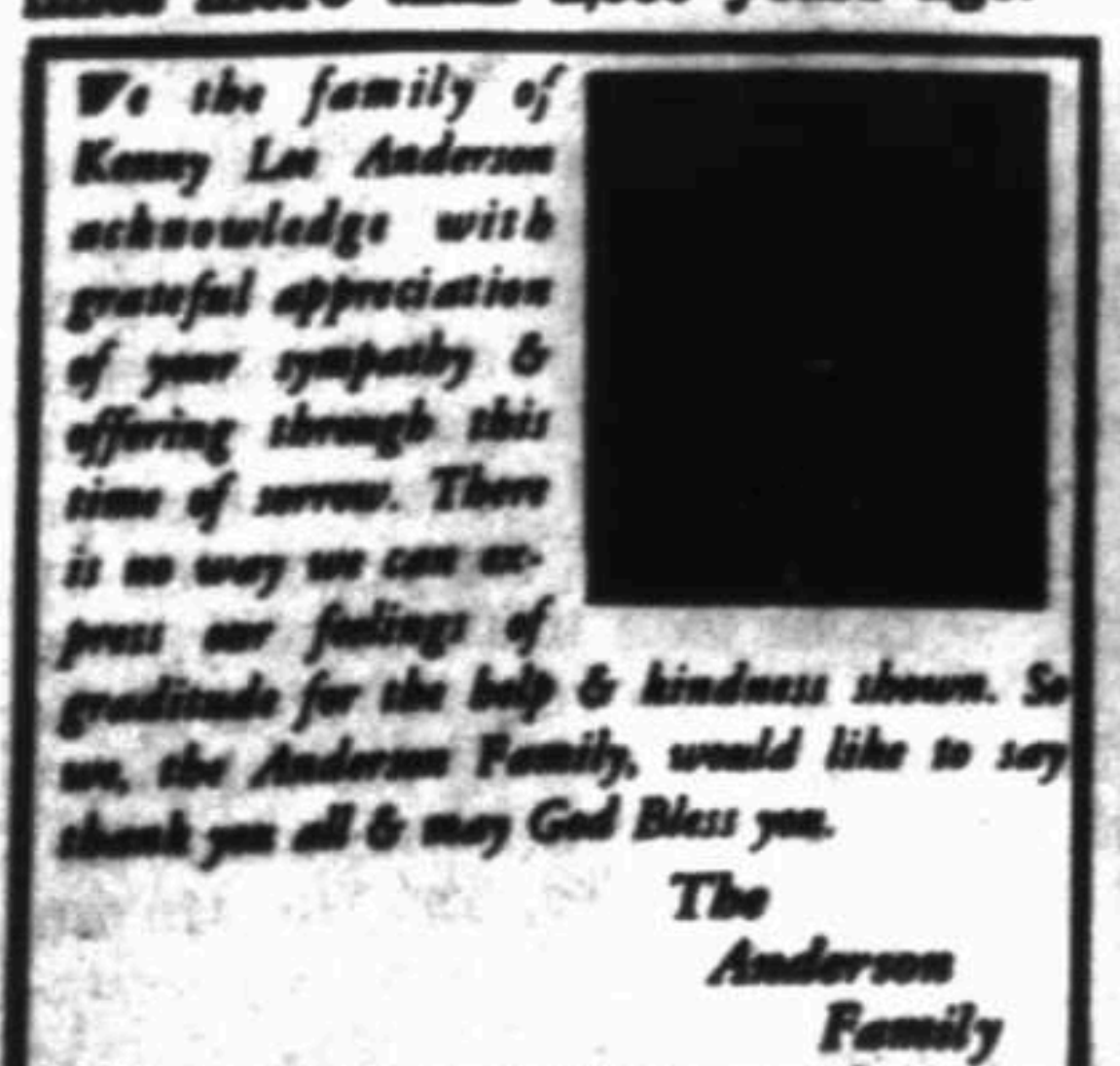
The display case was locked and the glass unbroken when the theft was discovered. It is unclear whether the person who took the document had a key to the case or was able to remove the document in some other way, Chalmers said.

Although the page likely could have been sold for a couple of thousand dollars, Chalmers said, its value far exceeds that amount.

"For all of us, it's a piece of our heritage, and it is not to be replaced," Chalmers said.

Chinese create pipeline

The Chinese used bamboo pipelines more than 2,000 years ago.



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Transplanted tissue may aid memory

NEW YORK (AP) — Researchers reported today that brain tissue transplants in rats greatly eased memory problems caused by chronic alcohol intake, and said such therapy may someday help alcoholics and victims of Alzheimer's disease.

The transplants apparently worked by raising inadequate levels of a substance brain cells use to communicate, a deficit implicated in Alzheimer's, said researcher Jeffrey Gray.

As for alcoholism, "I think that really means there's hope, if you blow your mind with too much whiskey maybe we'll be able to repair it with transplants," said Gray, head of the psychology department at the Institute of Psychiatry in London.

Experts in alcohol-induced memory problems were skeptical, questioning how much the rats' condition resembled that of alcoholics and cautioning that any implication for treatment is only speculation.

Gray reports the research with colleagues in today's issue of the British journal Nature.

About 10 percent of alcoholics develop long-lasting memory loss, either by itself or as part of an overall loss in intellectual abilities, according to the federal alcohol institute.

In the new work, 78 male rats drank an alcohol solution as the only fluid in an otherwise normal diet for 28 weeks. Four weeks later, they did more poorly than other rats in learning to find food in a maze.

Rats that then got transplants of fetal rat brain tissue to two brain areas, the neocortex and the hippocampus, later performed almost as well as normal rats, the researchers said.

Many choose 'gimmicks' over good diets

By JUDY SHEPARD
Hearst News Service

Eager consumers, searching for the "magic bullet" in the diet-and-disease connection, are fair prey for "marketplace gimmicks," says T. Colin Campbell, a Cornell University researcher.

The result, says Campbell, a nutritional biochemist, is that Americans are learning very little about how to protect themselves against disease through diet. And that's a shame, he says, because there are some clear answers to be had.

Campbell's research for the past 25 years has concentrated on the effect of nutrition on cancer causation. He was one of the authors of the National Academy of Sciences' 1982 report on diet, nutrition and cancer, and is now directing a major study of diet and disease in China, from which the preliminary data is soon to be published.

He recently testified before the U.S. Senate in favor of formation of a government agency to coordinate

research and public recommendations on nutrition and disease.

"I'm really very confident that variety in a diet rich in fruits, vegetables and grains is likely to be the kind of diet that will reduce the risk of most of the diseases of affluence. This suggests we ought to be doing things substantially different in this country."

For instance, the National Cancer Institute recommendations called for a daily fiber intake of 30 grams, but the average for most Americans is 10 grams.

"It's easy to see that a threefold increase in plant produce," Campbell pointed out. "If you do that, that's a fairly major dietary change."

Americans rely on animal products for about 70 percent of their protein, getting the rest from plant foods. In China, Campbell said, 90 percent of the protein is from plants and 10 percent from animal products.

"That's a major, major difference," he said. "It means intakes of all the nutrients you get from plants; it's a totally different dietary

lifestyle."

Are Americans able and willing to make that kind of a change?

Citing the appearance of salad bars in restaurants, Campbell said, "There are some positive things happening, but if you look at overall consumption patterns, the record is not too impressive. There is a health-conscious group which makes up 10-15 percent of the folks."

Campbell said changing lifelong dietary patterns is difficult, but it can be done, as studies of people on salt-free or low-fat diets have shown.

"It takes a bit — four or five months — then they find they've lost their taste for the things they've given up."

Campbell said a general guideline encouraging people to use plant products as much as possible would be useful.

"Make sure you include 10 different plant foods a week," he suggested. "You take your choice — we don't know if carrots are better than spinach — and if you don't like beets, then eat broccoli."

As for the confusing matter of di-

etary advice on the marketplace, Campbell said it would be wise to look elsewhere for nutritional information.

"Detailed scientific information on diet, nutrition and disease is now being produced at a rate so great that almost anyone can find evidence to support their favorite hypothesis."

He cautioned against the use of highly specialized scientific studies that lose their meaning when taken out of the context of the research project. He himself has experienced how scientific findings can be put to counter-productive uses.

The 1982 National Academy of Sciences Report, "Diet, Nutrition and Cancer," recommended increased consumption of fruits, vegetables and whole grains. What it also hoped to achieve would be a concomitant decrease in consumption of fats and animal products.

"This total diet effect was what the report really had in mind when they recommended an increased consumption of fruits, vegetables and whole-grained cereal products," Campbell explained.

But what happened was that fiber was isolated from these general guidelines and became the focus of a successful advertising campaign.

"Dietary fiber is not only exceedingly complex but it is also only a small bit of a very complex mixture," Campbell said. "Unfortunately, the recent marketplace focus on fiber actively encourages in the advertisements an increased consumption of low-calorie milk products and lean cuts of meat which tend to go in exactly the opposite direction from the recommendation to increase the consumption in diet with varied plant produce."

Campbell makes a single recommendation he says is based on reliable, broad-based research results.

"The evidence strongly suggests that increasing the consumption of a diet rich in plant produce will decrease risk of all chronic degenerative diseases. I think that information is very exciting. It offers a tremendous amount of information in terms of preventing diseases and it ought to be centrally used in our preventive medicine."

Checking cholesterol still key, HHS leader says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government's top health official has some advice for Americans on how to avoid heart attacks: Get your cholesterol checked and do something about it if it's too high.

"Most people can lower their cholesterol level by reducing the amount of cholesterol and saturated fat in their diet," Health and Human Services Secretary Otis R. Bowen said Wednesday. "Some need a combination of diet and drugs."

His point was that anyone can lower his or her blood cholesterol, and that anyone with a level above 200 milligrams-per-deciliters — which puts them at excessive risk for heart attack — should do so.

That 200-milligram level takes in

about half of all adult Americans.

"About one in four adults has a cholesterol number of 240 or more, which puts them at even greater risk and commands medical attention," Bowen said at a news conference.

"First, know your number," said Bowen. "Getting your level checked is the only way to find out. Cholesterol, like high blood pressure, is a silent killer. There are no signs or symptoms."

About 400 hospitals across the nation will offer cholesterol testing May 4. Most will do it free, but a few will charge \$3.

That mass screening, the first in history, was organized independently by the Voluntary Hospitals of

America and announced last week.

Television spots promoting the program, called "CountDown USA," began airing this week and include a toll-free telephone number — 800-634-8641 — for people to call weekdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST to find out which hospitals in their areas will offer the testing.

An initial screening can be simple and quick. Small machines — about 6,000 have been sold since they won market approval two years ago —

take about three minutes to analyze

blood drawn from a finger-tip stick. If that preliminary figure is within the safety zone, no further testing is indicated. If it is borderline or high, a more elaborate analysis is needed of a regular blood sample.

Television and radio talk show host Larry King said his cholesterol count was above 300 a little over a year ago. "I didn't pay attention to it," he said. "I had a heart attack Feb. 24, 1987. I had quadruple heart by-

pass surgery Dec. 1, 1987."

King pays attention now, he said, and has his count down to 170. He also is featured in public service spots to be aired during the next few weeks urging people to get tested.

Bowen said research has shown that each 1 percent reduction in cholesterol results in a 2 percent reduction in the risk of heart disease. "In other words, a reduction of 25 percent in the cholesterol level can cut the risk of heart disease in half," he said.

Back Talk



by
Dr. C.W. Johnson

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A subacute, misaligned vertebra is not always painful. Some vertebrae are subluxated for a long period of time and remain asymptomatic. The pain often results from irritation of the spinal nerve at the joint where it leaves the spine through the opening between vertebrae. Irritation of the contents of this opening may make the nerve react with pain. This is a self-healing process. The pressure in the joint, which results from irritation of the joint, where the vertebrae meet, is reduced. Since these joints are self-healing, normally, the pressure will be relieved and pain receptors may be irritated. When it does appear, pain may result from several sources.

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Pharmacy
Footnotes
by Allen Farnell, R.P.H.
DIGITAL READINGS
The glass-tube mercury thermometer has been a medicine chest staple ever since it was first accepted by the medical community in the 1870's. Now, however, the one-piece plastic digital thermometer is making great inroads into the public's medicine shelves. These modern-age wonders employ computer chips to monitor electrical measurements. Their two chief advantages over glass thermometers are the quickness of the reading and the ease with which it can be read. Most digital thermometers take under a minute to get an accurate reading, and then display it on a liquid-crystal readout. They are powered by button-type batteries. Digital thermometers resist breakage and are more accurate than standard glass thermometers. All these advantages justify the slightly higher price.
The next time you have a prescription to be filled take advantage of our friendly helpful service. We can handle all your needs at ALLEN'S PHARMACY, 2101 Midland Dr. 686-9999. In-house 1-hour photo service is available. Sides and custom enlargements can also be done. Greeting cards, candy and other items are available for Easter. Hours: Mon. thru Sat. 8-7, Sunday 9-10. 24-hour emergency service. Have a happy Easter.
HINT:
Keep a glass thermometer as a backup in case the digital thermometer's battery gives out.

HEALTH BEAT
by Kanti Patel, M.D.
THE ENEMY WITHIN
Viruses are responsible for all manner of diseases from the common cold and influenza to mumps and measles. Yet, how many of us know what a virus actually is? In fact, a virus is a smaller and more primitive form than bacteria. It borders on being a non-living form because it shows no life-like activity until it is introduced into a living cell. At that time, a virus will take over many of the processes within the cell including that of reproduction. As the virus rearranges the cell's activity, it produces toxins. These, of course, lead to disease which cannot be controlled by medication. Antibiotics cannot kill viruses. It remains for the body's own defenses (antibodies) to overcome the virus.
Children, especially those who spend time in a group or school environment, are very susceptible to viral infections. Hands may wipe runny noses and then touch toys and books which come in contact with other children. If your child is ill, restrict his or her contact with other children to reduce the spread of sickness. Medi-Help, 805 W. Wadley @ A offers overall medical care to each member of your family, including immunizations. Hours: 8-8, 7 days a week. Tel. 687-2704.
HINT:
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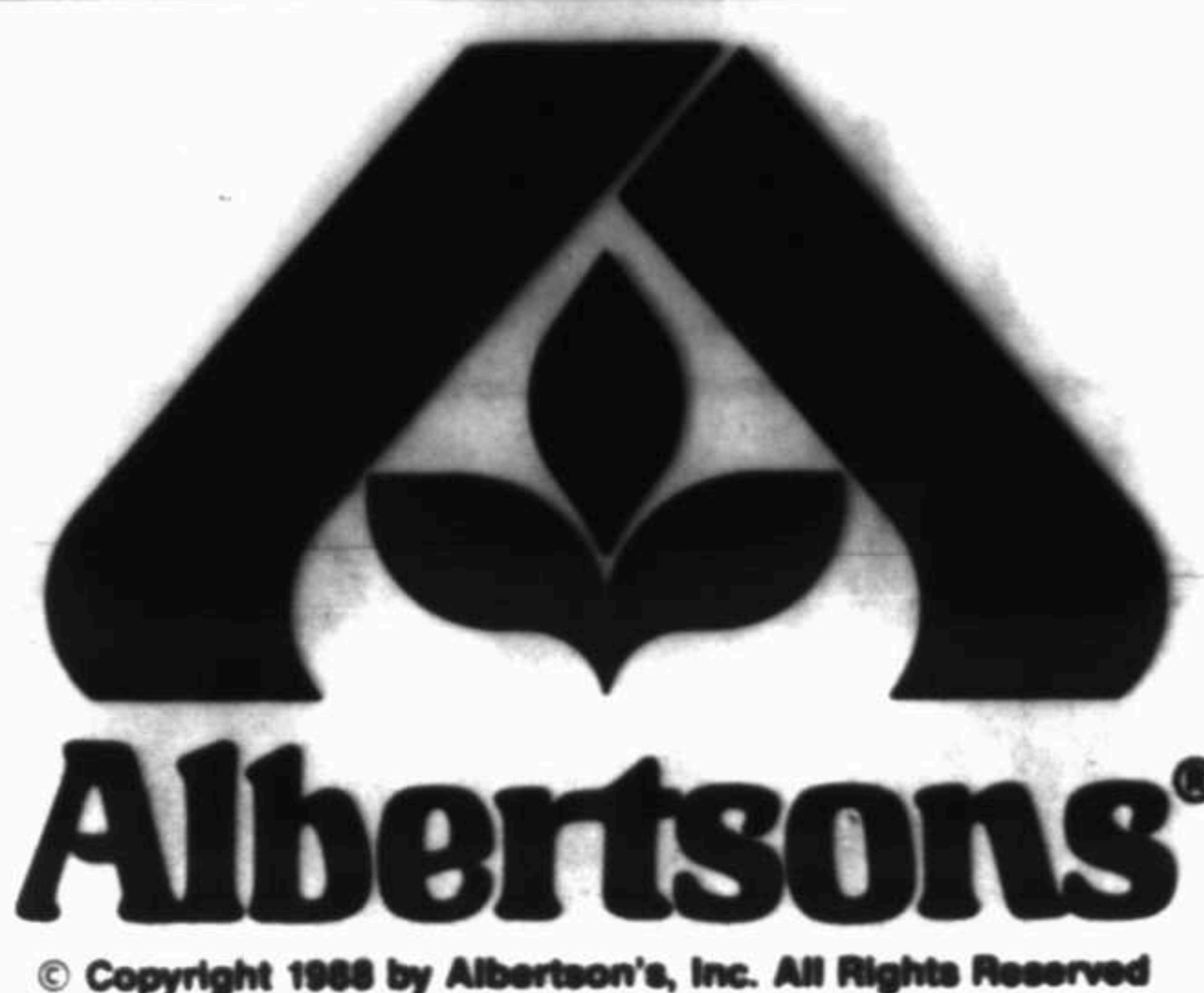
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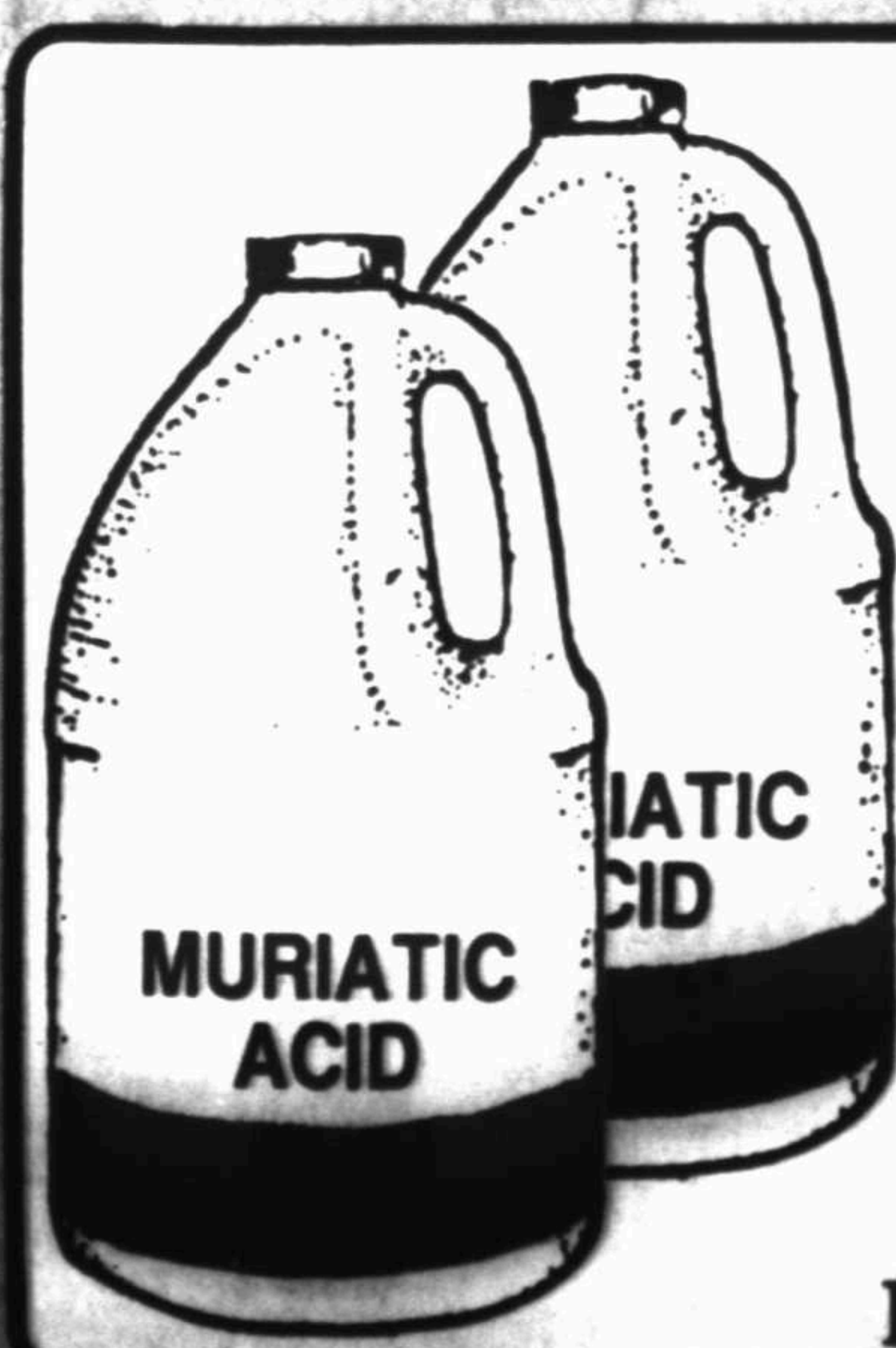
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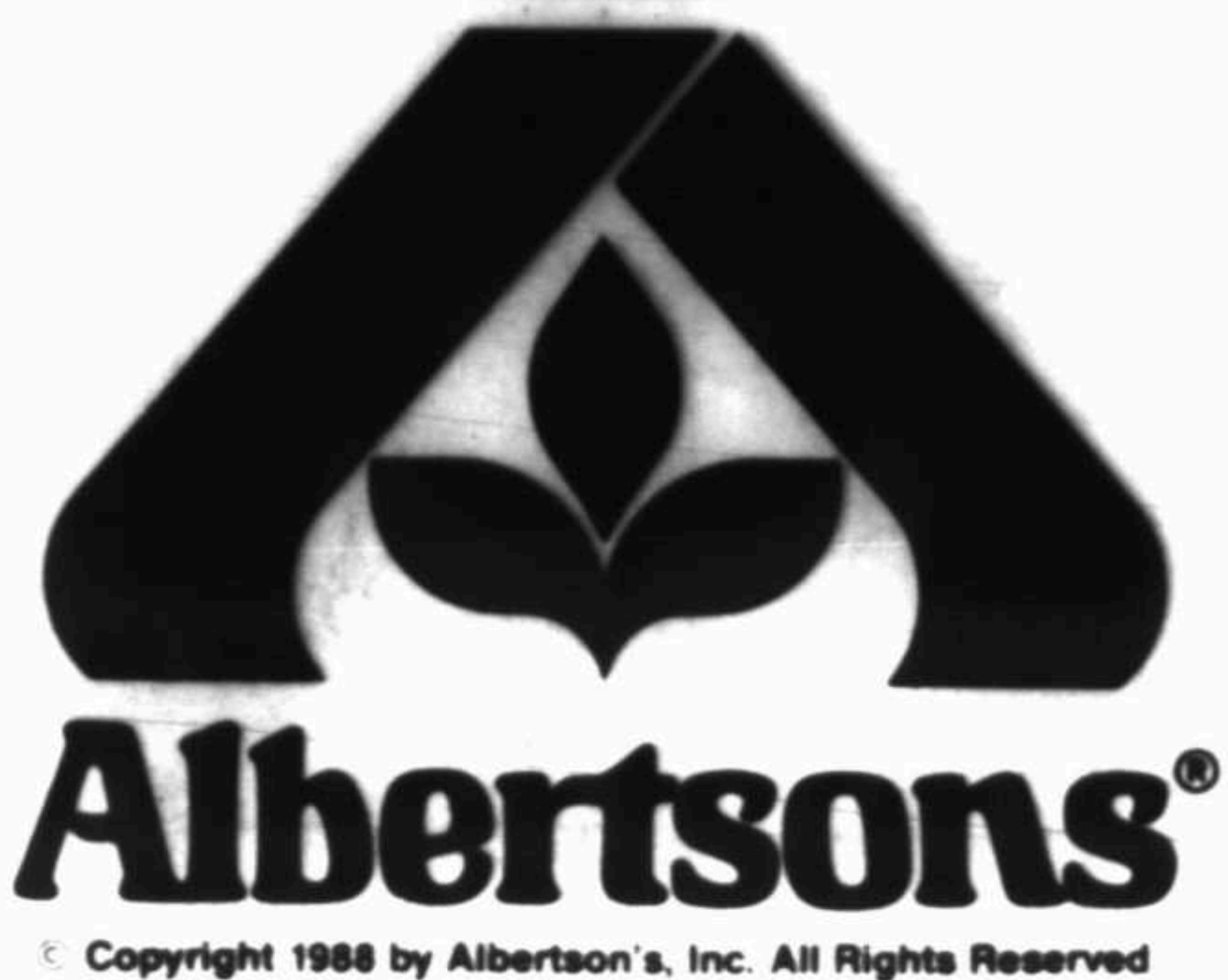
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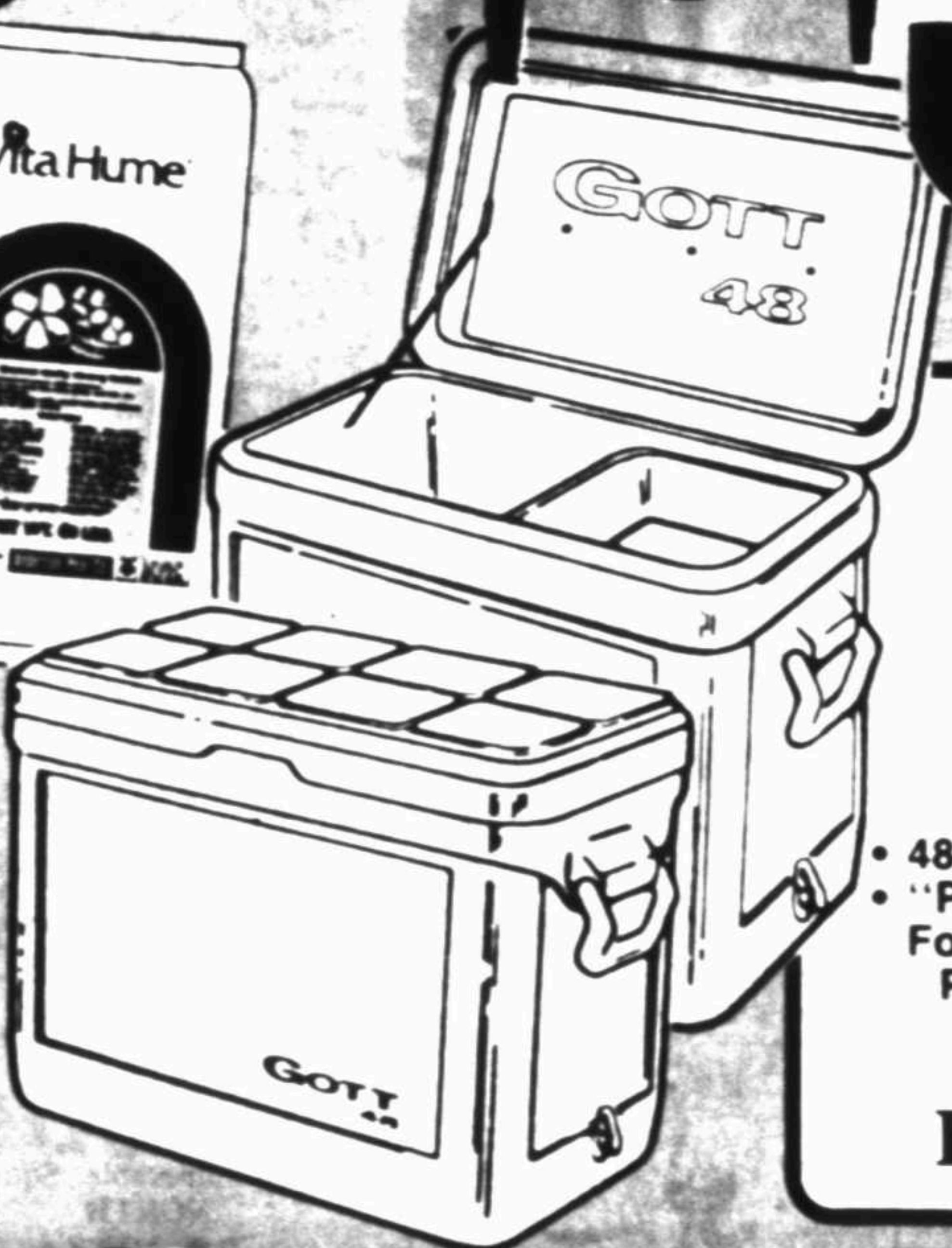
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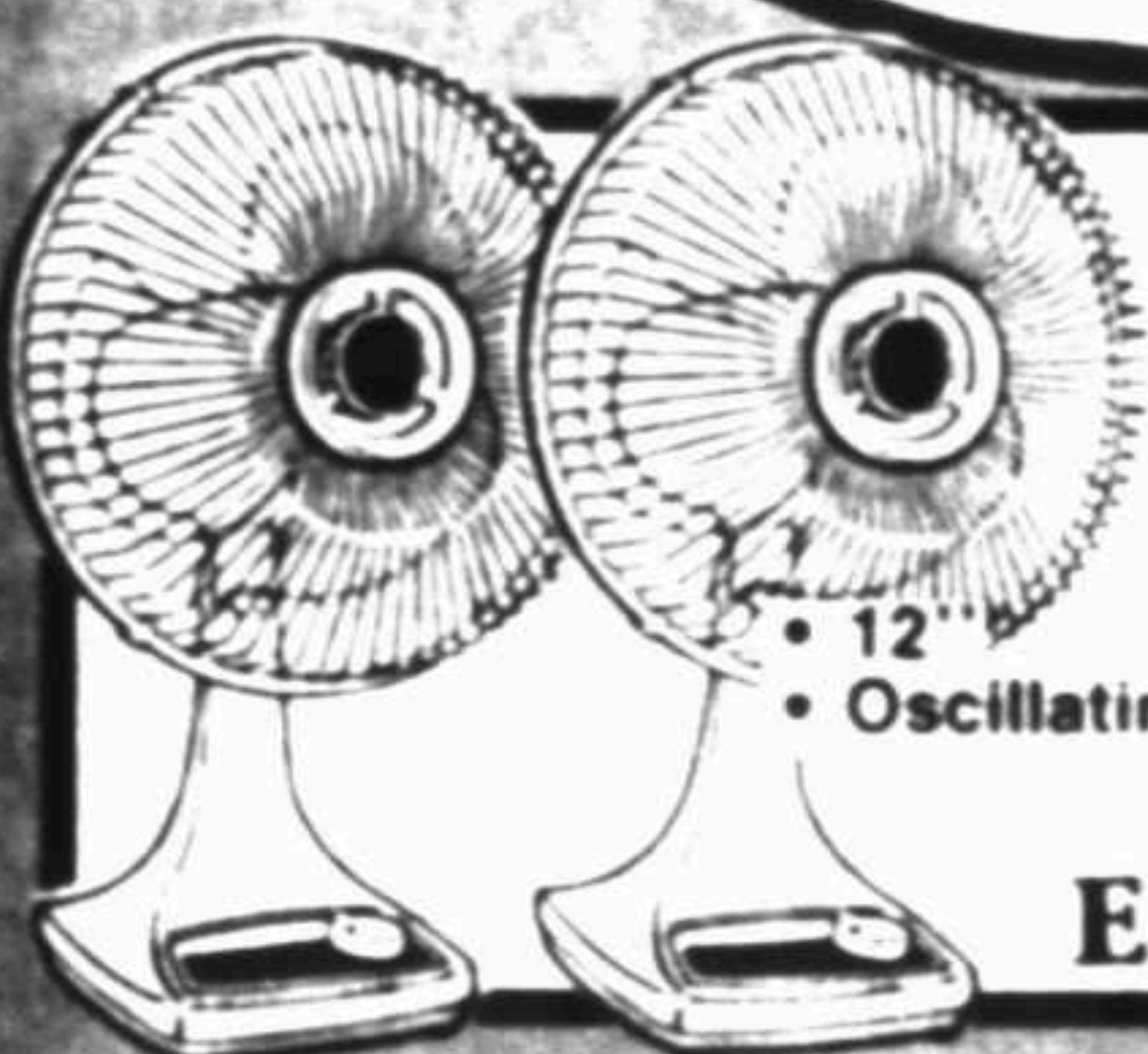
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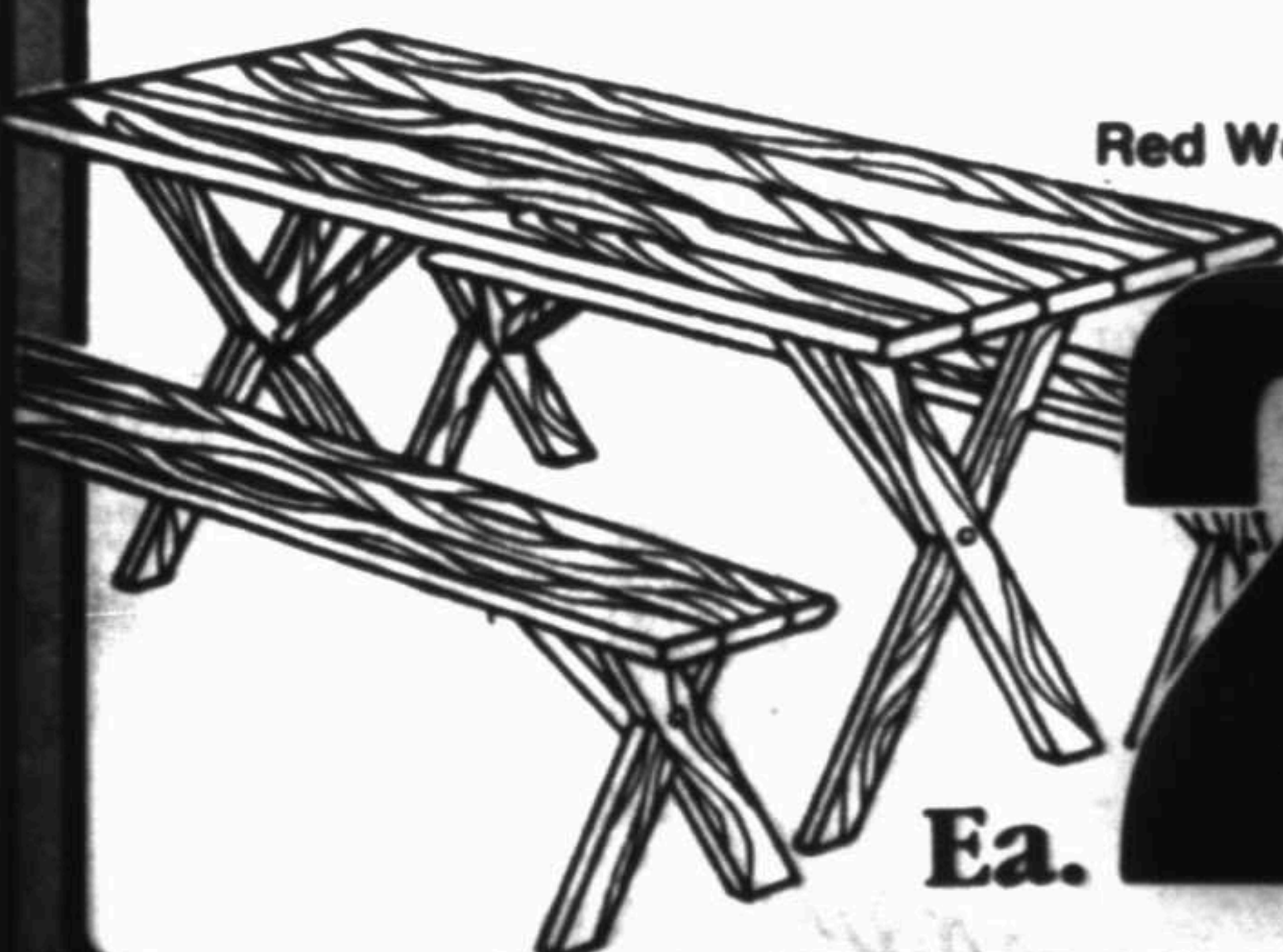


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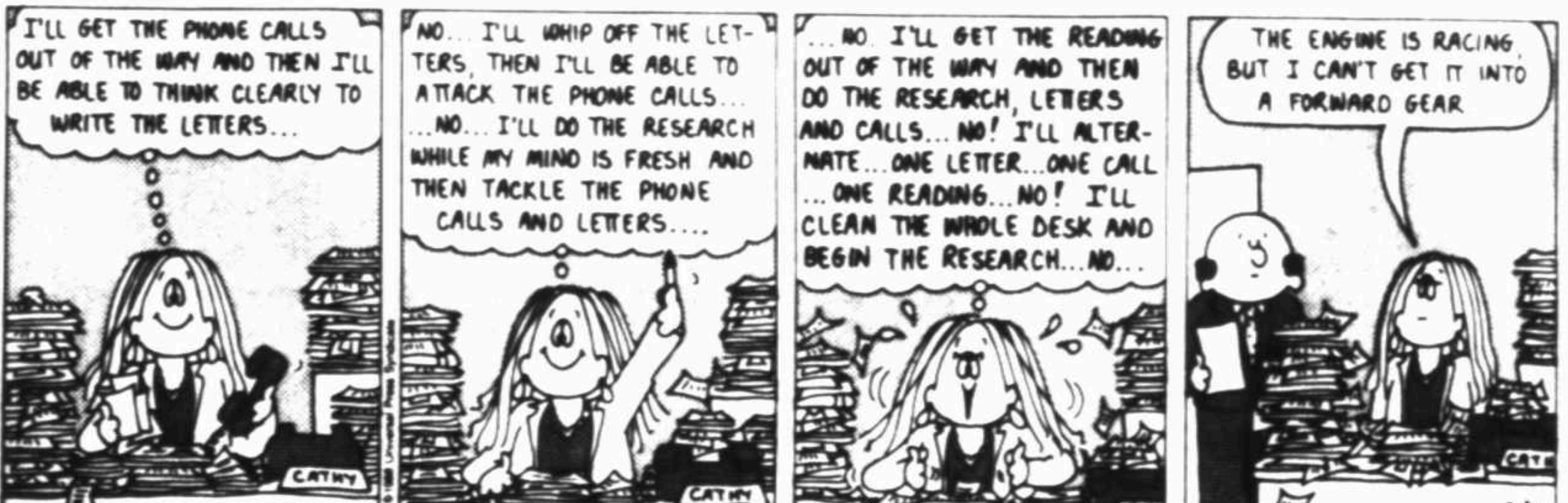
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your horoscope

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FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1988

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Your close relationships will bring you great joy and some heartache. On balance, you come out way ahead. An unusual offer of help will enable you to launch a partnership or overcome a cash flow problem. View your work as a creative struggle. As long as you work hard and use all of your talents, you will do just fine. A legacy or windfall gives you new freedom. Guard your health and see that your loved ones do the same.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: actress Debbie Reynolds; slugger Rusty Staub; singer Jane Powell; pianist Eddy Duchin; coach Bo Schembechler.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your new self-confidence strengthens an already satisfying relationship. Keep travel plans to yourself. Some secrecy will be necessary to pull off a deal that could line your pockets with gold. Follow your instincts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Develop a better accounting system. You need to pay bills promptly to protect your credit rating. Be direct when making your point, but use just enough humor to keep from being too blunt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you have been at low ebb, the tide is about to turn. The weekend could find you jumping with joy. Finish one project before starting another. Penalties apply if you are late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An imaginative, open-minded approach will help you solve even the toughest problems. Assistance you counted on may not be available. Review your options and be prepared for anything. Romance deepens.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The focus today is on money. The boss has questions that should not go unanswered. You know that you love your partner more than ever. Despite some recent difficulties, travel for fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Business affairs could go into a tailspin. Influential people may not be as cooperative as you would like. Stay cool. Experts give good advice. A close relationship intensifies. Speak from the heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Not a good day for making major financial decisions. Get bills in order and write checks. Tackle projects requiring full concentration. Call friends or write letters. Emphasize the positive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Caution is the watchword today. Distant affairs continue to be financially rewarding. Plan to get together with old friends in the near future. Influential people will lend support and good advice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Relatives could prove unpredictable now, but friends will lend a helping hand. Make your summer vacation plans. Dealings with the authorities should be handled with out delay.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your confidence increases as the tax progresses. A child wants to show appreciation but may not know how. Try to help this loved one come to grips with basic issues. Offer encouragement.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A strong attraction for someone who is unavailable could have you living in a fantasy world. Branch out and pursue new interests. A creative venture could provide a satisfying release for nervous energy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You are lucky in many areas. Your confidence provides an incentive to take action. Someone you meet by chance could be devious. Stay alert. Have a third party look over any documents you are asked to sign.

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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

LENDING A HELPING HAND

Both vulnerable South deals

NORTH
♦ J 10 8 6
7 5 3
5 2
♦ A Q 10 6

WEST
♦ 5 4 2
A J 10
K Q J 10 8 3
♦ 5

EAST
♦ 9 3
K Q 8 4
A 9 7 4
♦ 7 4 2

SOUTH
♦ A K Q 7
9 6 2
6
♦ K J 9 8 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♦ 1 2 ♦ 2
2 ♦ 3 2 ♦ 4
4 ♦ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠
As a defender, make life as easy as possible for your partner. It is difficult enough to defend well in obvious situations without having to worry about partner creating problems where none might exist. When both sides have a known or implied double fit, it is usually wiser to bid one more rather than choose to defend. That accounts for South's decision to go on to four spades with his minimum. His judgment proved to be correct—East-West would have made four diamonds.

Against four spades West attacked with the king of diamonds. Routine defense would have been for East to signal encouragement and for West to continue with a diamond. Declarer would have ruffed and scored four more trump tricks and five clubs for his vulnerable game.

Fortunately for East-West, East was on his toes. He realized that his partner probably had a six-card suit for his two diamond bid, which meant that only one diamond trick

was there for the defenders. So he overtook the king of diamonds with the ace and shifted to the king of hearts.

West showed his liking for the suit by following with the jack, and again East proved what a thoughtful partner he was. Had he continued with a low heart, West would have had to decide whether to try for a third heart trick or a second diamond. East removed that problem by continuing with the queen of

hearts and another, and the defenders collected the four tricks that were their due.

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SCRAM-LETS

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1. Rearrange letters of the four scrambled words below to form four simple words.

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HYBOB
JARDUE

2. PRINT NUMBERED LETTERS IN THESE SQUARES

3. UNSCRAMBLE ABOVE LETTERS TO GET ANSWER

4. Complete the puzzle by filling in the missing words you develop from step No. 3, below.

SCRAM-LETS ANSWERS

1. Please don't BLEED — Logic — Hobby — Advers — BLEED
2. Please don't BLEED — Logic — Hobby — Advers — BLEED

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Maybe I CAN'T button, but I can zip and velcro!"

DOONESBURY



PEOPLE

Brooklyn baker's star rising after he delivers 'kneaded' line in 'Moonstruck'

NEW YORK (AP) — Newfound fame has caused quite a stir at the Cammareri Brothers bakery in Brooklyn, where owner Gilberto Godoy uttered one line in the movie "Moonstruck."

Customers now greet Godoy with "We saw you in the movie" and ask him to autograph their bread bags.

"I go to buy a paper, people recognize me. I go to the bank, people recognize me," Godoy said Wednesday.

Nicholas Cage played opposite Cher as baker Ronnie Cammareri, putting the tiny Brooklyn bakery and its owner on the silver screen.

"Ronnie, someone's looking for you over here," Godoy said in his brief movie debut.

"I told them, my part was too small," joked Godoy, who had to join the Screen Actors Guild to prepare for his big moment.

NEW YORK (AP) — Artist Keith Haring, once an outlaw, has been won over to the side of law and order.

Haring used to be ticketed repeatedly by police for drawing white chalk stick figures on black poster advertising boards in subway stations.

But on Tuesday he was back in the subway with the blessing of the Transit Authority, which is placing on subway cars and in stations 5,000 Haring-designed posters that urge young people to read.

"FILL YOUR HEAD WITH FUN! START READING!" say the posters, which feature a drawing of a kid's head filled with amusing, Haringesque creatures.

"This is great," Haring said as he autographed copies of the poster in a station. "It's come full circle."

BOSTON (AP) — Her famous split leap is now just a memory. But at 62, Bolshoi prima ballerina Maya Plisetskaya still dominates the rest of the troupe.

She's three times the age of many of her co-dancers and the oldest ballerina of stature performing today. But Plisetskaya nonetheless is living up to the advance publicity generated by organizers of Making Music Together, the largest Soviet-U.S. cultural exchange ever staged.

Although other artists also have drawn capacity crowds since the three-week festival opened March 11, Plisetskaya has reigned supreme among the 285 featured Soviet performers as crowd-pleasers go.

A capacity audience of 4,100 crowded Boston's Wang Center for the Performing Arts for a performance based on Bizet's "Carmen" Tuesday, clearly enjoying the grace of Nina Ananiashvili, the strength of Adria Liepe and the near flawless mastery of other young principals.

But the normally restrained Boston audience went wild over Plisetskaya as the title character. Many moved to the front for the curtain call to get a closer look amid bravos and sustained applause.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bea Arthur, Estelle Getty, Rue McClanahan and Betty White, rivals for laughs on NBC's "Golden Girls," are competing in earnest for the title of funniest actress on the second annual American Comedy Awards.

The four actresses were nominated Wednesday for the prize of funniest female performer in a leading role in a television comedy series. The awards will be presented on ABC in May.

Tracey Ullman, who stars in her own show on Fox Broadcasting, was the fifth nominee in the fun-

niest female performer category.

Nominees for the funniest male performer in a leading role in a TV series were Dana Carvey, "Saturday Night Live"; Michael J. Fox, "Family Ties"; Pee-wee Herman, "Pee-wee's Playhouse"; David Letterman, "Late Night with David Letterman"; and Garry Shandling, "It's Garry Shandling's Show."

This year's Lifetime Creative Achievement Award goes to Blake Edwards, who is being honored for such movies as "The Pink Panther," "10" and "Victor/Victoria."

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Edward I. Koch says he has left instructions that if he ever is kidnapped, never to pay ransom for him.

"It only encourages more kidnappings of others," he said Wednesday during a courtesy call at City Hall by Andres Pastrana, mayor of Bogota, Colombia. Pastrana, then a mayoral candidate, was the victim of a week-long kidnapping by drug dealers in January.

"He has that same rule," Koch said of Pastrana, calling him "a courageous man."

Koch said people should "never deal with terrorists, never give in to terrorist demands...even if it means you are going to die."

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Pop superstar Michael Jackson's "Bad" album, which failed to win him Grammy gold, was named best album of the year by a male vocalist at the second annual Soul Train Music Awards.

In addition, the title song from "Bad" was honored as the best single by a male vocalist in 1987 at the awards ceremony Wednesday night.

Whitney Houston's "Whitney" was named best album by a female vocalist.

In the group category, Levert took best jazz album and best album of the year for "The Big Throb-down," and best single for "Casanova."

Gladys Knight and the Pips won the Heritage Award, a special tribute to artists whose accomplishments have had a positive effect on music acceptance and appreciation worldwide.

Singers Dionne Warwick and Luther Vandross were hosts of the two-hour televised ceremony at the Civic Auditorium attended by a black-tie audience, including Smokey Robinson and other Motown stars.

Among those presenting awards were singers Anita Baker, Sheena Easton and Chaka Khan, Los Angeles Lakers star Magic Johnson, Indianapolis Colts running back Eric Dickerson and jazz musicians David Sanborn and Dexter Gordon.

The show is a tribute to creative excellence in black music, honoring the year's best performances in rhythm and blues, jazz and contemporary, gospel, and rap music.

The other winners:

- Best new artist: Miki Howard.
- Best music video: Janet Jackson, "Control."
- Best female single: Natalie Cole, "I Live for Your Love."
- Best solo jazz album: Najee, "Najee's Theme."
- Best solo gospel album: Vanessa Bell Armstrong, "Following Jesus."
- Best gospel album by a group or choir: The Winans, "Decisions."
- Best rap single: LL Cool J, "I Need Love."
- Best rap album: LL Cool J, "Bigger & Deffer."

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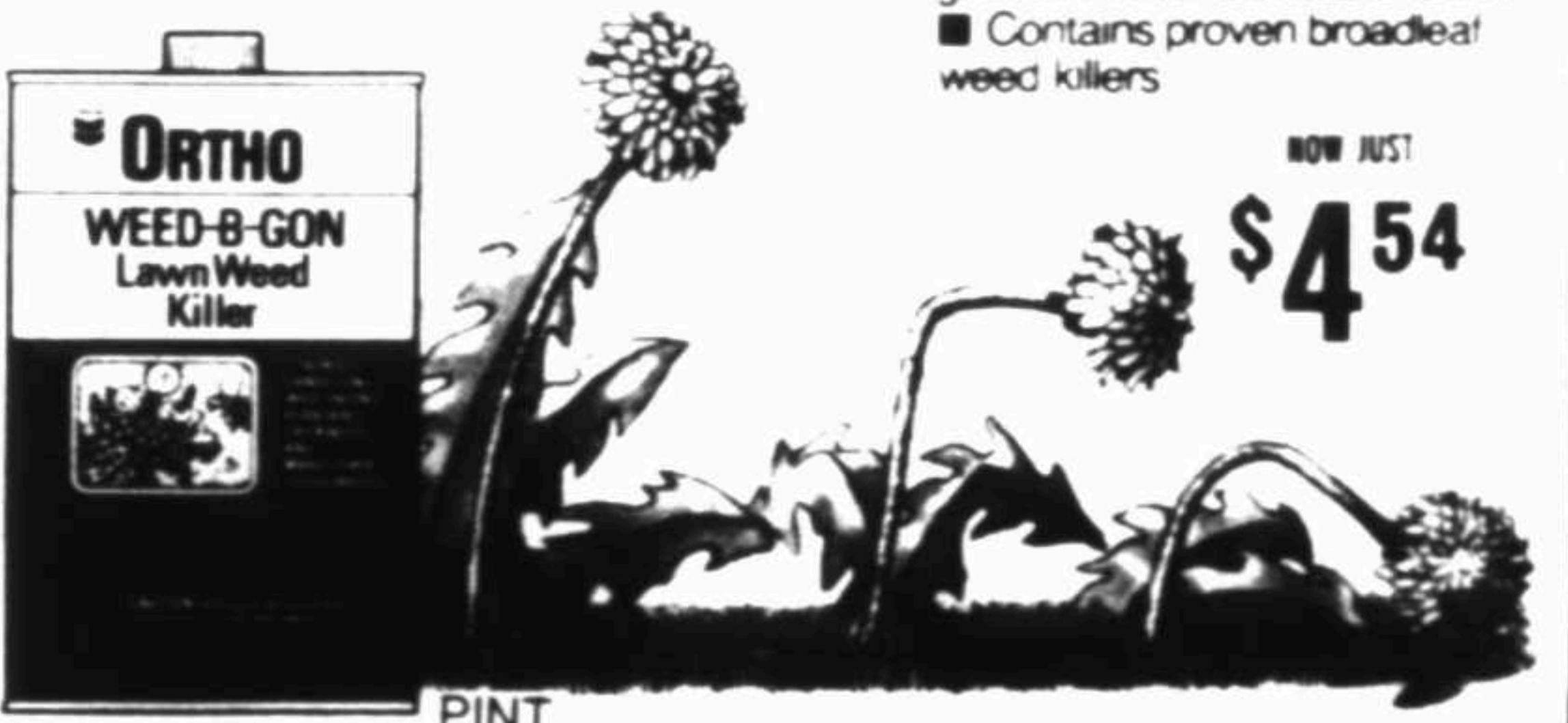
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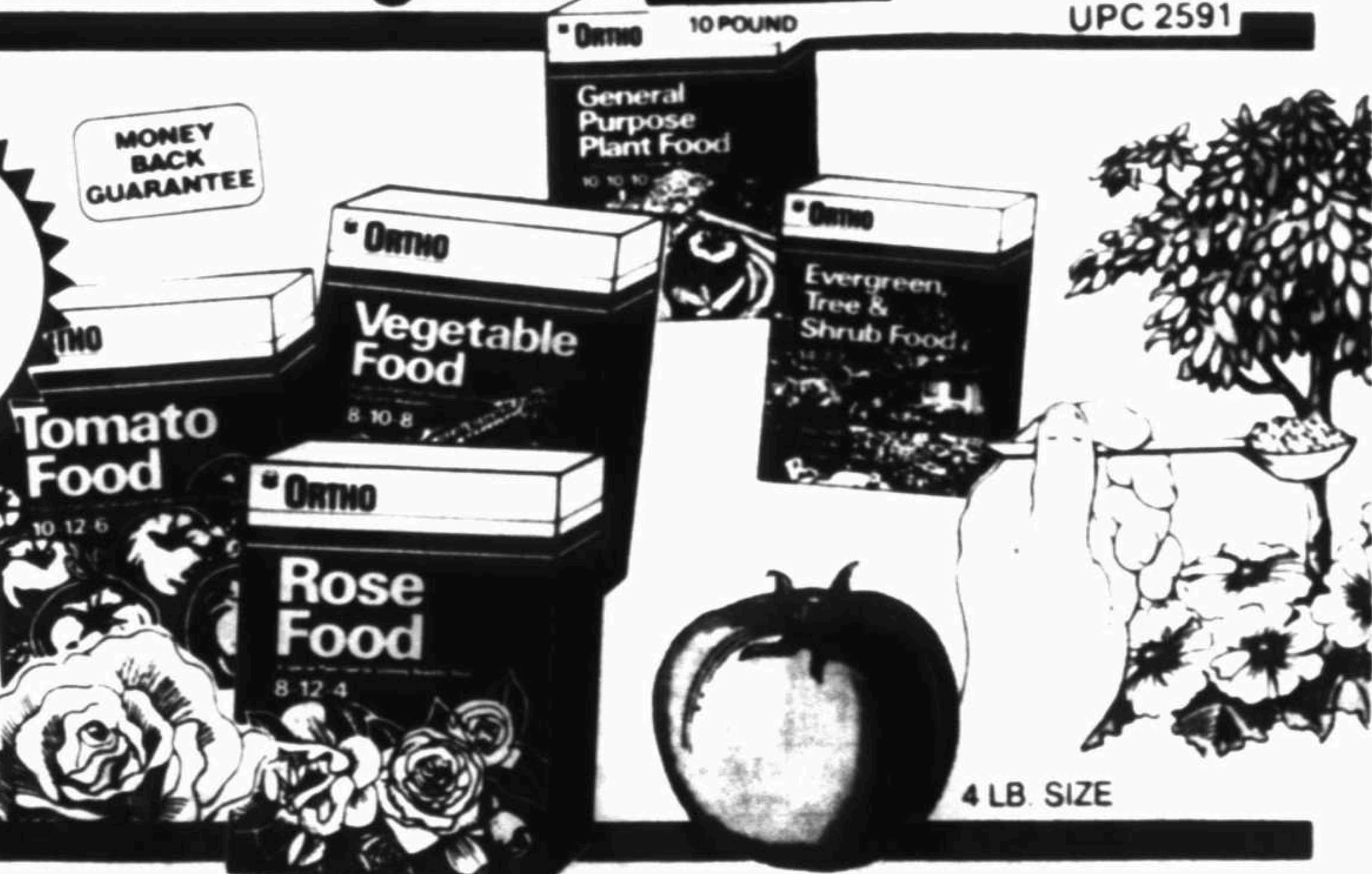
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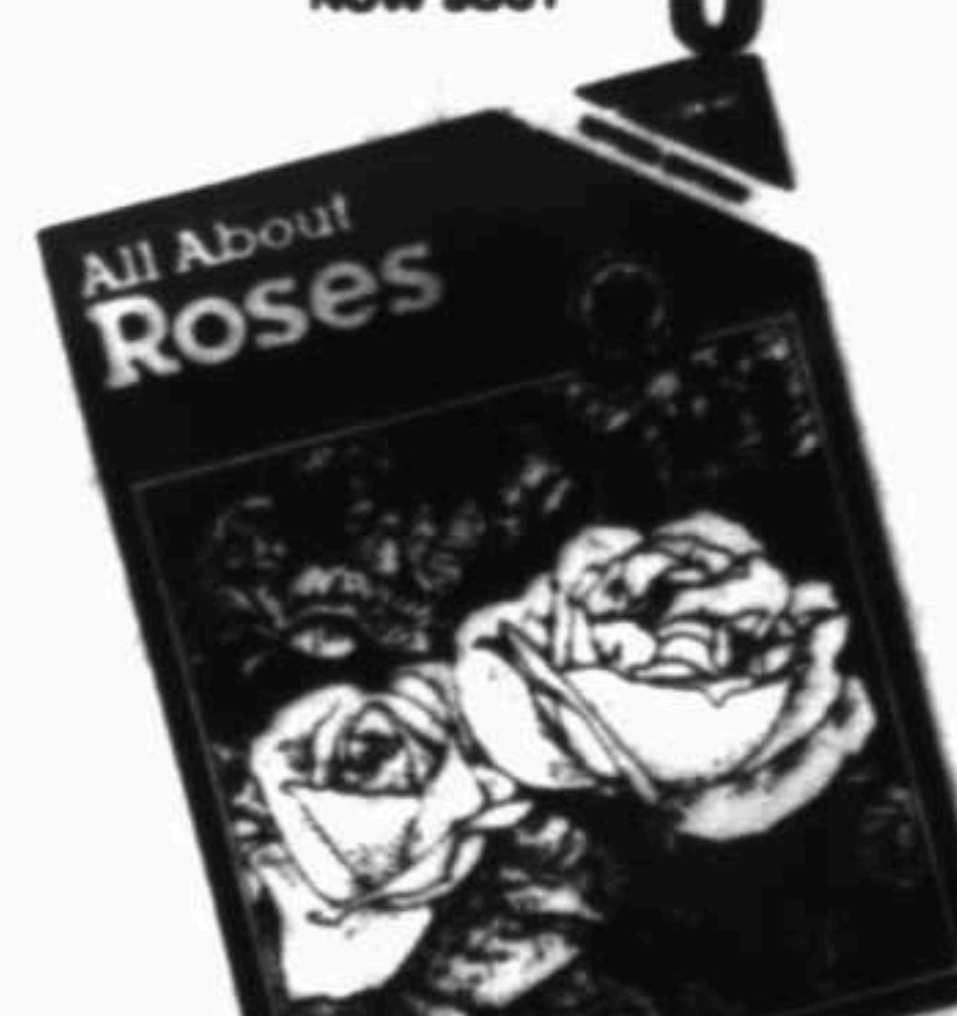
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West Texan finds spring in Arizona baseball parks

Editor's Note: Midland's Ellen Hopkins can't wait for the baseball season to get underway and here is her view from a recent trip to the spring training camps in Arizona.

By ELLEN HOPKINS

PHOENIX, Ariz. — As most of the spring training crowd boomed the umpire's last call, the man in the back row leaned over and asked, "So if you're from Texas, how'd you get to be a Cub fan?"

While the curious spectator listened to the explanation that becoming a Cub fan was natural since their AA minor league team used to be in Midland, a passing vendor shouted, "Get your Mechem dogs here! Get 'em while they're still in office."

By the seventh inning, just in time to hear the real Harry Caray stand up and sing, fans in the right field corner bleachers had compared places of origin, statistics of their favorite players, and how much nicer the weather was in Arizona than wherever they were from.

HoHoKam Park, named after an Indian tribe,

holds about three times as many people as Angel Stadium in Midland. Every seat provides a clear vantage point from which to hector the ump and view the scoreboard. Seats extend only to the ends of the first and third base alleys. Beyond the outfield fence is reserved for lawn chair seating on parked RV roofs.

Fitch Park, four blocks away, is the Cubs minor league home. No fees are charged to watch the farm system, some of whom used to play in Midland. Jay Butler, Paul Niece, Darrin Jackson and Damon Berryhill were all trying out at HoHoKam for positions with this year's Chicago team. Other ex-Midland Cubs were at Fitch still working toward their big break.

ALTHOUGH HOHOKAM doesn't sell nachos or beer and give away hordes of free gifts like our local stadium does, the park offers the usual baseball fare and allows fans to bring in whatever they want. On any given afternoon, fans carry in coffee thermoses, bags of potato chips and six packs of beer on ice.

Meeting fans is a major attraction for many people traveling to spring training in Arizona. Day baseball is another. Most baseball fans never get a chance to watch a game under natural light, especially in early March.

Even West Texas fans find enjoyment in 75-degree days without an accompanying wind. With a little planning, fans can order right and left field tickets on alternating days and leave town with an even tan.

The weather is only part of the reason people travel from all over the U.S. to watch Cactus League games. HoHoKam Park, in Mesa, and the four other neighboring parks, in surrounding Phoenix suburbs, place fans in a time warp. They travel back to early baseball days before the cardinal considerations of statistics, prime-time profits and must-win situations.

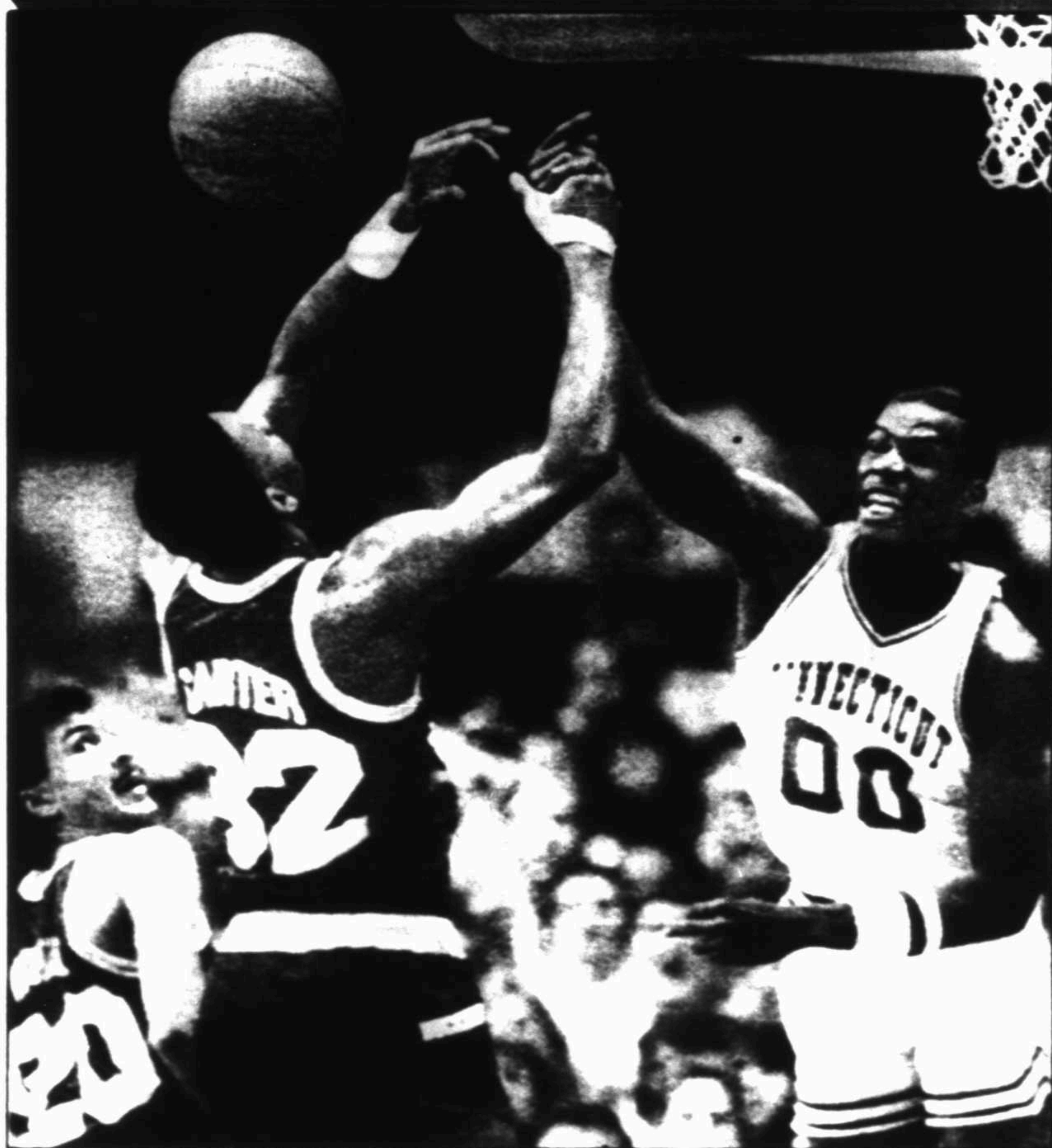
No one rushes to get in or elbow their way out of the parks. The vendors casually tout their wares, chanting, "Hey, everybody, pay attention. This quar-

ter is called a tip," or "Anybody who wants a hot dog, sit down!"

The five parks offer baseball buffs a temporary utopia. With very little effort, an enterprising fan can take in most of five games from both leagues in just one weekend. Phoenix Municipal Stadium (Oakland Athletics) in Phoenix, Compadre Stadium (Milwaukee Brewers) in Chandler, Scottsdale Stadium (San Francisco Giants) in Scottsdale, HoHoKam Park (Chicago Cubs) in Mesa and Tempe Diablo Stadium (Seattle Mariners) in Tempe trade fans and players alike.

THE AMBIANCE of spring training allows enthusiasts to cross the otherwise rigid geographical, family-imposed boundaries of "fandom" and root for the players rather than any specific team. Being a West Texas Cub fan doesn't mean the Angels aren't followed also, because in spring training, they play each other.

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Connecticut's Cliff Robinson (00) blocks a shot by Ohio State's Perry Carter during NIT final Wednesday. Connecticut won the title with a 72-67 victory.

Huskies pull off rally against Buckeyes

NEW YORK (AP) — Connecticut's prospects were bleak early in the second half of the National Invitation Tournament final against Ohio State, but were no worse than they were in January and February.

The Huskies, who had two four-game losing streaks against Big East foes and ultimately finished last in the conference, trailed 36-30 with 15:21 left and leading scorer Cliff Robinson on the bench with four fouls. But Connecticut scored 29 of the next 41 points and went on to defeat Ohio State 72-67 Wednesday night for the NIT title.

"I was scared to death," Connecticut Coach Jim Calhoun said of the 6-foot-11 Robinson's departure. "Cliff has been our leader this season. Even when he's not scoring, he's a factor with rebounding and blocking shots. I didn't know whether to go as

NIT Final

big as possible or as quick as possible. We went quick, with three forwards."

"We always look inside to Cliff, but when he left we didn't put our heads down," said Phil Gamble, who led the Huskies with 25 points. "We just kept executing."

Robinson, who scored 29 points in Connecticut's semifinal victory over Boston College, fouled out with 2:51 left and finished with five points.

"I was glad to see Robinson leave, but our lead didn't last long after he left," Ohio State Coach Gary Williams said. "They tied it so quickly and then just kept going from there."

Gamble, the tournament's Most Valuable Player, hit five 3-pointers and combined with Tate George to score eight points each during the 29-12 surge that gave Connecticut a 56-48 lead with 4:55 left.

"We told Phil last summer that we made a mistake when we ignored the 3-point line," Calhoun said. "He struggled at first with his shooting, but he came back to make the starting lineup and wound up averaging 15 points for us."

"Coach told me to practice from the NBA distance and that would make it easier to shoot from the college distance," Gamble said. "In the preseason games, I couldn't get a shot to fall, but I kept trying and finally became a starter."

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Three Chaps in Final Four

Grace, Blaylock, Minor carry on tradition

Associated Press

Three Midland College teammates, who played in the junior college version of the Final Four, will now compete in the real thing.

Oklahoma's backcourt duo, Ricky Grace and Mookie Blaylock, and Kansas guard Lincoln Minor all transferred from Midland College, one of the nation's top JUCO programs.

The program that also produced the Atlanta Hawks' Spud Webb is a happy hunting ground for Division I scouts.

Midland Coach Reggie Franklin, who coached Grace, Blaylock and Minor as an assistant to former head coach Jerry Stone, said he urges his players to transfer to schools where they can make an immediate contribution.

"When you come from a junior college, you don't have time to sit on the bench. You need to go right in and start," said Franklin.

"They (Blaylock and Grace) just got on a great team with Oklahoma and have been able to contribute more than has Lincoln," who is often the first player off the Kansas bench.

IN HIS second year playing for Sooners Coach Billy Tubbs, Grace is averaging 14.8 points per game and pulling down 3.6 rebounds.

The 6-foot-2 guard, who attended Dallas' Wilmer-Hutchins High School, sees more than 34 minutes of playing time per game and has 265 assists for the season.

Grace dished off a school-record 363 assists in his final year at Midland, breaking Webb's record.

Blaylock averages 16.7 points and 4.1 rebounds and also plays more than 34 minutes a game.

This season the 6-foot-1 Blaylock set an OU record with 141 steals, equalling his record-setting mark at Midland. He is just two shy of the NCAA season steals record, and his 13 steals against Centenary set an NCAA for most in a game.

Franklin said he knew Blaylock would be a top collegian the first time he saw him play at Garland High School.

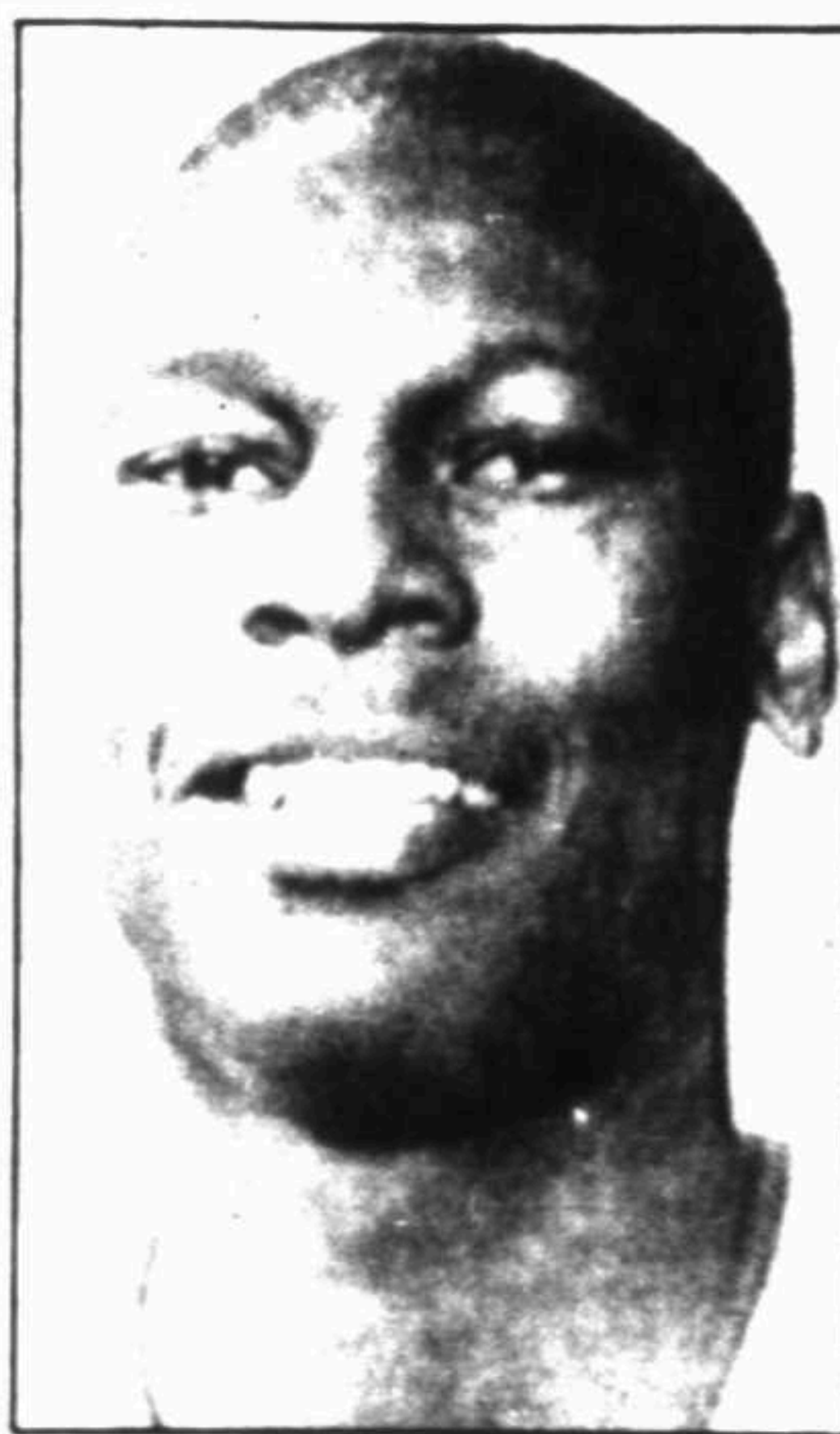
"I guess you could say he's been a thief all his life," he said. "Now he's just getting more publicity for it."

Minor, averaging 4.9 points and 1.5 rebounds, has started 12 games for the Jayhawks. The 6-foot-3 product of Houston's Westfield High School averages 15.6 minutes of playing time.

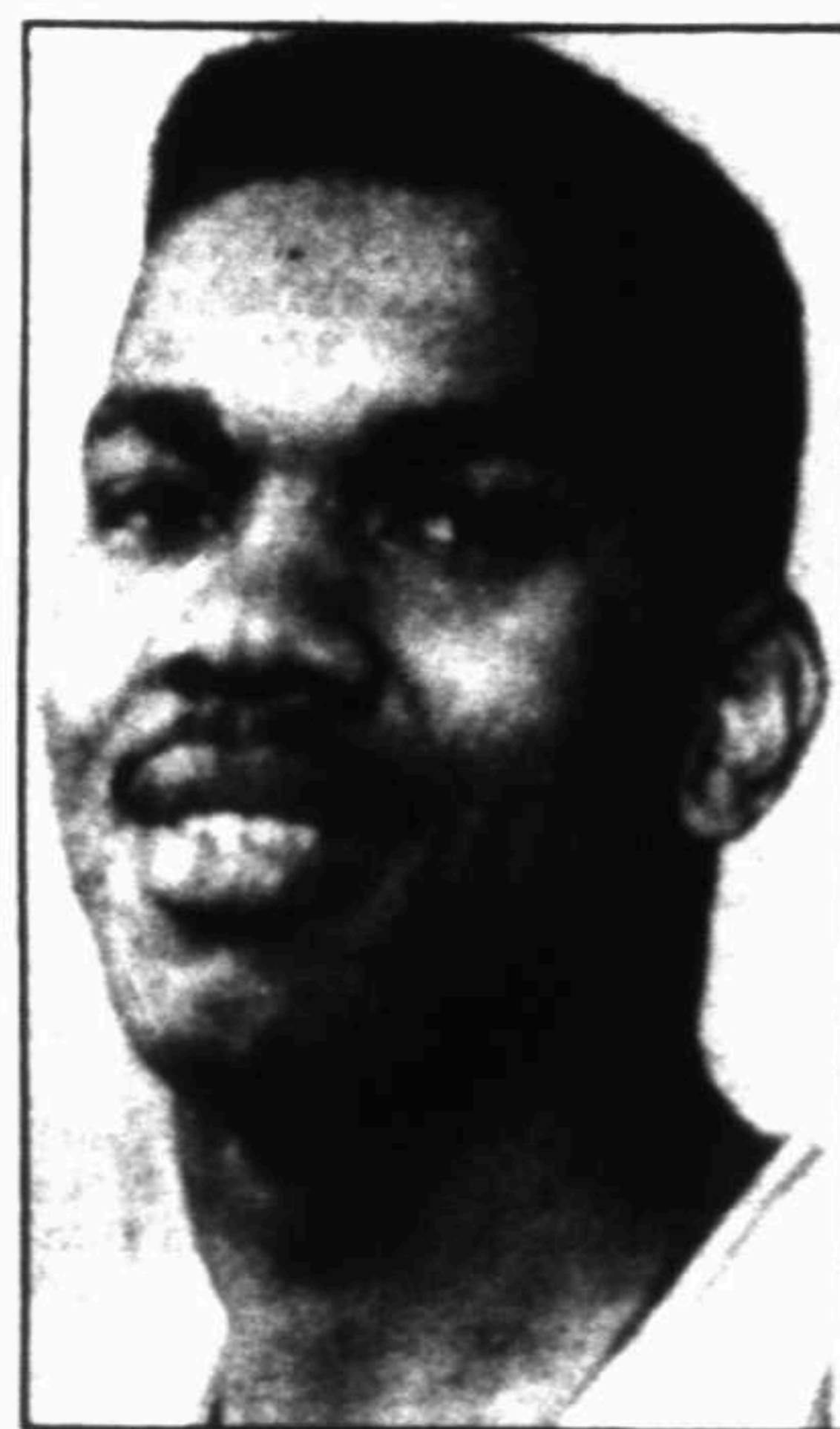
Grace played on the 1984-85 Chaparral squad that finished fourth in the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament.

Minor and Blaylock led last season's team, which ended its 32-4 season with a 69-68 loss to Southern Idaho in the NJCAA final.

In 1985-86, the year the three played together, the Chaps had 33 victories without a loss until falling to eventual NJCAA champion San Jacinto College.



Mookie Blaylock
...theft made legal



Ricky Grace
...assists phenom

Oklahoma owns stack of NBA blue chips

By DAVE ANDERSON
New York Times News Service

Each of the other three teams in the Final Four has a glamorous all-American name: Danny Manning of Kansas, Sean Elliott of Arizona, and Danny Ferry of Duke, blue-chip National Basketball Association prospects either this year or next. But the University of Oklahoma has a stack of blue chips, three immediate or eventual first-round NBA choices: Stacey King, Harvey Grant and Mookie Blaylock, plus a likely second-round choice in Ricky Grace.

According to the blue-chip formula promulgated here annually, the college basketball team that will win the national championship in Kansas City next Monday night is the one with the most projected first-round choices, as predicted by Marty Blake, the NBA's scouting director. This year that team is Oklahoma.

For several years now, the Final Four teams have been analyzed in this blue-chip test tube. Only once has it failed to produce the winner. Three years ago, Villanova, with only Ed Pinckney as an eventual first-round choice (by the Phoenix Suns), stunned Georgetown for the title. And that game was recently chosen the biggest upset in the Final Four's half-century.

"This might be a coach's tournament," Blake was saying now from his Atlanta office. "I think each of these teams really enjoys playing for the coach."

Oklahoma certainly enjoys it. In their 34-3 record, the Sooners have averaged 104 points a game, including a 98.6 average in their four tournament games.

"Billy Tubbs can coach, his philosophy is just different from most other coaches," Blake said. "Innocent bystanders might think all they do is run, but it's a much more organized team than it appears. They have excellent 3-point shooters, especially Grace and Blaylock, who came out of the JUCO ranks from Midland College, and that forces a defense to come out. That's one reason why they're the best I've seen at getting the ball inside to their big men, King and Grant. And they can defend you with their speed. They can press you or they can play you nose to nose in a man."

King, a junior center at 6 feet 10 inches and 260 pounds, has averaged 22.5 points while Grant, a senior forward at 6-8 1/2 and 205, is the Sooners' best rebounder.

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JIMMY PATTERSON

Still waiting for Ranger pennant

In early April 1972, Frank Howard hit a late-inning home run to allow the Texas Rangers to beat the California Angels 7-6.

It was the Rangers' first home run and their first victory as a franchise.

Yeah, things looked good after day one.

As a 12-year-old, I was convinced we had ourselves a major league team — right there in Arlington, Tex. A World Series pennant, I thought for sure, was just an October away.

But, I was young then, and youngsters are many times known for their carried-away imaginations.

Here we are ... 1988 ... it is spring, and next Monday, the 18th version of this quickly-becoming-infamous team is preparing for another one of those "promising" seasons when so many of the Ranger youth have that ever-famous "potential."

If you read the right pre-season publications or the right columnists in the right papers, you get the impression that this will be the year the Rangers break away and finally latch onto something they can call a successful season. One baseball magazine even picks Texas as the winner in



Patterson

the AL West.

Horse hockey!

Ranger fans have been fooled enough for, lo, these many years, and they shouldn't buy the pre-season promises this year. Nostrum, Bobby. Even Valentine's excellent p.r. work can't make up for what the Rangers lack.

SIMPLE TRUTH is the Rangers do not have what it takes to produce attendance in October. The Rangers are known for tickling the fancy of their fans in the first-half of the season, only to fall in the fall.

Nineteen eighty-eight will be no different. Aside from knuckle-baller Charlie Hough, the Rangers have no proven pitching. They have set league records in balks and walks and wild pitches, but they have not commanded respect from the opposition.

You've got Bobby Witt, who toned down his wild pitches last year, but still led the league in walks.

Then there's Jose Guzman who's consistently inconsistent. He had a lousy first half last year, but did come back in the last half to finish with a semblance of respectability.

There's Edwin Correa. But count him out, at least in the early going, as his tender shoulder has been setting up again.

Witt, Guzman and Correa. Three pitchers entering their third year. Isn't it about time they

reached this *no-chance* *promising* *only* *promise*.

There are plenty of good bats in the Ranger line-up that have gone unrecognized because of the Rangers' annual autumn slide.

Pete O'Brien. Larry Parrish. Ruben Sierra. Good players with proven potential, who would give a ring finger to play in a championship series.

But the argument has always been — and will continue to be this year — that the Rangers do not have the pitching to make a legitimate run at the Fall Classic.

THE RANGERS never were a threat last year, spending only one day in first place early in the season. It was a highly forgettable season, and thought by many to be the single most disappointing year in franchise history.

That Texas got off to a 1-10 start in '88 didn't help matters and quite likely contributed to the demise of the fan-love they experienced in 1985. If only the Rangers can turn that 1-10 start around, they may have a chance at a stretch drive this season.

Nash! Too many "ifs," "ands" and "buts." Too many Guzmans, Witts, and Correas. Too many holes to fill. And too many hopes dashed from years passed.

Jimmy Patterson is a sports writer of the Reporter-Telegram.

SportScan

TV Sports...

(Subject to Change)
GOLF — Greater Greensboro Open, 11 a.m., ESPN.
Dinah Shore Open, 2 p.m., ESPN.

BASKETBALL — NABC All-Star Game, 7 p.m., ESPN.
HOCKEY — Penguins vs. Devils, 7 p.m., HSE.

Trivia Teaser...

Today's Question: What was Mickey Mantle's uniform number with the Yankees in his first game in 1951?

Wednesday's Answer: Ruben Marquard pitched in 11 series games from 1911-1920, but was only 2-5.

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Quotebook...

"It's something I'd really have to think about. It's a difficult situation, but also one you'd like to be in, to have that opportunity. I'm thinking about it hard." Kentucky junior guard Ron Chapman on the possibility of turning pro.

NBA Today...

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STUFF
Houston center Robert Parish pulled down seven rebounds Wednesday night against Houston — all on the offensive end.

Associated Press

Brett (22 HR, 78 RBI) batted .290, marking his second straight season below .300. It's the first time he did that in his career. Janny Tartabull (.309, 34 HR, 101 RBI) is back after becoming the first spring training holdout in

Projected Finish: 1. Oakland, 2. Minnesota, 3. Kansas City, 4. Texas, 5. Seattle, 6. California, 7. Chicago.

Twins 6, Astros 5

Sutter, making a comeback after missing two seasons with shoulder injuries, was pitching for

pitching by Dennis Martinez and Joe Hesketh for Montreal. Webster's homer sparked a three-run

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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	30	28	.518	0
Washington	30	28	.518	0
New York	30	40	.429	18 1/2
New Jersey	18	32	.364	31 1/2
Central Division				
Atlanta	43	26	.623	0
Chicago	41	29	.586	5 1/2
Minnesota	38	30	.560	10 1/2
Indiana	33	35	.486	15 1/2
Cleveland	33	35	.486	15 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
L.A. Lakers	46	23	.667	0
Portland	43	25	.632	3 1/2
Seattle	37	31	.543	9 1/2
Phoenix	33	35	.486	13 1/2
Golden State	31	37	.451	15 1/2
L.A. Clippers	15	54	.217	36 1/2

MIDWESTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Dallas	46	23	.667	0
Denver	44	26	.623	2 1/2
Houston	40	28	.588	6 1/2
Utah	38	31	.551	9 1/2
San Antonio	28	43	.396	20 1/2
Sacramento	20	50	.286	28 1/2

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District 4-5A Standings

OVERALL				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Abilene Cooper	13	5	.722	0
Midland High	12	5	.706	0
Abilene High	9	8	.525	4 1/2
Midland Lee	8	9	.471	8 1/2
Odeasa Permian	5	8	.385	13 1/2
San Angelo	4	8	.333	14 1/2

TUESDAY'S RESULTS				
Midland High 7, Odeasa Permian 6				
Odeasa Permian 5, Abilene High 4				
Abilene High 7, Hobbs 6 (non-district)				

MHS-Lee District Stats

Midland High (13-5, 3-1) HT/WT				
Player	ab	r	h	2b
Tony Perez	13	9	8	2
Eric Boyd	14	5	7	1
Clara Crawford	14	5	7	1
David Durrett	11	3	4	0
James Surratt	14	5	7	1
Robert Stone	14	5	7	1
Russell Pyle	3	3	1	0
Dorey Thompson	13	2	4	1
Scott Mowles	13	0	0	0
Robert Stone	14	5	7	1
Patrick Mowles	0	0	0	0
Shawn Savas	0	0	0	0
David Hays	0	0	0	0
Kyle Luby	3	3	1	0
Will Sowers	3	3	1	0
Joe Rendon	1	0	0	0
Sam Sowers	1	0	0	0
Total	115	37	52	22

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Pitching				
Player	ab	r	h	2b
Eric Boyd	11	2	1	0
Clara Crawford	10	7	2	0
David Durrett	10	7	2	0
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Ueberroth suspends Reds' Eddie Milner for second time cocaine use

PLANT CITY, Fla. (AP) — The Major League Players Association isn't sure whether it will appeal the one-year suspension of Cincinnati Reds outfielder Eddie Milner for repeated cocaine use.

A spokesman for the players' association objected after Milner was suspended without pay Wednesday by baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth just hours after the outfielder told the Reds he'd used cocaine.

It was the second offense for Milner, 32, who underwent rehabilitation for cocaine use last May when he was with the San Francisco Giants. Milner missed 52 days last season as a result.

Gene Orta, associate general counsel of the players' association, said no decision has been made on whether to file a grievance over Milner's suspension without pay.

"The commissioner is taking actions that have no basis under the just-cause standard of the Basic Agree-

ment," Orta said. "... Something happened this morning, and six hours later they suspend a player for a year."

Reds General Manager Murray Cook said the team had no inkling that Milner was using cocaine again until he failed to show up for an exhibition game Wednesday against Boston.

The team contacted Milner at his spring training residence, and the outfielder said he'd used cocaine, Cook said. Cook and the team's trainer and doctor then went to meet with Milner, who was in bad shape, according to Cook.

"He advised us of his relapse," Cook said. "At this point in time, he's not in a position of really functioning."

The commissioner's office was notified, and Ueberroth handed down the suspension, Cook said. Milner was the first player suspended by the commis-

sioner for drug use since Feb. 28, 1987, when pitcher Laddie Hoyt was penalized several days after being released by the San Diego Padres. An arbitrator reduced the suspension to 60 days last June.

Five players in the past who have been suspended by the commissioner have had their suspensions shortened by arbitrators: Ferguson Jenkins in 1980, Willie Wilson and Jerry Martin in 1983, Pascual Perez in 1984, and Hoyt last year.

Milner was released by the Giants after playing in 101 games last season, hitting .252. He signed one-year, \$250,000 contract with the Reds on Feb. 10, and had won a roster spot this spring as a backup center fielder and first baseman. He was expected to play frequently as a left-handed-hitting backup to Eric Davis in center and Nick Esasky at first.

"He was just what we thought we needed," Manager Pete Rose said.

Milner, of Columbus, Ohio, played for the Reds from 1980-86.

SPRING

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Before and after the games, players thankfully sign autographs and discuss their plans for the coming season. Team strategies are routinely reported each night in the local papers, on the 10 p.m. news and in bars all around the city. Everyone is simply out to have a good time.

By the end of spring training, with record-breaking sold out crowds to their credit, Arizona Cactus League stadiums will have contributed considerably to spreading baseball fever to West Texas and throughout the land.

Baseball fever hits Texas A&M

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M fans are jumping on the bandwagon and supporting their baseball team to all extremes.

The 5,053-capacity Pat Olsen Field had a standing-room-only crowd of 5,373 fans crammed into the aisles and every nook and cranny to watch Monday's match between the sixth-ranked Aggies and top-ranked Oklahoma State, nursing a 15-game winning streak.

The Aggies lost 5-4 in extra innings but the nationally televised game on ESPN drew raves.

A&M fans arrived with painted faces and 1,000 of them had on batting helmets.

One small band of fans had a large fishing pole with a "crying towel" hooked on the end of the line which they dropped from the upper deck within Oklahoma State Coach Gary Ward's reach.

"That's an area called 'George's Jungle'" said A&M assistant sports information director Alan Cannon.

"The tradition got started several years ago when Baylor came to play and they hooked a teddy bear and dropped it near the Bears' coach (Mickey Sullivan). It's different," he said.

"All I know it was the loudest crowd we've ever had. You couldn't hear the public address announcer," Cannon, who has seen all of A&M's games, said.

The Aggies, however, have not had the national baseball success of their Southwest Conference rival Texas Longhorns and Coach Cliff Gustafson. The Aggies have won three straight SWC football titles but, when you talk college baseball, Gustafson is still the king.

"This one was a great show," Ward said of Monday's game. "We'd like to play them again. On June 10th."

June 10 is the day of the championship game in the College World Series.

The Aggies came within a game of making the College World Series last year in the championship of the Mid-East Regional but lost 11-9 to Oklahoma State.

"It was almost a replay of the game we lost Monday night," Cannon said. "We had runners on the corners with two outs but still lost."

The Aggies last appeared in the College World Series in 1964, losing their first two games. Texas and Arkansas represented the SWC last year with Texas finishing third.

NIT

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The Huskies, 20-14, had never before made the semifinals in six previous NIT trips. Ohio State, 20-13, won the NIT title in 1986, and the Buckeyes were making their third trip to the Final Four in four appearances.

Calhoun said Connecticut, which was 14-1 this season against opponents outside the Big East, did not play like a last-place team.

"The league was so close from top to bottom, there was a lot of parity," Calhoun said. "The Big East prepared us to play in the NIT."

"We lost a lot of games in the Big East and had reasons to quit. But we hung in there and believed in ourselves. We were afraid the season was over after the Big East tournament, but we got the NIT invitation and kept working."

"This puts us on the map," Gamble said. "We lost to some good teams. People said we didn't belong in the tournament, but we didn't listen and we proved we belong."

Three-pointers by Tony White and James Bradley in the final minute got Ohio State as close as 68-65 with 37 seconds left. But Steve Pikiell, whose 3-pointer with 7:38 left put Connecticut ahead to stay, and Murray Williams hit two free throws each to keep the Buckeyes at bay.

Jay Burson led Ohio State with 16 points and White and Curtis Wilson had 13 each. George scored 14 points and Williams 13 for Connecticut.

The Huskies led 11-4 with 13:53 left in the first half on the first of Gamble's 3-pointers.

But before Gamble hit another 3-pointer with 6:13 to go, Ohio State had outscored the Huskies 14-2 for an 18-13 advantage. Wilson had two 3-pointers and eight points during Ohio State's rally.

Gamble's third long-range basket, with 1:35 left, regained the lead for Connecticut, 25-22, and the Huskies led 27-25 at halftime.

Williams said he never felt confident of victory because the Buckeyes weren't playing well.

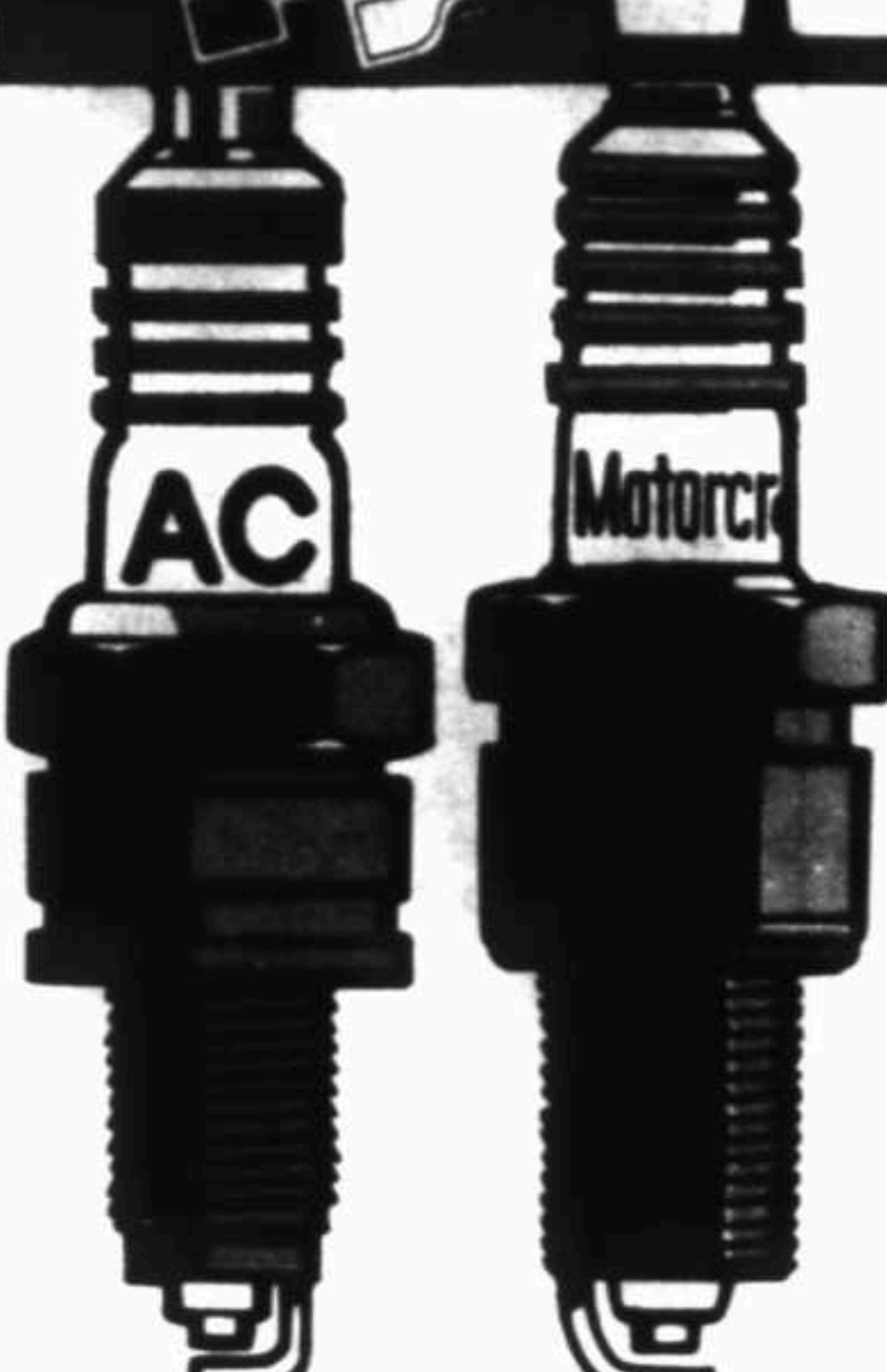
"We were a half-step slow getting to loose balls," Williams said. "We didn't work hard to get good shots, so our shot selection wasn't good."

The Buckeyes shot 41.1 percent from the field.

In the third place game, Colorado State defeated Boston College 66-67 as Pat Durham, who scored seven of his 17 points in the final 41 seconds, hit a layup at the buzzer, clinching a rally from a 13-point deficit.

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Ranked teams fall to Tech

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Texas Tech — Tech has a 5-2 record over the last two weeks against teams ranked in the ESPN-Collegiate Baseball national poll at some point this season. The Red Raiders take a 4-2 SWC record (just two wins off last year's full-season 6-15 mark) into a three-game series at Texas A&M Friday and Saturday...Hurdler Lemuel Stinson of Houston (Worthing HS) ran an NCAA-qualifying time of 13.75 in the Texas Southern Relays in his hometown earlier this month.

Texas A&M — Aggies' pole vaulter Kyle Henderson has cleared 17 feet outdoors and is shooting for the NCAA qualifying mark of 17 feet, 5 1/2 inches. He joins his teammates in taking a competitive week off before A&M vies in the Texas Relays at Austin on Apr. 8-9...The Lady Aggies' tennis team takes a short break with a 1-4-6 dual match record before meeting Texas Tech on Apr. 5 and Texas Tech on Apr. 6.

Texas — Ranked second in both the ESPN-Collegiate Baseball and Baseball America national polls, the Longhorns' baseball team hosts Baylor in a three-game series Friday night and Saturday. UT is 35-5 overall and has a 17-game win streak, longest in the SWC this spring. Leading the way for Coach Cliff Gustafson's forces are paced by designated hitter Mike Patrick with a .392 batting average and by pitcher Eric Stone, who has a 10-1 record.

Arkansas — The Razorbacks' men's golf team seeks the SWC regular-season title Thursday through Saturday in the All-America Intercollegiate at Houston's Bear Creek Golf World. Coach Bill Woodley's crew already owns team championships in the first two "legs" of the SWC golf "triple crown," the Harvey Penick Invitational at Austin and the Border Olympics earlier this month at Laredo. UA can clinch the title with a finish of fifth or better.

Baylor — The Bears' standout sprinter Michael Johnson has clinched a spot in the NCAA Outdoor Championships 200 meters with a clocking of 20.36 seconds last week in a triangular track meet at Austin. Baylor's baseball squad is tied for second in the SWC at 2-1 as it approaches a weekend series at Austin against Texas.

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ranked second nationally. Second baseman Trent Weaver paces Coach Mickey Sullivan's squad with a .342 batting average.

Houston — Houston is host to the All-America Intercollegiate golf tournament at Bear Creek Golf World Thursday through Sunday with a national field of 24 teams, including all nine SWC men's golf groups...Distancewoman Carmen Maldonado is close to qualifying for a berth in the NCAA Outdoor 1,500 meters with a clocking of 4:32.06. That's less than 13 seconds off the NCAA entry standard of 4:19.75.

Rice — Owls' outfielder Jay Knoblauch of Houston (Bellaire HS) continues to wreak havoc on opposition pitching with a .421 batting average, third in the SWC this week. The senior outfielder also ranks fourth in the conference with 14 doubles and stands second league-wide with 45 RBI in 36 games...Rice trackwoman Michelle Barrs has one of the region's fastest times this spring in the 800 meters with a team-best clocking of 2:15.13.

Southern Methodist — SMU's men's golf team stands third in the competition for the SWC regular-season golf team title as the Mustangs prepare for the All-America Intercollegiate. The Mustangs have 120 team points from a sixth-place finish in the Harvey Penick Invitational and a second-place showing in the Border Olympics...The men's track team begins 1988 outdoor activity Friday and Saturday in the Sun Angel Invitational at Tempe, Ariz.

Texas Christian — The Horned Frogs' golf team, which won the 1986 SWC men's championship, looks forward to the 1988 renewal of the conference tourney at Plano's Gleneagles golf course on Apr. 15-17. Sophomore Mark Massengale of Conroe has one of the Frogs' top finishes of the 1987-88 academic year with a seventh-place showing in the autumn Miami (Fla.) Sun and Fun Classic. Coach Bill Montigel's team has just one senior-Kingwood's Jimmy Cunningham.

Suspension possible for fighting

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — If college basketball's chief rulesmaker has his way, any player or coach involved in a fight during a game next season will face at least a two-game suspension.

"The college game is too great to allow it to be ruined by fistfuffs," said Dr. Edward Steitz, the Springfield College athletic director who has been secretary-editor of the NCAA basketball rules committee for 21 years.

Before leaving for the committee's meetings this week at Kansas City, Mo., Steitz said he expected the body to enact at least a one-game suspension for fighting. But he said he would push for at least a two-game suspension, and would urge conferences and college presidents to tack on even tougher penalties.

"Depending on the seriousness of the altercation, I can see suspensions of up to a season," Steitz said. "We're the guardians of the game and we can't kick this under the rug. We've got to move quickly and forcefully. The ugly fight scenes we've seen this season have no place in an educational setting."

He said more fights occurred this season than in any of his 30 years in the college game. "And the really scary thing is the involvement of spectators. There can be serious or even fatal injuries in that kind of brawl situation."

Steitz blamed the rise in violence partly on the increased pressure and rewards for players, coaches and schools to make the NCAA Tourna-

ment. But he said that was no excuse.

Under current rules, referees can do no more than eject players or coaches from a game because of involvement in a fight, and schools have been reluctant to take additional disciplinary action. "Unfortunately, there are not too many college presidents that are going to suspend their superstar," Steitz said.

The NCAA, which has jurisdiction only over the national tournament, said it would use its powers to disqualify from further tournament play any player involved in a fight. The tournament has so far been free of fights.

"It's not just the player alone," said Steitz, who would empower game referees to hand out suspensions. "The coaches have to take more responsibility, and we certainly are not going to tolerate any violent act on their part."

"The officials need to call the cheap shot — the elbow, the hand-checking — and put an end to the verbal harassment and the slurs we hear on the court," he said. "And the administrators need to become more involved in crowd control."

Steitz's annual survey of more than 2,000 college coaches, referees, administrators and sports writers disclosed sharp disagreement among referees and coaches as to whether fouls that often lead to fights were being called properly. Twice as many officials as coaches felt that officials were doing a better job of policing rough play in games.

Steitz, whose committee introduced the 3-point shot to college basketball, also said that shooting statistics have been so stable over the past two seasons that he anticipated no changes, despite some dissatisfaction with the 19-foot, 9-inch distance for the long-range shots.

Schlichter said to have debts of near \$1 million

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Art Schlichter, the former Indianapolis Colts quarterback suspended by the NFL for being involved with gambling, filed for bankruptcy protection on Wednesday, a television station reported.

Schlichter, who also is Ohio State's career passing leader,

filed a bankruptcy petition in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Columbus, listing his debts at about \$1 million and his assets at \$1,800, WBNS-TV reported.

A woman who answered the telephone at Schlichter's home in Bloomington, Ohio, and identified herself as his mother said Schlichter was not available

for comment. She said she had not heard the report and refused to comment.

Schlichter owes more than \$250,000 to Indianapolis Colts owner Robert Irsay.

He attempted a comeback in the NFL in 1986 with the Buffalo Bills, but was released during the exhibition season.

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Noah's lifestyle producing wins

DALLAS (AP) — Yannick Noah recently became a vegetarian and cut his smoking habit to two cigarettes a day.

"I feel much better," he says. The proof is in the numbers. France's top player, off to the fastest start in his eight-year pro career, boosted this year's match record to 19-3 by dispatching Tim Mayotte, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 Wednesday night in the quarterfinals of the WCT Finals.

Noah will meet top-seeded Stefan Edberg in Friday's semifinal. Edberg was a 6-4, 6-3, 6-0 victor over Martin Jaffe in Wednesday's other quarterfinal match.

Tonight's semifinal match pits Brad Gilbert of the U.S. against second-seeded Boris Becker of West Germany.

The semifinal survivors will meet Saturday afternoon for the \$200,000 championship purse.

Noah was easily the most impressive player Wednesday night. Mayotte, who'd beaten Noah in all three previous career matches and had dropped only one set to Noah, senses Noah is enjoying himself more than last year.

"He seems to be," Mayotte said. "You can tell, when he's moving well, when he's bouncing around at the net, when he's being expressive. It's a sign he's charged up again."

Noah was his usual expressive self Wednesday night but his concentra-

WCT Finals

tion also was in top form. "Before I am a clown and an entertainer, I am a tennis player," Noah said. "I am trying to be a tennis player."

Noah, ranked eighth by the ATP computer, took control in the first set when he got the set's only break in the 10th game, cracking a backhand pass down the line.

Mayotte, the ninth-ranked player in the world, never was able to climb back into the match as his game deteriorated into a flood of unforced errors and missed opportunities at net.

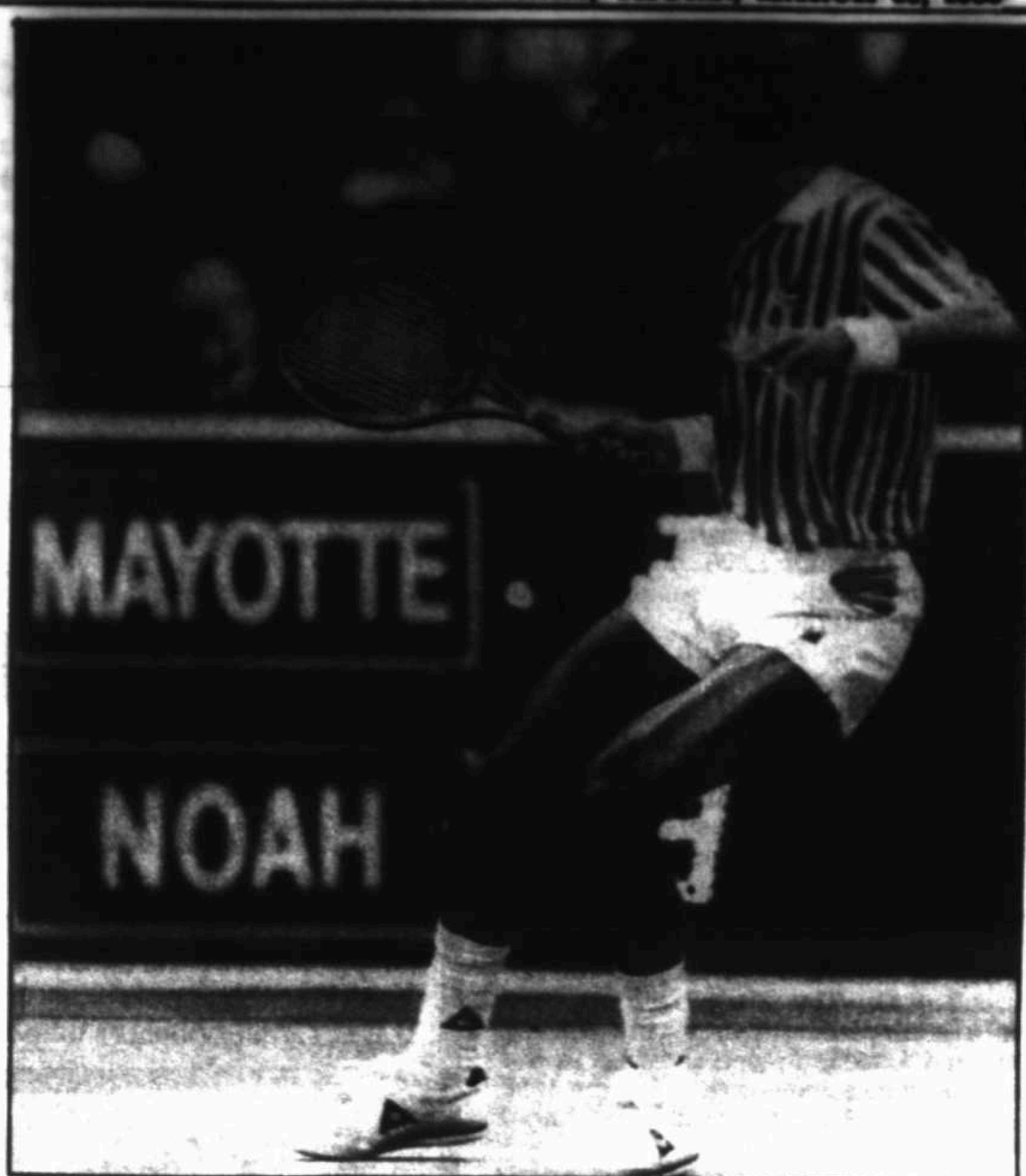
The match featured several entertaining exchanges of volleys as both players attempted to take the net at every opportunity.

"We both are active players," Noah said. "We're both better at net so we had some exciting points."

Mayotte said Noah had never served better in their previous matches.

"Yannick served exceptionally well tonight," Mayotte said. "Usually he serves big but pretty spotty but tonight he was hitting his serves whenever he wanted."

"I was unable to get into any of his service games. I couldn't get into any



Yannick Noah...awkward forehand that works.

rhythm and I didn't feel like I was focusing."

Edberg, the top seed and third-ranked player worldwide, had little trouble with Jaffe, breaking the 12th-ranked Argentine's serve seven times in the match.

Meanwhile Edberg, making his

first appearance in a month after taking time off to recover from a bout with bronchitis, was serving with power and precision.

Edberg has dominated his previous matches against Noah, winning all five in their career series.

Kruger turns down UT

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Coach Lon Kruger signed a new five-year contract Wednesday with Kansas State after asking that his name be removed from consideration for the head coaching job at the University of Texas.

"We're remaining at Kansas State and I couldn't be any more pleased," Kruger said at an informal news conference Wednesday afternoon. "This is where we want to be. This is the battle we want to fight."

Kruger, 38, turned down what apparently was a chance to coach the men's basketball team and work for his old boss and long-time friend, UT Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds.

Reports linking Kruger with Texas surfaced after he led the Wildcats to the final of the NCAA Midwest Regional before losing to Kansas on Sunday.

Dodds said in a statement Wednesday that Kruger had visited the UT campus on Tuesday.

San Angelo holds golf lead

From Staff Reports

ODESSA — San Angelo holds a slim seven-stroke lead over Odessa Permian in the District 4-5A girls golf race after play here Wednesday, but that's two strokes more than the Bobcats had after the first week of play.

San Angelo fired a team round of 367 for a 721 total while Permian trails with a 368-728. Midland Lee is third with a 391-774 while Midland High is threatening to overtake the Rebels after a 381-776.

San Angelo's Lisa Baugh is a one stroke leader over Permian's Candy Morgan in the medalist chase after a two-round 162. Lee's Nicole Marburger is a distant third with a 175

Marburger led Lee with an 88 Wednesday and was followed by Carri Sutton 97, Jamie Winborn 97, Angela Bishop 109, and Michelle Martin 111. Lee individuals were Alyssa Treadway 111 and Kristi Soderstrom 120.

Kim Carson's 91 led MHS and she was followed by Donna Gatlin 92, Tonya Hertel 90, Jenny Hyde 90 and Amanda Koen 110. The MHS No. 2 team had Heather Ferguson 104, Judy Moore 103, Jennifer Foster 115, Christine Kelly 133 and Laura Solcher 140.

The teams move to Abilene Country Club Wednesday and then to the San Angelo Country Club the following Tuesday to complete the district tour.

SOONERS

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"Grant reminds people of Bob McAdoo," Blake said. "He can rebound. He's a better shooter than he's given credit for. He can make the outlet pass. King is very shifty, he has showed enough to be a first-round choice next year. And if Blaylock keeps coming along, he also figures to be a first-round choice next year."

In Saturday night's prime-time semifinal, Oklahoma will oppose Arizona, which has a 35-2 record.

"People are wondering," Blake said, "if Lute Olson's coaching will overcome Oklahoma's quickness and contain King, but Arizona is going to need a big game, especially from Elliott."

Elliott, the 6-8 junior from Tucson, is arguably the best basketball player ever to grow up in Arizona.

"Elliott will be a bona fide first-round choice next year," Blake said. "He can shoot from outside. He can put the ball on the floor. He can rebound. And next year at this time Anthony Cook, the 6-9 junior rebounder, might be a first-round choice, but at the moment he's not projected as one. Their point guard, Steve Kerr, is a wonderful college player and he'll get a chance in the N.B.A., but I doubt that he'll be a first-round choice."

Manning, the 6-10 Kansas forward, is expected to be the very first player chosen in this year's NBA draft.

"I don't know what a coach of the year is," Blake said, "but Larry Brown got Kansas to the Final Four with only one really great player. Manning is the best senior in the country. But what makes it all the more amazing is that they lost Archie Marshall, a potentially late first-round choice or an early second-round choice, and they also lost Marvin Branch, another very viable NBA prospect."

"For a big guy, Manning is such a versatile player. He's an exceptional passer. He can beat you inside or outside. He can go into the corner. He can lead the break. He can block shots. He can play defense. It'll be interesting to see how Duke defenses him. They might have to play some kind of jumbled defense because of Manning: a box and one, a two-three, a two-one-two."

Duke, the Atlantic Coast Confer-

ence champion, has a 6-10 sophomore, Alaa Abdelnaby, with the potential to be a first-round choice.

"He's got to improve a lot in the next two years, but the raw talent is there," Blake said. "If Duke can get a big power game out of him against Kansas, it will make a big difference, but Duke should beat Kansas anyway, if only because it has more good players. It's got a great coach in Mike Krzyzewski and a bona fide all-America in Danny Ferry, who's gotten better each year."

Ferry, at 6-10, led Duke to its 28-6 record with averages of 19.1 points and 7.5 rebounds per game.

"Danny's smart, he sees the game, he's a floor general at 6-10," Blake

said. "He's gotten to be a more aggressive rebounder and he shoots the ball so well from outside. He'll be a very high NBA pick next year. Kevin Strickland, their 6-5 swingman, has a chance to be a NBA player, but I doubt if he'll be a first-round choice. Billy King is a defensive specialist who forced Mark Macon to take shots he didn't want to take when Duke beat Temple last week. King will be drafted, but probably not in an early round."

And if Duke and Oklahoma get to Monday night's title game, Billy King and the Duke defense will be put to the test of trying to spill the Sooners' stack of blue chips.

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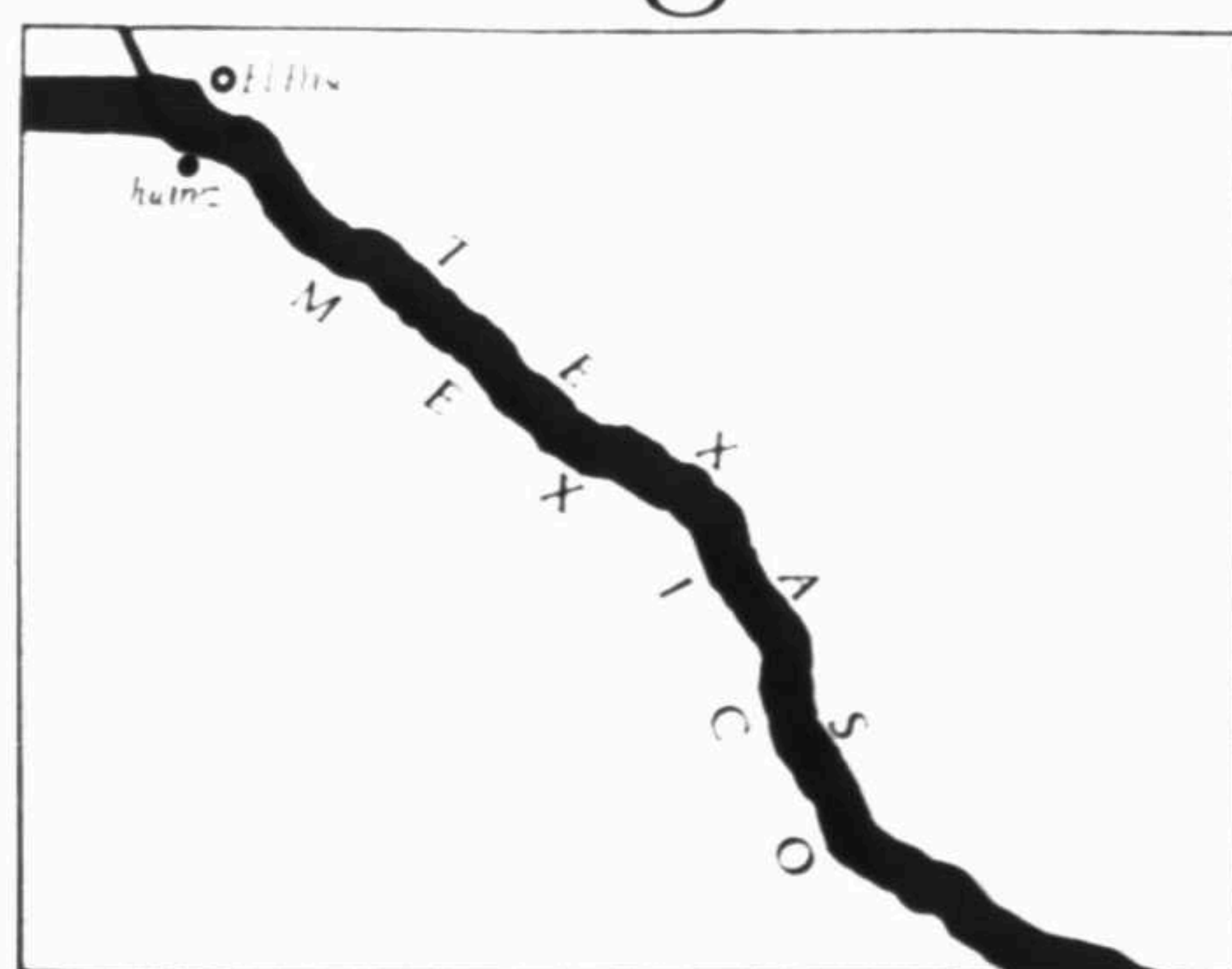
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Texaco managers ponder buyout

By ROBERT J. COLE
New York Times News Service

NEW YORK — Top executives of Texaco Inc. have taken a close look at a management-led buyout as one way to protect the company's independence, Wall Street sources disclosed Wednesday.

Texaco's shares led the New York Stock Exchange in volume Wednesday, with nearly 3 million shares changing hands. They traded as high as \$49.25 each before ending the day at \$47.75 each, down 25 cents a share.

At that price, the company would cost about \$12 billion — probably much more.

The leveraged-buyout plan, among several reviewed by Texaco and never made public, is said to have been studied intensely about three months ago, soon after Texaco discovered that Carl C. Icahn, the Wall Street investor, was taking a serious interest in the company.

The top-level review followed a surprise announcement Tuesday by Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co., the nation's No. 1 leveraged-buyout firm, that it would seek federal antitrust clearance to buy up to 15 percent of Texaco's 243

million shares.

The events are thought to be unrelated, but Texaco greeted the Kohlberg, Kravis announcement favorably, saying that it believed that the investment firm's intentions were friendly and that it would help Texaco.

Kohlberg, Kravis said it owned 11.96 million Texaco shares, or 4.9 percent. Its cost is unknown, but it could approach \$475 million. At present prices, Kohlberg, Kravis would have to spend another \$1.8 billion to raise its stake to 15 percent.

Thus, Kohlberg, Kravis became the fourth investor to join in what many expect to be one of the most significant takeover battles of 1988. Icahn owns 14.8 percent of Texaco; T. Boone Pickens, the Texas oilman, heads an investor group seeking government clearance to buy 15 percent, and the Getty Petroleum Corp. of Plainview, N.Y., owns about 15 million in stock.

Wall Street strategists, meanwhile, have developed a scenario of possible moves that they expect Kohlberg, Kravis to present to Texaco for consideration. One of the most significant appeared to be a deal in which Kohlberg, Kravis would buy out Icahn and then swap its stock and

Icahn's shares — plus a large amount of cash — for a major portion of Texaco's oil and gas operations.

The plan would not only help Texaco cut its debt but would also give Kohlberg, Kravis and Icahn enormous profits on their shares. In addition, the investment firm would get at least \$100 million in fees for the deal.

But analysts contended that if Texaco made a deal with Icahn through Kohlberg, Kravis, and the company's stock then declined, Pickens could demand further concessions from Texaco.

Wall Street financial advisers recalled that three years ago, when the Gulf Oil Corp. was fighting a takeover bid from Pickens, Harold H. Hammer, then Gulf's executive vice president and chief administrative officer, tried to buy the company with Kohlberg, Kravis in what would have been the biggest leveraged buyout ever. Gulf decided instead to merge with the Chevron Corp. because it offered cash, while Kohlberg, Kravis and Hammer offered cash and securities.

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Two class action suits filed against First RepublicBank

DALLAS (AP) — A second investor suit was filed against ailing First RepublicBank Corp. and the giant bank holding company said Wednesday it expects a significant first-quarter loss.

The Dallas-based company also reported in documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission that it may violate covenants on long term debts which could prompt creditors to demand immediate repayment.

These factors, among others, indicate that the corporation may be unable to continue in its present form. First RepublicBank said in a draft of its annual report to shareholders filed with the SEC. Shareholders have not yet received the report.

First RepublicBank Texas largest bank holding company and the 13th largest in the nation, said it expects a "significant loss" during the first quarter of 1988. Company insiders expect the loss to exceed \$500 million.

The loss was caused by major deposit outflows, increases in funding costs and in problem loans, especially in the real estate sector.

First RepublicBank on March 17 received a \$1 billion bailout from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

In making the advance, the FDIC said no protection was offered for First RepublicBank's creditors and shareholders. Simultaneously, First Republic suspended dividends on preferred stock.

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Bank deregulation clears Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation granting bank holding companies broad new securities powers is heading into the House after getting an overwhelming endorsement in the Senate.

Senators voted 94-2 Wednesday night to approve a bill that would permit the mingling of commercial and investment banking for the first time since the Depression.

The legislation substantially revises restrictions on banks in the Glass-Steagall Act passed in 1933 in reaction to abuses preceding the 1929 stock market crash.

Proponents of change argued that developments in the financial sys-

tem, particularly in the last decade, threaten the ability of banks to compete. Securities firms, for instance, offer bank-like services such as commercial paper and money market mutual funds.

The Senate bill would permit bank holding companies to underwrite and sell mortgage-backed securities, commercial paper and municipal revenue bonds immediately after the bill is approved by both houses of Congress and signed by President Reagan, who favors the bill.

Bank holding companies would be allowed to underwrite and sell corporate bonds and mutual funds six months after enactment. A vote by

Congress would be required in 1991 before bank holding companies could underwrite corporate stock, the most lucrative securities activity.

Wednesday evening's vote came after nearly six hours of debate in which Senate Banking Committee Chairman William Proxmire, D-Wis., warded off amendments that could have unraveled the delicate compromise adopted on an 18-2 vote by his committee earlier this month.

The bill is seen as something of a swan song for Proxmire, who retires next year after more than 30 years in the Senate. Just before its adoption, it was named the Proxmire Financial Modernization Act of 1988.

unfair surpluses that other countries run with the United States formed the centerpiece of Gephardt's abandoned campaign for president.

He said any final version should focus on key countries that make unfair trade practices part of a systematic trade strategy. Wholesale negotiations should be shunned in favor of working on major trade trouble spots, he said.

Mandatory retaliation is needed when negotiations fail, he said. "You have to have a stick in the closet," he said. But he added that flexibility is necessary in dealing with trading partners and the president should have the power to waive retaliation.

Lawmakers moved at a measured pace on Wednesday

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Lawmakers push to finish trade bill

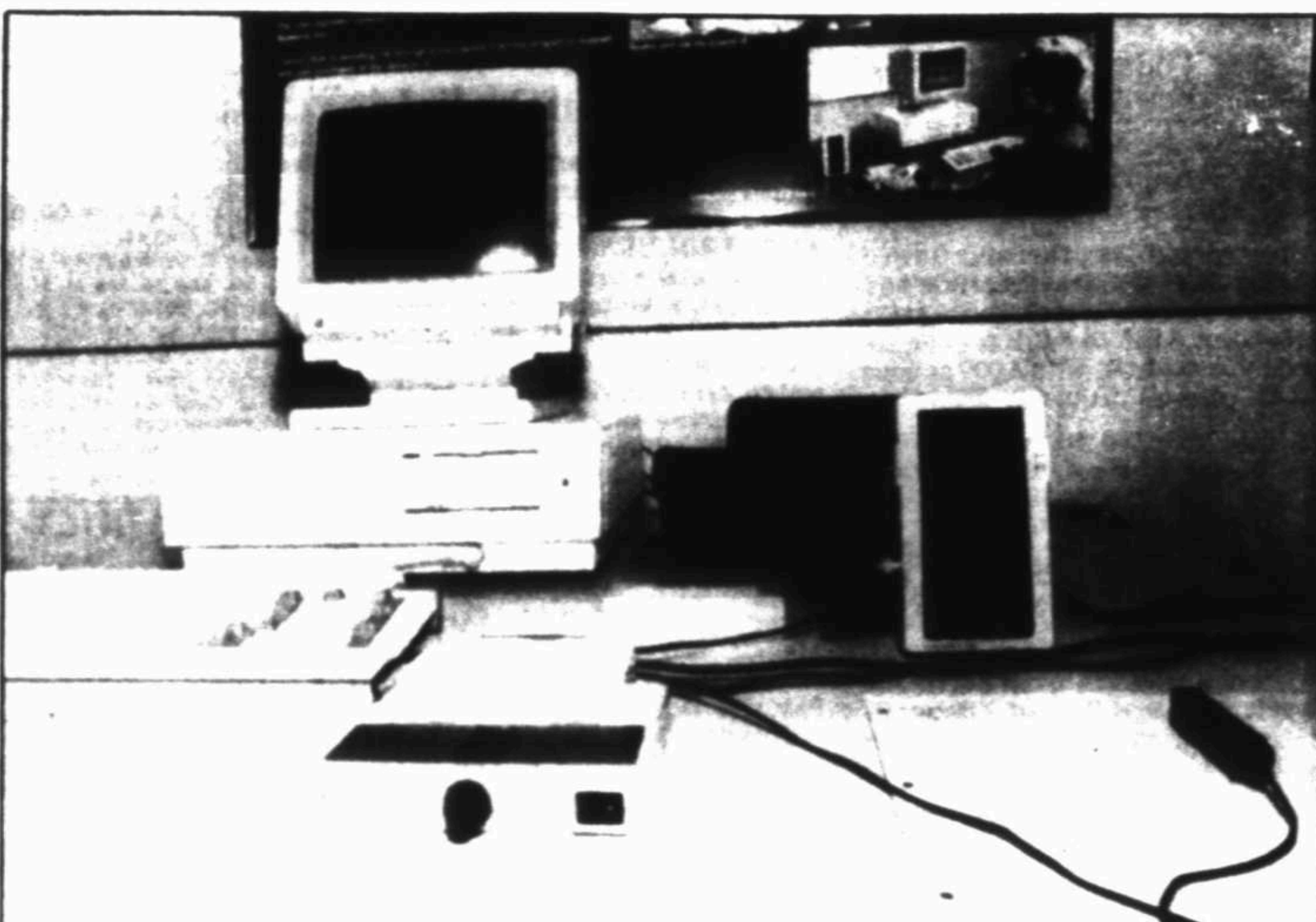
WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers are pushing to put final touches on a compromise 1,000-page trade bill this week despite such unresolved issues as what to do to retaliate against unfair trading practices.

— We're going to give it our best," Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, said Wednesday as a House-Senate conference committee plowed through a stack of proposals but stopped short of the big decisions.

Congress wants to have all the provisions wrapped up except a few minor loose ends before heading for its spring break at the end of the week.

The committee, attempting to fashion a compromise between rival 1,000-page trade bills passed by the two houses, heard Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., appeal to lawmakers to save the heart of his controversial trade plan.

The plan to force 10 percent annual reductions in



Future vision

A new machine manufactured by Canon will allow the blind to use personal computers by converting letters and numbers into vibrations felt with the index finger.

The device is expected to retail for nearly \$3,000 when it comes on the market in May, the company says.

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Exxon union celebrates 50th year

By MELLA McEWEN
Business/Oil Writer

Times were tough and money didn't come easy in the early days of the oil patch. Credit was even harder to come by, and those tight conditions resulted in what is now Midland's — and perhaps the Permian Basin's — oldest credit union.

The Exxon Midland Credit Union was formed in Wink, Texas on May 13, 1938 as the Humble Employees Wink Federal Credit Union, according to current manager Jana Haney. The organization will complete its 50th year of service this year, a feat that will earn it the recognition of the Texas Credit Union League next week.

"The Wink credit group was formed when a group of 10 men who worked for Humble Oil & Refining Co. and Humble Pipeline wrote a letter to the Farm Credit Administration asking to start a credit union," said Haney. "They received permission on May 13, 1938." All 10 were principle shareholders, each holding a share valued at \$5.

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BUSINESS GLANCE

MARKETS

Oil prices back below \$17 level

From Staff and Wire Reports

Contracts for May delivery of West Texas Intermediate opened lower, standing at \$16.98 at mid-morning, down 10 cents from Wednesday's close.

Oil prices had rebounded Wednesday from Tuesday's temporary setback, boosted by continued hopes about an upcoming OPEC meeting and by an encouraging new report on U.S. stocks of refined oil products.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, May contracts closed at \$17.08 per barrel, up 10 cents from Tuesday's close.

Trading on the exchange was described as light, muted by the approach of the Easter holiday weekend.

The advance came on the heels of a modest decline on Tuesday — which had broken a four-day rally as many investors sold futures contracts and took profits.

The recent strength stems from hopes that the pricing committee of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will achieve an agreement to prop up prices, analysts say. The pricing panel is due to meet in Vienna April 9.

Prices have risen in nine of the last 12 trading sessions on the Mercantile Exchange.

Traders said prices got an additional boost in Wednesday's session from the latest weekly report on U.S. oil stocks compiled by the American Petroleum Institute, an industry group based in

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The API statistics, released after the market closed on Tuesday, showed substantial drawdowns in stocks of both gasoline and heating oil in the week ended March 25 compared with the previous week.

The decrease in product inventories was seen as indicating a continued robust demand, analysts said.

"We had a fairly rational reaction here" to the API figures, said Bob Baker, an oil futures analyst for Prudential-Bache Securities Inc.

Dollar off against major currencies

LONDON (AP) — The dollar fell against all major currencies in early European trading today. Gold prices rose.

In London, the British pound, spurred by market expectations that Britain's Conservative government will not move to hold it down, rose to \$1.8796, up from \$1.8790 late Wednesday.

Dealers anticipated quiet trading ahead of a four-day Easter holiday weekend.

In Tokyo, the dollar dropped against the Japanese yen to close at the day's low of 124.50 yen, down 0.93 yen from Wednesday. Later, in London, the dollar fell further and was quoted at 124.28 yen.

Other dollar rates at mid-morning, compared with late Wednesday:

— 1.6584 West German marks, down from 1.6625
— 1.3677 Swiss francs, down from 1.3732
— 5.6265 French francs, down from 5.6505
— 1.8632 Dutch guilders, down from 1.8725
— 1.23025 Italian lire, down from 1.235.50
— 1.2356 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2370.

Gold opened in London at a bid price of \$457.30 a troy ounce, compared with late Wednesday's \$453.80. At mid-morning, the city's five major bullion dealers fixed a recommended price of \$458.00.

In Zurich, the noon bid price was \$458, up from \$454.50 late Wednesday. Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold rose \$3.02 to close at a bid \$458.81. Silver was quoted in London today at a bid price of \$6.76 a troy ounce, up from late Wednesday's \$6.65.

Stocks end lower as rally fizzles

NEW YORK (AP) — An afternoon round of selling sent stock prices lower Wednesday after an early advance faltered.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks, up more than 10 points in the early going, finished with a 20.22-point loss at 1,978.12. That marked its lowest close since it stood at 1,982.04 on Feb. 11.

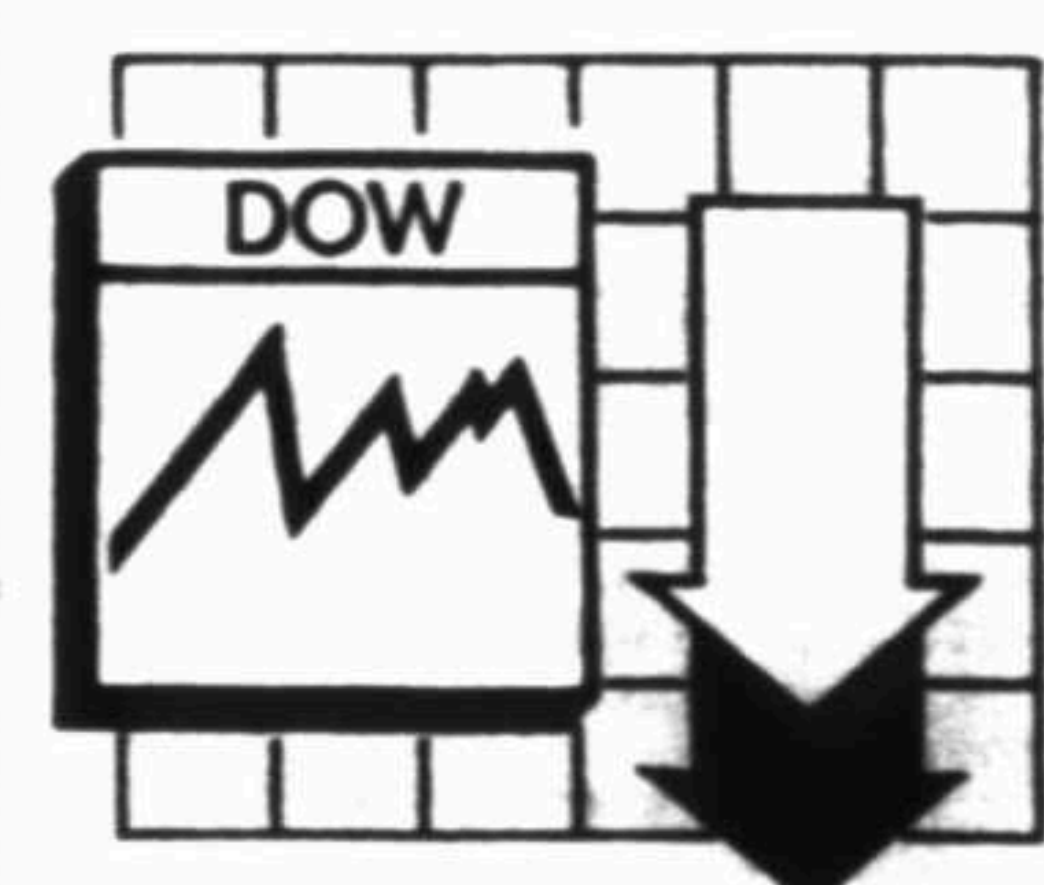
Declining issues outnumbered advances by about 5 to 3 in the daily tally on the New York Stock Exchange, with 571 up, 917 down and 477 unchanged.

Big Board volume came to 151.81 million shares, against 152.69 million in the previous session. The NYSE's composite index fell 1.00 to 146.22.

As measured by Wilshire Associates' index of more than 5,000 actively traded stocks, the market lost \$16.34 billion, or 0.63 percent, in value. Nationwide turnover in NYSE-listed issues, including trades in those stocks on regional exchanges and in the over-the-counter market, totaled 181.72 million shares.

Standard & Poor's index of 400 industrials fell 2.33 to 299.37, and S&P's 500-stock composite index was down 2.00 at 258.07.

The NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market dropped 1.18 to 371.38. At the Amex, the market value index closed at 283.67, off .66.



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Midland job figures still autonomous

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Local economic development personnel got a scare recently when word got out on the street that federal budget cuts were going to mean that labor market statistics for Midland and Odessa were going to be combined.

Not only would such a move be a blow to the pride of our neighbors in the Wide City to the west, the Tall City's employment figures would likely suffer because of Odessa's historically higher jobless rate.

According to Joe Hatcher, office manager for the Texas Employment Commission in Midland, the changes will scarcely be noticed. A 4.3 percent budget trimming dictated by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget bill, required the U.S. Department of Labor to drop 22 standard metropolitan statistical areas from its national

job market list — including three in Texas.

Along with Odessa, Tyler and Victoria have been tagged for elimination from the Labor Department's list. However, the budget reduction affects only reporting by the Labor Department, not compiling the figures by the TEC.

The state agency will continue to collect, compute and report employment figures for Midland and Odessa on a monthly basis, Hatcher said.

The one place Odessa figures will no longer be available is on the lists provided for people seeking national information directly from Washington.

While that could prove a minor hindrance for Odessa's development efforts, for the most part the entire episode was another example of much ado about little.

RECENT REPORTS of negotiations between the Saudi Arabians and Texaco for the former to acquire a 50 percent share in three of the latter's U.S. refineries may be

only the tip of an iceberg.

According to global oil experts quoted in Business Week, exporting nations are coming to the realization that the key to growth lies in developing their retailing clout.

Venezuela already holds a substantial stake in Citgo Petroleum, as well as partnerships in Germany and Sweden. Many other national oil companies have — or are negotiating for — stakes in European and American retail markets.

For instance, the Nigerians are reported to be working with the Irish government and with Sun Oil Co. in this country; Petroleos Mexicanos owns a large stake in one Spanish firm and is bidding for a share of their national gasoline distributor; and possibly the most ambitious are the Kuwaitis who have already bought Gulf's former stations in Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Italy and Scandinavia and own 20 percent of British Petroleum and other assets in England and Denmark.

Next on the Kuwaitis wish list are

U.S. and Asian outlets.

THE HISTORY OF the oil patch has often been far from a pretty sight, but next Saturday (April 9) the Second Annual World's Ugliest Roughneck Pageant will elevate that tradition to new heights.

After hours of wrestling pipe, fighting the West Texas elements and making hole bound for ancient dinosaur traps, no roughneck would suspect he could win a \$100 first prize for best exemplifying the "ugly" side of oilfield work. But the Permian Basin Petroleum Association's Blowout celebration will offer that chance.

In the midst of an afternoon of family entertainment and cooking contests, the pageant, emceed by KTX's Janet Storie, will begin at 4 p.m. at the Midland County Exhibit Building on East Highway 80.

Allen E. Howland is assistant business/oil editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Factory orders decline for second month

WASHINGTON (AP) — The second consecutive monthly decline in orders to U.S. factories for manufactured goods is no cause for alarm, analysts say.

The Commerce Department said Wednesday that orders for durable and non-durable goods dropped 0.6 percent to a seasonally adjusted \$210.86 billion last month following a 0.6 percent decline in January.

Economists said while businesses cut back on orders in the early part of the year, the cutbacks were moderate and may set the stage for faster growth.

Government spent more per person in 1987

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal spending averaged nearly \$3,433 per American in 1987, about \$41 more than the year before, the Census Bureau says.

Alaska led, with U.S. spending there averaging \$5,421, more than double the \$2,536 spent per resident in last-place Wisconsin, according to the report released Wednesday.

If it were a state, the District of Columbia would be the easy winner, however, with spending averaging \$23,300 per capita.

IRS will waive penalties on pensioners

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service says it will waive penalties for underpayments of estimated tax on most types of retirement income for 1987.

The agency earlier had decided not to impose such penalties on wages earned in 1987, because of widespread confusion about the new tax law and a complex W-4 withholding form.

In another decision affecting retirees, the IRS said Wednesday that owners of multiple Individual Retirement Accounts who passed the age of 70½ in 1987 will be allowed more discretion in choosing from which account to take a distribution. Such owners are required to take money from an IRA by April 1.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

'In-and-out' trading, investing not the same

By BILL DOYLE

Q. What are the best methods for a new investor to determine which stocks to buy for gains in six to 12 months, or even less time? Assume the new investor has \$5,000 to \$10,000 to invest.



Doyle

A. We'll also have to assume you are that "new investor." If you had been following the stock market — either as an active participant or just an observer — for any length of time, you would be well aware there is no sure answer to your question.

No one in this wide world can provide methods of selecting stocks that are going to rise in market price in six months, 12 months or any other length of time.

Anyone who had a sure formula for picking winners in the market would become the richest person in the world. I can't perform that feat. Neither can anyone else. After you have been around the market for a while, you'll probably run into people who say they can. Don't believe them.

Some brokers, investment advisors and financial planners contend they pick nothing but sure things in the market. If you run into someone making that claim, counter with the time-honored adage: "Where are the customers' yachts?"

Here's another stock market lesson you must learn. Buying stock and selling within a short period of time is not investing. It's in-and-out trading. A truism of the market goes as follows: "Traders die broke."

This is not meant to discourage you from becoming a true investor, by studying the market and choosing individual securities for long-term holdings. It is intended to caution you that the stock market does not provide a sure road to riches.

Q. What factors cause a company to split its stock?

A. A stock usually is split when it reaches a price the company's board of

directors considers too high to attract investors. What's too high? That depends on the feelings of the board members and varies from company to company. Some stocks are split at \$20, a share, some at \$50, some at \$100 or higher.

The basic idea behind a split is to lower the price and entice more people to buy shares. Many — not all — investors and traders are more likely to buy relatively low-priced stocks than high-priced shares.

Remember that each share of stock represents a share of ownership in a company. A split simply cuts each share into smaller pieces.

Let's say you own 100 shares of common stock in XYZ Corp., which has 10 million shares "outstanding" — owned by stockholders. If XYZ splits its stock two for one, you will own 200 shares and there will be 20 million shares outstanding. Your share of ownership will not change one iota.

Give or take a bit for ups and downs in the market, each of the 200 shares you own after the split will be worth half as much as each of 100 pre-split shares. The total value of your investment will not have changed, unless buying demand sends the price of XYZ stock higher.

Q. Does a split in a company's stock indicate strength or weakness?

A. A stock seldom is split unless its market price is higher than it has been in the past. A split usually indicates confidence by the company's board of directors that the stock's price won't fall. But there have been lots of cases in which stock prices hit the skids after the stocks were split.

Q. Is it possible to forecast if a company's stock is going to be split? A. Not with accuracy. If a company has a history of splitting its stock when it reaches a certain level, it's reasonable to predict the stock will be split again when it stays at or above that price for a period of time. But you can't be sure that will happen.

Bill Doyle is a syndicated columnist for King Features. He welcomes written questions, but is able to provide answers only through the column. Address your question to Investor's Guide, King Features Syndicate, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

First City alterations encourage bondholders

By GREG STEINMETZ
Hearst News Service

First City Bancorporation of Texas bondholders said Wednesday they were encouraged by the revised terms of the tender offer for First City debt and that they will tender some of their holdings.

Bondholder reluctance has contributed to the delay in wrapping up the \$1.5 billion rescue of the Houston bank-holding company. The decision to tender should hasten the completion of the deal.

"This deal is going to close," said one New York bondholder. "We have arranged for a substantial amount to be tendered."

A Tuesday deadline passed with only 62 percent of a required 90 percent of outstanding First City debt having been tendered. The poor response forced A. Robert Abboud, who is leading the investor group hoping to take over First City, to lower the threshold to 70 percent and extend the offering deadline to April 12. Abboud said there will be no more extensions.

The monetary terms, however, are the same. Bondholders who tender will get 35 cents to 45 cents on the dollar. The revised offer leaves Abboud about \$18 million short of the 70 percent level.

Some bondholders contacted Wednesday said they will tender their debt because of the revision, but some small holders said they are considering withdrawing notes already tendered. By holding out, bondholders could get face value because the debt not tendered becomes the obligation of the re-capitalized First City.

But if too many hold out, bondholders will suffer because the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the federal agency sponsoring the plan, will enact an alternative to ensure the deal's completion. Neither the FDIC nor Abboud has specified the alternative. But one option discussed by analysts has the FDIC closing First City under its emergency powers and turning it over to Abboud. Bondholders could get wiped out if that happens.

That threat has encouraged investors to play along. "We will probably tender most of our bonds," said Chuck Davidson, a general partner in Michael Steinhardt & Co., a leading hedge fund manager. Steinhardt reportedly controls \$4.4 million. "I think there is a real support in getting the deal done," he said.

Bill Crothers, a vice president with the Charlotte, N.C., brokerage firm of Interstate Securities, said his clients will tender some of their debt but also plan to keep some to get face value when the deal closes. "That reduces some of the risk to the holder," he said. His clients hold about \$8 million in First City bonds.

"Some bondholders criticized Abboud for originally setting the level at 90 percent. It's very tough to get 90 percent of anything," said one bondholder.

Abboud has blamed greedy Wall Street arbitrageurs for holding up the deal, but some First City investors said the real culprit was the combination of the 90 percent threshold coupled with peculiarities of one class of First City debt. The First City subordinated debt is in the form of Eurobonds, unregulated debt whose holders are virtually impossible to find. The Eurobond issue accounts for \$100 million or 44 percent of the outstanding First City debt.

"This sounds crazy, but some people who buy in that market are Mafia and people who want to repatriate," the bondholder said. "They don't want people to know who they are. You tell me these people are scrutinizing a tender? I don't think so."

"For Abboud to have gotten 62 percent was in itself quite a feat," said one bondholder. He said the notion that Wall Street arbitrageurs were holding up the deal was the excuse of someone who didn't try hard enough to locate the Euro bond investors.

The FDIC demanded that Abboud win concessions from bondholders, but it never asked for a 90 percent tender, according to a source at the FDIC. He said Abboud suggested the 90 percent figure, but probably could have gotten away with less had he asked.

Abboud said Wednesday that subordinated holders, those being offered 35 cents on the dollar, were actually getting 56 cents on the dollar if tax losses and interest are included. The market is currently valuing the subordinated debt at 60 cents on the dollar. "Abboud thinks that to hold up the whole deal for just four cents is crazy," said a First City official.

Wall Street sources disagree with Abboud's arithmetic. "That is so ludicrous," said another New York bondholder. "What about the people who bought at 35 cents?"

TRADE

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"We're what you call clearing away brush," said Rep. William Frenzel, R-Minn. "We're to the small sapplings now and we haven't gotten to the part of the forest where the big redwoods are."

"I'm not going to kill myself to have that guy downtown say he's going to veto everything," said Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the conference committee.

Democrats have been complaining about warnings from the Reagan administration that the bill could be inviting a veto. Bentsen, the chief Senate negotiator, said Tuesday that he was tired of hearing veto threats.

Besides the Gephardt amendment, lawmakers have not resolved what the bill should do to overhaul existing law under which U.S. industries endangered by surges in foreign competition can obtain import restrictions from the government.

Whether to ban Toshiba products because of the Japanese company's sale of submarine silencing equip-

ment to the Soviets remains undecided, as do provisions involving Third World debt and requiring foreign owners of U.S. property to disclose their identities and the extent of their holdings.

Bentsen is campaigning to retain a Senate provision that would repeal the windfall profits tax on oil companies, a move that is opposed by Rostenkowski.

Lawmakers from industrial areas where Japanese imports have cut into jobs expressed new concerns that the measure is being diluted.

"The House has given up an awful lot and the administration has gotten a lot of what it wants and the Senate has also," Rep. Don Pease, D-Ohio, said. "The final product ought to be a legislative product and not just a product of the administration and ratified by us."

Rostenkowski and Bentsen repeated their goal of producing a bill that President Reagan would be willing to sign.

"Or one that would embarrass him if he vetoes it," Rostenkowski said.

EXXON

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From that original capitalization of at least \$50, the credit group has grown to include approximately 1600 members with assets of almost \$4.5 million.

Fifty years ago, Humble employees could join for the price of a share and entrance fee of 25 cents. "If they didn't have the \$5, they could make a monthly payment of 25 cents until the full amount was paid," Haney pointed out. Current employees pay \$25 for a share, and a \$5 entrance fee.

Though there's no record of who took out the first loan, why, or what the amount was, Haney said that in 1936 a loan couldn't exceed \$50 without security, or \$200 with security.

In 1952, the credit union was rechristened the Humble Employees West Texas Federal Credit Union and moved to Odessa, finally relocating to Midland in 1958.

Now known as the Exxon Midland Credit Unit, it is open to all Exxon

employees of Exxon's Midcontinent Division, which covers most of Mid-west, Southwest and Rocky Mountains. Over the years the scope of the credit union has expanded to include Mastercard, certificates of deposit, money management accounts and various other savings accounts. Haney said the average loan which once was under \$100 is now about \$3,000. "We make a lot of auto, boat and unsecured loans," she added.

While the original founders have faded into history, one of the original members of the credit committee — Mr. Arvin Eade of Hobbs, N.M. attended the credit union's annual meeting this past January, and even won a door prize, Haney said.

Current chairman of the board of directors of the credit union, Ray Reid, will receive the Texas association's plaque in Houston at the annual meeting April 6-9. The Credit Union National Association is also recognizing the credit union for its 50 years, Haney added.

Kenyan minister denies oil strike

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — A newspaper said vast oil deposits have been found in northern Kenya, but the minister of energy downplayed the discovery.

"It is true that encouraging results have been achieved, but conclusions drawn by the paper are rather grossly exaggerated," Nicholas Biwott said.

Biwott issued a statement Wednesday after the Kenya Times reported the energy minister had confirmed the presence of vast oil deposits and had said that Kenya was ready to begin looking for pump sites.

SUITS

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Meanwhile, two class action suits have been filed against the company and seven of its top executives in federal district court in Dallas. The suits accuse First Republic Bank of misleading investors about the company's financial health.

The investors allege misrepresentation and fraud in the sale of securities issued before RepublicBank Corp. acquired InterFirst Corp. last June.

In the first suit, New York investor Martin Theodore claims that he and other investors saw the value of their First Republic Bank securities plummet after the company's bailout request. He claims investors weren't adequately informed about First Republic Bank's condition and the possibility that the company would seek federal assistance.

First Republic Bank spokesman Joe Bowles declined comment on the litigation.

In documents filed with the SEC, First Republic Bank said it may violate covenants on about \$33 million of long-term debt during the first half of 1986.

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CONSUMING INTERESTS

Canned turkey convenient, tasty

By LINDA ANDERSON

When preparing meals at our house, the cook usually follows two rules of thumb: (1) the foods are easy; (2) the children will eat them. OK, I admit that sometimes I get the urge to prepare something elaborate and completely from scratch, but I usually lie down with a cold washcloth over my eyes until the feeling passes.)

Preparing easy dishes is — well, easy. But sometimes finding foods that both small ones will eat is extremely difficult. That's why when I find something that's both simple and kid-pleasing, it becomes a staple at our house.

Recently Swanson introduced Premium Chunk Turkey in cans. Since turkey is one food we all like, and since opening a can is much easier

than roasting a turkey, we tried a couple of cans of Premium Chunk White and Dark Turkey, checking it out for taste, price and advertising accuracy. It is also available in Chunk White Turkey. Both varieties are packed in water.

Advertising from the company claims the turkey is "100 percent turkey meat packed in water with no preservatives or MSG. All skin has been removed so the cooked turkey is solid with good turkey flavor."

"The premium chunk white turkey — all turkey breast meat — is excellent for salads. The white and dark meat chunks are good in cold or hot turkey recipes such as hot turkey sandwiches, casseroles or divan."

Label advertising claims the turkey contains "100 percent natural ingredients," and sure enough, ingredients label lists three ingredients: turkey, water and salt.

Chunk turkey comes in 5 ounce cans that contain two servings each. Price per can is \$1.15, or 57 cents per serving. (Prices listed are from a local supermarket. Prices at other lo-

cations may vary.)

According to the nutrition label, each serving contains 80 calories, and 35 percent of the protein suggested in the U.S. Recommended Daily Allowance.

Now for the best part — the small taste-testers loved it! Both of them! In fact, they liked it so much they didn't let me fix anything with the first can we opened, they just kept asking for "one more little bite," from the can, so I finally let them finish it. The second can, however, did make sandwich filling, but I had to fix it while they were out of the room.

I have to be honest and say that the canned turkey doesn't taste like the fresh turkey I love, but if the kids will eat it without any fuss, then it's worth the slightly steep price — at least, once in a while. Maybe on payday.

Linda Anderson is a Reporter-Telegram Lifestyle writer.

EXTENSION EXTRA

Eggs plentiful, economical at Easter

By MARIAN FARR

Eggs are always a bargain protein food, and prices are going even lower just in time for Easter. We haven't seen the low egg prices that are in the markets now for some time. On sale, eggs are selling at 30 to 50 cents per dozen.

and there will probably be many store specials before Easter.

If you're tempted to color baskets and baskets full of eggs for Easter, remember to store them properly or to not eat them.

A recent study in the Poultry Science Journal showed that hard-cooked eggs stored at room tempera-

ture spoil in less than a week, but eggs put in the refrigerator after two days at room temperature keep for three weeks. Hard-cooked eggs kept in their shells and stored the whole time in the refrigerator show the least bacterial growth.

It's best to remove the Easter eggs from the basket as soon as possible, refrigerate them and use them within a few days. If your children like to carry their Easter baskets around for days, include some plastic eggs for play and refrigerate the real eggs for the family to eat.

Also, consumers who wash eggs at home before using them are likely to do more harm than good. Today, eggs in supermarkets have already been cleaned properly and need no further washing.

Improper detergents and improper temperatures coupled with inadequate monitoring of detergent or sanitizer levels have caused a lot of

problems in the past. Most problems occurred when eggs were washed by many people with small flocks and inadequate equipment. As the industry changed, washing was done at fewer and larger locations, and techniques and equipment for washing eggs were improved.

Dirt or stains on egg shells can damage interior contents, so commercial egg producers use all the proper techniques and equipment to put top quality eggs in grocery cases. For instance, they use water at least 20 degrees warmer than egg contents to prevent any possible contamination of the egg's interior.

Poor washing practices can easily contaminate eggs. Consumers should avoid washing eggs before use and should rely on others to do the job properly before eggs are shipped to the supermarket.

Marian Farr is Midland County Extension Agent, Home Economics.

Airplane survival skills for non-smokers suggested

By BOBBI IGNEZI
Copley News Service

Despite our efforts, air pollution seems to be everywhere — over city highways, in the work place, and even inside the airplanes that fly through the dirty haze.

A National Research Council committee recently discovered

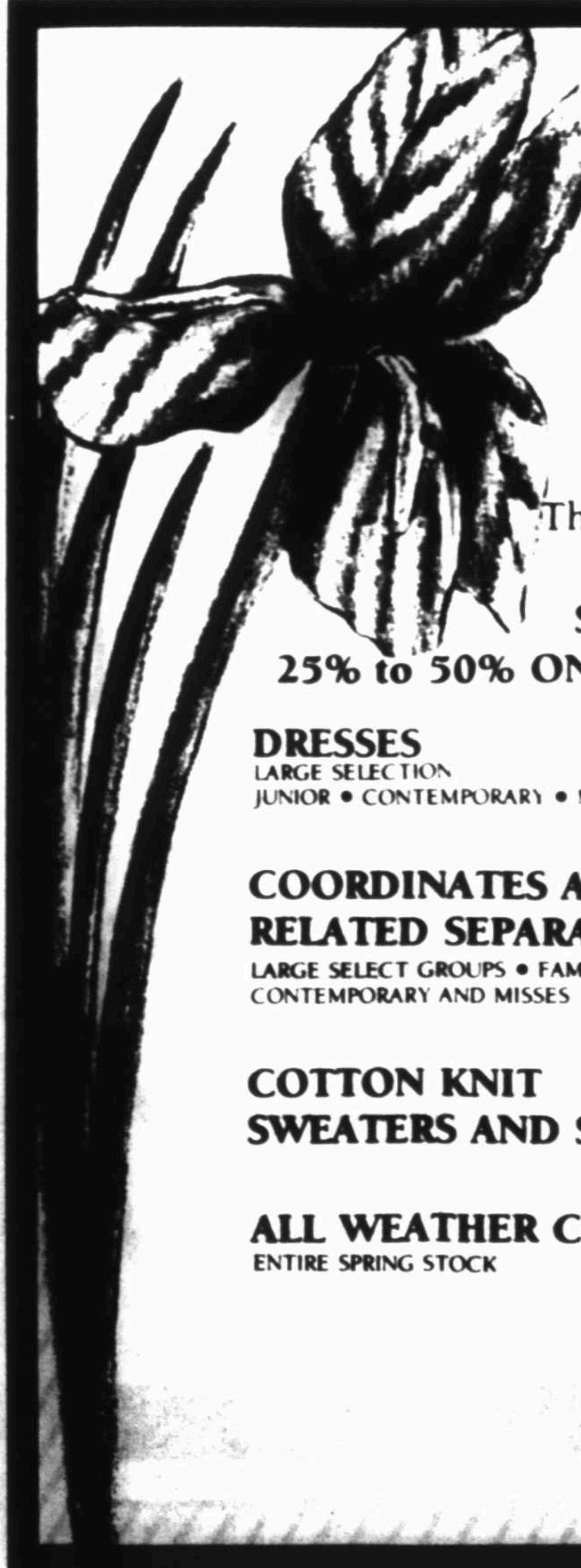
that up to 50 percent of the fumes from the smoking sections on most modern airplanes actually mix with the clean air in the ventilation systems and recirculate through the cabin.

In the meantime, non-smokers can sharpen airplane survival skills by following the suggestions of Donald Stedman, Ph.D., of the University of Denver:

■ Try to reserve a seat in the middle of the non-smoking section.

■ Choose airlines that use primarily older planes, such as the Boeing 727, on which smoke and clean air don't mix.

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DEAR ABBY

Student fabricates rape story

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem that's a bit stranger than most. I am a female freshman at a small accredited liberal arts college. I get good grades and have many friends, but somehow that's not enough. I must feel a need to gain special attention from my friends — also their pity. So I concocted this story that I had been raped when a child.

It worked beautifully — my friends were supportive and especially kind because of my "terrible" childhood ordeal. I also used that story to get the attention of men. When I told them, they comforted me, and sometimes it led to a closer relationship.

Last fall, my friends encouraged me to go into counseling to resolve my feelings of "guilt and low self-esteem." Well, I went, and told my counselor the same story I had told my friends. So now I am lying to him, too. I tell the story about my "rape" so well that I am beginning to be-

lieve it myself.

I don't know why I'm writing to you about this. I'm not sure I want to change my ways. I guess I just wanted to tell someone, and there was no one else I could tell this to. — FOREVER LYING

DEAR LYING: Obviously you really want to change your ways because you feel guilty.

You are not alone. Many people spin some wild yarns in order to gain attention — and garner pity. The danger lies in becoming such an accomplished liar, they confuse reality with fantasy. I suggest that you tell your counselor the truth. You need professional help to overcome this destructive habit.

DEAR ABBY: You said you have never heard from readers who said they were glad they quit music lessons. May I be the first?

When I was in elementary school in Brooklyn, my mother made me take saxophone and clarinet lessons. When I enrolled in New York University (1938), I was sent to a more advanced music teacher in Manhattan. I still hated it. After three years of lessons with him, he said, "Please stop wasting my time and your money — you will never be able to make a living playing either saxophone or clarinet." I be-

lieved him. I sold my sax and clarinet to help pay my tuition in medical school (George Washington University).

I wound up retiring in 1983 with the rank of professor of neurology, Mayo Medical School, Rochester, Minn.

I'm glad I quit. At best I would have made a mediocre musician — instead I was a pretty savvy neurologist. — NORMAN GOLDSTEIN, M.D. (RETIRED)

DEAR DR. GOLDSTEIN: I must have received at least 300 letters from readers who wanted to be "the first" to tell me they had quit taking music lessons and never regretted it.

Some related horror stories of how their mothers made them practice an extra half-hour as "punishment." Others said their piano teachers would whack them on the hands if they didn't hold their hands "right." Conclusion: There are many people who have quit, with no regrets.

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Abigail Van Buren is columnist for Universal Press Syndicate.

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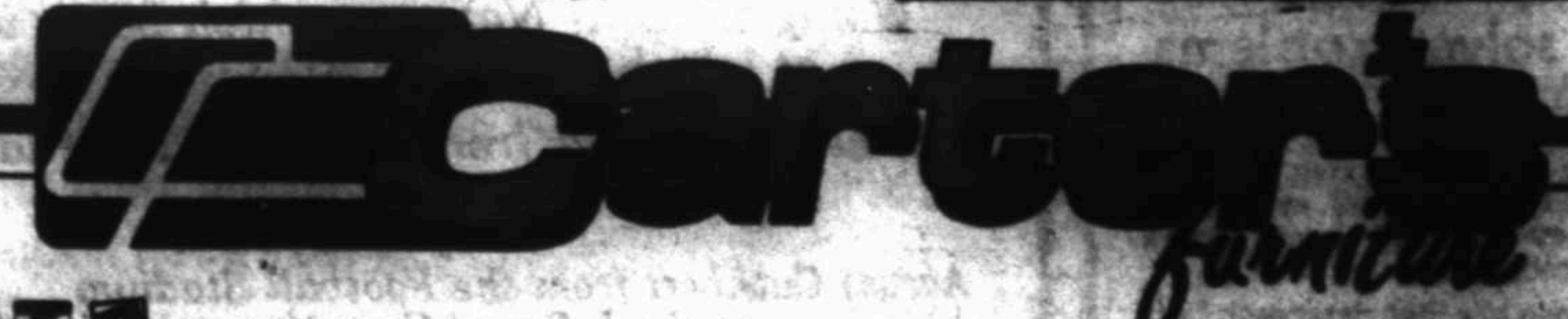
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Credit card programs appeal to emotions

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A credit card isn't a proper credit card any more, it would seem, unless it bears the emblem of your union, your college, or your favorite social cause or football team.

In the past couple of years, "affinity" credit cards have become one of the hottest ideas since banks first figured out how to get people to buy things with plastic instead of paper money.

"Burgeoning is the word" to describe this phenomenon, says Robert Heady, a North Palm Beach, Fla., publisher of several banking newsletters. "Before long, we're going to have a card for left-handed welders living east of the Monongahela."

Recently, consumers have been bombarded with advertisements for Citibank's Visa cards carrying pictures of the helmets of National Football League teams.

"It's the most fun you can have with plastic," the ad declares.

The idea carries echoes of the credit union movement, in which people with a common interest join together to seek favorable financial terms for themselves. Some of the best affinity cards appear to go a long way in that direction.

To some observers, the idea also carries echoes of toaster giveaways and other marketing gambits used by banks and other institutions to sell financial products with an appeal to the emotions instead of the brain.

"The name of the game isn't whose helmet you carry on a credit card," said Heady. "It's the interest rate, the annual fee, and the grace

period," which is the time between when a purchase is made and interest charges start to be imposed.

The Citibank Visa-NFL card program, in particular, has been singled out for criticism by such consumer groups as the Bankcard Holders of America.

NFL Properties Inc. has countered by pointing out that the interest rate charged on its cards, 17.8 percent, is lower than the going rate for standard cards at many institutions.

The NFL cards also give holders the right to obtain NFL merchandise such as jackets and helmets at a 20 percent discount, or at no charge, depending on the amount of other merchandise bought with the cards.

Credit cards with airline affiliations, similarly, offer holders a chance to collect frequent-flyer points.

And cards sponsored by religious, charitable or social organizations typically channel some of the revenue generated to those groups.

These "associated goodies and freebies," as Heady describes them, may have some real psychic value to cardholders. But like the toasters given to bank depositors, they can also distract from the most important questions involved in the deal.

"Figure out what the card will cost you per year," Heady says. That computation, as with all credit cards, must give consideration to how you use the card.

If you are a heavy borrower, for instance, the interest rate is likely to be the prime consideration. If you use the card mainly for convenience, paying each monthly bill in full, the grace period and the annual fee are the most important questions.

Shopping around important during spring auto sales

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID

WASHINGTON (AP) — Spring is here and car dealers are putting on an extra push for sales. The average new car costs more than \$12,000 and is generally the second most costly purchase made by Americans. And when that much money is involved, some time and effort is called for to get the most for the money.

As with most things, be prepared. Car salesmen have a lot more practice at selling than most people do at buying, and allowing them to push you into a hasty decision can be a costly error.

Shopping around is important to get prices from various dealers, and make notes of the base cost they cite and the extra costs for options plus any dealer charges and other costs.

If the car you want isn't available consider ordering one. It may take longer, but you can avoid paying for a lot of options you don't want.

The FTC's new car guide includes a helpful list of price terms that you should know when negotiating. These include:

Invoice Price: The manufacturer's initial charge to the dealer. This is usually higher than

the dealer's final cost because dealers often receive rebates, allowances, discounts and incentive awards. The invoice price always includes freight (also known as destination and delivery). If you are buying a car based on the invoice price, be sure freight is not added to the sales contract.

Base Price: The cost of the car without options, but including the standard equipment, factory warranty and freight.

Monroney Sticker Price: This is the price on the label attached to the car window and is required by law. It shows the base price, the manufacturers installed options with the manufacturer suggested retail price, the manufacturer's transportation charge and the fuel economy. This label may not be removed by anyone other than the buyer.

Dealer Sticker Price: Usually on a supplemental sticker, this is the Monroney Sticker Price plus the suggested retail price of dealer-installed options, additional dealer markup, additional dealer profit, dealer preparation and undercoating.

A variety of auto-related booklets are also available from the Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colo., 81008.

Survey indicates buyers of foreign cars top income, education scales

By HENRY UNGER
Hearst News Service

Saab drivers are the best educated. Cadillac buyers are the oldest. And Jaguar owners have the highest incomes.

Overall, buyers of 1987 domestic cars were older, less educated and earned less money than purchasers of imported European and Asian cars, according to a survey conducted by the automotive research firm of J.D. Power and Associates. Results of the demographic survey of 25,000 U.S. buyers of 1987 cars were released in a recent issue of the firm's publication, the Power Report.

Owners of 1987 European imports topped the income and education scales, said Chris Denove, an industry analyst for J.D. Power. Buyers of Asian imports tended to be young, while those favoring European makes generally occupied the age

ring between buyers of Asian and domestic cars.

In terms of education, Saab buyers had the highest percentage of college degrees.

"It's kind of what it stands for. It's safety. It's utilitarian," Denove said.

Acura and Mazda had the largest proportion of college graduates among Asian import buyers, while Lincoln led the honor roll among domestic makes.

On the average, college graduates made up the following proportion of the car market:

■ 60 percent of the buyers of European cars.

■ 50 percent of Asian import buyers.

■ 40 percent of domestic buyers.

The median price paid by new-car buyers was \$12,850 in 1987, an increase of \$1,600 since 1985. The survey was not conducted in 1986.

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BETTER BUSINESS

Some American Indian jewelry not genuine

By JOHN K. SCHMIDT

Don't be surprised if your authentic hand-crafted silver and stone American Indian jewelry turns out to be counterfeit jewelry. These counterfeit stones are often mass-produced overseas from reconstituted rock powder that has been dyed to look like the real stone. Then it is subsequently mounted in a setting that is not the grade of silver you were led to believe.

The Better Business Bureau warns consumers that cheap, counterfeit reproductions of native American jewelry deprive the authentic jewelry of its true value and jeopardize the way of life for many American Indians.

The best way for consumers to protect themselves from unscrupulous sellers is by learning more about tribal crafts. Carefully scrutinize jewelry in exhibits. Well-crafted traditional jewelry will have no wavering lines or lopsided designs. Stampings in the silver should be clear, not blurry as in many imports. Stones should fit snugly in the settings and be a natural color.

Authentic jewelry is often fairly expensive, so beware of unrealistically low-priced "bargains" or souvenir-type jewelry. Most authentic jewelry uses sterling silver (92.5 percent silver) or coin silver (90 percent silver). Imitations often use stainless steel, pewter, white brass or rhodium.

Buy jewelry from an established dealer, not a merchant you'll never be able to locate again. Ask for a certification tag issued by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board and get a receipt that describes in detail the materials used in the item. This certificate is only issued by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

For more information about native American jewelry, write the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, U.S. Department of the Interior, Room 4004, Washington, D.C. 20240.

John K. Schmidt is president of Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin Inc.

Changing gasoline may solve problems

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. (AP) — If your car is running rough, you may be able to fix it yourself, even if you don't know a box-end wrench from a box of cookies.

A change to a high-detergent gasoline may clear up the problems of stalling, hard starting, hesitation during acceleration and running rough while idling, says Phillips 66.

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STATE IN BRIEF

'Dial 976' pre-screening proposal called 'unsound'

AUSTIN (AP) — The state attorney general's office said Wednesday a "Dial 976" proposal by Southwestern Bell Telephone to pre-screen messages is unworkable and unsound.

Pastors, parents, educators and employers have urged the Public Utility Commission to ban dial-a-porn in Texas, even if it means killing off sports, weather and other phone services.

The attorney general's Consumer Protection Division told the PUC Wednesday that abuses of the 976 system could be stopped by requiring that customers first subscribe before being able to make such calls, just as they now must elect to have other custom-calling options, such as call forwarding.

Assistant Attorneys General Stephen Gardner and Joselle Albracht said Southwestern Bell has proposed that the PUC approve a tariff whereby the company screens messages, places a value on their content, and then creates a separate exchange for messages which Bell deems "injurious to or inconsistent with its public image."

They said in a letter that "content-based distinction in service may well raise First Amendment issues that could lead to extensive litigation (regardless of their ultimate merits) and no immediate solution for the consumer."

Hay donated to ranchers

ALBANY (AP) — Texas farmers have donated more than 50 tons of hay to help Albany ranchers feed their stock after a four-day fire caused range land losses here earlier this month.

Hay drives from Brownwood, Springtown, Corsicana, Weatherford, Brady, Lubbock, Haskell, and Meridian have accounted for most of the donations, said Range Conservationist Patti Fulton of the Shackelford County Soil Conservation Service.

More than 100,000 acres of ranchland was burned March 11-15, in what is considered the largest range fire in modern Texas history, Ms. Fulton said.

Approximately 10 to 20 tons of the donated hay has been delivered. "And we've gotten a lot more hay donated that has not been brought in yet," Ms. Fulton said. "There's no way to transport it down here." She said officials are hoping some organizations will offer to help transport the hay.

"We've gotten 62 tons of cubes and feed in sacks," Ms. Fulton said. "Many ranchers have liquidated their herds, sold their stocker cattle or found other pastures, but there are still ranchers in need of feed." People interested in making contributions can call Fulton's office at 762-2552.

CIA interviews blocked

AUSTIN (AP) — Campus interviews by CIA recruiters were canceled Wednesday after 75 to 100 protesters blocked doorways to rooms where sessions were scheduled, said officials of the University of Texas.

The protest happened just before noon, UT Police Lt. Ronald Thomas said. Protesters would not allow people to enter or exit the rooms at the Beauford Jester Dormitory Building, he said.

One anti-CIA protester was arrested for hitting another person on the head with a picket sign, but was released because the assaulted person did not wish to press charges, Thomas said.

He said once the CIA decided to withdraw, the protesters left.

Gramm endorses Emmett

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, has endorsed — and already voted for — Republican Ed Emmett in the runoff election for a GOP nomination to the Railroad Commission.

Emmett said Wednesday that Gramm phoned him from Washington to say he had cast an absentee ballot for Emmett, a former state legislator, in his April 12 runoff against P.S. "Sam" Ervin of Dallas.

"Obviously, I am pleased that Sen. Gramm has already voted for me. His role as a Republican leader is clear, and his vote sends one more signal to Republicans across Texas that I merit their support," Emmett said.

Emmett and Ervin are seeking the nomination to challenge incumbent Commissioner Jim Nugent, a Democrat. Ervin made it into the Democratic Railroad Commission runoff in 1986 and switched parties before this year's elections.

Company wins contract

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. (AP) — Hunt Building Co. of El Paso, Texas, has been awarded a \$12 million contract to construct apartment buildings and support facilities for more than 348 students at the U.S. Army engineers' complex being built at Fort Leonard Wood, officials said Wednesday.

Cutis-Manes Construction Co., Inc. of Eldon, Mo., received a \$4 million contract to construct a 61,000-square-foot library building, said Charlotte Wiggins, a base spokeswoman.

Army officials expect to save \$23 million a year by consolidating officers and enlisted training for engineers at Fort Leonard Wood, Wiggins said.

The U.S. Army Engineers School is currently headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., she said.

Elderly minister dies

AUSTIN (AP) — A minister who was the son of two former Texas slaves died at the age of 100.

The Rev. Silas Leonard Davis helped to organize Mount Calvary Baptist Church in 1939 and preached there until November. He died Wednesday.

Davis son, Dr. Floyd Davis, said his father trained at least 17 ministers. Services are scheduled for Saturday.

DHS to appeal judge's day-care ruling



AP Laserphoto

Isela Torres, who runs an in-home day-care center for Trinity Coalition, reads to her daughter, Cynthia, left, Vivian Gallegos, center, and Trini-Marie Torrez. The Texas Department of Human Services plans to appeal a judge's ruling that it has to do business with Trinity.

EL PASO (AP) — About the only thing Trinity Coalition and Texas Department of Human Services officials agree on is that Trinity will continue to provide day-care for the poor while the agency appeals a judge's ruling that forced the two sides to work together.

District Judge John McKellips ruled last month that DHS acted arbitrarily and capriciously in not renewing an in-home day-care contract with the Trinity Coalition, and ordered the agency to renegotiate the contract.

The DHS said it ended its association with Trinity because the community group was too careless with money.

"We renegotiated the contract because McKellips ordered us to," department attorney Ed Horne said from Austin. "But the judge made a mistake, and we plan to contest it. We will file an appeal."

He said Tuesday that it will take about four months to draft the appeal, and that Trinity will continue to subcontract day-care service during the appeals period.

Patricia Royball Sutton, Trinity Coalition executive director, said Trinity will fight any appeal of the

contract signed March 1.

"The burden falls on the Texas Department of Human Services to appeal the judge's decision," she said. "But we will continue to provide day-care services."

She termed the signing of the \$245,000 contract a victory of the weak over the strong.

Trinity has contracted with the state to provide in-home day-care for needy families for 10 years, Ms. Royball Sutton said. The 33 day-care providers hired by Trinity care for a total of 120 children ages 1 to 11.

Day-care provider Isela Torres, 28, said she enjoys caring for six children ages 2 to 7 in her home Monday through Friday.

"The money is real good," she said. "I make about \$900 a month, and it really helps supplement my husband's income. Not only that, I'm able to stay home and care for my 3-year-old daughter, Cynthia."

Ms. Royball Sutton said the new contract will allow Trinity to increase the pay for caretakers. Before the new contract, they received \$6.90 per child per day; under the new contract, the fee will be \$7 per child per day.

Police accused of cover-up in inmate's death



AP Laserphoto

HOUSTON (AP) — Local black leaders say the Cleveland Police Department is masterminding a cover-up in the March 16 death of a jail inmate.

The Rev. J. Don Boney Jr. said Wednesday indictments should be handed down soon in the death of Kenneth Simpson, who died hours after being jailed in Cleveland for allegedly disturbing the peace.

Boney, chairman of the Houston chapter of the National Black United Front, said he is suspicious of the "new revelation" that an officer involved in subduing Simpson at the jail tape-recorded the entire incident.

A story about the tape was published Wednesday in the Houston Chronicle, and Boney questioned why officials revealed news of the recording two weeks after Simpson's death.

Naomi Simpson, Kenneth Simpson's mother, said she believes the tape is a fake and that authorities are trying to frame her dead son and clear themselves of any wrongdoing.

"What I want is justice for my son," she said.

Cleveland Mayor Richard Boyett said Tuesday he gave the tape recording to Texas Rangers investigating Simpson's death.

"I don't have much confidence in tapes turned over to the Texas Rangers," Boney said at a news conference.

"We believe that there is an ongoing cover-up in this case," he said. An autopsy showed Simpson, an unemployed construction worker and drug informant, died from asphyxiation.

Authorities have said it took seven officers to subdue the 30-year-old

Naomi Simpson, mother of Kenneth Simpson — who was found dead in his jail cell in Cleveland, Texas — listens as the Rev. J. Don Boney Jr. lists demands for justice.

Simpson in his cell after they found him smoking what they thought was marijuana.

The seven officers have been suspended with pay while the Texas Rangers and the FBI investigate the case. No charges have been filed and the medical examiner has not ruled whether Simpson's death was a homicide.

Texas Department of Safety spokesman Mike Cox denied Boney's claim of a cover-up.

"We want to get to the bottom of what happened," Cox said Wednesday in a telephone interview from Austin. "We're not in the business of covering things up."

Boney called for the Texas Legislature to investigate the Simpson case.

"We want to get to the bottom of what happened. We're not in the business of covering things up."

— Mike Cox, DPS

In addition, he questioned why indictments have not been returned and why the officers involved in the arrest are being paid while on suspension. He said he has other questions about the case that have not been answered.

"That's why we think there is an on-going cover up," he said. "We intend to have the truth one way or the other."

Boney said the Texas Rangers do not have the confidence of the black residents of Cleveland, a small East Texas town about 90 miles north of Houston, because there has never been a black Ranger and because the Rangers were involved in investigating Clarence Brandley's case.

Brandley is on death row for killing a white girl and his supporters claim he was arrested and convicted because he is black. A judge has recommended to the state appeals court that Brandley receive a new trial, but the court has not yet issued a ruling.

Boney and other black leaders have scheduled a rally Friday in support of Simpson, Brandley and Loyal Garner Jr. at a Baptist church in Houston. Garner died two days after being arrested and jailed in Hemphill on Christmas Day. Three law enforcement officers have been charged with murder and civil rights violations in his death. He too was black.

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Israeli Arabs display banners and shout slogans during demonstrations in Tayiba, Israel, Wednesday. The protesters carried banners — in green,

red and white, the colors of the outlawed Palestinian flag — through the Arab village.

AP Wirephoto

Israel hits Palestinians with new curbs; Shamir vows to crush revolt

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel today clamped new restrictions on Palestinians, and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir told hundreds of cheering Jewish settlers in the West Bank that Israel would crush the Palestinian uprising.

Secretary of State George P. Shultz defended his recent meeting with Arab-Americans who belong to the PLO's parliament-in-exile, Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, said he was resigning to speak out against the meeting.

Shamir told the settlers, "We will continue to act against the violence until we stamp it out." Violent protests by Palestinians against Israeli rule of the West Bank and Gaza Strip began Dec. 8.

Shamir was touring Herodion in the West Bank. A convoy of army jeeps escorted Shamir's car and a busload of journalists past Arab villages to the site, and reporters saw six outlawed Palestinian flags hanging from power lines.

In remarks broadcast today by Israeli radio, Shultz reacted to Israeli

protests over his meeting last Saturday with Edward Said and Ibrahim Abu Lughud. He said it was "beyond the pale" to suggest he could not meet American citizens.

Shultz also stressed the importance of finding Palestinian negotiators: "Palestinians are part of the peace issue. We have got to find a way to be in contact with them."

Netanyahu resigned Wednesday because he contended the Reagan administration was violating a commitment not to talk directly with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Netanyahu, a leading figure in Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc, told The Associated Press that "there is a serious deterioration in the American commitment not to negotiate with the PLO. I could not speak freely (about this) as long as I was ambassador. So I had to make a choice."

Shultz said he would press ahead with his peace initiative — essentially an exchange of land for peace with the Arabs — but would wait until Arabs and Israelis are ready to talk peace before asking U.N. Secre-

tary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to send out invitations to an international conference.

Israel radio said the Interior Ministry placed new travel restrictions on Palestinians from east Jerusalem, where 130,000 Arabs live. Israel annexed the predominantly Arab sector of the city in 1967.

It said Palestinians aged 16 to 35 now need special permits to travel to Jordan, and these will be issued only if the request is for a stay of at least nine months. The idea is to stop the PLO from sending couriers into the occupied territories.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, Chamber of Commerce head Haddad said a reporter told the military authorities informed him Palestinians could withdraw only \$1,000 a month from bank accounts.

Earlier restrictions bar Arabs from bringing more than \$1,200 at a time across the bridges from Jordan. The moves are designed to keep the PLO from compensating merchants and workers for loss of income during anti-Israeli strikes and protests

Blindfolding cameras' eyes doesn't silence Palestinians' demonstrations

By NICOLAS B. TATRO

JERUSALEM (AP) — Violent protests have persisted despite an army ban on free news media access to the West Bank and Gaza Strip, challenging Israeli contentions that television cameras fueled Palestinian riots.

The measures against the media have been unprecedented in Israel's 20-year occupation of the territories. Reporters and photographers have been barred for at least three days and possibly longer from entering the areas where 1.5 million Palestinians live alongside 65,000 Jewish settlers.

The only access is with Israeli army escorts, a procedure that prevents journalists from talking freely with Palestinians.

Authorities also have sought to cut off major sources of information such as the Arab-run Palestine Press Service. The news agency offices were padlocked by police on Wednesday.

Neither measure has been entirely effective. The Gaza Strip has remained sealed, because of its geographic isolation and because telephone lines have been cut.

But reporters have circumvented roadblocks in the West Bank by using back roads, traveling with Jewish settlers or identifying themselves as tourists.

And Palestinian journalists have continued to keep the foreign news media informed of breaking developments via telephone calls. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin has argued that the media restrictions coupled with preventative arrests, economic sanctions and other measures will eventually have a calming effect.

"The cumulative effect of the measures...will join to form a system that

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will bring calm," he said on Israeli radio.

Reflecting official thinking, Arieh Shalev, who headed Israel's military government in the West Bank from 1974 to 1976, said in an interview that news coverage was a key to the Palestinian uprising.

"One of the most important elements of the uprising is to win international sympathy and cause damage to Israel in the hope that this will have political effect, as well," said Shalev, now of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies.

"The restriction of the media is aimed at harming their campaign for world public opinion. This is a step Israel is taking to weaken the Palestinians, not to get at the journalists."

More than 120 Palestinians have been killed since violence began Dec. 8. One Israeli soldier has been killed. Israel's use of bullets to quell the riots prompted international criticism, as did the policy of beating protesters.

Liberal critics of the media restrictions, who were decidedly in the minority, argued that Israel was sacrificing democratic principles.

Ido Dissentchik, editor of the mass circulation Maariv daily, said in an interview the closure was a "heavy price to pay."

"I think it's a hysterical step. I hope that it doesn't indicate that people in authority are losing their heads," said Dissentchik. "Israeli authorities must live with this problem called democracy."

There has been a solid consensus among ordinary Israelis that the riots were feeding off media coverage

and that it would be foolish and self-destructive to allow it to continue. The psychological basis for the decision to close off the areas, at least in part, involves a unique Israeli sensitivity about being a victim.

One of the worst insults in Israel is to be called a "fryar," Hebrew slang for patsy, a person who lets other people take advantage of him.

Many Israelis feel they are becoming just that: victims of their own openness and democratic traditions.

Officials also argue Israel has been subjected to a double standard by the foreign news media, and that no Arab state would have used the restraint Israel has shown.

"When Arabs kill Arabs it's not news," said one official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Officials also complained the media gave prominence to the bloodshed in the West Bank and Gaza Strip but ignored loss of life elsewhere in the world.

One cited what he described as relatively fleeting coverage of Iraq's alleged use of chemical weapons on Iranian-occupied Kurdish villages in which Iran claimed 5,000 people were killed.

Another pointed to a newspaper that gave front-page play to the shooting death of a Palestinian woman but carried deep inside the paper the story of hundreds of people reportedly massacred in Brazil.

"If this is the double standard the world is going to adopt, then we can do without them," said the official.

Officials also alleged anti-Israeli and even anti-Semitic bias. They showed a reporter newspaper stories or cartoons equating Israeli measures against Palestinians with those used against Jews by Nazi Germany or which used Jewish symbols such as Stars of David or menorah candelabras.

The world record for human-powered flight over the 74-mile distance from Crete to the island of Santorini, also known as Thera,

The flight also will update the myth of Daedalus. According to the 3,500-year-old myth, the inventor and his son, Icarus, tried to escape from Crete on wings made of feathers and wax. Daedalus succeeded, but Icarus flew too close to the sun, the wax melted and he fell into the sea.

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Contra rebels attack Sandinista troops despite temporary truce

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Contra rebels said they attacked Sandinista soldiers in two areas of the country in violation of a temporary truce that is to be expanded into a 60-day cease-fire on Friday.

But the rebels' chief field commander said Wednesday he supports the peace accord with the leftist Sandinista government which led to the truce.

The two sides have not yet agreed on logistics of the cease-fire, during which the roughly 10,000 Contra fighters are to move into five zones while a lasting peace agreement is negotiated. Talks resume Tuesday.

A transcript of a Wednesday broadcast by the rebels' Honduras-based Radio September 15 said rebels attacked in Zelaya province along the Caribbean coast and in the central province of Matagalpa province. It did not say when.

"Nicaraguan Resistance commandos cause casualties to the pro-Soviet army," the transcript quoted the broadcast as saying.

The pro-government newspaper El Nuevo Diario quoted military sources as saying Contras killed four civilians and kidnapped two Saturday in the central province of

Chontales.

The Defense Ministry said Wednesday it had no reports of combat. Other reports have indicated rebels opposed to the cease-fire agreement were staging attacks.

However, Col. Enrique Bermudez, the chief Contra military field commander, said Wednesday in Miami that he supports the peace accord and will comply with it, despite his reservations. He said he doesn't trust the Sandinistas.

"We understand there can be differences, but during negotiations we have to have a single position," he told a news conference.

In talks Monday and Tuesday, representatives of the government and the U.S.-backed Contras agreed on the general locations of five zones where the Contras are to begin gathering Friday. But they did not further define the areas or work out the mechanics of how the rebels will move into the zones.

The preliminary peace accord signed March 23 in the southern border town of Sapoa says the rebels may accept only humanitarian aid from a neutral organization, such as the Red Cross, during the period. But it does not say if they must lay

down their weapons, an issue that is expected to come up in the technical meeting in Sapoa Tuesday or in a meeting of high-ranking representatives of both sides in Managua Wednesday.

In Washington, the House Wednesday approved a \$40 million package of humanitarian aid for the Contras and for children injured in the fighting. The Senate was to consider the measure today and there was a chance it could be law before Congress adjourns for Easter recess.

U.S. aid to the Contras expired Feb. 29 and Contra leaders said President Reagan's failure to secure their continued military support in Congress contributed to their decision to sign the peace accord.

The six-year war was secondary in the minds of most Nicaraguans this week. Banks, government offices, stores and most restaurants closed for Holy Week vacations and residents headed for Pacific coast beaches or other resort spots.

Many first had to search for gasoline, which is in short supply.

La Prensa, the opposition newspaper, stopped publishing for the week, citing a shortage of Soviet-supplied newsprint.

Iraq calls for temporary halt in war of the cities

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iraq said today it would stop missile attacks on Iranian cities for three days beginning at midnight, then said it fired three missiles into Iran 10 hours before the truce was to begin.

In another development, an Iranian warship today attacked and set ablaze a Cypriot supertanker in the southern Persian Gulf. The tanker's crew of 45 was rescued by salvage tugboats after the tanker ran aground.

Also today, the U.S. Navy said two anti-aircraft missiles that may be Soviet-made SAM-7s were found aboard an Iranian gunboat the Navy discovered abandoned and drifting at the southern end of the gulf.

The official Iraqi News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, said one of the three Iraqi long-range missiles fired at Iran hit Qom, seat of Iran's religious hierarchy, and two hit Isfahan, capital of the ancient Persian empire.

It said the missiles were fired about 2 p.m. local time, 10 hours before the proposed cease-fire was to begin.

Iran had no immediate reaction to the missile attacks on Isfahan, in western Iran, and Qom, 100 miles south of Tehran.

But an Iranian Embassy official in Ankara, Turkey, was quoted as saying today that Iran will comply with the proposed cease-fire if Iraq does. "Iranian attacks will automatically come to an end if Iraq stops the war of the cities," embassy spokesman Riza Bagri was quoted as saying by the semi-official Anatolia News Agency.

Hundreds of civilians have been killed in the missile duel during which Iraq fired 106 missiles into Tehran, 13 into Qom and 10 into Isfahan since Feb. 29. Iran says it fired 45 missiles into Baghdad, a city of 5 million people, and dozens into the northern city of Mosul and other cities in Iraq.

The Iraqi News Agency today quoted an unidentified government spokesman as saying the cease-fire was "a gesture of courtesy" to Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, who was scheduled to begin a 48-hour visit to Iraq on Friday.

Wounded IRA member may have been deliberately killed

LONDON (AP) — Amnesty International said Wednesday that British soldiers who killed three unarmed IRA members on Gibraltar may have deliberately avoided capturing them, killing one guerrilla who lay wounded on the ground.

The London-based human rights group said it is investigating the killings and has written Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher asking for an explanation of what happened.

The group said "there are a number of circumstances which suggest that the three were deliberately targeted by the security forces and killed without challenge, and that no attempt had been made to capture them."

The letter to Mrs. Thatcher said it "was the government's responsibility to provide a full and public account of the circumstances surrounding this incident," an Amnesty statement said.

British security forces shot the three March 6 as they walked toward the Spanish border on the British island colony. Britain said the Irish Republican Army members planned to plant a bomb on Gibraltar.

The shooting aggravated British-Irish relations and was followed by an upsurge of violence in the British province of Northern Ireland.

Ozal was on an official visit to Tehran on Feb. 29, and one of the first Iraqi missiles fired into Tehran crashed near a downtown hotel where members of the Turkish delegation were staying. None of the Turkish officials was hurt.

In the Persian Gulf, an Iranian warship attacked the 232,164-ton Haven tanker near the Strait of Hormuz at the southern end of the gulf and set its load of Saudi crude oil on fire, gulf-based shipping executives said.

The ship drifted for more than three hours after the dawn attack and eventually ran aground off the United Arab Emirates, said the executives, who spoke on condition of anonymity, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

At least eight tugs fought the fire on the grounded tanker for three hours before the blaze was controlled, the executives said. Oil was gushing out of two blasted cargo holds, burning on the waters around the tanker.

They said the Iranian warship launched three separate attacks on the Haven over the course of an hour. The London-based Lloyd's Shipping Intelligence Unit said the Iranian ship was a frigate and the tanker was bound for Indonesia.

A U.S. Navy spokesman today said two portable anti-aircraft missiles, tentatively identified as Soviet-made SAM-7s, were aboard an Iranian gunboat the Navy found abandoned and drifting in the Strait of Hormuz last week.

Maj. Barry Willey, a spokesman for the U.S. Central Command, said the twin-barreled gun mounted in the cockpit of the 30-foot boat was a Soviet-made ZSU-23mm anti-aircraft weapon.

The gun, rusty but functional and loaded for firing when found, apparently had been used for attacks on ships in the southern gulf and Hormuz.

Authoritative references say the Soviet SAM-7, a shoulder-fired missile similar to the U.S. made Redeye, is known to be a part of Iran's arms arsenal. But Willey said he did not know whether it was previously seen in the gulf.

At the burial of the guerrillas March 16, a Protestant gunman armed with grenades killed three people and injured 88. At the funeral three days later for one of those victims, a mob attacked and killed two British soldiers who drove into the area.

Amnesty said the three guerrillas were watched for weeks while they allegedly planned a bombing attack but no attempt was made to arrest them during this period.

The statement quoted witnesses as saying the three were shot without warning and "that at least one of the victims, having fallen to the ground after an initial gunshot, was shot several times while lying helpless and incapacitated."

It noted that the government rejected demands for an inquiry into the shootings, despite such calls by lawmakers.

Amnesty also said it intends to send observers to the inquest into the deaths, expected to be held in Gibraltar in May.

The mainly Roman Catholic Irish Republican Army is fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland. It wants to unite the predominantly Protestant province with the mainly Catholic Republic of Ireland.

Prospects dim for Panamanian negotiations

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega's regime, its opposition and the nation's Roman Catholic leader all expressed doubt at prospects for negotiating an end to Panama's crisis.

The reservations were voiced Wednesday just hours after the mediation initiative involving Archbishop Marcos McGrath was disclosed.

Also Wednesday, a 10-day-old general strike lost ground with the opening of the capital's major supermarket chains. And the beleaguered government was reported to have received a trans-shipment of much-needed cash from U.S. companies that paid it taxes and other fees.

McGrath announced through a spokesman on Tuesday that he was willing to try to negotiate an end to 10 months of political turmoil that have in the past month deepened into acute crisis.

Wednesday, he told journalists he remained willing to proceed, but added, "It is evident that for the government and for the military, this process could be somewhat difficult, because as far as they are concerned, the church is partial."

He noted that "the church has had the moral duty to criticize those who have used force excessively," as the government has harshly suppressed anti-Noriega street protests. Noriega is head of the 15,000-strong Defense Forces, the power behind the civilian government.

Baltazar Rengan Alzupura, columnist for the daily newspaper Critica, which is run by the Defense Forces, expressed even greater doubts about the archbishop's suitability as a mediator.

The crisis is primarily the result of demands from the opposition and Washington that Noriega step down and leave the country.

The general was indicted in the United States last month on federal charges of trafficking in Colombian cocaine, charges he denies.

"McGrath is from head to toe just another ugly American and he cannot be the mediator," Rengan wrote in Wednesday's paper. "That would be like inviting a thief to eat at your table."

McGrath's parents were U.S. nationals and the churchman still speaks Spanish with an American accent.

"I have not asked to be mediator, and if the mediation can be carried out by someone else or in another form, so be it," he said.

The archbishop's intervention was proposed Sunday by President Oscar Arias of Costa Rica and Felipe Gonzalez, the Spanish prime minister.

Angelica Guinard, a top leader of the opposition National Civil Crusade, gave The Associated Press this assessment of the prospective mediation: "We don't have much hope of a positive result. We cannot trust the military. It is a way for Noriega to gain time."

She said the regime's crack-down Monday, when an anti-government march was smashed by riot troops and more than 20 crusade members arrested, "demonstrates that the government has no inclination to dialogue...How can you negotiate with someone who's pointing a pistol at your head?"

WORLD IN BRIEF

Human-powered craft completes test flights

IRAKLION, Crete (AP) — A high-tech human-powered aircraft made a successful series of test flights today in preparation for a world-record distance attempt that also will recreate the ancient Daedalus myth. The 60-pound ultralight Daedalus 20 completed six flights lasting less than three minutes each in calm dawn weather above a Greek air

force base adjoining Iraklion airport. Five athletic pilots took turns to pedal the shimmering pink-and-silver plane at speeds of around 14 mph, flying about 15 feet above the tarmac.

"The plane performed successfully in every test. It's ready for the record flight any time now," said Mark Dreis, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology aeronautics professor and chief engineer in the 30-member Daedalus team.

The MIT project aims at breaking

the world record for human-powered flight over the 74-mile distance from Crete to the island of Santorini, also known as Thera.

The flight also will update the myth of Daedalus. According to the 3,500-year-old myth, the inventor and his son, Icarus, tried to escape from Crete on wings made of feathers and wax. Daedalus succeeded, but Icarus flew too close to the sun, the wax melted and he fell into the sea.

Violin nets \$889,240

LONDON (AP) — A Stradivarius violin fetched a world record auction price for a musical instrument of \$889,240 at a Sotheby's sale today, the auctioneers said.

The violin, made in 1709 by Italian craftsman Antonio Stradivari, is named after the master English violinist Marie Hall. Composer Vaughan Williams composed "The Lark Ascending" for Hall, which she first

performed in 1920.

An unidentified private South American buyer beat out two other dealers bidding by telephone in a tense, two-minute auction.

"It was quite drawn out and tense and there was a round of applause at the end," said Sotheby's spokeswoman Beth McFattie.

Burger takes fail for cop

LONDON (AP) — A police officer who was given the slip by a discarded hamburger has won a damage

claim against the operators of the London subway.

High Court Judge Alan Lipman ruled Wednesday that London Regional Transport was negligent in failing to clear up potentially dangerous litter at Earl's Court station. The amount of damages will be assessed later.

Graham Hasky, 28, alleged he was chasing pichpoches in August 1982 when he leaped down some stairs and skidded on the remains of a hamburger, breaking his leg.

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