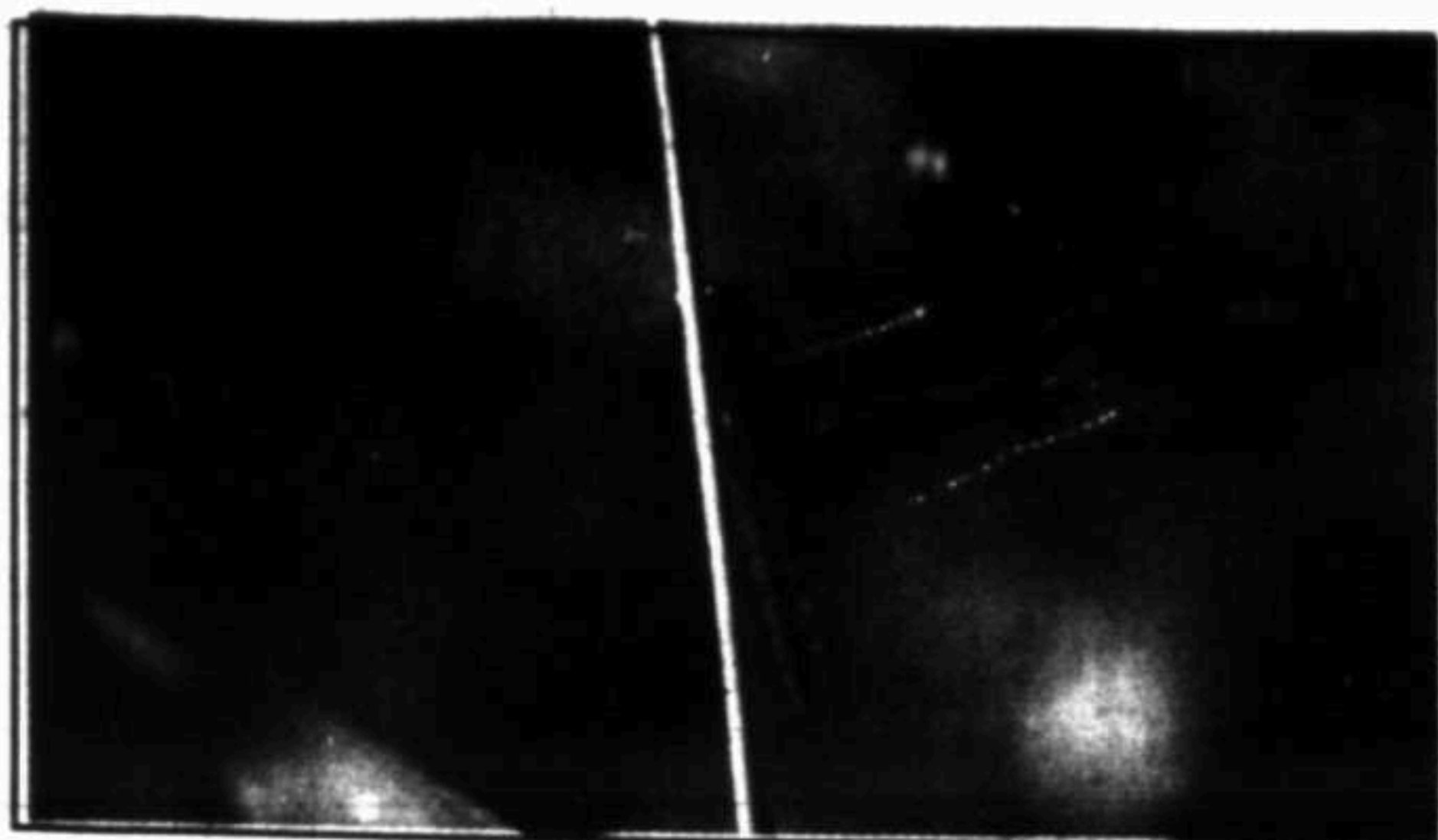




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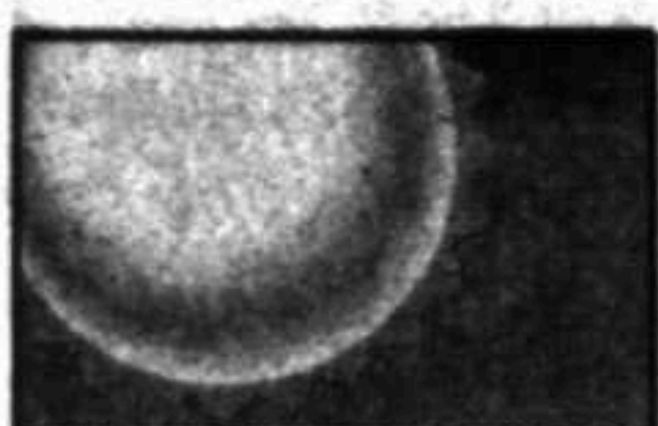
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Bowden speaks

With his love of football, West-erns and down-home charisma, Florida State coach Bobby Bowden had no problem blending in with West Texans during his stop in the Tall City to help in a fund raiser for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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Martin trial

Mary Stephens choked on her tears as she told jurors what happened Feb. 25, 1998 — the day that her daughter, Marcia Stephens, and her two grandchildren died in a house fire. "She called me at about 9 a.m. and she asked me to pick her and her kids up," Mary Stephens testified. "They needed to take baths and they didn't have any propane. They were hungry and didn't have anything to fix for lunch." Once again, Marcia Stephens, 24, and her common-law husband, Garland "Butch" Martin, 36, had fallen on hard times, Mary Stephens testified Wednesday.

Story page 4B

Energy Awards

The 1999 Hearst Newspapers/Midland Reporter-Telegram Energy Awards for lifetime achievement, company performance, government service and technology will be presented tonight, in conjunction with the Executive Oil Conference, which runs today and Friday. George Yates, chairman of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, will be the featured speaker at the awards banquet, which honors individuals and companies for excellence and achievement in the oil and gas industry. The honorees are Ray Galvin, Jay Alvey, Charles Matthews, John Bell, Juan Morales and Arco-Permian. Also, Altura will receive the Bruno Hanson/Midland College Award for Environmental Excellence.

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Morrow seeks aid for tornado victims

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

County Judge Bill Morrow has declared the area hit by Tuesday night's tornado and hail storm a local disaster area and is requesting state assistance.

National Weather Service Meteorologist George Mathews confirmed Wednesday afternoon that a tornado briefly touched down in southeast Midland County Tuesday night.

The tornado — which touched down near the intersection of East County Road 160 and FM 1213 in southeastern Midland County — is the first tornado to hit an inhabited area in Midland county since the weather service began tracking them in 1950, Mathews said.

The estimated total damage is approximately \$8,871,000, said Morrow, who has sent a letter to Gov. George W. Bush requesting that Texas issue a state of emergency declaration.

Morrow wrote that the storm is "of such severity and magnitude that an effective response is beyond Midland County's capability to recover without supplementary State and/or Federal assistance."

"We are hoping that the state will come through with the funds," Morrow said Wednesday. "If they don't, the county will take care of the roads and debris will be picked up. As for individual structures, that will

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A trailer home was completely destroyed in Tuesday's storm. The damage was caused by 70 mph winds and hail and not the tornado, according to forecasters at the National Weather Service Wednesday afternoon.

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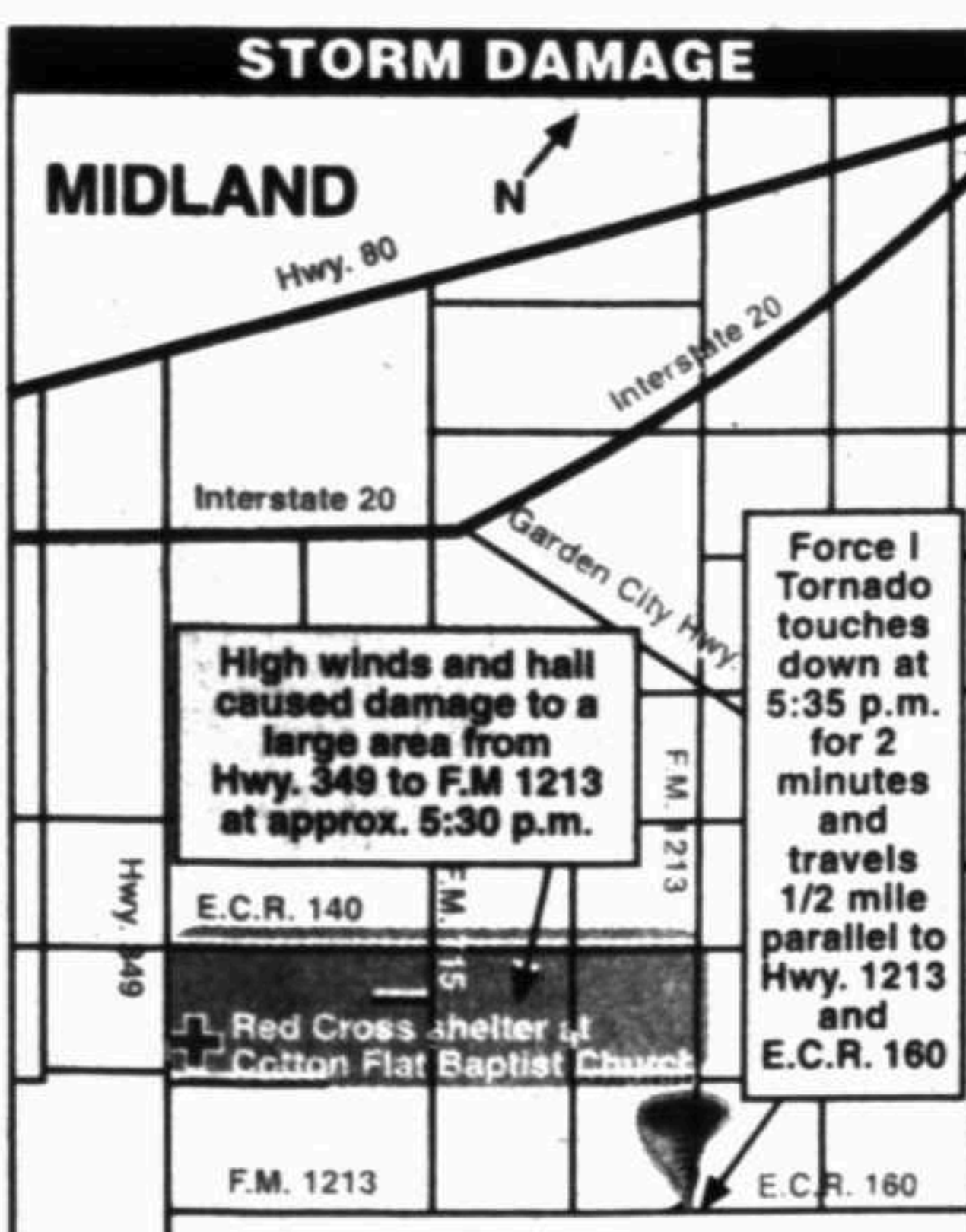
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ABOVE Jennifer Sewell, left, talks with Krysta Friday Wednesday morning at the Red Cross shelter set up at Cotton Flat Baptist Church. Ms. Friday is with the 104th Quartermaster Army Reserve.

RIGHT Locator map shows where tornado touched down.

Source: National Weather Service

Bobbie Scott/Reporter-Telegram



Though home destroyed, faithful family just grateful no one hurt

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writer

Ten-year-old Elizabeth Smith is thankful she has her family. She talks openly about how, even though her family's home was completely destroyed in Tuesday night's storm southeast of Midland, nobody was hurt. She breathes a sigh of relief that a friend called her mom just in time to warn them about the coming storm, enabling them to leave in time and find safe shelter. The fourth-grader is appreciative of having grandparents in Midland whose house they used to stay in overnight.

Elizabeth grins when she thinks about her little brother, 8-year-old Ryan, who told his second-grade teacher at Travis Elementary that he wouldn't be able to turn in his homework today because "a tornado ate it."

But when Elizabeth thinks about her cat, the joy and the thankfulness leave her face as she tries not to get emotional.

"I don't think she's gonna be back, because my mom has called her and called her and she just hasn't come," Elizabeth said.

The Smiths are one of a handful of rural families who lost everything Tuesday. They escaped only with a TV and stereo. Family photo albums were destroyed by the rain, and hail damaged what few possessions were left behind by the wind.

Elizabeth's mother, Jane, was on the phone Tuesday afternoon about 5:20, calling her sons' soccer coaches to see if practice was still on because of the bad weather. One of her calls was interrupted by a

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
This home was among those damaged by hail and high winds Tuesday night.

- Church community, others respond with offers of help./4A
- Woman's new home destroyed in Tuesday storm./1B
- Residents upset over delay in returning to homes./1B

Some Midland Republicans willing to listen to Buchanan's message

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Large crowds were on hand Wednesday to greet Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan as he brought his message of economic patriotism or economic nationalism to Midland and Odessa.

And as he had promised before his visit, Buchanan did not level an attack against his possible GOP rival, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, a former Midland oilman.

Instead, he kept his remarks focused on economics.

"I am for an economic policy that puts America first," Buchanan said, adding that America was behaving like a rich kid who was selling the family estate for his own enjoyment. "You can do it for a long time, but eventually you run out of assets. America is in danger of ending up like Great Britain, which once accounted for 25 percent of world trade, but only 3 percent today."

When he first campaigned for the presidency beginning in 1991, Buchanan said he was told by

many that it was politically impossible to talk about tariffs or against the global economy. "I am proof that you can talk about tariffs and the global economy. I have been doing it and doing it well."

He said the sentiment for economic nationalism was growing everyday as more and more jobs are lost overseas to companies paying one-tenth the U.S. minimum wage. "American industries such as steel, farm products and oil need to be protected from foreign companies that sell products into the U.S. for under what it costs to produce here. When that happens jobs are lost."

A former member of the Reagan administration, Buchanan said that the sale of oil below U.S. production costs had resulted in the loss of 50,000 jobs, and the shutting-in of 136,000 wells. "U.S. oil production has now fallen below 6 million barrels."

Buchanan said he was concerned about the prob-

■ Bush supporters speak out./4A

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Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan talks with supporters Wednesday morning at the Petroleum Club, where his support for domestic industries was well-received.

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Germany unveils Kosovo peace plan; NATO cautious

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — In a diplomatic drive to bring peace to Kosovo, Germany unveiled a plan Wednesday calling for a one-day suspension of airstrikes if Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic begins withdrawing troops from the province.

NATO called the German plan a "food-for-thought paper," but did not immediately endorse it. Spokesman Jamie Shea said it was a "very useful and necessary contribution" to the debate on how to get Milosevic to back down.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, current president of the 15-nation European Union, convened a special EU summit Wednesday evening to discuss the peace plan and to meet with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Alliance officials feel the air campaign has begun to stagger Milosevic and are hesitant to ease up and give him a chance to recuperate.

In Washington, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin called the German proposals constructive and said they were in line with the conditions that NATO has laid down. He described them as a beginning of a discussion of how the conditions would be implemented.

Under the German plan, presented in Bonn, NATO would suspend its airstrikes on Yugoslavia for 24 hours to give Milosevic time to begin moving his troops out of the province, and permanently suspend the attacks once the pull-out is complete.

The proposals call for a U.N. military force to move in as Yugoslav army and special police forces withdraw. That would be followed by a return of the hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees who have fled to Albania and Macedonia and an interim U.N. administration of Kosovo.

"We need to allow for the return of refugees, to allow for the deployment of international troops to protect the refugees and the population of Kosovo," said Schröder.

Annan met with NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana before going to the EU. No details of their discussions were released, but Shea said Solana told Annan that the allies "are united and determined to push this through to its logical conclusion."

The U.N. chief called on diplomats to intensify efforts to find a political solution, but acknowledged after a meeting with British Prime Minister Tony Blair that "it's not going to be easy."

Annan denied reports he plans to travel to Belgrade to discuss the German plan.

In a gesture to Russia, the German plan does not insist on a NATO peacekeeping force, rather it suggests a "robust" contingent of international troops under a single commander.

Russia was part of the six-nation Contact Group — along with the United States, France, Britain, Germany and Italy — that negotiated a peace agreement for Kosovo in Rambouillet, France, in February.

That agreement was signed by the Kosovo Albanians, but rejected by the Serbs.

Russia, nonetheless, has strongly opposed the NATO air operation and has severed its relations with the alliance.

"We welcome the Russian effort in the current crisis to try to bring a positive influence to bear on the government in Belgrade," Schröder said. "I am firmly convinced that Russia will act as a stabilizing factor in Europe."

Schröder told the EU Parliament in Strasbourg, France, earlier Wednesday that "the terrible developments in Kosovo are not solely a domestic policy issue for Yugoslavia."

"Europe's voice has to remain resolute" and help create a situation in Kosovo where refugees can safely return to their homes, he said. Eleven of the EU's 15 members are also part of NATO.

Martin Erdmann, a spokesman for German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer said the proposal was "coordinated" with Ger-

many's allies in intense diplomacy in recent days.

The main points of the plan include:

- Setting a timetable for the withdrawal of Serb military, police and paramilitary forces from Kosovo, with a clear threat that airstrikes would resume if Milosevic stalls.

- A cease-fire by ethnic Albanian rebels, who would later be disarmed by the international force.

- The return of refugees and displaced people once Yugoslav forces have pulled out.

- A U.N. interim administration for Kosovo.

- Advance troops of the U.N. force to move in quickly as Yugoslav forces withdraw, before the full peace force arrives.

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Thousands of tragic stories later, refugee picture gets uglier

KUKES, Albania (AP) — By now, a half-million tragic stories later, the ugly picture is getting steadily uglier: It is one of Serb terror and murder ripping deep Albanian roots from Kosovo soil.

As NATO pursues its relentless campaign in the air, Serbs probe the Albanian border and pepper a no man's land with mines to show they are masters on the ground.

"They are now everywhere," wailed Zade Haradinaj, among at least 2,000 refugees who crossed Wednesday from Drenica, a last redoubt of the Kosovo Liberation Army. Her group hid in the mountains for a month before riding a tractor convoy to Albania.

"The last thing we saw was Serbs beating our men to death, maybe 300 or 400 of them, including boys over 14," she said. Another 4,000 refugees, mostly women, were following on foot, she said. Even with tractors, the trip took three days. Five children died of exposure in her cluster of tractors.

Her 84-year-old mother-in-law, Hafize Haradinaj, described how Serb paramilitary units shot to death 150 men suspected of KLA ties on March 27 in the nearby village of Izmic. Zade said her brother was among them.

Many in the group said Serbs placed their tanks and artillery near refugee convoys, apparently to discourage NATO pilots from bombing them.

On Tuesday, Naser Berisha, 36, was among nearly 4,000 refugees who straggled into the Albanian border town of Kukes. They had hidden for two weeks, hoping to return to their villages near Pristina, capital of Kosovo.

Serb snipers took pot shots at their convoy of open tractors and cars, killing a 12-year-old boy and wounding his mother, the refugees said.

Near a military camp at Djakovica, Berisha said he watched a woman resist rape by Serbs only to be shot dead in front of her husband and children. "I dared not leave my car to try to help," he said, still visibly distraught. "What could I do?"

New details from recent arrivals dovetail with stories told repeatedly since late March when the first waves of refugees streamed out of Kosovo. More than 300,000 have come through two Albanian border posts. At least another 200,000 went to Macedonia and Montenegro.

"The routine is that armed Serbs arrive and tell everyone to put their valuables and car keys on the kitchen table and to be gone within 30 minutes," said Maureen Tappes of San Diego, a Catholic Relief Services aid worker, in Kosovo since last fall.

Other foreign aid workers and Kosovar refugees offer similar accounts.

"It has been completely orchestrated since summer, with troops, police and the paramilitary," said Keith Ussel, an American U.N. World Food Program officer.

A common pattern, he said, was for Serbs to frighten refugees away from their villages with shelling, then call in trucks by radio to empty out houses, which were then torched.

Expulsions reached a peak after the October offensive and then subsided. They resumed on a massive scale — backed by army tanks — after NATO planes attacked Serbia.

At first, Serbs targeted KLA strongholds populated by family members of ethnic Albanian fighters in the hills. Then they fanned out, emptying most towns and villages and burning many of them.

Beatings, sometimes fatal, were common. Theft by Serb police was systematic.

Reports of rape are growing, foreign medical workers said, although shame makes victims reluctant to speak. People are killed with no evident pattern, and farm animals, dogs and cats are put to death as a matter of course.

Often Serbs drive into villages in buses or police vehicles not easily identifiable by NATO pilots.

By now, according to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, fewer than a million ethnic Albanians are left in Kosovo, and nearly half of them are displaced, hiding in forests and mountains.

No one knows how many displaced people remain in Kosovo, but 400,000 seems a reasonable estimate, said UNHCR spokesman Jacques Franquin.

"I regret to say it, but any refugee who can't make it out on his own has no access to international aid," Franquin said. Air drops are not practical given the terrain and the complete control by Serb authorities, he said.

Meantime, ragtag KLA units fight in the mountains, partly reinforced by volunteers from the Albanian diaspora in Europe and beyond, but their weaponry and training are limited.

KLA military police in red berets patrol the streets of Kukes, sometimes rounding up young refugees as forced recruits.

Officials of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe monitor the border area, peering into Kosovo from vantage points, but say they get scant intelligence.

Serb units repeatedly shell the sparsely inhabited border area near Tropoje farther north. On Tuesday, they stormed into Albania, briefly seizing control of a mountain village before going back.

The effects of a brutal and organized expulsion campaign hang over refugees, who have little idea what to do with their lives. Each day, the pool of despair deepens.

About 5,000 refugees live in a camp of 600 khaki canvas tents and 120 portable toilets put up by Italian civilian teams around a fetid pond. Italian fire trucks supply water. French and Italian doctors

provide medical help.

Many uncounted thousands more, however, huddle under plastic sheets lashed to their tractors in fields and vacant lots. A powerful stench testifies to the lack of sanitation, and food deliveries are spotty.

Drita Canaj wept quietly under her scrap of cloth, worrying aloud about how she would feed her four young sons. Alternately, she prayed for four older sons in the mountains with the KLA.

Her husband, Haxhi, brooded

about how to make a living as a farmer with no land, no tools and nothing but the ragged clothes on his back.

Zeka and his family confirmed reports that Serb MiGs have dropped cluster bombs that explode chest-high, spraying sharp metal fragments in all directions.

"We are happy NATO is trying to help," Zeka said, "but I don't understand their strategy. They are up in the air, but the Serbs are killing us on the ground."

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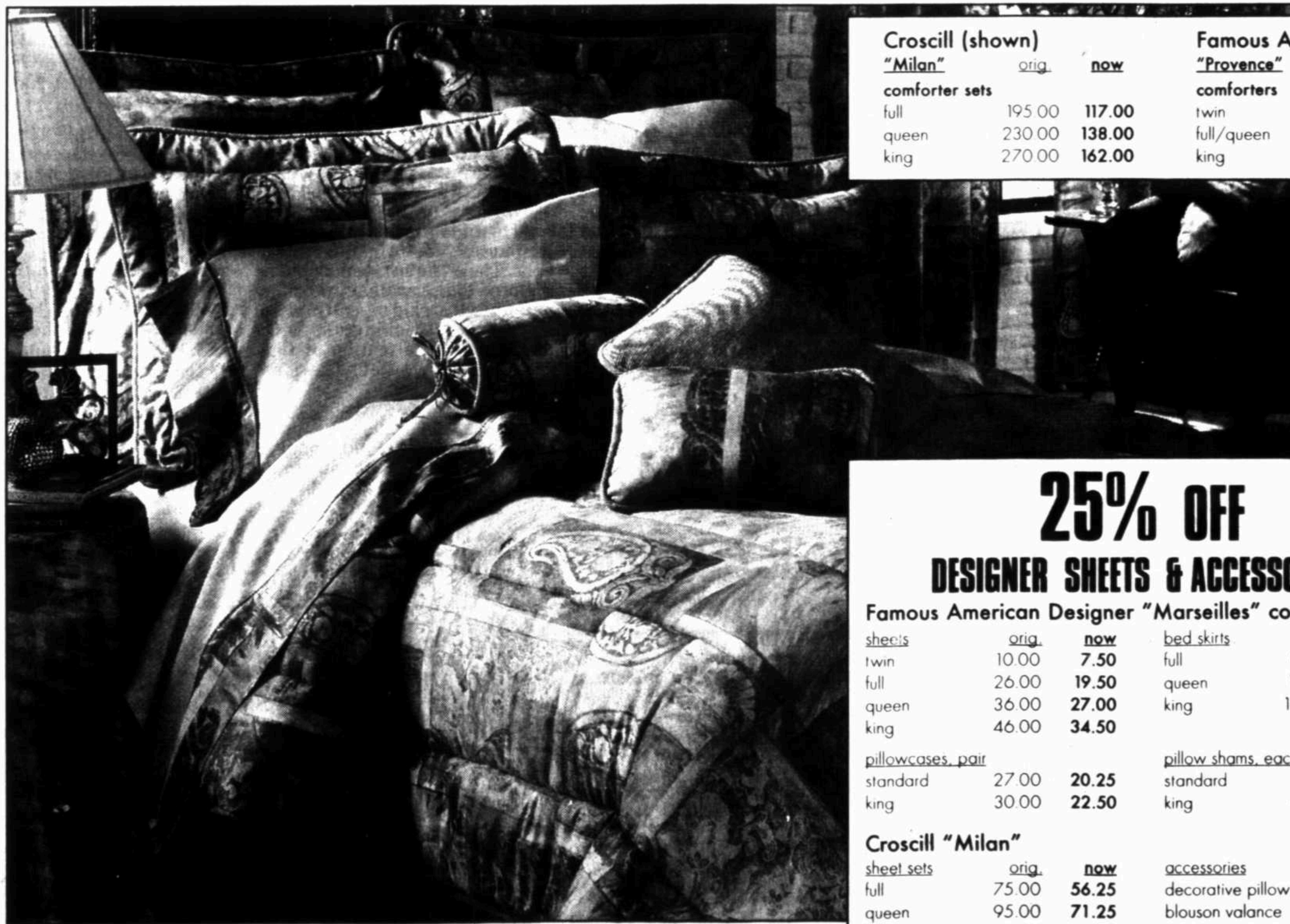
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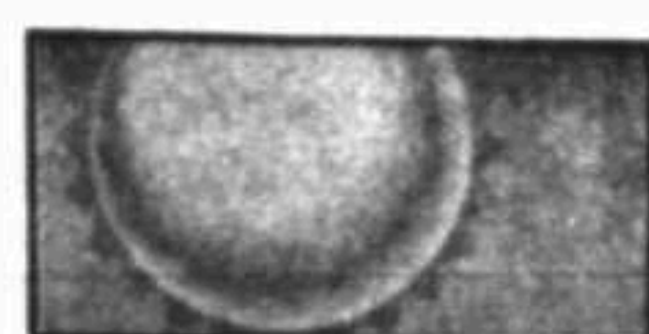
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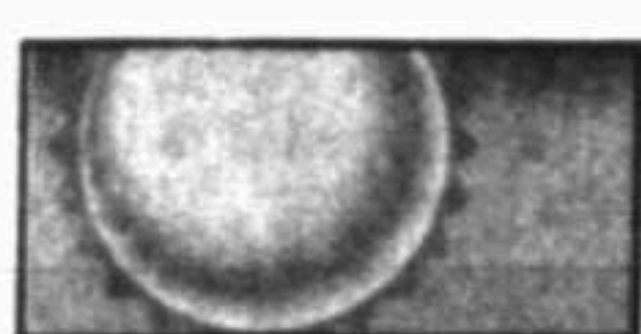
3-day forecast



Today
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High 63
Low 36



Friday
Partly cloudy
High 67
Low 35



Saturday
Sunny
High 66
Low 34

Today's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high in the lower 60s and northeast winds blowing at 10-20 mph.
Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low mid-30s.
Friday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high at 65-70.
After an overnight low of 55, Wednesday's high reached 78, compared to the record high for that date of 95 set in 1935. The record low of 29 was set in 1983.

Yesterday's precipitation

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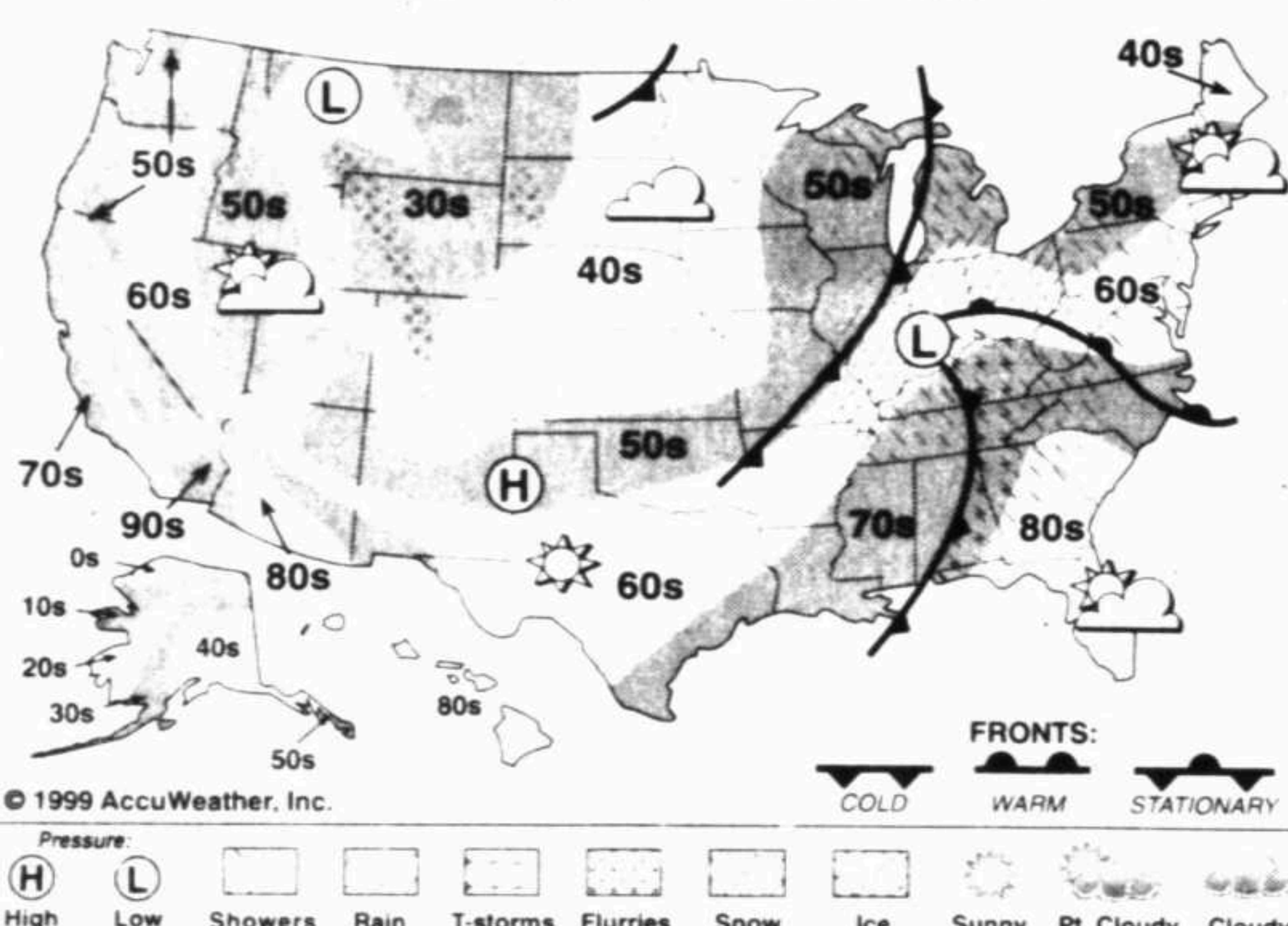
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Bush backers like Buchanan's words, remain loyal to governor

By Gary Ott
and Mella McEwen
Staff Writers

Just as Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan avoided personal attacks on possible rival George W. Bush Wednesday during a campaign visit to Midland, local oilmen supporting Bush also said they were willing to listen to Buchanan with an open mind.

They said they remained loyal to Bush, but acknowledged liking at least part of what Buchanan had to say.

It had been suggested by some of Bush's staunchest supporters that Buchanan's visit to Midland was strictly a political attempt to win backing from those who don't think the governor — a former Midland oilman — has been vocal or outspoken enough on the problems facing the oil industry.

"I hope it wasn't political," said Karen Hughes, a Bush spokeswoman in Austin. "These are very difficult times in the oil industry. I would hope no one would take advantage of the suffering for political purposes."

And most who attended seemed to give Buchanan the benefit of the doubt.

"I loved hearing him say the domestic oil industry is important and that he believes in helping all our domestic industries," said Jim Henry, chief executive officer of Henry Petroleum and president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association. "He believes we should emphasize our domestic industries instead of what's best worldwide. Congress has tended to emphasize the global economy; human rights in other countries take precedence over domestic industries."

Buddy Sipes of Chisos Operating had this to say of Buchanan's visit: "It's positive to get someone on the national scene to talk about the crisis in the domestic oil industry. I'm not sure anyone will listen, but it's positive to be talking about it."

He added that Buchanan's protectionist bent was well-received by the oilmen.

Don Sparks, president of Discovery Operating, who said he is noncommittal about a presidential candidate and remained noncommittal after hearing Buchanan's remarks, said that portraying Buchanan as protectionist was a disservice to the candidate.

"When we say protected," he said, "we mean we shouldn't allow other countries to use this nation as a dumping ground and ruin the infrastructure of a vital domestic industry."

Pick 3 Texas

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

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STORM: Residents allowed back in homes

(From 1A)

have to be settled with the insurance companies. I'm sure there will be several uninsured structures out there.

"However, there are no residents who were not thankful to see us. They are great folks and they deserve our support."

Residents were allowed back to their homes as of Wednesday afternoon, by which time electricity and water had been restored to most of the houses in the area, according to Department of Public Safety officials. Also Wednesday afternoon, the emergency personnel's command post had been disbanded.

To help determine the most immediate needs, local and state representatives of the Department of Emergency Management will be meeting with tornado victims today. The representatives will be in the Midland Police Department's mobile substation, which is to be parked near the

'It was a very intense storm with a strong super cell and strong rotation. Most of the damage was done by the 70 mph wind-blown hail.'

— National Weather Service Meteorologist George Mathews

intersection of Fairgrounds Road and County Road 150. The Department of Emergency Management is an arm of the DPS.

Tuesday night's storm lasted 10 to 12 minutes, according to the National Weather Service, but the tornado was on the ground for two to three minutes. It was classified as an F-1 tornado. Tornadoes are ranked between F-0 to F-5, with F-5 being the worst, Mathews said.

He said tornado damage was hard to determine because there were few structures in the area. From the information the weather service gathered, the tornado damaged an area that was about half a mile long and 150 yards wide.

The wind-blown hail damaged

stretched three miles long and two miles wide with most of the major damage occurring in a half mile section.

"We have been out there looking over the damage," Mathews said. "It was a very intense storm with a strong super cell and strong rotation. Most of the damage was done by 70 mph wind-blown hail."

"The sequence of events was more constant with a tornado on the southern end of the impacted area, than in the northern end."

Morrow said that he received an interesting account about how hard the wind was blowing Tuesday night.

"One man told me he was in a trailer and the windows had blown out on one side and blew a door on

the other side open," Morrow said. "The man said he was laying by the door with a cut on his hand when a little dog flew by. He said he just reached up and grabbed it."

A major part of determining whether a storm is a tornado is combining information from the Doppler radar with what they find at the site, Mathews said.

"First, we look at the radar. From that we try to fit the storm into a classification. We did see a rotation in the sky but we didn't know if it had hit the ground. At the site we investigate how the debris was blown and what witnesses say. We look at grass, roof pieces and other damage to see what storm pattern they fit in."

The weather service tracked the storm east as it came close to Greenwood and continued into Glasscock County. Officials from Glasscock County said that they did not receive any rain from the storm.

Church community, many others respond with offers of help

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writer

Everyone touched by the tragedy of Tuesday's tornado southeast of Midland has a story that differs, however slightly, from the next person's experience. Some lost everything. Others were fortunate enough to come away with just broken windows. There were people whose sole role in the storm's aftermath was to provide comfort and assistance to those who had been directly affected. There were those who were at work with relief agencies, providing leadership for the flood of volunteers that poured into the Cotton Flat Road Baptist Church, and still others showed up to offer support through donations of services.

Though all the people involved in the tragedy and its aftermath were involved or affected differently, there was one common thread as the story unfolded: Nobody was surprised in the least at the help and offers of assistance that came flooding in.

"There were so many people here Tuesday night we could have had church," said Jim Pritchard, a deacon at Cotton Flat Baptist Church, who was helping oversee the church's efforts. Ironically, about the only person who couldn't be at the church — and who badly wanted to be there helping — was his pastor, the Rev. Pete Campbell. A previous commitment to help lead a weekend Walk to Emmaus spiritual retreat took Campbell away from his church community Wednesday.

"In less than 50 minutes after I got here, I had over 97 business cards of people who walked up willing to help," said Red Cross rep-

'There were so many people here Tuesday night we could have had church.'

— Jim Pritchard, a deacon at Cotton Flat Baptist Church

representative Dug Belcher, of Odessa. "Offers of food, generators. Several hotels called and offered to put people up for the night. It's one of the things that makes me so proud to live in West Texas. And I can't say enough about Gary Painter and the Midland County Sheriff's Office."

"A lot of the people who were affected are members here at the church," Pritchard said.

Lorna Lusk stayed until late Tuesday night and returned at 7:30 Wednesday morning. Mrs. Lusk, along with Mary Jo Leonard, helped with food and coffee, and offered comfort to the many people who the two women call their friends.

"It's important to help at the church when so many of the members are hurting," Mrs. Lusk said. "We just want to do what we can to help everybody."

Mrs. Lusk and Mrs. Leonard both agreed with Belcher in giving credit to the people of West Texas who respond in a crisis.

"The way people came together made me feel good," Mrs. Lusk said.

The church had already decided that it would open its doors to those displaced by the storm when efforts began to declare the church facility an official Red Cross shelter — in and of itself no easy task.



Mobile home insulation and wall board were strewn against fence lines in neighboring yards.

"There's a lot of paperwork that comes with it," Pritchard said. "We had to get approval from all the deacons."

Converting a church into an official Red Cross shelter requires that certain cleanliness standards be met. Pritchard and others worked as late as 4 a.m. tidying up the kitchen and church hall, and waited until electricity and water had been restored to ensure that the official Red Cross designation became reality.

"It's a terrible thing that happened, but it's always nice the way

people pull together," Pritchard said.

How to help: Donations for those affected by the storm are being handled through the Salvation Army, 683-3614 or 683-3617, and the Red Cross, 684-6161. Wal-Mart and Furr's will provide food relief. St. Vincent de Paul, 687-2343, 687-5644, will accept household items to distribute to the victims and the Red Cross will also accept monetary donations. The Seminole Chamber of Commerce is also accepting donations.

BUCHANAN: Oilmen like message of support

(From 1A)

lems of the oil industry and his primary reason for being in the Permian Basin was to help call attention to the plight of the oil and gas industry. "In the future, you will hear me talk about Midland and Odessa on national television."

Although he did not refer to Bush by name, he made one reference to him. That was when he said that Washington, D.C., and "some folks in Austin" could do a better job of speaking out for the oil industry. Earlier on a radio interview, however, he said that he would be campaigning in the Permian Basin of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico and that he would give "W" a run for his money.

The CNN commentator said he believed energy independence was politically possible, and that he would support a energy policy of energy independence. "I would support a tariff to stabilize oil prices. It would kick in when oil prices went below the trigger price and all the proceeds would be given to U.S. consumers to defer higher gasoline costs." Other

er components of a U.S. energy independence policy he said he would support would include nuclear energy and alternative energy.

Buchanan also pledged his support to an oil industry legal action against foreign producers, such as Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Iraq, for unfair trade practices.

He noted that the oil industry needed to change its image if it was to win political battles. "Too many in Washington see J.R. Ewing or Big Oil when they think of the oil industry. They don't see the West Texas oil worker. But, in reality, the industry is thousands of workers, on the yellow brick road to middle class. It is women, Hispanics and African-Americans. The oil industry must put on the face of the ordinary working person." He said a rally of oil workers in Washington, D.C., might get the attention of Congress "on a day when we are not bombing someone."

On other political issues, Buchanan said he did not support the bombing or ground troops in Kosovo, that U.S. involvement there was not well thought out. "Which flag flies in Kosovo is not

worth one American platoon."

He said he supported a flat tax with deduction exceptions for home mortgages and religious contributions. "I would brick up the IRS offices and shut it down."

He said he would be very firm on illegal immigration and would reduce legal immigration from 1 million per year to 250,000 per year. "We cannot have people breaking into this country and demanding the benefits of citizenship."

Buchanan said he would also work very hard to protect Social Security and increase assistance to the elderly. "This is the greatest generation that brought us through a Depression and defended on two sides of the world. We must take care of them."

Asked how he could convince America voters that he can win, he said winning primaries was the key. "We won three of four primaries against Dole. If we had won just one more we could have broken through. We could have beaten Dole."

FAMILY: Victims who lost all grateful no one injured

(From 1A)

friend who warned of the storm that had been spotted near her house. Mrs. Smith, Elizabeth, Ryan, and 5-year-old Ethan, a kindergartner at Travis, all fled to the safe shelter of their friend's house.

When they returned they found that even what little they did have was gone, strewn everywhere by the wind or beaten apart by the hail, which, Mrs. Smith said, was 3-feet high in portions of her family's trailer. The family's home and possessions were not protected by insurance.

"Our entire roof was gone, and the west wall had caved in," Mrs. Smith said. "The only thing holding the trailer up was the porch in the back. The trailer was leaning over on it. When we got back, our belongings were everywhere."

Mrs. Smith's husband of 17-years, 42-year-old Michael, was at his job at Saia Motor Freight in Odessa, when the storm hit. Later in the evening, fearing looters,

'I think God was looking out for everyone who lived in this area.'

— Jane Smith, whose home was destroyed in Tuesday's tornado

Smith returned home to retrieve a TV and stereo and cut his hand on a shard of glass that had earlier in the day been part of a window.

"Out of all the people on our street, we were the only one's whose house was destroyed," Mrs. Smith said. "We have a lot of friends and family, and our church family has been so helpful and supportive. Our faith in God teaches us that everything in life can be replaced except for us, so we're just thankful we're all alive today. I think God was looking out for everybody who lived in this area."

The family cat, Underfoot, was still missing late Wednesday afternoon, but Donna White, Elizabeth's teacher at Rusk Elementary, said her student was han-

dling the situation with a quiet optimism, even though Elizabeth fully knows her cat may have died. Mrs. White said Elizabeth's mom is handling things the same way.

"The first thing Mrs. Smith said when she brought her to school this morning was that she didn't have Elizabeth's costume for the PTA program Thursday night," Mrs. White said.

At Travis, where Ethan and Ryan were students, principal Michael Worley also said Ryan told him a tornado had ate his homework.

"Ryan's mom was trying to hold back tears when he told me that," Worley said. "We told him we'd give him a pass on his homework."

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The 1999 Hearst Newspapers/ Midland Reporter-Telegram Energy Awards

Jay Alvey



Energy Award Lifetime Achievement winner Jay Alvey was not a part of the founding of the Oil Show, but he came along shortly after.

The Oil Show started out in 1940 in Colorado City and was called the Little International Oil Show, named for the granddaddy of all oil shows the International Oil Show in Tulsa. In 1941, the Oil Show held its second meeting at Floyd Gwynn Park in Odessa. It then disbanded for World War II, and was reactivated in 1952 as the Permian Basin Oil Show. That was the same year that Alvey moved to

Odessa as representative of the Veteran's Administration, and later resigned to become manager of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce Chuck Wagon Gang.

"The Oil Show is truly a Permian Basin event," Alvey said. "Most of our presidents have come from Odessa or Midland, but we have had some from other areas such as Kermit and Andrews."

Alvey, then an employee with the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, came on to the board of the Oil Show in 1956, and three years later became the only manager or executive director of the Oil Show has ever had.

"For many in the Permian Basin, Jay Alvey and the Oil Show are one and the same," said Guy Andrews, president of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, when Alvey was honored by the Chamber earlier this year as Odessa's Outstanding Citizen for 1998.

Alvey says the two most significant changes in the Oil Show, which did not change its name to the Permian Basin Oil International Oil Show until last year, came in 1962 and 1990.

"It was in 1962 that the Oil Show changed its image, getting down to strictly business," said Alvey. "Before that we had movie stars, dances, high wire acts and all sorts of entertainment. The Oil Show was the biggest show in West Texas, but the exhibitors let

it be known that they wanted to stick to business." With the coliseum no longer used for dances and entertainment restricted to the Chuck Wagon Gang Barbecue, that space was quickly taken up by exhibitors in 1966.

In 1990, the old exhibit buildings were torn down and replaced with new buildings which increased the space of the show by 20 percent. That space too, was quickly gobbled up by anxious exhibitors, and while the waiting list diminished some, it still remained.

"This show has grown each year for the past 40 years, because we have kept our focus and given the exhibitors what they wanted," said Alvey. Alvey said the focus of the show is strictly on technology for the onshore, exploration and production sectors of the industry. Last Oil Show 800 exhibitors occupied 1,117 spaces, and there was still a waiting list of almost 100.

According to Conventions Magazine the Permian Basin International Oil Show is now the largest petroleum exhibit in the world with 357,600 square feet of exhibit space. This compares to 247,336 feet for the Houston Offshore Technology Conference. "We used to bill ourselves as the world's largest inland petroleum exhibit, but now we just bill ourselves as the world's largest," said Alvey.

R.E. "Ray" Galvin



R.E. "Ray" Galvin was just another oilpatch kid from Coahoma and Otis Chalk. All he wanted was a good job with a major oil company, and had no thought of one day negotiating and managing billion-dollar deals.

But in a 44-year career with Gulf and Chevron, he took on several of them, including Chevron's \$2.5 billion acquisition of Tenneco in 1988 and Chevron's merger with Gulf Oil Co. in 1985. "It is a long career of achievement, plus his skill in negotiating big acquisitions and

mergers and the blending of corporations, that has earned the retired president of Chevron U.S.A. Production Co. and director of Chevron Corp., the 1999 Hearst Newspapers/Midland Reporter Telegram Energy Award for a Lifetime of Achievement.

Galvin, who since February of 1998 has been a director of Consolidated Natural Gas, began his Gulf career in 1953 after graduating from Texas A&M with a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering. He worked in Oklahoma and Pennsylvania before taking three years off for military service during the Korean Conflict. On returning to Gulf in 1956, Galvin was sent to Monahans, where he stayed until 1959. After other Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma stops, he returned to the Permian Basin in 1978, where he was general manager of production in the Midland office.

He became vice president of production for U.S. Operations in 1979, and in 1981 was named vice president of the South and East Offshore Division of Gulf.

It was while he was in that position that Galvin served on Gulf's merger team from 1984-1985, when Chevron bought Gulf. At that time, it was the largest corporate merger ever, and those who ventured into the realm of billion-dollar deals were treading new ground.

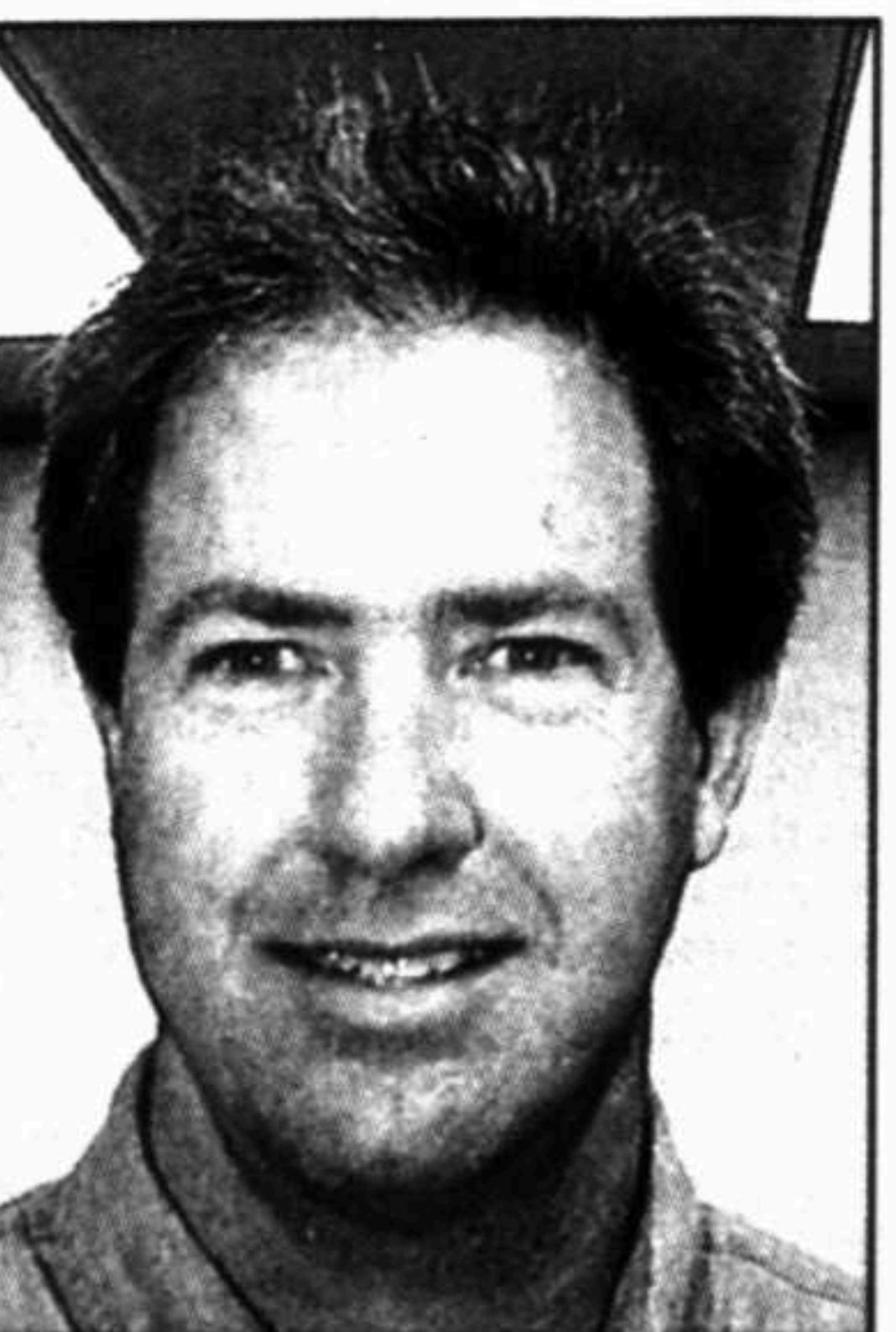
After the merger, Galvin became vice president of exploration, land and production for Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Southern Region in June of 1985. Three years later, he was elected senior vice president of exploration, land and production for Chevron U.S.A. Inc., formerly the domestic oil and gas subsidiary of Chevron Corp.

That year (1988) he was also involved in negotiating and implementing Chevron's purchase of Tenneco's Gulf of Mexico oil and gas properties, a deal valued at approximately \$2.5 billion.

He was on the executive committee of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association and the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association. Other associations include: the National Ocean Industries Association, the Gas Research Institute, the Greater Houston Partnership and National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering and others. Galvin has also been a member of the American Petroleum Institute and the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

Galvin's receipt of the lifetime achievement award is based on more than just his professional achievements. He has been a leader in a variety of charitable and community-oriented groups as well.

Tracey Boyd, Altura Energy Ltd.



Finding a way to economically protect groundwater from possible contamination by drilling fluids and cuttings in drill pits has won Altura Energy Ltd. the 1999 Bruno Hanson/Midland College Environmental Achievement.

The college presents this award annually to the oil patch company that has implemented a plan demonstrating outstanding concern for environmental protection in the previous year. The 1998 honoree was Phillips Petroleum for its innovative use of windmills

in removing a hydrocarbon sheen for a freshwater aquifer in New Mexico.

While there are existing Texas Railroad Commission regulations governing drill pits, they do not currently require using a liner to protect groundwater from materials that could leach from the pits. Producers have historically regarded installing liners an unnecessary expense.

Regulations allow the pit to be used for drilling fluids, cuttings, rig wash and BOP test fluids. They require removal of fluids from the pit within 30 days of drilling cessation and burial of drill cuttings on site, with the owner's permission, within 12 months. Cuttings may be disposed of off-lease, which requires a minor permit.

Altura began this program in 1997. It determined that the most effective means to protect the groundwater from leached hazards was to encapsulate the dried drill cuttings in a separate polyurethane-lined pit, or side trench. The company decided to line all its drill pits with a 6 ml polyurethane lining. They also construct a separate, lined trench large enough to accommodate all the drill cuttings and the drill pit liners at each site.

After drilling is completed, Altura removes all drilling fluids

from the pits and thoroughly dries the drill cuttings. When the cuttings have dried, the company installs a 6 ml quilted liner in the side trench and pushes all the drill cuttings into it with a bulldozer.

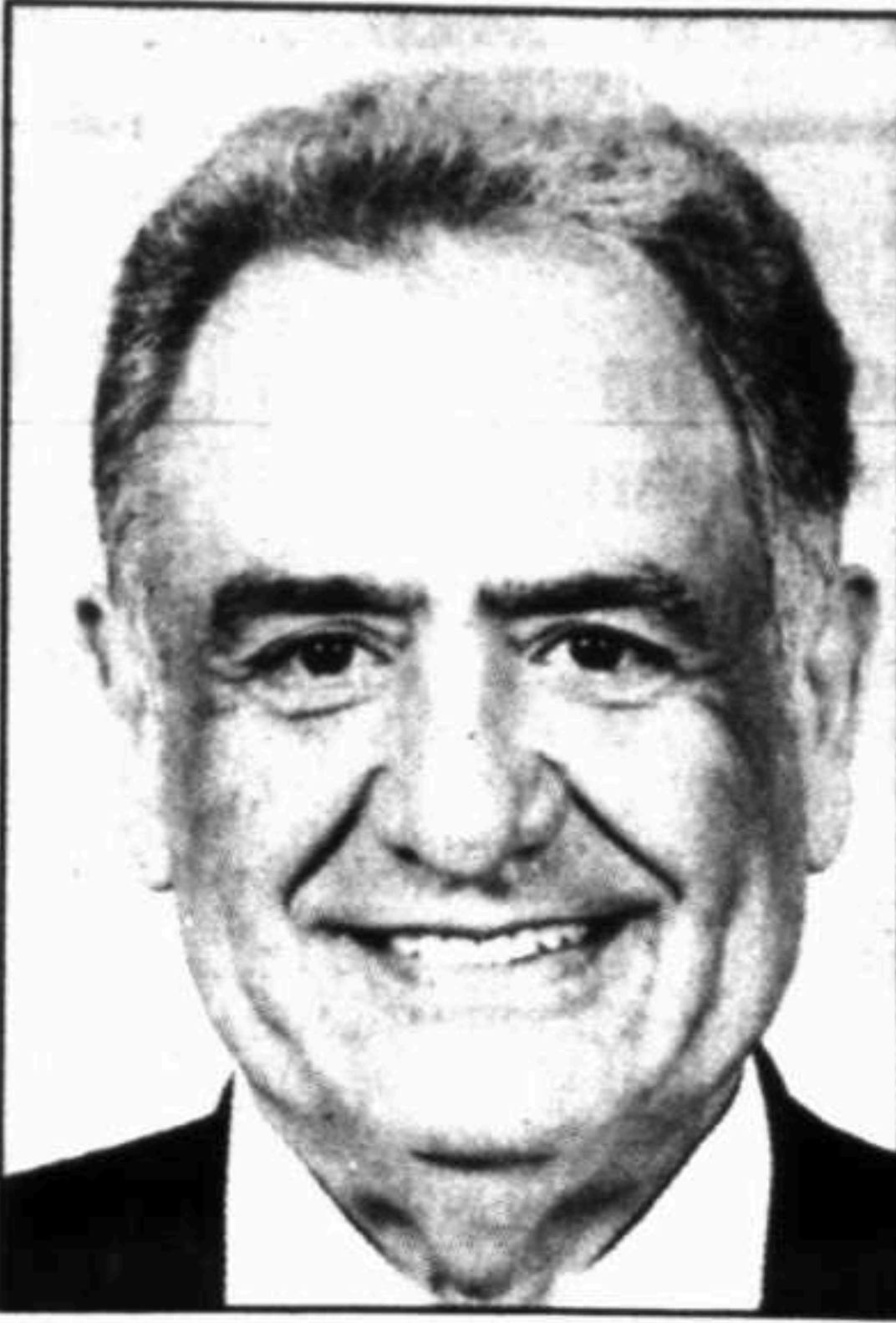
When they have all the cuttings in the trench, another 6 ml polyurethane cap goes over the cuttings to complete the encapsulation. They then put at least five feet of dirt over the top, which provides enough soil to support vegetation and reduce the possibility of residual plastic pit liner migrating to the surface.

Altura uses this method as standard procedure after proving it on 195 well sites in 1997 and 1998. The company figures the procedure adds approximately \$1,500 per location, but believes the cost is preferable to costs that could come later in remediating an inadequately closed pit.

The company indicates that the TRC approves this burial technique, and Altura has forwarded information on the procedure to the Austin TRC office to be considered in proposed Rule Eight amendments.

The Midland College award is named for Bruno Hanson, who was instrumental in bringing an environmental technology program to Midland College.

Juan M. Morales



It all began in 1979 in Austin with a simple idea: use natural bacterial processes to let nature clean itself up in a variety of applications from wastewater treatment to downhole paraffin and corrosion in the oil field. It was an idea that worked.

Energy Award for Technology winner Juan Morales moved to

Austin in 1977 to retire from a 20-year career as a mechanical engineer in the sheet metal industry. Instead, his interest in microbiology and the environment led him to start Micro-Bac in 1979 while researching a microbial treatment to reduce sludge in sewage treatment ponds. In 1986, the company developed the first microbial treatments for long-term control of paraffin, corrosion and scale downhole and in other oil-field systems. Micro-Bac has since added other oil-field remediation microbes to its arsenal.

Morales has said, "I believed back when I started the company, and I still believe today, that 80 percent to 85 percent of all problems can be solved with bacteria. With our environmental pollution problems, there's no doubt about it."

Morales' company, now based in Round Rock, north of Austin, uses only naturally occurring microbes — no genetic engineering is involved. The company isolates bacteria which are non-pathogenic, meaning they will not cause diseases in humans. Because most bacteria have an appetite for only certain things, each strain must be tested to determine what it's hungry for before it can be used in any field application.

Then the bacteria must be "fed" the right nutrients in the right environment (temperature, humidity, etc.) to generate mass quantities. Because of their increased number, specific diet and hearty constitution, the bacteria are ready to take on large jobs.

Twenty years after its founding, Micro-Bac now does business worldwide, including Latin America, Asia and Europe as well as the United States and Canada. In 1994, Micro-Bac International, Inc. established a joint venture business with a Chinese company, to help with oil production in that country.

The Executive Oil Conference's award only adds to a long list of achievements already given to Morales. In 1992, he was a finalist for Ernst and Young's Entrepreneur of the Year. He has been listed in a number of Who's Who publications including its Hall of Fame in 1996. Hart's Petroleum Engineer International Magazine awarded Morales a special meritorious award for engineering achievement in 1991, and four years later Hart's Oil & Gas World Magazine gave him the Best of the Northeast Certificate of Achievement, Best New Technology.

Charles R. Matthews



Telegram Energy Award for Government Service.

"I have consulted on these awards in the past, and I was honored to learn that I would be honored this year," he said.

The award is presented annually to the government official who has performed outstanding service to the oil industry during the previous 12 months.

Matthews' efforts to help the industry in hard times fits well into the theme of the Executive Oil Conference, "Strategies for Tough Times." Said Matthews: "There is a role for government to play, to help industries struggling with low oil prices."

In the fall of last year, Matthews joined U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm in opposing a Clinton administration proposal to reinstate a nickel-per-barrel charge for a cleanup fund which Matthews says already has plenty of money.

"It's ironic that, at the same time we in Texas are trying to lower taxes, the federal government wants to add five cents a barrel," he noted.

Last month, Matthews and U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla urged the U.S. Small Business Administration to begin making SBA disaster aid available to small independent

producers and service companies who have been hit hard by the current low oil prices.

One of the commission's best ways to help is to simply get out of the way, Matthews said. "When I first came on board in January of 1995, we began a thorough review of all our procedures. We looked at all the information and forms we required of the industry to see if they were meaningful. Some forms dated back 60 to 70 years." The study helped reduce regulations and paperwork, saving the industry millions.

Matthews was elected to the Railroad Commission in 1994 for a term beginning in January of 1995. He was elected chairman of the commission in 1997. He also currently serves as chairman of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission's Environmental and Safety Committee. He is Gov. George Bush's representative on the Interstate Mining and Compact Commission, which is a 17-state advisory committee on matters that concern mining operations.

His civic roles have included membership in Rotary and Lions clubs, the YMCA and Boy Scouts of America. Matthews is a native Texan, earning his B.A. degree at the University of Texas at Dallas.

John Bell



John Bell, an independent oilman and consultant from Kermit, will receive a special Energy Award for Government Service because of his efforts to bring state and national attention to the plight of the oil industry during the price crash.

Even though Bell had a house

full of kids, a handful of sick wells, and bills accumulating daily, he became mad enough to divert attention from his own problems to the problems of an industry in deep trouble.

He became a ball cap crusader and launched a letter-writing campaign that eventually turned into parades, rallies, trips to Washington, D.C., and Austin, appearances on national TV and feature interviews in the Wall Street Journal and New York Times. John Bell demonstrated that one man, willing to sacrifice his time and roll up his sleeves, could make a difference in the political arena.

From his bedroom office in Kermit, Bell and his wife have sent out more than 2,000 letters to producers, OPEC ministers, government officials and the news media. It has paid off.

In recent months he has given oil patch tours to CNN News and presidential candidate Pat Buchanan. "Those who say the little people can't make a difference, should try going to bed with a mosquito some night," Bell said.

Bell said he continues to press

the issue of low oil prices because the rest of the state and nation have no idea how low prices have devastated the oil sector of the economy. "Two weeks before Christmas I visited with the crew of a well service rig near Lamesa, Texas. The average wage on the crew was less than \$10 an hour and they had only had one day of work for the entire week. What kind of Christmas can you provide for your family, working one day a week?"

On a personal basis, Bell said he normally drills five to six wells each year, but drilled only one well last year because of low oil prices. "With the posted price, barely over \$8 you couldn't even afford to pump some wells, much less drill new ones."

Bell is also concerned about the economic devastation that low oil prices have created for numerous oil towns and schools throughout the oil-based economies of West Texas and New Mexico. He pointed out that schools throughout the Basin are expecting serious cuts in enrollment and revenues, with some counties looking at a 40 percent drop in revenues.

Keith Weiser, Arco-Permian



Arco-Permian joins a lineup of top performers in winning this year's Energy Award for Company Performance, but that only puts it among peers.

Parker & Parsley received the first Energy Award for Company Performance in 1996 and was followed by Union Pacific Resources Group and Burlington in 1997 and 1998.

Identified by its lean and mean "Coyote Culture," Arco Permian is

known for its business strategies, management style and competitive spirit and aggressive pursuit of opportunity. The Coyote Culture is a style that has transformed a declining asset into a growth engine that has become the crown jewel of Arco Corp. assets.

It is a style also known for its high efficient practices. "When you increase efficiency and lower costs, it exposes an abundance of opportunities," said Keith Weiser, president of Arco-Permian. "With lower operating costs we found opportunities and made money where we never expected to find either. As the company sold properties to focus on core areas, it became more efficient and found an abundance of opportunity."

Arco-Permian is rated best of class for efficiency in an industry benchmarking survey, according to Weiser. Arco-Permian has become such an efficient operator, that it has been able to make money even in the downturn of low oil prices.

One of the most recent opportunities to emerge was a proposed merger that would combine the Permian assets of Arco-Permian and Chevron into a single Midland-based company. "We would be a local-based independent oil company comprised of two major oil

company assets," said Weiser.

It was described as a win-win deal for Chevron, Arco-Permian and the Permian Basin. The assets of the two companies matched very well, and most employees of the two companies would have remained in the Basin.

But these are fickle and confusing times for the oil industry. A recent announcement about a proposed merger between BP and Arco Corp. has left the Arco-Permian and Chevron deal up in the air. But that doesn't mean the diligence, creativity and hard work that went into the planning and execution of the deal should go unnoticed. If the deal is finalized it will be another crowning feat for Arco-Permian.

Arco-Permian is run like an internal "IPO" with full autonomy, said Weiser. "That allows us to move quickly and capture opportunities."

Another success factor, said Weiser, is the fact that the company is locally based and confines itself to those employees who have a loyalty to the Permian Basin. He says they will work harder and smarter to stay in Midland and will give their all for the company and hometown. "We don't have a lot of employees dying to move to Houston."

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Serbs claim NATO strikes hit convoy of Albanian refugees

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — As NATO warplanes hammered Serb targets in Kosovo Wednesday, Yugoslavia said one of the strikes hit a convoy of ethnic Albanian refugees under Serb police escort, killing at least 64 and wounding 20.

NATO confirmed its aircraft carried out controlled attacks on military vehicles.

"The aircraft was fired on by anti-aircraft artillery and a manned portable surface-to-air missile. The pilots state they attacked only military vehicles," NATO said in a statement. "We cannot confirm press reports alleging that these attacks may have caused civilian casualties."

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said NATO was still investigating but there was no indication its planes hit civilians.

Bacon said U.S. Army Gen. Wesley Clark, one of NATO's top commanders, told him in a telephone conversation that he had received "verbal reports of the possibility" that after military vehicles in the refugee convoy were hit, "military people got out and ... began to attack civilians in the middle of the convoy."

"We don't know what the full facts are," Bacon said.

Earlier, Bacon said U.N. relief workers had reported to NATO that refugees entering Albania had claimed refugee convoys were being attacked by Yugoslav planes and helicopters.

Video taken under Serb control showed smashed bodies scattered along a roadway, damaged farm vehicles and bombed-out farm buildings nearby. People in rough peasant clothing, some with blood streaming down their faces, loaded bodies of the dead and wounded into trunks of cars or wheelbarrows to transport them.

Old men and women wept by the roadside. A young boy sat on a trailer rig, sobbing.

The Serb-run Media Center in the Kosovo capital, Pristina, said two separate refugee convoys were bombed, most of them made up of women, children and elderly ethnic Albanians who were being escorted by Serbian police.

From just across the Albanian border at Tropoja, 12 miles away, enormous booms were heard.

Yugoslav Foreign Ministry spokesman Nebojsa Vucelja, who along with the media center reported a figure of 64 dead, denounced the strike as a "crime against humanity."

"The bodies are literally littered on the highway," he said.

While there was no independent confirmation, if the account were true, it would mark by far the largest single loss of civilian life reported during the 3-week-old

NATO bombing campaign.

In Belgium, NATO military spokesman Jamie Shea, asked about the report, said: "I don't have, by any means, all of the details."

"All I have been told by the operational commanders is that military vehicles were a target on that road this afternoon," Shea said.

"We are processing the battle damage assessment in order to know more. As soon as we have more information, I will provide it to you."

NATO has said repeatedly it held Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic responsible for the safety of ethnic Albanians driven from their homes in Kosovo but unable to leave the province. Estimates have put the number of displaced within Kosovo in the hundreds of thousands.

The Serb Media Center said the first refugee column made up of more than 1,000 people on tractors, trailers, in private cars or on foot, was hit — twice — near the villages of Madanaj and Meja, adjacent to Djakovica.

The second convoy of refugees was hit on the road between Prizren and Djakovica, the Media Center said. It said three policemen escorting the convoy were also injured.

On the Albanian side of the border, an aid worker said he had spoken to refugees who witnessed the attack and could not say whether the aircraft were NATO planes.

According to Jeff Rowand of the World Food Program, refugees crossing the Albanian border said they saw three aircraft drop three bombs that hit two tractors, killing many people. Other refugees said they saw dead, mutilated bodies by the road, including those of women and children, Rowand said.

During the three weeks of allied air raids, several military targets have been hit in Djakovica, but so too was part of Djakovica's old town, in what appeared to be stray strikes.

A half-million Kosovar Albanians have fled or been driven out of the province since last month, the greatest mass displacement in Europe since World War II. More than 2,000 people have died in Kosovo since Milosevic cracked down on ethnic Albanians in February 1998.

At the Yugoslav-Macedonian border, another group of arrivals — an estimated 2,000 people — crossed over Wednesday, and more flooded into Albania as well.

In other developments Wednesday: On Albania's border with Yugoslavia, Serb forces shelled a deserted Albanian village they had briefly seized a day earlier, international observers said.

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NATO military spokesman

The fresh round of border shelling began at 9 a.m. near the village of Padesh, witnesses said. One shell hit Kamenica, the hamlet briefly occupied by Serb forces who pushed across the frontier a day earlier and then withdrew after a short skirmish with Albanian troops.

Smoke could be seen rising from Kamenica — whose residents had fled earlier — but no new Serb incursion was seen or reported.

Tensions have risen sharply in recent weeks along the Yugoslav-Albania frontier, long the scene of fighting between Serb troops and the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army. Tuesday's Serb incursion — denied by Yugoslavia — drew a warning from Washington to Milosevic not to widen the Kosovo conflict.

In Belgrade, a rare daytime air-raid alert sounded at mid-morning while jets were heard flying overhead. Loud sonic booms echoed through the city center. Daytime alerts also briefly sounded in the Montenegrin capital of Podgorica and cities including Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest.

In overnight airstrikes, NATO hit a hydroelectric power plant and a major food-processing factory early Wednesday.

The action on the ground came amid a flurry of diplomatic con-

sultations, including a German peace initiative that would provide for a 24-hour suspension of allied airstrikes if Milosevic began withdrawing his forces from Kosovo.

NATO welcomed the German-drafted peace plan as a "food-for-thought paper" but said it would not immediately endorse it because it opens the way to a suspension of airstrikes.

Alliance officials have been stressing how successful the air campaign is in destroying Milosevic's war machine, despite bad weather that has hampered airstrikes and at least two missiles that accidentally struck a passenger train, killing 10 people, and civilian sites.

The three-stage German plan called for a heavily armed U.N. military force to move in as Yugoslav forces withdraw, a return of Kosovo refugees, and for Kosovo to be put under U.N. administration until a permanent peace settlement is agreed.

In a sign NATO raids were starting to affect basic supplies, the

first known report of food rationing surfaced since the allied air campaign started.

A U.N. agency warned Wednesday that Kosovo faces a long-term food shortage because most fields have been destroyed, crops have not been harvested, and a huge number of livestock have died due

to the violence and abandonment.

In the southeastern Serb city of Pirot, authorities began distributing coupons for food staples, the Yugoslav state news agency Tapjug reported Wednesday. Fuel has been rationed nationwide since shortly after the strikes began.

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Anwar's sentence could energize opposition politics

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — The wife of a leading reformer stepped forward Wednesday to unite opposition parties against Malaysia's long-serving ruler, galvanized by her husband's stiff sentence on corruption charges.

The landmark verdict against former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim could energize opposition politics in this Southeast Asian nation. The one-time heir-apparent received six years in prison Wednesday — longer than most had anticipated.

The term effectively bars Anwar, 51, from politics for at least five years after his release from prison. He had repeatedly declared his innocence, saying he was the victim of a political conspiracy to eliminate his challenge to Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's 18-year rule.

There were gasps in the courtroom and protests in the streets at the sentence, although Anwar seemed unmoved.

"My body may be incarcerated," he said, "but my soul is free."

Azizah Ismail, Anwar's wife and now the leader of his political reform movement, fought tears as she spoke to reporters outside the courthouse.

"Our family is sad. My children are deprived of their father," she said. "But we don't regret it. We feel proud with my husband's stand and the principle we all fight for."

Azizah, who has tried to keep her husband's crusade for political change alive since he was jailed last September, pressed ahead Wednesday in attempts to forge consensus, meeting with leaders of the Islamic and centrist parties.

Fragmented opposition groups saw common ground in Anwar's arrest, and began to jointly focus on the what they call Malaysia's unjust and corrupt government. Many of them felt that Anwar's sentence could generate a sympathy vote in a general election expected later this year.

"I am happy because it has made the people aware of what is happening to the country," said Syed Husin Ali, head of the Malaysian People's Party.

Judge Augustine Paul found Anwar guilty on all four corruption charges. Paul — who served as judge and jury during the sensational 7-month trial — sentenced Anwar to six years on each charge, with the terms to be served concurrently.

As Paul read the verdict, hundreds of supporters of the ousted deputy prime minister demonstrated violently outside, vowing to continue his campaign to rid Malaysia of corruption and Mahathir.

Chanting "Reformasi!" — the Malay word for reform and Anwar's political rally cry — protesters brought part of downtown Kuala Lumpur to a standstill as they rampaged in the capital's streets, lighting bonfires, hurling rocks at police and smashing car windows.

Police lobbed tear gas, sprayed yellow-dyed liquid from water cannons and kicked and punched Anwar's supporters. Police said they arrested 18 people, but did not say how many others were injured.

Human rights activists in New York, London, Bangkok said they were shocked. Amnesty International, the London-based human rights watchdog group, called Anwar was a prisoner of conscience and that the charges were a "pretext to remove him from further participation in public life."

Anwar has repeatedly argued that he was framed by political enemies for challenging his former mentor and threatening the cozy relationship between the government and the Malaysian corporate world.

During the trial, though, the judge barred the lawyers from using political conspiracy as a defense.

After his firing on Sept. 2, Anwar called for Mahathir's resignation. From initial crowds of several hundred people in his backyard, Anwar mobilized tens of thousands within two weeks.

He was arrested, beaten until he was near death, brought to court nine days later with a black eye and charged with corruption and illegal sex.

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FBI warns military of possible Serb terrorism

By John Diamond
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI has warned the U.S. military to be alert for possible Serb-led terrorist attacks inside the United States after several churches received "threats to kill" American soldiers, according to a memo obtained by The Associated Press.

FBI counterterrorism agents sent out the memo last week after Serbian Orthodox churches in the Sacramento, Milwaukee, Chicago and Indianapolis areas received via fax a Serb-language letter urging Serbian Americans to respond violently to NATO strikes on Yugoslavia.

The threat letter requested that all Serbian nationalists living in America take action against the NATO decision to intervene in the Serbian/Kosovo conflict by killing as many American soldiers in the United States as necessary to stop the NATO attacks in Serbia," according to the FBI memo.

The memo was distributed to military bases and other sensitive federal installations, such as nuclear weapons labs, through a special electronic mail warning system, officials said.

Dale Watson, the FBI's deputy assistant director for counterterrorism, declined to discuss the memo but said the church letters aren't the only Serb-related terrorism threats being examined by FBI investigators.

"As the war continues, we receive a lot of

threats in here. The FBI looks into them," Watson said Wednesday in a telephone interview. "This (letter) is not just an isolated situation. We look at threats; we take them all seriously."

The FBI seldom issues the type of memo sent to defense installations.

The agency is investigating whether there is any link between the Yugoslav government in Belgrade and the threats in the United States, officials said.

The alert memo warned military commanders nationwide "that there is a credible threat outstanding to take action within the United States against U.S. military personnel."

Military bases around the country had been on alert dating as far back as last summer's bombing of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. But bases are stepping up security measures.

Counterterrorism specialists are particularly concerned that Air Force bases might be targeted if they are home to the stealth aircraft being used prominently in the bombing campaign against Yugoslavia.

"We have increased our threat condition from Alpha to Bravo," said Bob Pepper, spokesman for the 49th Fighter Wing at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., home of F-117 stealth fighters.

The one-step increase in threat awareness, he said, would probably not be noticeable to outside civilians. It involves more intensive identity

checks and stricter requirements for non-military people entering the base.

Holloman is the only base for the F-117s; 24 of the aircraft are deployed to Europe and are flying strike missions over Yugoslavia.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said military commanders are responding to the FBI warnings.

"We are aware of these threats and we have disseminated the information to local commanders and it's up to them to adjust ... according to the threats they see," Bacon said. Base commanders have the option of working with the FBI, their own military police or local law enforcement, he said.

U.S. military bases, particularly air bases, are generally sprawling facilities with heavily guarded gates and buildings far removed from the perimeter, making a truck-bomb attack difficult.

Increasingly, the Pentagon has become concerned with the possibility that terrorists would locate and target individual servicemen, perhaps in their homes. As a result, the Pentagon has grown reluctant to identify individual pilots flying strike missions and has scrubbed military Internet sites of personal and family information and service members.

Serbian Orthodox church officials in the cities mentioned in the FBI memo either declined to comment or said they had no information about the Serb-language letter.

Of UCK and MUP: Glossary of a military campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — To listen to a military briefing these days is to enter a world of repressed IDPs, nutritious HDRs and marauding members of something called MUP. Also "de-conflicted" airspace and "collateral damage."

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FRY: Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, consisting of Serbia and Montenegro. Often called the "former republic of Yugoslavia" by U.S. and NATO officials. FRY is the remnant of the Cold War state that included Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia and Bosnia-Herzegovina before they broke away.

IDP: Internally Displaced Persons. Kosovars who fled or were forced from their homes but have not made it out of the country.

KLA: Kosovo Liberation Army. The guerrillas fighting for Kosovo independence.

MUP: Serb police. Ministarstvo Unutrasnjih Poslova (Ministry of

Interior Affairs).

NGOs: Non-governmental organizations. Aid groups not run by government.

OSCE: Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. A partnership of most European nations, the United States and Canada, active in monitoring in the Balkans.

POL: Petroleum, oil and lubricants — a sector under vigorous attack.

SACEUR: Supreme Allied Commander Europe, pronounced sacker. U.S. Army Gen. Wesley Clark holds the post of NATO's chief military commander. He also is known as CINC: Commander in chief of U.S. forces in Europe.

SHAPE: Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, near Mons, Belgium, 30 miles from Brussels.

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Starr denounces counsel law but defends probe of Clinton

By Laurie Kellman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr rebuffed allegations that he abused his office as "completely bogus" on Wednesday but stunned some of his harshest detractors by adopting their disdain for the law that empowered him to investigate the president.

Amid a polite but steady stream of criticism from Democratic senators, the controversial prosecutor mixed a legalistic defense of his staff's tactics with reflective and conciliatory statements.

"I think there are ways in which I do search my memory and conscience and could we have done something in a less public way ... and I despair," Starr testified — at that point discussing the public battle last year to force Secret Service agents to testify about the relationship between President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky.

"We tried any number of ways. But that is certainly one example that comes to my mind," Starr said.

Asked at another point whether he would do some things differently in his five-year inquiry, Starr paused, then said he regretted the way the House treated the salacious report he sent alleging Clinton had committed impeachable offenses in concealing his affair with Ms. Lewinsky.

"I would be much more emphatic with the House of Representatives in saying, 'Treat the material cautiously in light of the nature of this material,'" he told senators. "I don't think I did enough."

Democrats on the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, who had waited for months for the opportunity to grill Starr, were caught off guard when Starr sent in his testimony calling for abolition of the Independent Counsel Act.

"If you live long enough, you'll experience everything. I never expected to be sharing that judgment with you," said Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J.

At the White House, press secretary Joe Lockhart said it was "difficult to see how you reconcile" Starr's investigation with his objections. But, Lockhart added, "we'll leave it to more objective commentators and historians to draw their own conclusions."

And Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said Starr's reasoning that the independent counsel law was flawed because the process had become too politicized was like "Jack the Ripper calling for more neighborhood patrols because of the surge in crime victims."

Starr reiterated that he believes he has the power to indict Clinton after the president leaves office, and he said his criticism of the 1978 law wouldn't interfere with his continuing duties as inde-

pendent counsel.

The law expires June 30, and Starr recommended to the Senate panel reviewing its future that it not be renewed because it was "constitutionally dubious" and "structurally unsound."

Starr's \$40 million investigation and the impeachment trial it prompted was so emotionally charged that some senators have suggested a cooling-off period before a final decision is made on whether to reauthorize the law.

"I am going to take some time for my part," committee chairman Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., said. "Feelings are high and emotions are high."

No consensus exists for how to fix what critics say are the statute's flaws — chiefly the lack of a way to hold independent counsels accountable for their tactics and the money they spend. Starr said the law violates the constitutional separation of powers between the branches of government and leaves the investigator vulnerable to political attacks.

But he bristled when senators raised what he called "completely bogus allegations that continue to be bandied about" that his staff used abusive and unfair tactics with witnesses, particularly Ms. Lewinsky, and pressed the

investigation into areas outside his jurisdiction.

"I do not apologize for trying to gather the facts consistent" with FBI methods, Starr said.

Torricelli, one of Starr's harshest critics, refused to accept Starr's assertion that politically motivated attacks and a "carnival-like" media atmosphere tarnished his public image.

"It is true that you were under merciless attack, but it was not necessary to pin a target to your chest on all occasions either," said Torricelli. "To be fair, you were a contributor to some of your own public demise in the eyes of the American people."

Later in the hearing, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., revived a controversy over Starr's selection by a panel of three judges. He asked the panel's chief, U.S. Appeals Judge David Sentelle, whether he discussed who should be appointed independent counsel during his lunch with conservative North Carolina Sen. Lauch Faircloth and Jesse Helms in 1994, just before Starr was named.

If the subject came up, it was only in passing, Sentelle said.

"There is no vast right wing conspiracy," he said. "And if there was, we would not have met in the Senate dining room."

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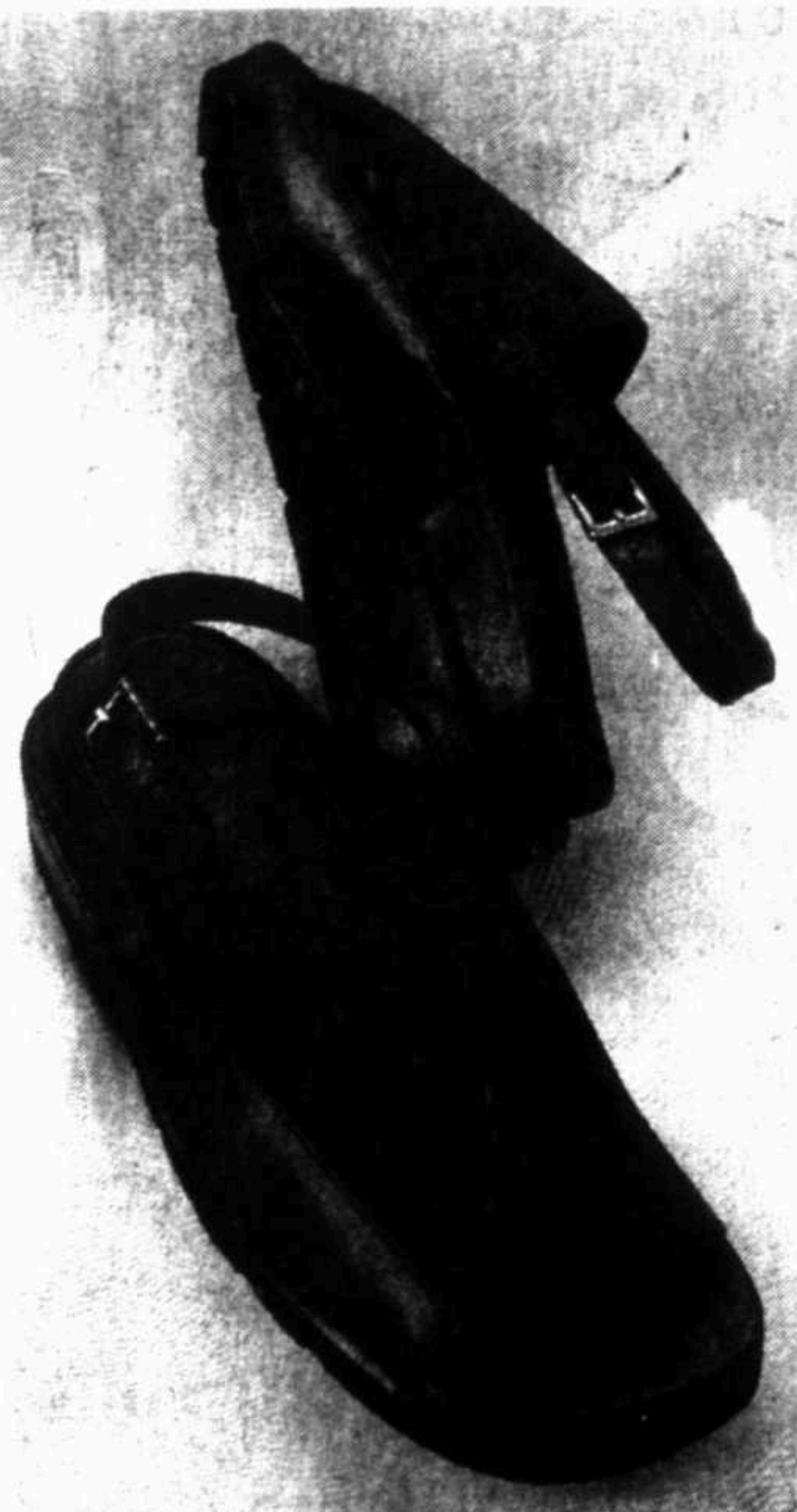
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Storm destroys family's newly built home

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

When the weather turned bad Tuesday night, Rebecca Hess' television started acting up. She turned it off in case lightning struck.

With no connection to the outside world, she had no idea that the Valley View area, where she lived, was under a tornado watch by the National Weather Service.

"Me and my son had gone out on the back porch, because we like to watch storms," she said, still visibly shaken. "I saw some gray clouds coming our way and that's when it started raining and hailing real hard."

Ms. Hess ran out to take the clothes off the line and then she realized something wasn't right.

"I knew something was wrong. It was way too scary out there."

She sprinted through the house, not even taking time to close the door. She threw her clothes on the sofa and ran to the front door to tell her 13-year-old son to get in the house.

"I couldn't get the front door open because of the suction," she said Wednesday as she relived the panic.

She did finally get it open and, "I yelled at him to get in the house. As soon as we

both got inside, both doors slammed shut."

Windows throughout the house started exploding and the two headed for the home's master bedroom.

"Rain and hail were coming in. We ran to my bedroom but we couldn't get that door open either."

Ms. Hess ended up bracing one foot against the wall and using the leverage to pry the door open. Her son stuck his fingers in the crack and the two forced it open enough to squeeze through.

"We ran into my bedroom closet, barely got the door shut and that's when it really hit."

At about 5:30 p.m. a tornado rocked Ms. Hess' house.

"I felt it sway and start to go forward. It felt like time had stopped. It felt like forever."

The Hesses spent another 15 minutes in the closet, afraid to come out.

"I finally peeked out the closet door and I could see outside. I could see my car. I could see up through the roof."

"It moved it about 15 to 20 feet forward," said Mike Fitzgerald, Ms. Hess' live-in boyfriend.

"It was weird though," said Fitzgerald, who wasn't home at the time. "The barbecue pit was sitting right at the corner

of the house and it didn't move an inch."

The couple had just moved into the house — just finished building it on South County Road 140.

In fact, they were still in the process of moving in.

"Now our house is totaled. It's completely ripped apart," said Fitzgerald. "I don't know what we're going to do."

The family stayed with friends in Midland Tuesday night but wasn't sure where they would stay while they try to put their lives back together.

"I mean we've got friends and family, but we don't have a home," said a grieving Ms. Hess.

"We don't have a home of our own," she added.

One ray of hope is that Ms. Hess has some experience with the aftermath of tragedy.

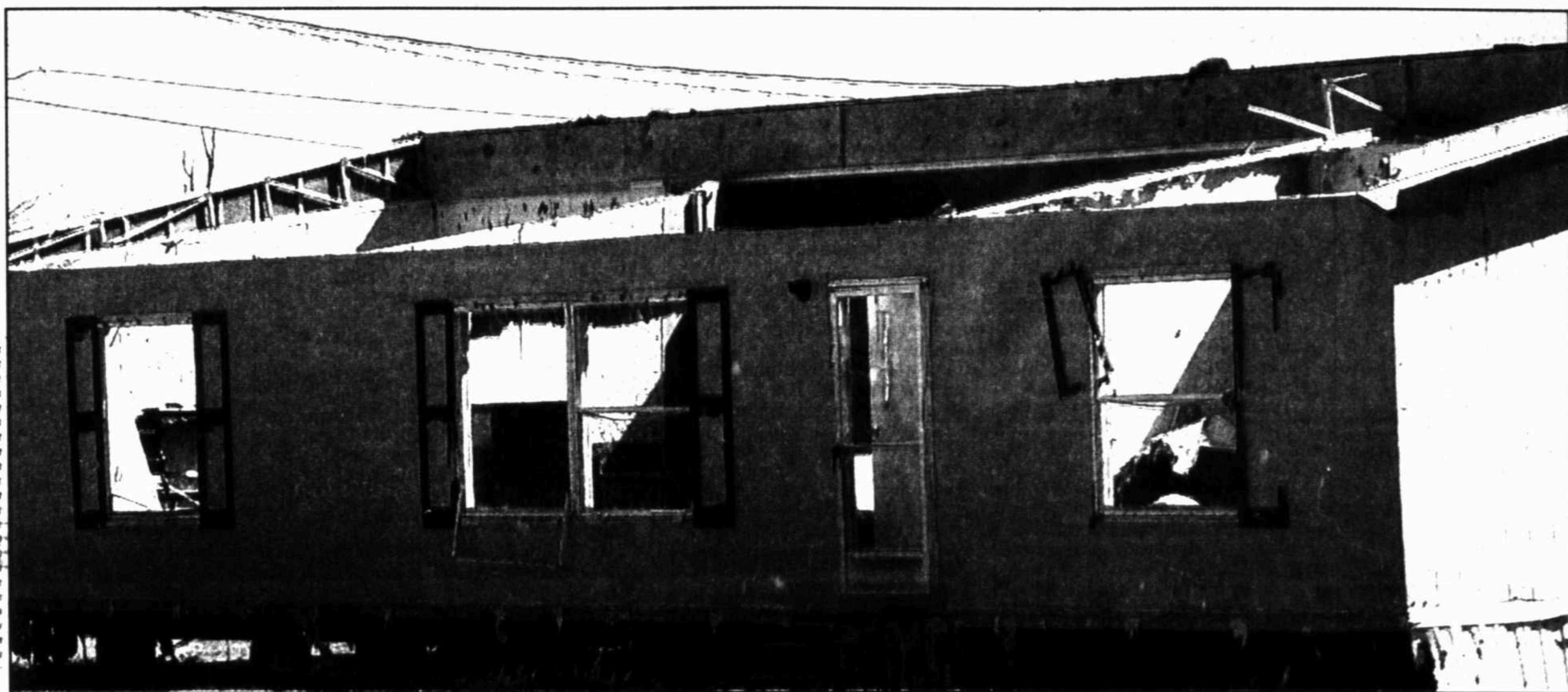
She's lived through two major earthquakes — one in California, where she lived six years ago, and one in Central America.

"The thing all this teaches is that material things don't really matter. No one was hurt. Me and my kids are all OK and that's what's important, you know?"

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Sleeping pads, blankets, pillows and clothing are piled in the Cotton Flat Baptist Church Wednesday morning. Some of the displaced residents spent the night in the Ross Payne fellowship hall and other parts of the church set up as an emergency shelter.



A mobile home stands beaten and battered without a roof or front windows after being pummeled in Tuesday's storm.

Schools take up collections to help storm victims cope

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writer

Many of those families affected by Tuesday night's storm in southeast Midland County have children who attend the Travis-Rusk-Santa Rita elementary school cluster. Officials Wednesday morning dealt with the feelings that come with such a traumatic event, but said the emotional damage seemed minimal.

A majority of children whose homes were damaged went either to Rusk (where 20 kids reported living in homes that were damaged) and Travis, the cluster's home school (where 31 came to school Wednesday reporting they had been affected.) At Santa Rita, the cluster's third school, only three attended class Wednesday who reported that they were at home during the frightening tornado, according to principal Bob Watkins.

Faculty and staff members in the cluster are taking up a collection of clothes and hope to have that completed by week's end.

"We have a home liaison who is determining which of the students' families have the greatest needs," said Michael Worley, Travis principal. "We apparently have families that have lost everything. Some of them are very poor families."

Worley said Midland Independent School District Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. has approved a collection of cash donations to be given to the families. A canned food drive is also under way at Travis.

Counseling, too, has been offered to students but, as yet, have not been needed.

"They really haven't needed it today, but that's not uncommon," said Rusk counselor Anne Robertson. "Sometimes it might take a couple of days for the reality to set in until they realize they aren't coping very well. Or sometimes the parent may call and say, 'My child needs to talk about it with someone.'"

Both Robertson and Worley were both impressed with the safety knowledge the kids possessed in the wake of the bad weather.

"We talked to some kids today and they said yeah, we went into the bathroom, they got into a tub and had a mattress over their head, or their mom told us to get under the bed," Worley said. "None of them tried to run and go outside."

Residents upset about delay in returning to homes

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

Several families milled around the Cotton Flat Baptist Church Wednesday in the aftermath of Tuesday's storm.

Set up as a shelter and command post for relief workers, the church attracted more media and volunteers than victims looking for assistance.

Some of the victims, however, thought there might be a little too much concern for their safety.

"We just came out to get something to eat," said Jamie Mills, who lives at 1409 East County Road 145. "Now, they won't let us go back home."

According to Constable Charles Harris, Department of Public Safety and emergency management teams had sealed off the area.

"We're searching and clearing the area grid by grid," said Harris.

As each grid was cleared and searched, residents were allowed back into their homes. He said that spectators had hindered the previous night's rescue operations, prompting the security measures.

But at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Mills and several other families were questioning why they were having to wait.

"I can't even get in to look at my house," said Kathy Bilbrey, who left her home at about 10 p.m. Tuesday. "Last night a deputy was right outside my house and he didn't even come up to see if we were all right. But today it's so bad, they won't let us in?"

Cyndy McAnagh ventured out of her neighborhood Wednesday morning and was also denied re-entry. "I left my children at home and they won't even let me go check on them," she said, throwing up her hands in exasperation.

Ms. McAnagh lives at the corner of County Road 145 and FM 715.

"You can see our house from the roadblock. My husband asked if he could just walk down there and check on the kids and they told him if he did, they'd arrest him." Her children are 15 and 9.

Danny Rowe and Ms. Bilbrey were also threatened with arrest.

"They won't tell you anything," said Rowe. "They just won't let us in and all they'll say is 'If you go around the roadblock, you'll go to jail.'"

Rowe was trying to get back to his house to repair broken windows in case it rained again.

"If they try to break the roadblocks, they will be arrested," said Harris. He did explain, however, that everything was being done for good reason.

"We're concerned about the safety of the individuals and other property owners," he said. "We won't be able to help anybody if there's a safety or hazard problem." He added that electrical poles and debris needed to be removed from the roads.

Harris also tried to comfort residents by telling them that each house was being inspected to ensure everyone was safe.

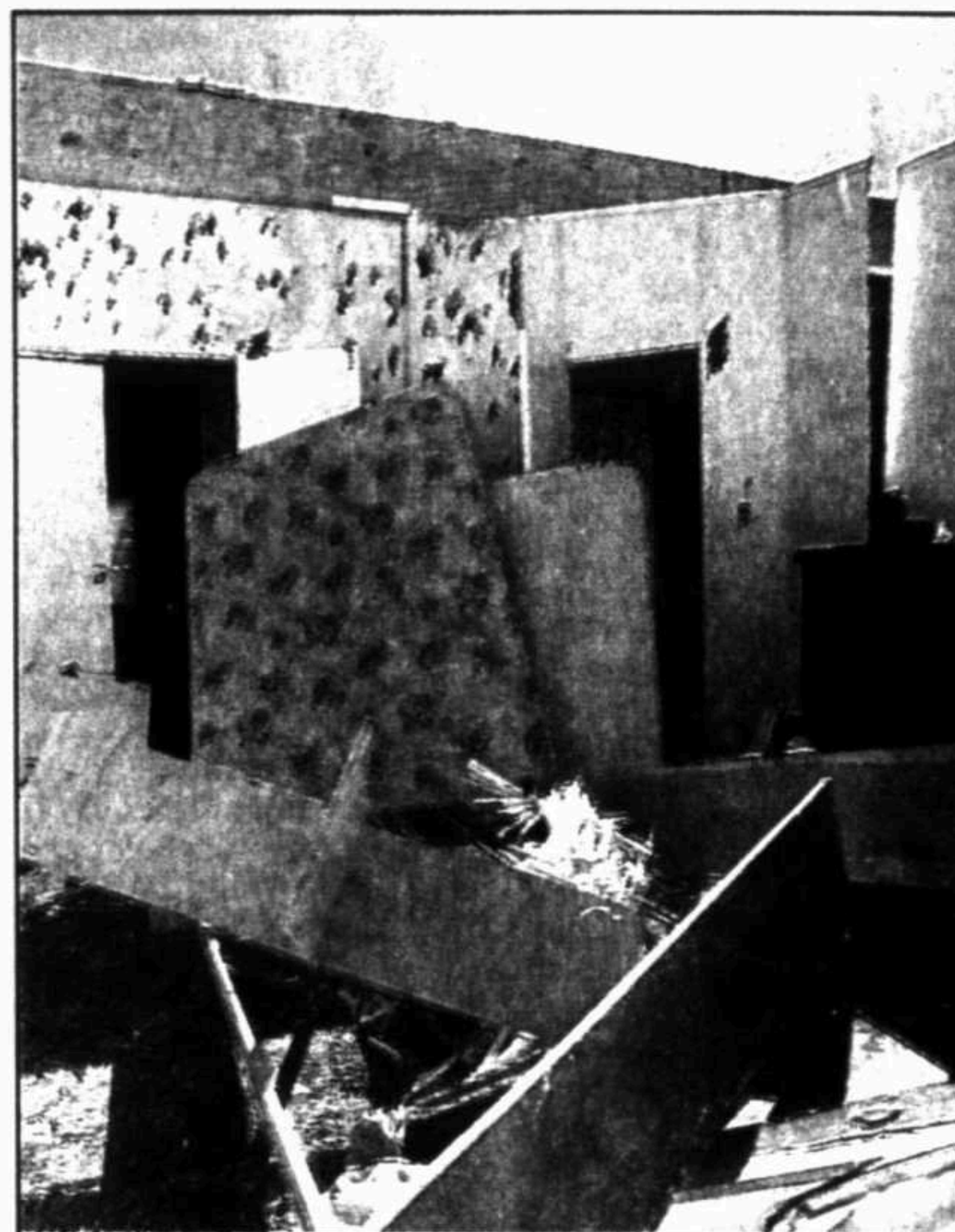
"We don't want to arrest anyone, especially for trying to get onto their property."

Rescue workers, however, weren't the only ones raising the ire of local victims. Media representatives also received some criticism.

"I don't want to tell my story and I don't want to be on TV. I just want to go home," said Lee Holden. "I'd like to see one of these cameramen or newspaper reporters lose their houses. Then, I could get in their faces and ask them a lot of questions."

"I just want to get home," Mills said. "They can't keep us away from our homes forever."

Of course, he was right. By about 4 p.m. Wednesday most of the roads had been opened back up to residents and non-residents.



An interior shot of the above home shows extensive damage to the inside walls. A mattress and other furniture are strewn about in what used to be a room.



The Cotton Flat Baptist Church is serving as a Red Cross shelter in the aftermath of Tuesday's tornado.



Horses huddle on high ground as rain water from the storm flooded most of their pen.

Photos by
Tim Fischer

Costs and damage of tornado

- Structures that were damaged or destroyed: 229.
- Of the 170 homes, 66 are considered to have major damage and 104 received minor damage.
- Out of the 66 homes that received major damage, 38 are completely destroyed.
- The preliminary estimate for total damage: \$8,871,000.
- Families in need of temporary housing: 50 to 60.
- Road and bridge damage is expected to exceed \$300,000 to clean up and restore the roads to their original condition.

"It (the storm) moved it (the house) about 15 to 20 feet forward. It was weird though. The barbecue pit was sitting right at the corner of the house and it didn't move an inch."

— Mike Fitzgerald, speaking of the new home that he shared with his girlfriend and children, and was destroyed in storm

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POLICE REPORTS

Arsonist caught

Texas Rangers arrested a Midland man Monday in connection with fires set in Midland County and in five other counties in the Permian Basin.

Ralph Durwood Denton, 61, was held at the Midland County jail Wednesday in lieu of a \$250,000 bond on a felony arson charge in Midland County.

He was arrested after a warrant was issued Monday to search his home at 4400 block of Leddy Drive. Ranger Jess Malone said Denton has allegedly set fires in Midland, Reagan, Tom Green, McCulloch (Brady), Pecos and Upton counties.

"He is classified as a serial arsonist," Malone said. "He tried to burn the old county courthouse in Big Lake (Reagan County) and other historic sites."

Malone said that most of the fires allegedly set by Denton were in Reagan County.

Albert Valadez, county judge for Pecos, Upton and Reagan counties, said that it is hard to determine a total bond amount for Denton, because each county where he is accused of setting a fire will have to set its own bond.

Because of the number of counties involved in the case, Denton could be spending a lot of time before a judge.

"Each county can have a trial on each count of arson," Valadez said. "If he set three fires in a county, then that county can make him go to trial three times. I think it is safe to say he will spend a lot of time in litigation."

Midland Police Department Sunday
Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 4530 Leddy Drive. It was reported at 1:59 p.m.

Theft: A theft was reported at 1000 N. Midkiff Road. It was reported at 3 p.m.

Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 209 S. Crestview Road. It was reported at 8:32 p.m.

Burglary: A TV and VCR were taken at 305 N. Baird St. It was reported at 10 p.m.

Monday
Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 805

Elk Ave. It was reported at noon.

Theft: A theft was reported at 4517 N. Midland Drive. It was reported at 4:40 p.m.

Burglary: A burglary was reported at 114 E. Cedar Ave. It was reported at 5:49 p.m.

Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 401 W. Jax Ave. It was reported at 9:30 p.m.

Theft: Four wheel covers were taken at 4300 W. Wall St. It was reported at 6 p.m.

Tuesday
Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 300 W. Hamby Ave. It was reported at 10 p.m.

Burglary: A burglary was reported at 3208 Frontier Drive. It was reported at 9 p.m.

Theft: A theft was reported at 4403 Erie Drive. It was reported at 8:17 p.m.

Burglary: Jewelry, VCR and camcorder were taken at 1004 Ainslee St. It was reported at 7:30 a.m.

Theft: A theft was reported at 4511 N. Midkiff Road. It was reported at 6:16 p.m.

Theft: A generator was taken at 1602 S. Colorado St. It was reported at 5:55 p.m.

Burglary: A burglary was reported at 5101 Belaire Drive. It was reported at 11:21 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Tuesday
Burglary: A burglary was reported at 9801 E. County Road 127. It was reported at 11:58 a.m.

Theft: An air compressor was taken at 3601 S. County Road 1295. It was reported at 2:57 p.m.

Wednesday
Theft: A three-wheeler was reported stolen at 3010 S. County Road 1200. It was reported at 2:51 p.m.

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

OBITUARIES

Gladys Matlock

Gladys Matlock was born January 1, 1916, in Freestone County, Texas, to Charles Melvin and Rena (Patrick) Mills. She graduated from Prairie Lee School. In 1925, she moved to Midland. On July 7, 1934, she married Travis M. Matlock. They owned and operated Matlock's Furniture for over 50 years in Midland. For many years Mrs. Matlock worked at the election polls as an election judge. Mrs. Matlock attended Asbury Methodist Church and Cotton Flat Baptist Church. She was a long-time member of the Rebekkah Lodge.

Mrs. Matlock was preceded in death by her husband, T. M. Matlock; her daughter, Ann Matlock Hopkins; her brother, Charles Mills; and her grandson, Douglas D. Hopkins.

She is survived by her grandson, John Bob Hopkins and his wife, Betty, of Midland; her great-grandchildren, Shane and Hailey Hopkins of Midland; her brother, Archie Mills and his wife, Audrey, of Indio, Calif.; her sister, Mildred Patterson and her husband, Louis, of Midland; her son-in-law, Bob Hopkins of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Matlock died at a local hospital Monday, April 12, 1999.

Visitation with the family was Wednesday at the funeral home from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Funeral services have been scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend

Bob Porterfield officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Frank Martinez, Jeff Hatfield, Mark Deer, Kevin Roberts, Davlin Whitaker, and Larry Clark.

The family requests memorials be directed to: Alzheimer's Association, PO Box 3389, Midland, Texas 79702; or Hospice of Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

Benedicto Salazar

Benedicto C. Salazar, 69, died Tuesday, April 13, 1999, at Midland Memorial Hospital, after a short illness. He was born January 19, 1930, in Mexico. He lived in El Paso for many years, before moving to Midland. A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 16, 1999 at 7 p.m. at The Alamo Spanish Congregation of Jehovah Witness with Elder David Baca officiating. The funeral arrangements are under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

We love you and we will miss you very much.

Survivors include his wife, Julieta Gutierrez Salazar of Midland; two sons, Jaime G. Salazar and Martin Salazar, both of Midland; and two daughters, Gloria L. Salazar and Myrna Luna; both of Midland; three brothers, Eleodoro Salazar and Crispin Salazar, both of El Paso, and Manuel Salazar of Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico; a sister, Carlota Salazar Solis of

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico; the Midland Garden Club and the Pink Ladies Auxiliary at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Braun was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald W. Miller in August of 1962; and by her second husband, John S. Braun in January of 1999; and her son, Charles W. Miller in November of 1998.

She is survived by her son, Grant B. Miller of Seminole, Texas; her daughter, Ellen M. Gorman of Gulf Breeze, Florida; and eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Braun died at a local nursing home Monday, April 12, 1999.

Visitation with the family was Wednesday at the Ellis Funeral Home from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Graveside services have been scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday at Resthaven Memorial Park with Reverend Hilton Chancellor officiating. Ellis Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Television Fund, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, or a favorite charity.

Margaret Miller
BIG SPRING — Margaret Miller, 87, died Wednesday, April 14.

Services are to be 4 p.m. Friday, April 16, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Wanda Hill officiating. Burial is to follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 31, 1911, in Decatur.

She moved to Howard County in 1931, before moving to Martin County. She taught at Flower Grove and Grady, retiring in 1975. She was a member of Coahoma United Methodist Church and Retired Teachers Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Claude Miller, a son, Curtis Miller; and a brother, John Vastine.

Survivors include a daughter, Sue M. Born; a sister, Clara S. Arner; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter.

Memorials may be made to Coahoma United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 50, Coahoma, Texas 38911; or Vista Care Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Survivors include his wife, Lois F. Garrett Echols of Lamesa; a son, Donnell Echols of Lamesa; a daughter, Doty Johnson of Lubbock; a brother, M.G. Echols of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Della Shopp of Lamesa; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

DEATH NOTICES

Armando Urias

ODESSA — Odessan Armando Urias, 54, died Monday, April 12, at a Midland hospital.

Funeral services are to be 9 a.m. Saturday, April 17, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with the Rev. Gilbert Rodriguez officiating. Burial is to follow at Rosehill Cemetery under the direction of Martinez Funeral Home. Rosary is to be recited at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the funeral home.

He was born July 14, 1944, in Fort Stockton.

He had lived in Odessa since 1950. He was a machinist.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel Urias and Manuela Villalobos Urias; a sister, Yolanda Rodriguez; and a daughter, Manuella Urias.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathrine Shelby of Midland; five sisters, Velia Carrasco of Visalia, Calif., Socorro del Bosque, Glinda Bitolas, and Nina Carrasco, all of Odessa, and Sylvia P. Villareal of Midland; and five brothers, Ruben Urias of Midland, Lanny Urias, Sammy Urias, Joe Urias and Rudy Urias, all of Odessa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel Urias and Manuela Villalobos Urias; a sister, Yolanda Rodriguez; and a daughter, Manuella Urias.

Ben Warren

ANDREWS — Ben B. Warren, 84, died Tuesday, April 13, at his Andrews residence.

Graveside services are to be 2 p.m. today at Andrews Old Cemetery with the Rev. Mike Henson

officiating, under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 17, 1914, in Stephenville.

He was a pumper for Amoco for 35 years, retiring in 1979. He had been a volunteer fireman in Andrews.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Davidson Warren of Andrews; a daughter, Judy Kinney of Andrews; two brothers, Cecil Warren of Midland and Donald Warren of Hico; a sister, Bessie Switzer of Williamsport, Pa.; three grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

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Utility companies set to work repairing damage from tornado

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

When a tornado swept through south Midland County Tuesday night, a number of residents were left without power as the winds snapped a total of 27 poles. But electric utility officials say power was restored by 4 a.m. Wednesday morning.

LuAnn Morgan, division manager with TU Electric, said 70 customers were left without power when the utility lost nine poles. But workers had the poles replaced and power restored by early Wednesday morning, she said.

At Cap Rock Electric, Distribution Manager Terry Smith said the utility lost 18 poles and a crew of 28 worked through the night to restore power in the affected area.

"We worked in conjunction with the city of Midland's command center to make sure we didn't send power to any damaged houses. The command center worked well and I commend the city for its planning. The city, the Midland County Sheriff's Office, Department of Public Safety and Texas Highway Department were all great to work with."

Smith added that crew members saw a number of damaged homes, some without roofs, others with windows that had been knocked out by hailstones and a number of uprooted trees. Employees also found three to four inches of hail on the ground when they arrived on the scene, he said.

"But that's our job, we have to work through it," he said.

Midland Police Chief John Urby and Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter were both pleased with how smoothly operations were coordinated at the command center Tuesday evening, with utility workers, law enforcement officers and disaster relief volunteers

all on the scene.

"The sheriff requested the use of our mobile substation, so we dispatched it and a couple of units," Urby said.

Painter said that the mobile substation worked well as a command center, giving officials access to telephones, electrical power and a place to work out of the weather.

Urby said the department was glad to assist and provide the mobile substation. "That's what it's for," he said.

The biggest asset in relief efforts, Painter said, "were the people — from Cotton Flat Baptist Church, the volunteer fire department at Greenwood. We also had tremendous help from the DPS, state emergency management officials, Midland County fire marshal, County Judge Bill Morrow and the county commissioners have been a tremendous asset and benefit in getting materials in and providing backup and support. It's good they were involved in a disaster early in their service so they'll know what's involved."

All of the disaster drills staged on a regular basis with the different agencies paid off, Painter said. "You can't get enough training, and last night proved it. We were fortunate there weren't more injuries and damage."

Morrow echoed Painter's and Urby's statements about the help and hard work put forth by the community.

"DPS, Sheriff's Office, Midland Police Department, volunteer fire department all helped out tremendously," Morrow said. "One DPS trooper went back through the area to find a pregnant woman's emergency bag, 'cause she needed it in case she went into labor. There are lots of stories like that out there. We are just glad no one was seriously hurt."

Tips for filing tornado damage claims

From Staff Reports

Insurance Commissioner Jose Monte Mayor offered some tips to those filing insurance claims for damage to homes, cars or businesses.

■ Contact the insurance company or agent as soon as possible.

■ Make only temporary repairs if necessary to protect property from further damage. Do not make permanent repairs until an adjuster has inspected the dam-

age.

■ If home isn't liveable, most homeowner's or renter's policies will pay for temporary shelter.

■ Be aware that an insurance company cannot discontinue a homeowner's or auto policy because of weather-related claims.

For need additional information, call the Consumer Protection Program of the Texas Department of Insurance, 1-800-252-3439.

Senate approves anti-gang legislative package

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— D.L. Harrison, TDCJ Parole Division spokeswoman

essarily mean its members wouldn't be part of a notification system if the bill becomes law, he added.

"We're going to look at the sense of the legislation as well as the rigid word of the legislation," Castlebury said.

■ Establish specialized training for parole officers who are supervising gang members released from prison. Castlebury said this would put into law training that is already being done.

D.L. Harrison, TDCJ Parole Division spokeswoman in Houston, said a gang liaison officer has been designated for every parole office in the state and the first specialized training session was in January. The training includes identification of gang members — giving

parole officers information on gang colors and signs that might be painted on walls around neighborhoods — and protection of parole officers and the public, she said.

Officers may assess whether a paroled person should be living in a particular area, she said, and take special notice if they do a pre-parole home visit and there are signs that a person is being returned to a family with multiple generations of gang activity.

"Any kind of training that helps us improve community safety and officer safety, we love it," she said.

She said King and Brewer were reporting to parole officers, and that Byrd's horrific murder could have been predicted "only with a

crystal ball."

"We had absolutely no indication that Mr. King or Mr. Brewer was capable of this kind of monstrous act. If we had thought he was capable of doing something like that, we'd have taken him off the streets somehow," she said.

Chief Deputy Paul Brister of the sheriff's office in Jasper said local law officials knew King was on parole but that to that Brister's knowledge they weren't notified he had been a prison gang member.

Brister said, however, that he didn't know of any difference that would have made in the way King was treated by local officers before the murder.

"I think it would be good that we would know stuff like that," Brister said. But he added, "As long as he broke no laws, there was nothing we could do. ... There's nothing anyone could have done to prevent this other than the three" men who were charged.

The parole officer training bill is SB1576.

The gang notification bill is SB1577.

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By T.E. Jenkins
Big Spring Correspondent

Big Spring residents storm capitol armed with ice cream, soda and hammers

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BIG SPRING — Residents of Big Spring will take to the steps of the state Capitol Monday, armed with 20-ounce bottles of Coca-Cola and Blue Bell Ice Cream and accompanied by children wielding hammers.

Coca-Cola? Blue Bell Ice Cream? Hammers?

This may sound like a strange combination for Big Spring area residents to lug all the way to Austin, but as Moore Development for Big Spring Executive

Vice President Pam Welch explains, the choices were all "natural and homegrown."

"This is Big Spring's chance to let the Legislature in Austin know that we are out here," Ms. Welch said. "This is a public relations event for the city. We aren't going to Austin to complain or anything like that — just to let them know we are here, and that the decisions they make there have a very real impact on our area, and our people."

"We will be presenting the 'If I Had a Hammer' program on the east steps of the Capitol building.

The program, which will be presented by 25 fifth-grade students from Bauer-Magnet Elementary, as well as staff from Howard College, is just a wonderful thing to see. The program stresses working together as a team, as well as the necessity of certain school-taught skills in life.

"We will also be holding a reception for the Legislature on the east lawn of the Capitol grounds, where we will serve Coca-Cola and Blue Bell Ice Cream. The significance of the Coca-Cola bottles stems from the plastic bottles

themselves, which are produced here in Big Spring at Western Container. Each bottle will come with a note that reads 'did you know this bottle, along with 2.2 million others, are produced each year in Big Spring, Texas.'

"The Blue Bell Ice Cream will also be presented and served on the same basis, because we have a distributor of the product right here in Big Spring, and they are very important to our industry. We are looking forward to meeting many of the people involved in the Texas Legislature, as well as seeing our local representatives once again."

Residents will board buses and vans early Monday morning and will return late that evening.

Ms. Welch said the "Day at the Capitol" program has been well-received by Big Spring area residents, and the enthusiasm shown for this type of project shows that Big Spring is more than interested in what goes on in Austin.

"We've got more than 150 people already signed up to go on the trip. Everyone seems really excited about it. We have one charter bus

already filled, as well as several vans from Howard College. We have more people going on this trip to the capital than many larger cities that have done the same thing, and that really does say a lot about the people in Big Spring."

"We just want to make them aware that we are out here, and that although the oil and agriculture industry problems that have hurt the entire state have certainly been felt here in Big Spring, we are a diversified community, and we do have a lot more than that to offer."

House Republicans say they can pass parental notification for abortions bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Backed by overwhelming support from Republicans, the Texas House is poised to pass a bill requiring parents to be notified if a minor girl seeks an abortion, supporters said Wednesday.

"This may be the year we finally enact parental rights and ensure families work together when faced with an abortion," said Rep. Dianne White Delisi, R-Temple, sponsor of a House bill similar to one already approved by the Senate.

Of the 150 House members, 87 have signed on in support of the bill, including 71 of the 72 Republicans. Sixteen Democrats also back the bill, and Gov. George W. Bush has said he supports parental notification.

"I don't know that we've ever had this many agree on a single issue, as far as the caucus goes," said House Republican Caucus

Chairman Kenny Marchant of Coppell.

The Senate and House bills would require parents be notified at least 48 hours before a minor girl has an abortion. Both bills would let the girls bypass telling their parents if approved by a judge.

Neither bill would require parental consent.

The only House GOP member yet to sign on is Thomas Merritt of Longview, who supports allowing for additional bypasses to avoid parental notification.

"I just want to work to pass a parental notification bill ... we need to do what's best for the state of Texas," Merritt said.

Said Marchant: "We feel (Merritt) will vote with us on the floor."

The bills are scheduled for a Monday public hearing in the House State Affairs Committee.

The same panel passed a notification measure in 1997, but only

after it had sat in committee for more than 50 days.

The bill eventually died and Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, the Senate sponsor, accused the committee's chairman, Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, of holding the bill hostage.

Ms. Delisi said she is "hopeful" that Wolens will allow the panel to vote on the bill. "We are talking on a daily basis," she said.

Wolens did not immediately

return phone calls from The Associated Press. Merritt, who sits on the panel, said members are committed to letting House members vote.

"There is a major effort to present a parental notification bill and pass it in the House," Merritt said.

Abortion-rights activist Kae McLaughlin, the executive director of Texas Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League,

agreed the bill is in primed for approval.

"We definitely want to stop the bill, but we do feel like they have the votes to pass it," she said.

Ms. McLaughlin said she believes House lawmakers could try to amend the bill to require parental consent.

Ms. Delisi, however, said she expects the bill will remain a notification requirement only.

"I'm very interested in seeing

that the legislation that comes to the floor is something I can say has been challenged, passed court muster and is working well in other states," Ms. Delisi said.

Of the 84,870 abortions reported in 1997 to the Texas Department of Health, about 5,500 were performed on minors.

The parental notification bills are SB30 and HB623.

House votes to repeal bill to cutback lottery prize amounts

AUSTIN (AP) — Hoping to combat slumping lottery sales, the House gave initial approval to bill Wednesday that would allow the Texas Lottery Commission to raise the amount it spends on prizes.

The bill by Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, repeals a 1997 law that put a cap on the amount of revenue the commission could return to players in the form of prizes.

Lottery commission officials have partially attributed a slump in ticket sales to the prize restrictions.

"We're very pleased with today's vote, but we're also aware that this is just one step in the process," said Marcy Goodfleisch, spokeswoman for the commission.

The 1997 law said the lottery could not spend more than 52 percent of its revenue on prizes. Before that, the commission had averaged a payout of about 57 percent.

The lottery has since seen sales drop by 17.5 percent from fiscal years 1997 to 1998, and it projects another 8 percent decrease this year.

Research has shown that the decrease is directly related to pub-

lic knowledge that the awards are smaller part of the commission's revenue, Ms. Goodfleisch said.

Lottery sales are projected to increase by 12.9 percent — from \$2.9 billion to \$3.3 billion in fiscal year 2000 — if the cap were repealed, according to an analysis by the House Research Organization.

The Foundation School Fund, to which lottery revenue is dedicated, would receive an additional \$859 million over the next five years if the limit were removed, the analysis says.

"We want the people who were playing in 1997 to come back and play in 1999," Wilson said.

Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, said the lower prize payout may not be to blame for the lottery's slumping sales. There is also the influx of eight-liners and two additional race tracks that may be taking away gambling customers, he said.

Wilson's lottery prize bill is HB844.
Armbrister's lottery prize bill is SB219.

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Testimony begins in capital murder trial accused arsonist Butch Martin

By Rick López
Staff Writer

Mary Stephens choked on her tears as she told jurors what happened Feb. 25, 1998 — the day that her daughter, Marcia Stephens, and her two grandchildren died in a house fire.

"She called me at about 9 a.m. and she asked me to pick her and her kids up," Mary Stephens testified. "They needed to take baths and they didn't have any propane. They were hungry and didn't have anything to fix for lunch."

Once again, Marcia Stephens, 24, and her common-law husband, Garland "Butch" Martin, 36, had fallen on hard times, Mary Stephens testified Wednesday.

The couple could not pay a mechanic's bill to get their car out of a garage. They couldn't refill their tank with propane. Food was scarce in their home, she said.

Mary Stephens arrived at the couple's house on South County Road 1210 at about noon, but the family wasn't ready.

As she helped her grandchildren — 3-year-old Brady and 18-month-old Kristin — put on their shoes, she overheard the couple arguing in the kitchen.

"They were fussing, and he (Martin) told her (Marcia Stephens), 'If you think you're going to leave me again, I will kill you and your f--- kids,'" she said.

A few days earlier, Marcia Stephens secretly told her mother that she planned on leaving Martin as soon as she got her income tax rebate. It was expected to arrive the next day, her mother said.

"She said she was leaving Butch because he put everything before the kids: drugs, parties, friends ... coke," Mary Stephens said.

After arriving at her house, the family took turns taking warm showers. They had lunch and settled onto a couch to watch television. The children entertained themselves with blankets in the living room before taking a nap.

At about 4 p.m., she took the family back to their home.

"The last thing I saw was my grandson at the front door. He waved goodbye as I drove off," she said.

Later that evening, Mary Stephens tried calling her daughter several times, but she got a busy signal. At about 7 p.m., a neighbor called to say her daughter's house was on fire.

"When we arrived, the whole house was burning down. The sheriff's office, the fire department ... a lot of people were there," she said. "All I could think of was my kids."

Then, she recalled the threat Martin made to her daughter that afternoon. She told a deputy at the scene, but she wasn't asked to give a statement until March 2 — the



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day of the family's funeral. At the service, Martin approached Mary Stephens and put his hands on her shoulder.

"He said, 'Mary, I'm so sorry. I'm so sorry,'" she said. "I said nothing to him."

Opening statements

Martin's trial began at 11 a.m. Wednesday after four days of jury selection.

The defendant is charged with three counts of capital murder, three counts of manslaughter and one count of arson.

They stem from the burning deaths of his common-law wife,

Marcia Stephens; their child, Kristin Rhea Martin; and his stepson, Michael Brady Stephens.

District Attorney Al Schorre, and his co-counsel, Elizabeth Byer, are not seeking the death penalty. Jurors will have to decide which punishment is most appropriate for Martin based on how convincing the evidence is to them, Schorre said.

If the jury convicts Martin of capital murder, he will automatically be sentenced to life in prison and will have to serve 40 years before he's eligible for parole.

During opening statements, Schorre said Martin's untamed jealousy is what pushed the victim over the edge that night he allegedly set fire to his home.

"The motive in this case is simple: If I can't have her, no one will," Schorre said. "This whole case is tragic, but the biggest loss in this case is the two children who did not get to fulfill their lives."

He expects testimony from:

■ A man who picked Martin up minutes before the fire and saw him squeeze out of his front door sideways. "You will find he did this because Marcia was laying on the other side of the door," Schorre said in opening statements.

■ That same man will also testify that he drove Martin back home that evening, and as they passed by a state trooper's car Martin said, "Oh, I hope they're not going to my house."

"That was an odd thing to say," Schorre said. "That wasn't a fire truck or ambulance. It was just a plain, black highway patrol car ... and they saw it before they even saw the fire."

■ Two sheriff's deputies who heard Martin make an unusual remark to his father as he leaned on his shoulder and watched the house burn down.

■ A paramedic who accompanied Martin on his ambulance ride to a psychiatric hospital in San Angelo. She told officials that Martin's clothes reeked of charcoal lighter fluid or some other combustible. "She said it was so strong, it made her sick to her stomach," Schorre said.

■ Experts will testify that the fire was intentionally set and not caused by faulty electrical wiring.

Cliff Hardwick, who represents Martin with co-counsel John Cook, kept his opening statements to a minimum.

"This is a heart-breaking case. It's tragic," Hardwick said. "But

he (Martin) tried to get into his house and save his family, but he was chained to the fence. That's heart-breaking as well."

He said his presentation will include experts whose fire theories differ from those by state witnesses.

"I believe our evidence will show that this was a rapid, raging fire, and Mr. Martin wasn't there and didn't do it," Hardwick said. "At the end of the case, Mr. Cook and I will ask you to sign the 'not guilty' verdict form."

Delivery man testifies

Robert McGuairt, a delivery man, testified that he drove by the Martin residence just minutes before the blaze and saw the defendant walking around the outside of his house with a small container in his hand.

He said it was boxy, about nine inches and either gray or white, but was could not describe it any further.

McGuairt said he would pass by the Martin house on his way to work each day at around 6 p.m.

The state will resume calling witnesses at 9 a.m. today in the 142nd District Court of Judge George "Jody" Gilles.

Second lawsuit filed in death on Six Flags ride

FORT WORTH (AP) — A second lawsuit has been filed relating to the death of an Arkansas woman killed last month in an amusement park accident at Six Flags Over Texas.

The parents of Valeria Cartwright filed a wrongful-death lawsuit Tuesday against the Arlington park and its parent company, Premier Parks Inc.

Jerry and Vallie Cartwright are seeking unspecified damages for the loss of the companionship of their daughter as well as for the pain and suffering she endured before her death on the Roaring Rapids ride.

The Cartwrights also sued on behalf of their granddaughter, Dana, who is the daughter of Valeria Cartwright.

The girls' father, Dane Blunt, last week filed a lawsuit on the child's behalf in Tarrant County. He named as defendants Six Flags and Switzerland-based Intamin AG, the ride's manufacturer.

The ride carries passengers in round rafts, which accommodate 12 people, through a run of simulated rapids. One of those rafts overturned, killing Ms. Cartwright, 28, and injuring 10 others. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office ruled her death an accidental drowning.

Six Flags spokeswoman Nancy St. Pierre said Wednesday the company will not comment on the lawsuits.

However, she said the investigation into the cause of the March 21 accident is continuing.

"We've been cautiously and deliberately taking our time," Ms. St. Pierre said.

The ride has been closed since the accident.

The Cartwrights claim the park was negligent in its operation and maintenance of the ride. They also claim that not enough was done to rescue their daughter and that park employees were not adequately trained to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

The attorney for the Cartwrights, B.J. Warren, did not immediately return phone calls to The Associated Press.

Both lawsuits may not be able to proceed because only one party is eligible to file on behalf of Dana.

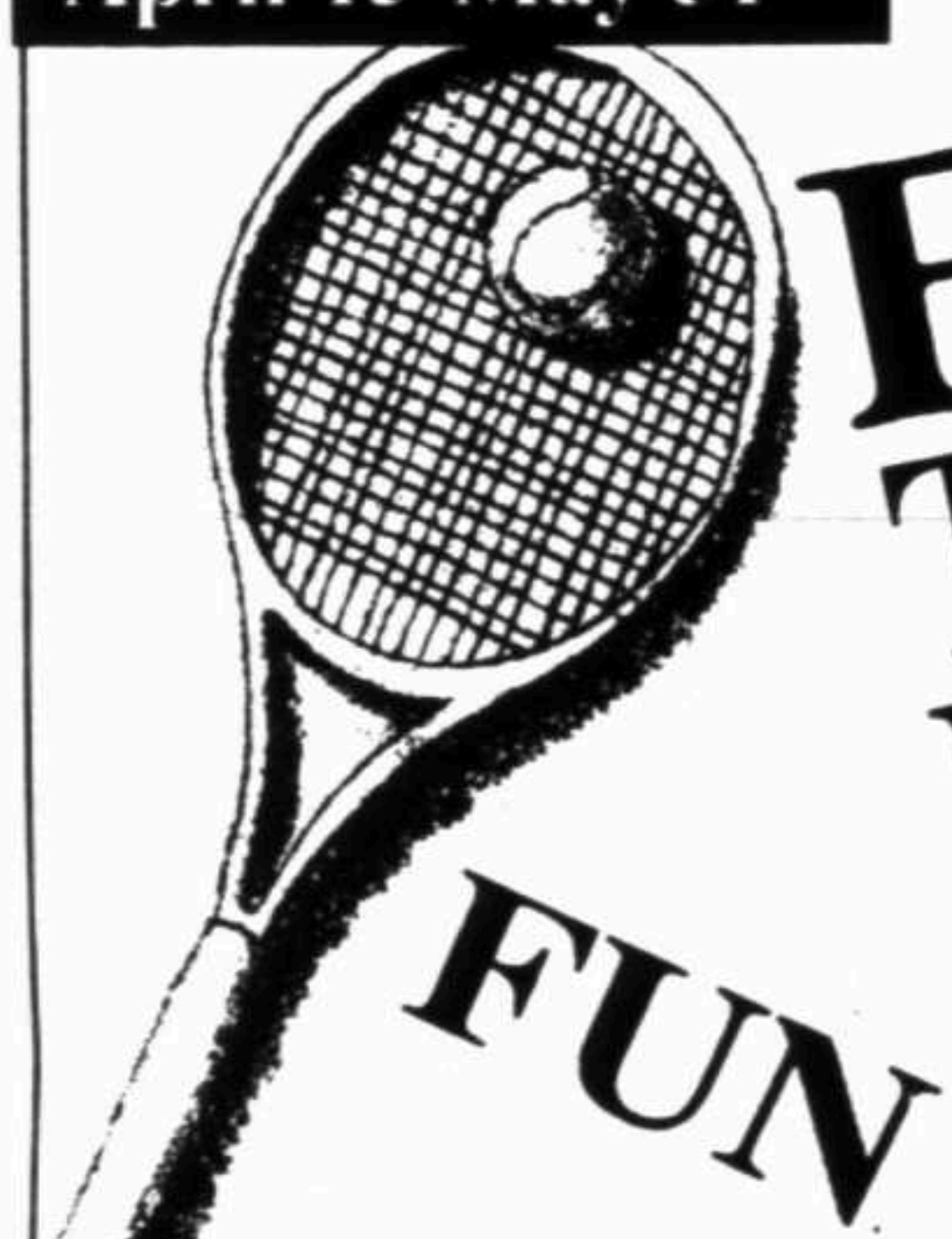
Blunt's attorney, Jeffrey Stern, said he hopes a custody battle will not erupt over the 4-year-old.

Blunt's lawsuit claims Intamin's ride was defective and that Intamin did not properly inspect or

maintain the ride.

His lawsuit also alleges negligence and gross negligence on the part of Six Flags for not properly maintaining and operating the ride. The suit also alleges that the park did not provide sufficient trained emergency rescue personnel.

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Quayle officially in the race, pledges to fight for values

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HUNTINGTON, Ind. — Former Vice President Dan Quayle, trying to refurbish his image and jump-start his GOP presidential campaign, declared his candidacy Wednesday by pledging to rebuild American values after "a dishonest decade of Bill Clinton and Al Gore."

Seeking office for the first time since he and President Bush succumbed to Clinton and Gore in 1992, the former Indiana senator sought to push beyond a history of political gaffes and controversies. "Murphy Brown is gone," he said, "and I'm still here fighting for the American family."

Quayle's use of the TV sitcom in the 1992 campaign to highlight a "poverty of values" brought him criticism and ridicule from some quarters. But he returned to the theme Wednesday, betting that primary voters will reward him for

casting a spotlight on the family-values debate.

"The question in life is not whether you get knocked down. You will. The question is, are you ready to get back up, are you willing to get back up and fight for what you believe in?" Quayle said.

A crowd of nearly 6,000, packed to the gym rafters at his former high school, shouted "Q2K! Q2K! Q2K!" for Quayle-2000. Fireworks exploded before and after his speech, covering the stage in a haze of smoke. Rock music, hundreds of handpainted signs and an appearance by ball-tossing former Chicago Bears quarterback Jim McMahon gave the announcement a pep rally feeling.

"I have come back home to announce that I will seek and I will win the presidency of the United States," Quayle said.

Gore, who succeeded Quayle as vice president and is seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, was singled out by Quayle for calling President Clinton a great leader during the impeachment effort.

"What arrogance. What disdain

for the values that parents are trying to teach their children. What contempt for the rule of law," Quayle said. "This should not stand."

"We are coming to the end of a dishonest decade of Bill Clinton and Al Gore," he said. "It's time we work to reclaim the values that made America great."

Gore's staff dismissed the attack. Spokesman Chris Lehane said, "Dan Quayle's vision of America will take us back to the Dark Ages of the last GOP administration."

Appearing relaxed and in command of his topics, Quayle spoke from notes and varied from a draft of the speech given to reporters.

He promoted his proposed 30 percent across-the-board tax cut, billing it as a boon to middle-income families.

And he portrayed himself as the best qualified potential commander-in-chief, recalling his participation in White House war councils. After Bush picked him as vice president, Quayle had withstood withering criticism for having

joined the Indiana National Guard years earlier, thus avoiding service in Vietnam.

"You can only get so much from briefing books and crash courses. You need experience," Quayle said. Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the early favorite for the GOP nomination, is getting scores of private briefings to bone up on foreign policy.

"A presidency is not to be inherited," Quayle said.

Aides would not say whether Quayle was alluding to Gore or the Texas governor — or perhaps both. Gore is Clinton's choice to win in 2000, and Bush is the son of the former president.

Asked for comment, Bush campaign spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said simply, "Governor Bush congratulates Vice President Quayle on his announcement and wishes him well. Governor Bush intends to campaign by laying out a positive vision for a brighter future for America."

Quayle himself wants to inherit President Bush's mantle.

The former vice president, 52, is a long shot for the nomination

despite his popularity among grass-roots activists and his strong organization in New Hampshire.

He joins a crowded field of conservative candidates wrestling over the same votes. His campaign team has come together slowly. And he raised about \$2 million in the first quarter of 1999 — \$1 million less than projected.

Quayle's largest obstacle is what one supporter calls the "potato factor" — a reference to the day he misspelled the word in a classroom full of school children. That and other miscues turned the vice president into a punch line for countless jokes, cementing for many American the perception that Quayle was ill-suited for the job.

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Breast cancer community braces for studies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cancer researchers and patients are expecting long-awaited studies on bone marrow transplants in treating advanced breast cancer to have inconclusive results, and thus are bracing for new controversy over whether women should undergo the costly and difficult treatment.

Even before the data are released Thursday, they are working to ensure that insurance companies continue to pay for the treatment.

"The real dilemma we're in is, what happens now," said Dr. Harmon Eyr of the American Cancer Society. "We think it's important that women still have the procedure covered until we have absolutely definitive studies."

At issue is an aggressive treatment reserved for the most advanced breast cancer: Ultra-high doses of chemotherapy followed by a bone marrow transplant to repair the immune system destruction caused by such high-dose therapy.

The therapy can cost \$50,000 to \$150,000, and dying patients have sued insurance companies to force coverage. Nine states have mandated payments.

But there is no scientific proof that women undergoing the risky and painful procedure do better long-term than women given standard doses of chemotherapy and radiation.

Still, an estimated 6,000 Americans had the experimental treatment last year, less than 10 percent

of whom entered clinical trials designed to determine if it's effective.

Why do women flock to an unproven treatment? Because the prognosis for advanced breast cancer is extremely grim. When cancer spreads to other organs, called metastatic disease, only 22 percent of patients survive five years. Some 43,000 women will die of breast cancer this year.

On Thursday, the American Society for Clinical Oncology will release preliminary results from the first four major studies of bone marrow transplant therapy. People familiar with the research say that overall, the results are equivocal.

The scientist who led the largest study and believes the treatment can work warned that the research is not complete yet. "It's too early to draw conclusions," stressed Dr. William Peters of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit, saying at least three more years of study is required.

Peters said Thursday's data would include "some very encouraging news."

But others questioned how good the news could be. "If it were going to show a clear benefit, those data would have been out months ago, and they would have stopped (the studies) early," said Fran Visco of the National Breast Cancer Coalition. Visco has discussed the research with investigators and advises women now considering a bone marrow transplant to look carefully

ly at Thursday's data.

How will insurance companies interpret the findings? Many won't make coverage decisions until they see more in-depth data from the studies, scheduled to be released next month at a major cancer meeting and then published in medical journals, said Dr. Don Young of the American Association of Health Plans.

Some doctors are eager to see if certain subgroups of patients responded better to bone marrow transplants, or if one type of high-dose chemotherapy worked better than another.

"The trials will leave open as many questions as they answer," cautioned Dr. Stephen Forman of City of Hope National Medical Center.

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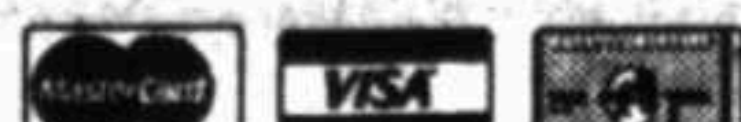
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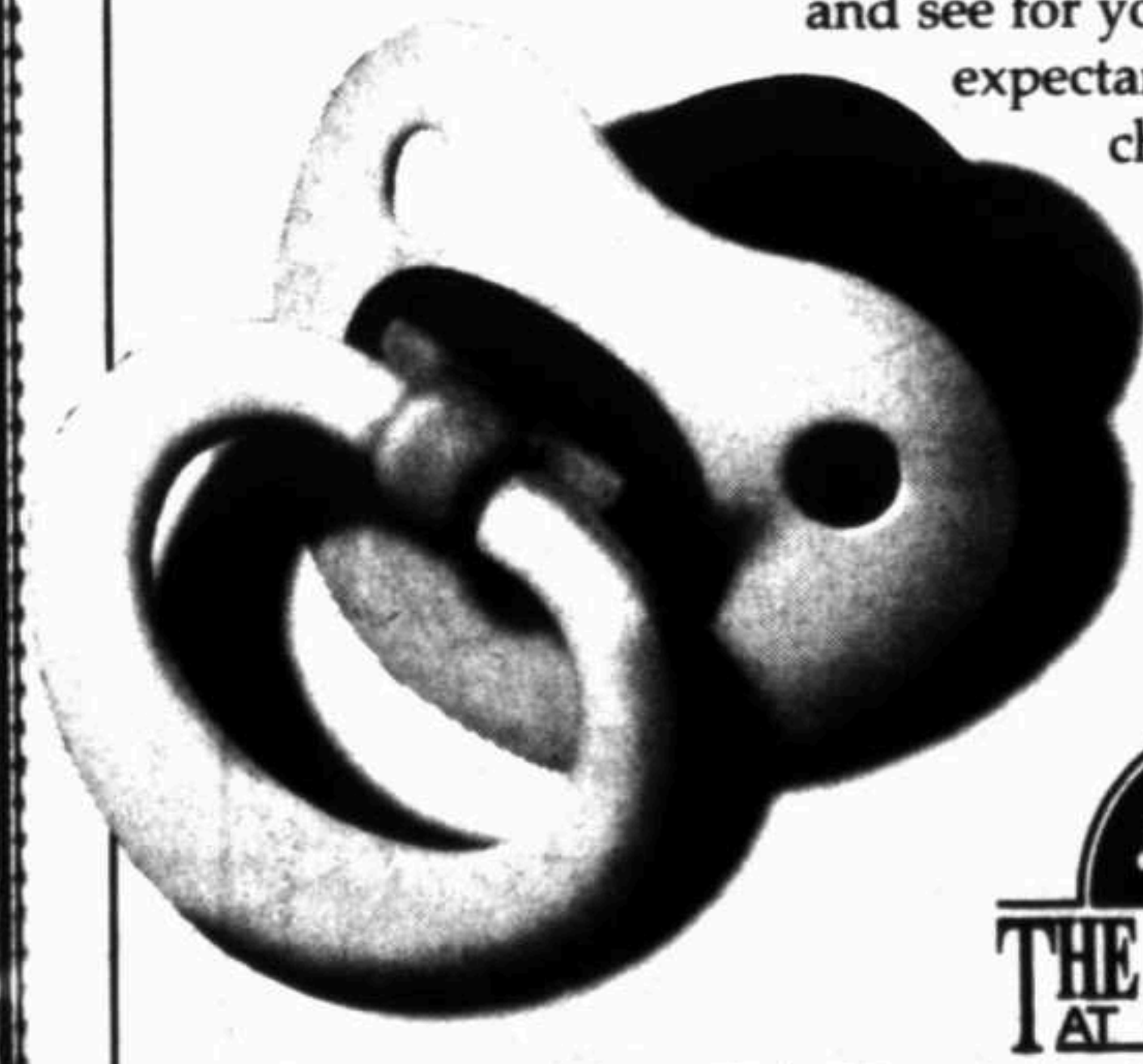
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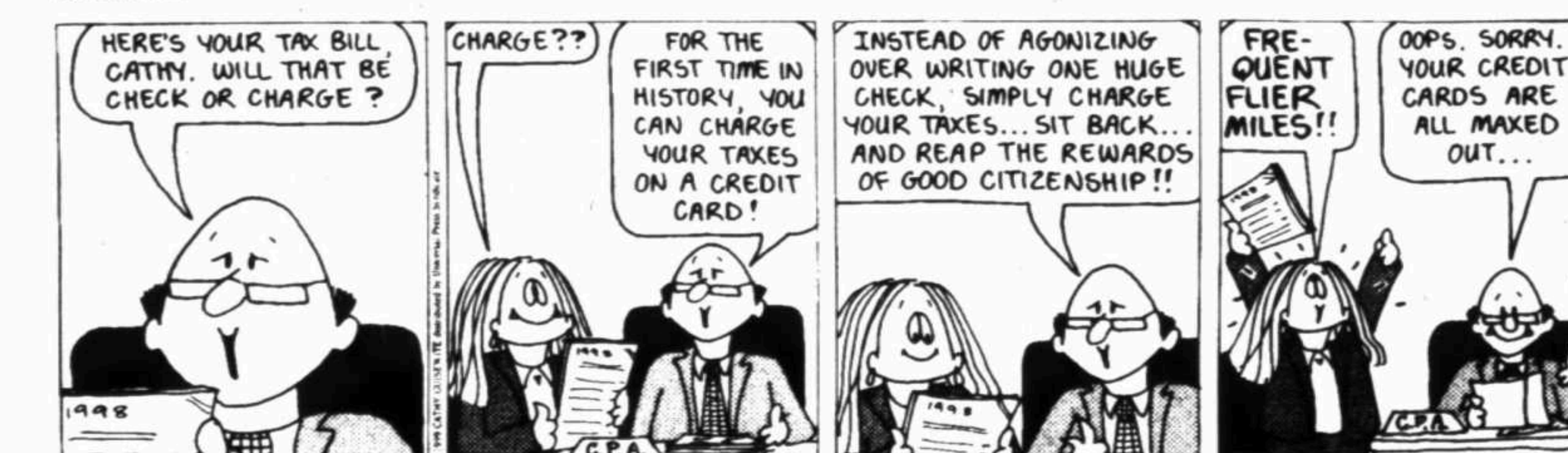
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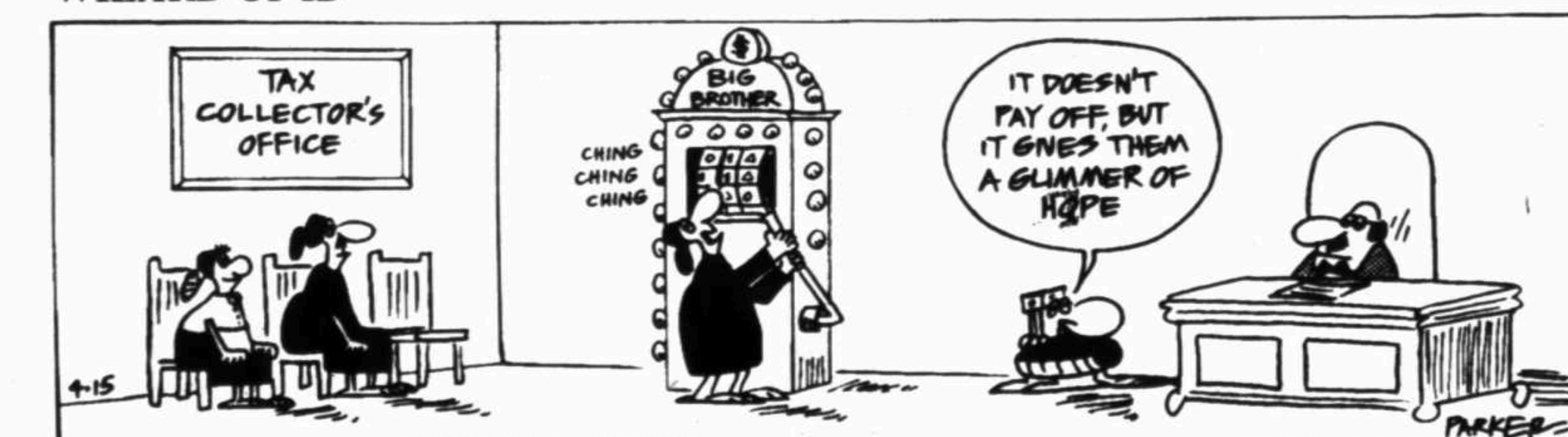
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ New beginnings are possible. Whatever you have in the works seems to flow. Toss away obstacles and greet change with a positive, upbeat frame of mind. You might not always understand what goes on with a friend, but you must admit, he makes your life lively! Tonight: As you want it.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Take a deep breath and allow some time for yourself. You might be in the process of developing a great idea. Remain optimistic and positive. A boss continues to act in an unpredictable manner. Stay level and anchored. Remember what you want and expect. Tonight: Do for you!
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Don't lose sight of your goals. Ponder news that might send you in a different direction. A person at a distance seems to have a greater influence on your life. Network, reach out for others, stay on top of your long-term needs. You can have what you want. Tonight: Be part of a think tank.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You are in the limelight. A boss demands tremendous attention; stay tuned in: to what is required. You could be up for a pay raise or a promotion. Listen to a partner, regarding money; he might be shocked by what he is seeing. Uncover the facts. Tonight: Working late.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Taking an overview is important. How you see a situation could change substantially. Optimism marks your dealings. You hear more gossip than reality from one who shares key information with you. Be willing to flow with the unexpected. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Develop your resources; they are far greater than you think. You are pleasantly surprised by another's reaction to your ideas. Good luck surrounds funds and partners. However, spending could be high. Knock on another's door, seek his counsel. Tonight: Go along with a partner's plan.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Allow others to fully express themselves. Discuss prime issues, needs and desires. Far-reaching plans involving key people might be redefined once you have an important talk. Not everyone reacts as you do. Just observe. Tonight: Allow a love relationship to heat up.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You are coming from a solid foundation. Others are surprised by how flexible you can be. Your take on events could change substantially. Dig into work; you might not be aware of the possibilities here. Financial gain comes through the back door. Tonight: Put in some extra hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Allow greater creativity and energy into your life. How you manage to deal with a flirtation or a loved one could be very positive. Have some fun; let the kid in you come out. The unexpected occurs during a meeting or key conversation. Roll with it. Tonight: Kick up your heels.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Build on security. Put more time into a key investment. A family member has much to share; listen. Together you can make domestic expansions, or perhaps modernize your home. Be careful as always with funds; the unexpected can happen. A financial hunch might be off. Tonight: A favorite get-together.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others count on you to come up with different ideas and a new approach. Your ability to communicate peaks as you deal with people. Evaluate what you need to do to clear out messages, attend meetings and finish work. You can do it and have a good time as well! Tonight: Errands.
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The auction is normal and, except for West's double, could happen at the rubber bridge table. At duplicate, -200 for one down doubled is often a

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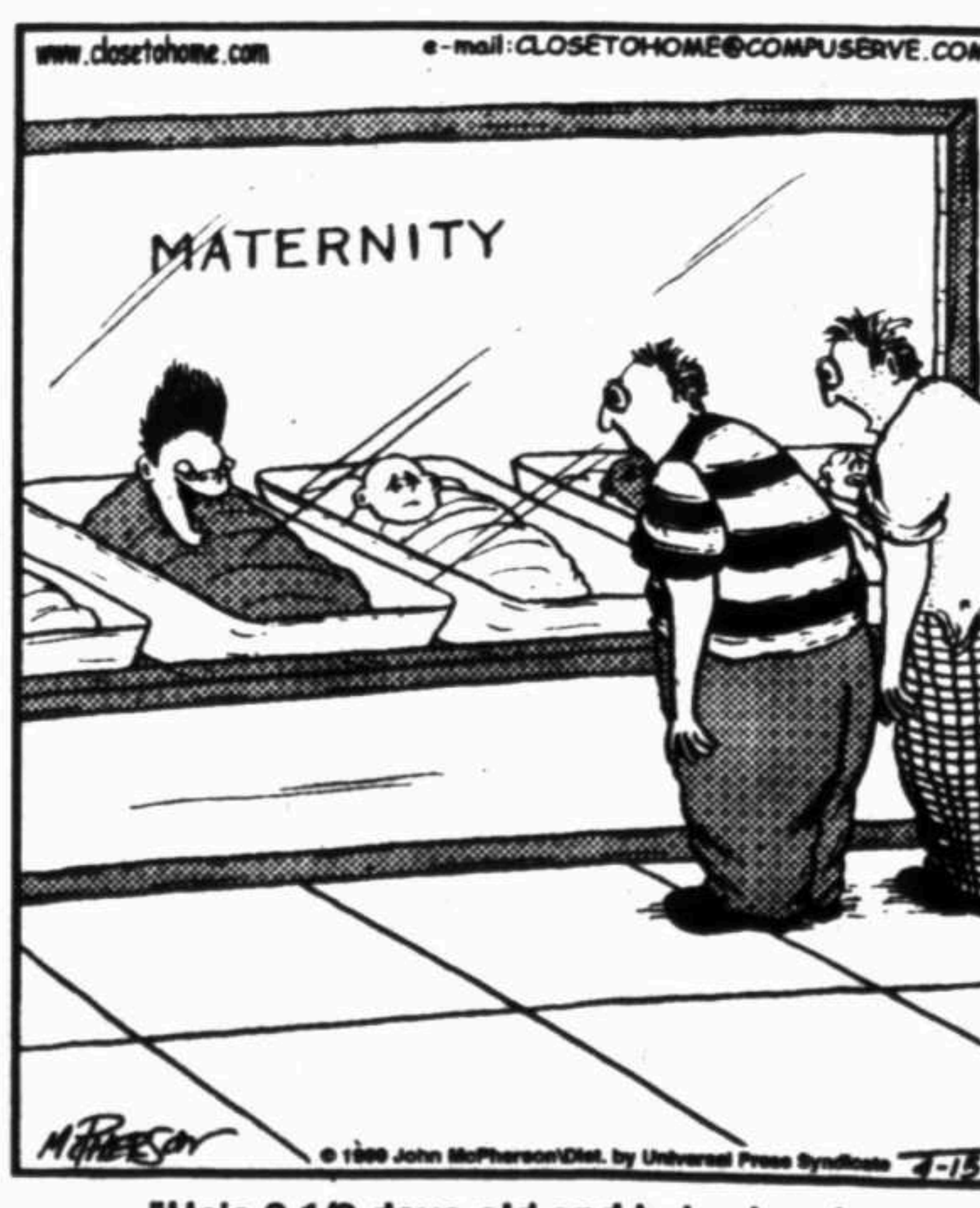
West led the four of spades to East's king and the jack was returned, covered by the queen and taken with the ace. West realized that a spade continuation was dangerous since it would probably set up a trick for declarer, so a shift was indicated. For an unforced response of one spade, East certainly had one of the minor-suit aces, but if it was the ace of clubs there was a real possibility that persistent club plays would set up a long card in the closed hand.

Rather than risk an 'accident,' West elected to render unto Caesar that

which is Caesar's and return a heart. However, had West exited with a low heart declarer would have gotten home. The heart would have been run to the nine in the closed hand, and the nine of spades would have set up a spade trick in the closed hand with the ace of diamonds as an entry.

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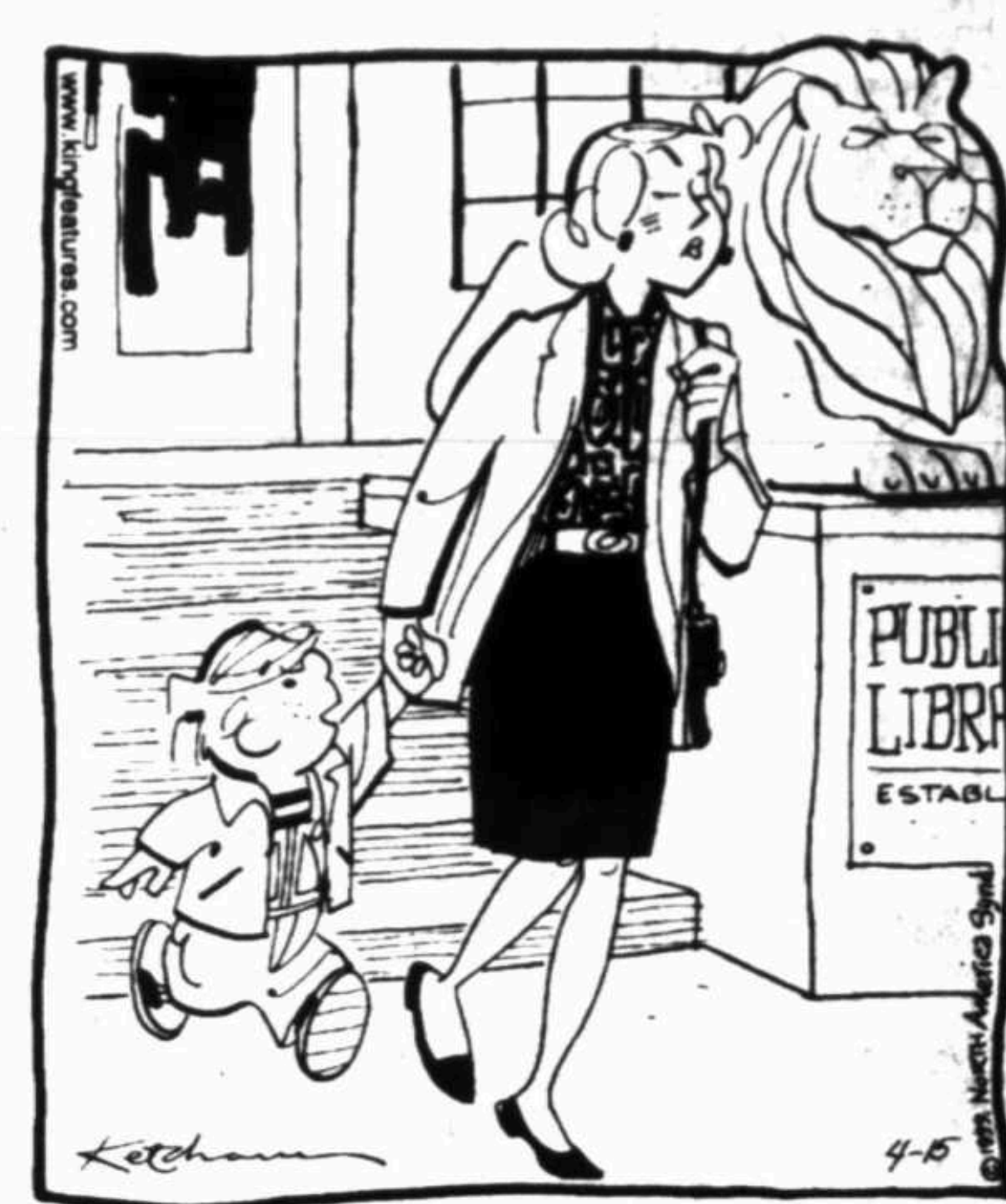
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Earl Spencer settles in libel lawsuit

LONDON — Earl Spencer accepted an undisclosed settlement Wednesday from a newspaper that questioned the handling of money raised by a concert staged in honor of his late sister, Princess Diana.

Spencer had sued the Express on Sunday for libel over its Dec. 16 story.

His attorney, Simon Ekins, said the story "gave rise to the inference" that the earl had control over the concert proceeds and may have used some of the money to defray the high costs of running his country estate.

In fact, Ekins said, the June 28 concert at the estate was organized by an independent company and Spencer had no control over the proceeds.

The newspaper withdrew its allegations and apologized, blaming an editing error.

The concert raised \$320,000 for the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. — Christopher Reeve will give this year's commencement address at Williams College.

The "Superman" star was paralyzed from the neck down in a 1995 riding accident and has become a spokesman for the disabled and spinal cord research.

The college's 210th commencement will be June 6.

Reeve traces his theater career to 1968 when at age 15 he got a summer apprenticeship at the Williamstown Theater Festival. He has a home in Williamstown.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Rev. Billy Graham will be inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame next week for his support of Christian music.

He will be represented by singer George Beverly Shea at the ceremony April 21. A video acceptance speech by Graham will be shown.

Inductees are chosen by a committee of the Gospel Music Association.

LOS ANGELES — Sean Connery made an impression at Mann's Chinese Theater.

Connery, accompanied by wife, Micheline, pressed his hands and feet into the famous concrete Tuesday.

The actor was joined by Catherine Zeta Jones, his co-star in the movie "Entrapment." It opens April 30 with Connery as a gentleman thief.

COSTA MESA, Calif. — Kevin Costner and some famous pals are working on opening their second restaurant.

Costner, Robert Wagner and champion golfer Fred Couples attended the groundbreaking Tuesday for another Clubhouse restaurant, which is scheduled to open this fall.

Costner, Wagner, Couples and golf legend Jack Nicklaus are partners in the first Clubhouse, which opened in Chicago in 1997.

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LOS ANGELES — Drew Barrymore might be a Hollywood veteran, but she still did her movie homework before producing her first film.

After teaming up with 31-year-old Nancy Juvonen, Barrymore rolled up her sleeves and spent two years deconstructing the film business.

The duo converted a room in Barrymore's home into an office, formed a production company, pored over scripts and met with agents and studio executives.

They also dissected and analyzed their own tastes in movies to try to determine what young audiences want to see. Then they made their first movie — "Never Been Kissed."

"We wouldn't have the wholeness without each other," Barrymore, 24, said. "Everyone wants that producer plaque on their door, but it takes an extraordinary amount of work to get there."

The gambit seems to have worked. "Never Been Kissed" opened in second place behind "The Matrix" last weekend, bringing in about \$12 million.

Barrymore, who is John Barrymore's granddaughter, grew up in Hollywood and starred in "E.T.: The Extraterrestrial" at age 6. She has more than two dozen film credits to her name.

NEW YORK — Robert De Niro has plans for Brooklyn.

The "Analyze This" star teamed up with Miramax Films executives to analyze a proposal to launch a high-tech film studio at the Brooklyn Navy Yards.

Negotiations between City Hall and the investment group are in the final stages, Deputy Mayor Randy Levine said Tuesday. The group wants \$25 million in low-interest loans over 40 years.

The group — headed by De Niro, Harvey Weinstein, co-chairman of Miramax Films; and Steve Roth of Vornado Realty Trust — plan to build 240,000-square feet of sound stages equipped with a fiber optic networks capable of transmitting live feeds via the Internet.

"We hope to complete the deal over the next several weeks," said Levine.

The Navy Yard is home to about 200 businesses employing 2,500 people. It closed as a shipyard in 1966.

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Animal experts say people who collect cats are doing more harm than good

By Alex Lane
N.Y. Times News Service

The stereotype of the neighborhood "Cat Lady" — sweet albeit eccentric widows or spinsters who fill their houses with cats, opting for feline friends over human companionship — is well known.

But many animal professionals say that these cat lovers do more harm than good to their pets and themselves. Harmless cat lovers often turn into compulsive cat hoarders with filthy houses and an unrestrained population of sick, inbred, feral felines.

Now some shelter directors, psychologists and veterinarians are mobilizing — and calling for this behavior to be studied, understood and stopped.

"Cat collectors are one of the largest sources of animal suffering in the nation," said Gini Barrett, director of the American Humane Association office in Los Angeles. "It's a huge human problem, it's a huge animal-suffering problem, it's a nightmare. It needs to be fixed."

Barrett is trying to develop a network through which Los Angeles-area shelters can share information about collectors — most, but not all, of whom are older single women. She is also trying to educate judges and prosecutors about the danger presented by these often sweet, sympathetic defendants.

To be sure, Barrett and other experts said, only a minority of cat lovers create problems. Many can handle large numbers of cats and keep their houses clean and their animals healthy. Only those who cross the line into compulsion are worrisome. Compulsion, in this context, refers to collectors who accumulate large numbers of animals far beyond the collectors' ability to provide proper care for the animals.

Barrett said she, like most shelter workers, has encountered several cases of extreme cat hoarding. The worst was that of a woman who kept 589 cats in a flea-infested, feces-smeared house. Thirty-nine were so sick they had to be killed immediately. Nine, stuffed between couch cushions and into shopping bags in a closet, were already dead.

"This woman truly believed her cats were fine," Barrett said. "You're not talking logic here."

Jackie Lee has dealt with several off-the-deep-end collectors in her job as director of an animal shelter in the small mountain town of Durango, Colo. "When I walk into these ladies' houses, sometimes it scares me to death," Lee said. "These cats can be violent if they don't get their way."

For years, the problem has gone unstudied. But recently Dr. Gary Patronek, a veterinarian at Tufts University near Boston, researched this behavior out

of concern for the animals it hurts.

In January, Patronek released the results of his study, in which he estimated that animal shelters uncover 700 to 2,000 new cases of animal hoarding every year. Because of the secretive nature of hoarders, he said, the real total is much higher. Cats are the collected animal in 65 percent of cases, with the rest spread out among dogs, farm animals such as cows and chickens, and birds.

Patronek's findings, combined with stories from shelter workers and mental-health professionals, paint a portrait of a typical collector: a reclusive, older woman who compulsively collects not just animals but also household items such as bottlecaps or newspapers. When confronted, collectors tend to be adept at attracting sympathy. And if caught and punished, they are very likely to build a new collection after the authorities stop paying attention.

Experts said most collectors start out as helpful animal rescuers, then slowly slip off the edge. "It's the day you have more than you can manage," Barrett said. "The day you cannot see the filth or the illness." That could be at five cats or at 50 cats, Barrett said.

Dr. Stephanie Lafarge, a psychologist for the New York chapter of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, explained that people who compulsively collect cats are probably trying to deal with bad family or romantic relationships.

Cats are an attractive collectible since they are quieter and more self-sufficient than dogs, for example, which need to be walked and groomed. Also, the sometimes-alot nature of the cat can make emotional sense to people with low self-esteem, Lafarge said.

A 53-year-old Manhattan cat lover who calls herself a "cat rescuer" and wishes to be identified only by her first name, Xiamara, is confident that she will never get to the point of compulsive, harmful collecting. But she acknowledges that her cats control her room and her routine.

Xiamara lives in a one-room apartment in a Harlem tenement, with 21 cats. Stacked unlocked woven-wire cages line the faded orange walls. Dusty clutter, like chairs and lamps, are piled high in corners, stowed away to make more room for cat paraphernalia. She has no room for furniture — at night she rolls out blankets and sleeps on the floor. She rises at 4:30 in the morning, and cleans up after her cats for the next three hours.

"You don't see 21, do you?" Xiamara said recently. Indeed, only six or seven cats were visible. But with a shake of the food bag, the cats materialized, darting out from makeshift dens in the depths of cages and hidden corners.

Time to face the music for tax procrastinators

WASHINGTON (AP) — For millions of procrastinating Americans, it's time to face the music: Income tax returns must be postmarked or filed electronically by midnight Thursday, and that's expected to mean 40 million last-minute state and federal returns.

Hundreds of larger post offices around the country will be open late to accommodate the crush, many of the biggest until midnight local time. And taxpayers who file electronically have until the last minute to zap their returns to the Internal Revenue Service.

A reminder: If you can't finish in time, file for an extension using Form 4868 and pay the IRS as much of your estimated bill as possible to avoid interest and penalties. You can also pay by MasterCard, American Express or Discover card by calling 1-888-2PAYTAX — for a 2.5 percent fee.

The IRS expects to receive 126 million individual income tax returns this year, with total income taxes projected at \$828.6 billion. That's just under half the \$1.7 trillion in overall federal tax collections used to pay for everything from cruise missiles to highway bridges to food stamps.

Working people pay more in U.S. taxes than over 40,000 foreign-controlled corporations operating in this country. The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, reported Wednesday that tax loopholes allowed a majority of those companies to escape

any taxes in 1995 — an amount estimated at \$35 billion a year.

"It's part of citizenship here, but these corporations are getting by in many cases with a free ride," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., who released the study.

Still, mainly because of new child and education credits, Americans are enjoying much larger refunds at \$1,563 on average, or 15 percent above last year. And they've used computers to electronically file 21.1 million returns, almost 24 percent more than last year.

But the jury is still out on whether the much-publicized IRS reform law is making the agency treat taxpayers better. Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, whose hearings last year helped spark the reforms, said he believes only about 20 percent of all IRS employees support the changes.

"Typically, a bureaucracy will say, 'We'll just wait it out,'" said Roth, R-Del. "We're talking about changing attitudes."

IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti, however, told the Finance Committee on Wednesday about key changes. They include a new service-oriented mission statement, ways to rate employees that don't include enforcement quotas and a reorganization to create four separate operations aimed at individual taxpayers, small businesses, large corporations and tax-exempt entities.

"There's very little doubt that

real change is occurring," said Rossotti, who has been in office 17 months. "We have only just begun."

Most individual taxpayers probably won't have any contact with the IRS after they've sent in their forms. But for those who can't pay, these changes in attitude will be put to the test.

The IRS has relaxed its "offer-in-compromise" program to let more taxpayers negotiate a lower settlement of their tax bill. Rossotti promised the new rules would prevent a duplication of last year's 80,000 rejections out of 105,000 offers.

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Today's Games

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RockHounds at
Wichita Wranglers, 5:15 p.m.,
Lawrence-Dumont Stadium

Records

RockHounds 3-2
Wranglers 3-2

Radio

KCRS (AM 550)

Broadcast Time - 4:55

Starting Pitchers

Midland's Tim Hudson (1-0)
vs. Wichita's Matt Sailer (1-0)

and
Midland's Eric Dubose (0-1)
vs. Wichita's Scott Mullen (0-0)

Last Five Games

Midland 7, San Antonio 2
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Midland 7, San Antonio 6
San Antonio 7, Midland 5

Next 10 Games

Tonight at Wichita (2)	5:15
April 16 at Wichita	7:15
April 17 at Wichita (2)	5:15
April 18 Day Off	
April 19 El Paso	7:11
April 20 El Paso	7:11
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TV Sports

GOLF — PGA Seniors' Championship, first round, part I, 11 a.m., ESPN; First round, part II, 3 p.m., ESPN.

PGA MCI Classic, first round, at Hilton Head Island, S.C., 12:30 p.m., FSS.

NHL — Pittsburgh Penguins at Boston Bruins or N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa Senators, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.

St. Louis Blues at Phoenix Coyotes, 9 p.m., ESPN2.

BASEBALL — Texas Rangers at Seattle Mariners, 5:30 p.m., FSS.
Los Angeles Dodgers at Arizona Diamondbacks, 9 p.m., FSS.

SOCCER — Dallas Burn at Miami Fusion, 7 p.m., ESPN2.

Texas Scores

BASEBALL — Texas Rangers at Seattle Mariners, late.
Houston Astros at San Francisco Giants, late.

NBA — Houston Rockets 102, Vancouver Grizzlies 85.
San Antonio Spurs 95, Minnesota Timberwolves 79.

NHL — Dallas Stars 4, Phoenix Coyotes 2.

Sports Today

PREP SOFTBALL — Midland High vs. Odessa Permian, 4:30 p.m. (completion of suspended game), MUGS Complex at Ulmer Park.

Gonzalez honored

Midland College freshman Jhudy Gonzalez has recently been named as an honorable mention selection to the Women's NJCAA All-America team.

Gonzalez, a 5-foot-10 post from Cali-Valle, Columbia, becomes the first Lady Chaparral to be recognized among NJCAA All-America post-season selection teams.

This past season, Gonzalez averaged 14 points and 7.3 rebounds for the 34-3 Lady Chaparrals. Gonzalez, despite not even being a full-time starter, was also named to the NJCAA All-Tournament team as the Lady Chaps finished third in their first national tournament appearance.

"I think it's great and very deserving," said Midland College fifth-year coach Ron Jones. "Sometimes, I don't think our players get the recognition because we play a lot of players and they don't get as many minutes."

Other Western Junior College Athletic Conference players recognized by the NJCAA were Howard College's 5-8 guard Karla Washington (first team) and Odessa College's 6-6 forward Stan Blackmon, named as an honorable mention NJCAA Men's All-America selection.

FSU coach Bowden feels he belongs in West Texas

■ Florida State football icon speaks at Christian athletes lunch at Mission Dorado.

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Longtime and ultra-successful Florida State coach Bobby Bowden looks and sounds like he belongs in West Texas.

With his love of football, Westerns and down-home charisma, the 69-year-old coach of the Seminoles had no problem blending in with West Texans during his stop in the Tall City to help in a fund raiser for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"I enjoy coming to Texas. I don't know why. I think it goes back to when I was a kid I used to watch cowboy movies," said Bowden, showing his wit that has made the legendary coach one of the favorites for banquet and speaking engagements.

Just before heading off to a "Victory" luncheon for FCA at The Club at Mission Dorado, Bowden took some time to talk with the media at the start of what was to be a long day. In addition to visiting the Midland-Odessa area, Bowden made a trip to College Station to speak at a banquet, also for FCA.

"Every year I have given a day to come to Texas to speak for FCA," Bowden said. "I really believe in that program. I think our nation needs this for our kids."

If there's one person who knows the meaning of success is Bowden, who's led the Seminoles to 11 straight finishes among the Associated Press' Top Four and a record 11 consecutive years of winning 10 or more games. His Seminoles also won the 1993 National Championship.

"First of all you've got to have the players," said Bowden when asked about his formula for a national champion. "I always thought the

secret of winning was getting the best players. Whoever gets the best players wins. There are some upsets. Then you have to have some luck. The ball has to bounce the right way for you a couple of times."

As much as he's accomplished and watching fellow coaching colleagues retire, there are some who may wonder how long will Bowden, who is past the retirement age, call it quits. Bowden says he's not ready yet to put away his whistle just yet.

"I'm going to retire when two things happen: My health fails or I go through some losing years," Bowden said. "I'm not willing to go through losing years. If we start falling apart, that's when I get out and let some younger guy take over. I'm healthy and I have no desire to retire... because my wife wants me to pick weeds out of the garden and I ain't going to do it."

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Florida State football coach Bobby Bowden addresses the crowd Wednesday afternoon at a luncheon at The Club at Mission Dorado.

DISTRICT 4-5A TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

MHS, Lee have high hopes in district

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

This year more than ever, the Midland schools should have some of the top contenders in the District 4-5A tennis tournament taking place at the Lee High School tennis courts Friday and Saturday.

In fact, every coach in the district should be feeling that their players have legitimate shots to get out of district and head to the regional tournament. Lee's Steve Buck and Midland High's Tom Heiting are two coaches who feel that they have the talent and potential to make that trip to Lubbock.

It's been a few years since the Rebels have had a representative in regionals but Buck feels very strongly about his boys this season. The doubles team of senior Brian Breithaupt and junior Trent Broach should be one of the top contenders.

"I think there are six teams that can win it in boys doubles," Buck said. "Four of them are going to get seeded and two aren't. Record-wise, everybody's pretty

even. I feel good after last weekend (Rebel Classic) because Midland was in the tournament and we beat the No. 2 team which is one of the six teams that could win it. Then Snyder beat their No. 1 team and then we turn around and beat them rather severely in the finals. That should put us up there as one of the top seeds... I would think."

"Our other doubles team in Vladamir Jovanovic and David Harris are very underrated. I think they're a very good team and I think they'll surprise some people."

In the boys singles, the Rebels will send sophomore Marshall Viney and junior Javier Molinar. Buck said Viney is capable of winning it all and Molinar is a player who's been in and out of varsity this year but has had some good matches.

The Lee girls, although they don't appear as strong as the boys, are very capable of playing with anybody in the district.

"The girls singles is wide open," Buck said. "We just need to get

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Midland High's Toffee Wilson (left) and Clayton Vandergriff represent their school's best hopes to advance out of the district tournament and into the Region I competition.

Gretzky will determine fate Sunday

By Jim Fitzgerald
Associated Press Writer

RYE, N.Y. — His coach, his teammates, his fans and even his wife have urged him to extend his glorious hockey career one more year.

But Wayne Gretzky alone understands what must be done, and his decision on retirement will come by the time the New York Rangers end their season Sunday.

"I need to do what's best for myself... Nobody else has any bearing on this at this point in time," he said Wednesday.

Speaking after practice in a chilly room of whitewashed concrete block above the practice rink, the 38-year-old hockey great said he will decide by Sunday — "not today or tomorrow" — whether to end his 20-year career in the NHL.

"I'm not trying to be an idiot about this," he said. "It's just a lifetime decision. Once it's done, it's done, 100 percent, whether I come back or I don't."

Gretzky, who smiled and seemed relaxed on the ice but seemed somewhat emotional afterward, said he spoke with coach John Muckler and planned to meet with general manager Neil Smith after the team got to Ottawa for Thursday night's game with the Senators.

It could be Gretzky's last game in his homeland, and he said "I'm going to enjoy tomorrow." In Ottawa, Prime Minister Jean Chretien said the Great One should keep playing and a Canadian TV network switched plans so it could cover the game. As many as 200 reporters were expected.

Gretzky said Muckler talked about "my importance to the organization as far as my presence, what I bring to the hockey club."

"I said to him, 'I think this team will be a better team next year than it is this year,' and he said that it would be a better team next year if I'm back."

Gretzky seemed to vacillate even during the news conference about whether he wanted to come back, but he said he was "leaning somewhat more one way than the other." He did not elaborate.

Gretzky said his wife Janet — whose opinion he values most, he said — "would like me to play one more year."

"She knows I love to play and probably she agrees with John and Neil that we came a long ways this year and next year we'll be better. She wants me to be part of that."



Wayne Gretzky disembarks a bus in Ottawa. Gretzky and the New York Rangers will play Ottawa today, which could be Gretzky's last NHL game in Canada.

He said he didn't want to "let down" his coach or teammates or fans. "But I know eventually I'll make the right decision."

Gretzky, who led the league in scoring 10 times, said he's confident he can still play well, though he complained of a neck injury that cost him 11 games this season and said, "I'm not going to play at the level I did 10 years ago."

On Wednesday, Gordie Howe had more advice for Gretzky: Wait until training camp in September to make a decision.

"The show he put on at the all-star game, that last shift, my God, it looked like he could play until he was 60," said Howe, who recalled last month's chat with Gretzky. "He mentioned something about 'This may be my last year.' I told him 'Don't talk that way. Come training camp you're going to really get the itch again.' He's so talented he could get by on one skate."

Near the end of his remarks, Gretzky said his 6-year-old son is scheduled to play a baseball game Sunday, the same day as the Rangers' last game.

"I said, 'Are you going to come to my hockey game?' And he said, 'No, I've got a baseball game.' And I said, 'Well, I don't know about next year,' and he said, 'Well, I don't care. I've got a ball game.'"

"He seems to have everything in perspective," Gretzky said.

Greenwood girls track appears loaded as ever

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Having won eight district track titles in her 11 years of coaching girls track at Greenwood, Patti Purser has had some pretty good teams.

Fellow competitors at the District 4-3A Track Championships should beware, because this year's squad might rank up there with some of the best. The Greenwood girls are an impressive group this season with talent and quality depth, and at the 4-3A meet this weekend in Monahans, they get to prove just how good they are.

"Track has always been competitive but this year, kids are taking pride in getting records," Purser said. "This is one of the best teams I have had as far as overall team, and in the sprinting and field events, this is one of the strongest and deepest, we have ever had."

Monahans should probably serve as the chief competition for the Rangerettes, who lost last year's title to

Kermit by three points.

"They (Monahans) have a lot of depth and are the team I am most scared of," Purser said. "We have beat them twice this year, but a lot of teams that have taken points from them are not in the district."

A big reason that Greenwood is ready to take back its throne from Kermit is senior Kahra Bruton, who missed last year's meet. Bruton might be the best female track athlete in the area and West Texas.

Last weekend at the Greenwood Relays, Bruton won the 100 hurdles in a time of 14.52. That is more than one second better than the best time in District 4-5A this year. Her best long jump (18 feet, 5 1/2 inches) would also be the top mark in 4-5A.

Bruton is also the favorite to win the triple jump. The relay teams (400 and 800 meters) which she anchors are also No. 1 seeds and expected to qualify for regionals.

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Lee's Brian Breithaupt (left) and Stephanie Hofer are two Rebels both vying to have big weekends at the District 4-5A tournament at Lee starting Friday.

No generic Brand: Duke star decides to turn pro

By David Droschak
AP Sports Writer

DURHAM, N.C. — Even his coach knew it was time to go.

Elton Brand, who won just about every individual honor a player can, left Duke on Wednesday and headed to the NBA. The 6-foot-8 sophomore center became the first Blue Devils player to quit school early for pro ball.

In announcing his decision to give up his last two years of eligibility, Brand was joined at Cameron Indoor Stadium by his mother, Daisy, and a half-dozen teammates. Coach Mike Krzyzewski, recovering from hip surgery at home, joined in by telephone and called the decision by the player of the year a "no-brainer."

Brand was persuaded to leave school last weekend by Krzyzewski and associate head coach Johnny Dawkins, a former Duke star and NBA player. They are certain Brand will be a top 10

pick in the June 30 NBA draft.

"The way college basketball has played me last year with the double teams and zones, coach felt I would only improve in practice and wouldn't get a chance to develop in the games," Brand said.

Brand averaged 17.8 points and 9.8 rebounds a game in carrying the Blue Devils to a 37-2 record. But he fell short of his goal of leading the Blue Devils to the national title, with a 77-74 loss to Connecticut in the NCAA championship game last month.

"It's somewhat of a sad time to be leaving friends, teammates and coaches," Brand said. "But it's also a joyous time because I get to go into new adventures and new things and just live a lifetime dream of mine."

He is the fourth player to come out early for the NBA draft, joining Ron Artest (St. John's), Steve Francis

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Spurs rip depleted T-Wolves

■ Olajuwon hits milestone in Houston's rout of Vancouver.

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Winning with Kevin Garnett has been hard enough for the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Without him, it has been impossible. With Garnett sidelined because of the flu, the San Antonio Spurs took advantage as David Robinson scored 21 points and pulled down 15 rebounds in a 95-79 victory over the Timberwolves.

Minnesota is now 0-6 over the last three seasons without Garnett in the lineup. It was the first game Garnett has missed since Dec. 11, 1996.

"We simply did not have enough bullets," said Minnesota coach Flip Saunders, who saw his team drop to 7-12 on the road. "They just had too much firepower. They knew we had no inside game to match up with them tonight."

San Antonio, which has won 20 of its last 24 games, was able to rest its entire starting lineup in the fourth quarter. Tim Duncan added 16 points and 10 rebounds for San Antonio, while Antonio Daniels scored 10 points.

"It was important for us to come out strong on defense and not make any mental errors," said San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich, whose team was playing its third game in three nights.

"Everyone has to play three in a row at least once, and most of the league, twice during the season. It's a challenge for the players, but it's equal for all."

The Timberwolves were led by Bobby Jackson's 14 points, while James Robinson added 13.

After leading by as many as 16 points in the first half, San Antonio saw Minnesota close to 52-47 on Jackson's driving layup with 8:13 remaining in the third quarter. San Antonio answered with a 13-2 run capped by Steve Kerr's 22-foot jump shot which gave the Spurs a 65-49 lead.

"We've had a great run the last six weeks or so," said Kerr, who finished with nine points. "But it happens in the NBA that sometimes you come out flat like we did last night in Dallas. We just have to minimize those times and bounce right back."

Resting its starters for the entire fourth period, the Spurs built the lead to 22 points, 95-73 on Gerard King's jump shot with 1:36 to play. Behind 15 points by Robinson, San Antonio led 46-36 at halftime.

"We lost in Phoenix and in Dallas and sometimes it takes that adversity to get us going," Robinson said. "When we work together and when you see guys helping each other out, we do well like tonight."

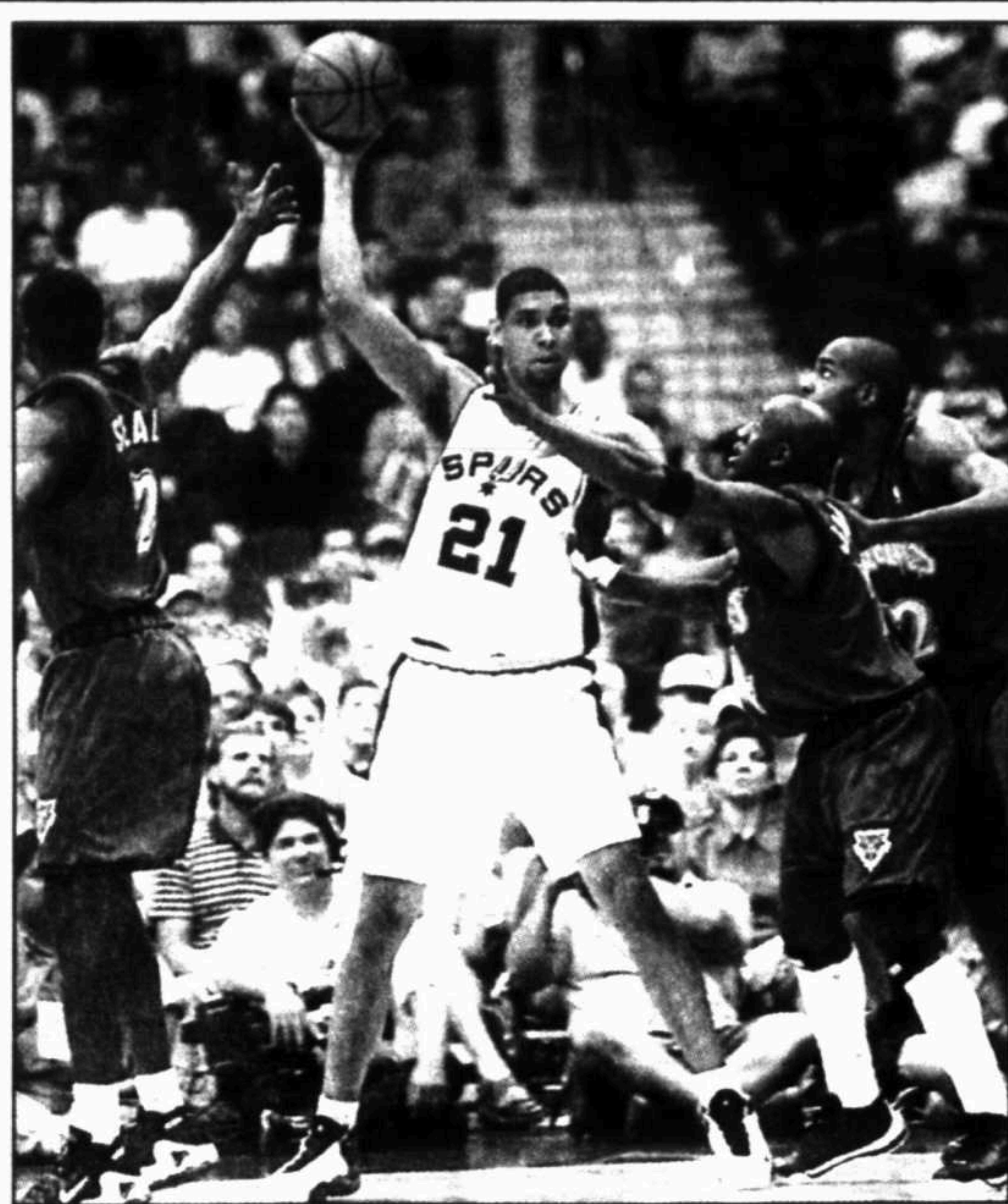
San Antonio's win evened the season series at two apiece with Minnesota, with both teams winning a pair of games on their home court. If the season ended today, San Antonio would meet Minnesota in the first round of the playoffs.

Rockets 102, Grizzlies 85
HOUSTON — Hakeem Olajuwon had 27 points and 12 rebounds and became the eighth player in NBA history to score 10,000 field goals, leading Houston over Vancouver.

Olajuwon scored Houston's first 13 points and had 17 at the half as the Rockets handed the Grizzlies their 17th consecutive road loss. Olajuwon got his 10,000th basket with 4:07 to go in the third quarter and received a standing ovation.

The Grizzlies are two road losses short of the club record losing streak. Their last road victory came Feb. 16 in a 93-89 double overtime victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Wizards 95, Knicks 89
WASHINGTON — Tracy Murray hit a 22-footer with 1:04 left in



San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan looks to pass while defended by Minnesota Timberwolves' Malik Sealy, left, Bobby Jackson, second from right, and Sam Mitchell at the Alamodome Wednesday.

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overtime to break the last tie and the Wizards snapped the Knicks' three-game winning streak with a victory.

The victory was just the second in eight games for the Wizards, who are 2-4 under interim coach Jim Brovelli.

Otis Thorpe and Rod Strickland scored 18 points each for the Wizards, who dressed 10 players because of injuries and illness. Murray scored 13.

The Knicks played without Patrick Ewing, who has a sore Achilles' tendon. His replacements, Chris Dudley and Marcus Camby, had solid games. Dudley started and had 10 points and eight rebounds, while Camby led the team off the bench with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

76ers 96, Raptors 78
PHILADELPHIA — The 76ers ran into a team whose playoff hopes are sinking faster than their own.

With a scintillating 29-8 run in the second half that may have saved their season, the Sixers handed the Raptors their fifth straight loss. NBA scoring leader Allen Iverson snapped out of a shooting slump to score 20 points as Philadelphia snapped a two-game losing streak.

Larry Hughes came off the bench to score 22, and Matt Geiger had 18 points for the Sixers. Doug Christie led the Raptors with 19 points.

Toronto rookie sensation Vince Carter started 2-for-10 and finished with only 12 points — and no dunks — on 3-for-14 shooting.

Hawks 77, Celtics 70
BOSTON — Dikembe Mutombo scored 16 points and grabbed 17 rebounds and Chris Crawford added 17 points as Atlanta snapped a four-game losing streak.

Crawford's 3-pointer with 18 seconds left gave the Hawks a 75-70 lead and capped a 7-0 run.

There were 10 lead changes in the fourth quarter, but the Celtics never led by more than two points. They took their final lead, 70-68, when Vitaly Potapenko made two free throws with 3:39 left.

Ron Mercer had 19 points and Paul Pierce 16 for the Celtics, whose two-game winning streak came to an end.

Hornets 83, Pistons 79
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Hornets won their fifth in a row, blowing an early 17-point lead before David Wesley helped close the game with an 11-3 run for the win over Detroit.

Wesley had five of his eight points and one of his seven assists in the final 2:09 as Charlotte recovered against a Detroit team that played the last three quarters without Grant Hill, who was bothered by the flu. Charlotte began the

night 2 1/2 games out of the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Bobby Phillips led the Hornets with 21 points, 19 in the first half. Charlotte also got 21 from Eddie Jones and 19 from Chucky Brown.

Pacers 83, Magic 80
INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller hit all 12 of his free throws and finished with 21 points as Indiana defeated Orlando in a battle of Eastern Conference leaders.

Penny Hardaway had 25 points to lead the Magic, which had their six-game winning streak snapped. With the game tied at 78-all, Rik Smits hit a short hook shot with 3:04 remaining put the Pacers ahead for good.

Bucks 98, Heat 86
MILWAUKEE — The Bucks legitimized their playoff aspirations by finally beating a member of the East's elite.

Ray Allen scored a season-high 31 and Glenn Robinson added 29 as the Bucks moved into fourth place in the Eastern Conference.

The Bucks began the night 0-2 against all three of the top teams in the Eastern Conference: Orlando, Miami and Indiana.

Cavaliers 89, Bulls 81
CHICAGO — The line on Shawn Kemp: 27 points, seven rebounds, four assists, one steal and one broken nose. No, not his own.

Kemp scored 11 of Cleveland's last 18 points as the Cavaliers survived a third-quarter rally to beat Chicago. The Bulls lost despite a career-high 20 points from rookie Kornel David, who was making his first start.

Nuggets 120, Nets 97
DENVER — Antonio McDyess scored 36 points and Denver shot 10-of-14 from 3-point range in its win over New Jersey.

Chauncey Billups added 25 points, 12 coming on 4-for-4 shooting from long range. Danny Fortson had 18 points and 17 rebounds for the Nuggets, who shot 55 percent from the floor for their second victory by more than 20 points.

Suns 101, SuperSonics 94
SEATTLE — The Seattle SuperSonics achieved a new level of utility in their surprisingly poor season, setting an NBA record by grabbing only 19 rebounds in a loss to the Suns.

Jason Kidd scored a season-high 30 points and Danny Manning scored nine of his 19 points in the fourth quarter for Phoenix (19-20), which overtook the Sonics (18-19) and moved into seventh place in the Western Conference standings.

The Suns outscored the Sonics 20-6 over a six-minute span of the final quarter to take command and beat the Sonics for the fourth straight time. Phoenix will own the tiebreaker advantage if the teams finish with the same record.

WNBA resolves labor problems

By Melissa Murphy
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Women's pro basketball did not match the men on the labor front.

The WNBA and the newly formed players' union avoided a lockout Wednesday night by agreeing to a four-year contract in their first collective bargaining agreement.

"We believe it to be historic, the first of its kind in women's team sports," WNBA commissioner Val Ackerman said. "It was very much our desire not to disrupt what we had created."

After several days of talks, the settlement came on the eve of the league's third pre-draft camp. Both sides compromised on the most contentious issues — salaries and health benefits, incoming ABL players and guaranteed contracts.

"Players are ecstatic about the approval on the table before us," said Coquese Washington, a member of the WNBA Players' Association executive committee. "We will have labor peace for the next four years."

The preliminary agreement, expected to be ratified by the 122 players on Monday, included increases in the minimum salary from \$15,000 to \$30,000 for veterans and \$25,000 for rookies.

The benefits package includes year-round health and dental benefits, pension, maternity benefits and life insurance. Final approval by the league is expected by April 22.

"Getting year-round health insurance was huge and made up for not getting a bigger starting salary," said Washington, a New York Liberty player and lawyer. "These are minimums, and players can negotiate their salaries. We are definitely happy with the benefits package, it's very substantial."

Pam Wheeler, director of operations for the WNBA, agreed. "All the salary agreements are minimums, the sky is the limit on what individual players can negotiate on their own," Wheeler said.

Rivalry boils as Stars beat Coyotes

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars and Phoenix Coyotes didn't like each other very much prior to Wednesday night's game, and the rivalry has now moved to another level.

Joe Nieuwendyk scored two goals, including an empty-netter with 27 seconds to play, as the Stars beat Phoenix 4-2 in a game that cost the Coyotes top scorer Jeremy Roenick for an indefinite period due to a broken jaw.

Roenick was injured by a hard check by Dallas defenseman Derian Hatcher. After the game, Coyotes coach Jim Schoenfeld said Roenick is out for the season, including playoffs.

"As it stands now, he's out for the remainder of the season," Schoenfeld said, adding that Roenick's condition will be further evaluated on Thursday.

Roenick's jaw was so badly swollen that he was unable to talk after the game, and he also had several broken teeth. He was injured while Phoenix was on a power play and Roenick was skating along the boards in the corner of the Dallas zone. Hatcher leveled Roenick with a booming check at 5:52 of the opening period.

The all-star center fell to the ice with blood coming from his mouth and was taken to the locker room,

The 10 pre-existing WNBA teams will be limited to three players from the ABL, while the expansion teams in Orlando and Minnesota will be allowed five ex-ABL players. Washington said the one-year limit was a "loyalty issue," meant to reward WNBA players who passed up substantial ABL salaries to sign with the league.

The league plans to add four new teams in 2000 with no limits on ABL players. Washington said the turning point in negotiations came on Sunday when the league decided to bend on two issues.

"The league came up on the salary — that was huge — and was willing to compromise on the ABL issue. Once we hammered out those two issues ... it had a snowball effect, and we compromised on the other issues," said Washington.

The agreement calls for salary increases each year, with veterans receiving a \$40,000 minimum and rookies \$30,000 in the fourth year of the contract.

The league, which previously had no guaranteed contracts, will guarantee them at midseason. It also created an offseason internship program and an advisory panel to give players input into league operations.

In addition, players will share a guaranteed percentage of royalties from merchandise using a player's name or likeness. The first year percentage share is 40 percent, which increases to 50 percent in the third year and fourth years.

Ackerman said NBA commissioner David Stern had no formal role in the process. Washington thanked Billy Hunter, the executive director of the NBA players' union, Patrick Ewing, Mitch Richmond and Juwan Howard for their support during the bargaining process.

"They provided valuable assistance," she said. "We couldn't have gotten the deal down without the help and support of the men."

The pre-draft camp opens Friday in Chicago, a day later than originally scheduled. The 10-week season begins June 10.

eye while Dallas was claiming a 3-2 win at America West Arena.

During the days leading up to the game, both teams had talked extensively about the Modano incident.

"He (Hatcher) should be suspended for 10-15 games," said Rick Tocchet of the Coyotes. "If you do something wrong, drop your gloves like a man. But a 6-6 guy (Hatcher) jumps in the air, throws an elbow, that's wrong."

Dallas goalie Ed Belfour stopped 33 shots for his 35th victory, becoming the fourth goalie in league history to record 35 or more victories in five different seasons.

"I feel bad he broke his jaw," Hatcher said. "But he saw me coming and I saw him before the hit. It's tough to say what the league is going to do. I went into the corner to make a good check, and stuff like that happens through the course of a season."

The Hatcher check was the aftermath of the previous meeting between the teams on March 23 when Roenick knocked Dallas' top scorer Mike Modano out of the game on a hit away from the puck.

Roenick received a five-minute penalty for boarding and a game misconduct. Modano left the game and had seven stitches over his left

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Chicago Cubs' Hideo Nomo in Chicago. Hideo Nomo beat the Yankees.

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Hideki Irabu pitched in his seventh start since August and extended their winning streak to seven games.

CLEVELAND — Since August and in Cleveland's extended their winning streak to seven games.

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Bartolo Colon hit his sixth home run in six games in six hits in six games.

By Josh Dubow
AP Sports Writer

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What is it about baseball's best pitcher since May 2, 1994, who won his seventh game in a row, opening the season with a 14-7 win over the Yankees.

"I can't remember the last time I won a game," Nomo said. "It's like a dream."

By Dave Gold
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — Browns might be better known for their game: When information.

So while they rowed their chances pick in Saturday's game, Couch and Akili back Ricky Williams tip their hand.

Let's tip it for the NFL running back. They'll need to Bowl.

1. They won't because the NFL running back they'll need to Bowl.

2. They probably pick unless they all of New Orleans the next decade.

3. CINCINNATI — Bengals need a made a lot of call. AKILI SMITH.

4. INDIANAPOLIS — Polian is a key to can pick Ricky Claiborne, traded Marshall Faulk BAILEY, CB-W.

5. WASHINGTON — still here? RICKY RB, Texas.

6. ST. LOUIS — Lawrence Phillips years ago. Does EDGERRIN JAMES.

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Chicago Cubs' Glenallen Hill hits a home run in the second inning against the Cincinnati Reds Wednesday in Chicago. Hill hit a pair of homers, his third and fourth of the season, as the Cubs and fast-working Jon Lieber beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-4 to end a four-game losing streak.

Hill's two HRs lead Cubs to win

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa snapped out of a slump with two doubles but it was Glenallen Hill who supplied the real power Wednesday for the Chicago Cubs.

Hill hit a pair of homers to raise his season total to four as the Cubs and fast-working Jon Lieber beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-4 to end a four-game losing streak.

Lieber (2-0), using a rapid delivery, allowed three runs and eight hits in the 2-hour, 6-minute game. He struck out nine and walked one.

Rod Beck pitched the ninth for his second save, surrendering Aaron Boone's first homer of the season with two outs.

Expos 15, Brewers 1
MONTREAL — Chris Widger homered twice and drove in a career-high six runs as the Expos rocked Jim Abbott and the Brewers.

Miguel Batista (2-0) pitched a six-hitter for his first career complete game, helping the Expos stop a four-game losing streak. Batista lowered his ERA to 1.10, and went 2-for-4 at the plate.

Before a crowd of just 6,525, Jose Vidro had a career-high five RBIs

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with a three-run homer and two-run double. Montreal had 17 hits, its most since getting 19 against San Francisco on May 7, 1997.

Montreal scored eight runs off Abbott (0-2) in three-plus innings.

Cardinals 9, Pirates 5

PITTSBURGH — Darren Bragg hit his first two NL homers and the Cardinals squandered a four-run lead before rallying with the help of some sloppy Pittsburgh defense.

Manny Aybar (1-0) bailed out an ineffective Kent Mercker with three scoreless relief innings and the Cardinals won their second in a row even though Mark McGwire went 0-for-4 with two strikeouts and a walk. The Cardinals' five relievers combined for seven shutout innings.

Mets 4, Marlins 1

NEW YORK — John Franco became the second pitcher to reach 400 career saves, and Orel Hershisier got his first win with New York as the Mets extended their winning streak to five.

Franco, 38, got his third save of

season. He relieved in the ninth and struck out Todd Dunwoody and Preston Wilson before Kevin Orie reached on a bloop double. Franco then fanned Jorge Fajardo for the final out, and was mobbed on the field by his teammates.

Braves 10, Phillies 4

PHILADELPHIA — Chipper Jones, Javy Lopez and Gerald Williams homered to lead the Braves to their third consecutive win.

Ryan Klesko went 4-for-4 to tie his career high for hits and had two RBIs as the Braves beat the Phillies for the ninth time in their last 11 meetings. Jones, in a 7-for-34 slump with just one RBI in the season's first eight games, drove in two runs with the homer and double.

Brian Jordan drove in a pair of runs.

Diamondbacks 6, Dodgers 2

PHOENIX — Jay Bell hit his major league-leading fifth home run — all against the Dodgers — and Omar Daal pitched seven strong innings Wednesday night as the Arizona Diamondbacks rallied to beat Los Angeles.

Yanks rout O's, take AL East lead

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chuck Knoblauch went 5-for-6 and the New York Yankees moved into sole possession of the AL East lead for the first time this season, beating the Baltimore Orioles 14-7 Wednesday night for their seventh straight win.

After his leadoff homer off Scott Erickson (0-2), Knoblauch added singles in the second, fourth, fifth and seventh innings to tie his career high in hits and raise his average from .174 to .321. His RBI single in the seventh put the Yankees up 9-7.

Hideki Irabu gave up five runs in one-third of an inning as Baltimore nearly erased an 8-2 deficit. David Cone (2-0) allowed two runs — one earned — and four hits in six innings to hand the Orioles their sixth loss in seven games.

Indians 11, Royals 4
CLEVELAND — Sandy Alomar hit his first homer since August and Manny Ramirez hit a three-run shot in Cleveland's nine-run sixth inning as Indians extended their winning streak to seven.

Cleveland, which bunched all 14 of its hits in a three-inning span starting in the fourth, hasn't lost since opening day.

Bartolo Colon (2-0) allowed three runs and seven hits in six innings. Jeff Suppan (0-2) gave up four runs and six hits in five-plus innings.

Blue Jays 7, Devil Rays 6
TORONTO — Jose Cruz Jr. hit a game-winning single off Albie Lopez (0-1) in the 11th inning as Toronto overcame Jose Canseco's 400th career home run.

Canseco became the 28th player in major league history to reach the 400-homer mark when he lined Kelvin Escobar's pitch 368 feet over the left-field wall in the third inning. Born in Cuba, Canseco is the first player born outside the United States to hit 400 homers.

Graeme Lloyd (1-0) pitched 2 1/3 shutout innings.

Tigers 7, Twins 1

DETROIT — Jeff Weaver (1-0) pitched five shutout innings, allowing one hit in his major league debut, and Detroit stopped a six-game losing streak.

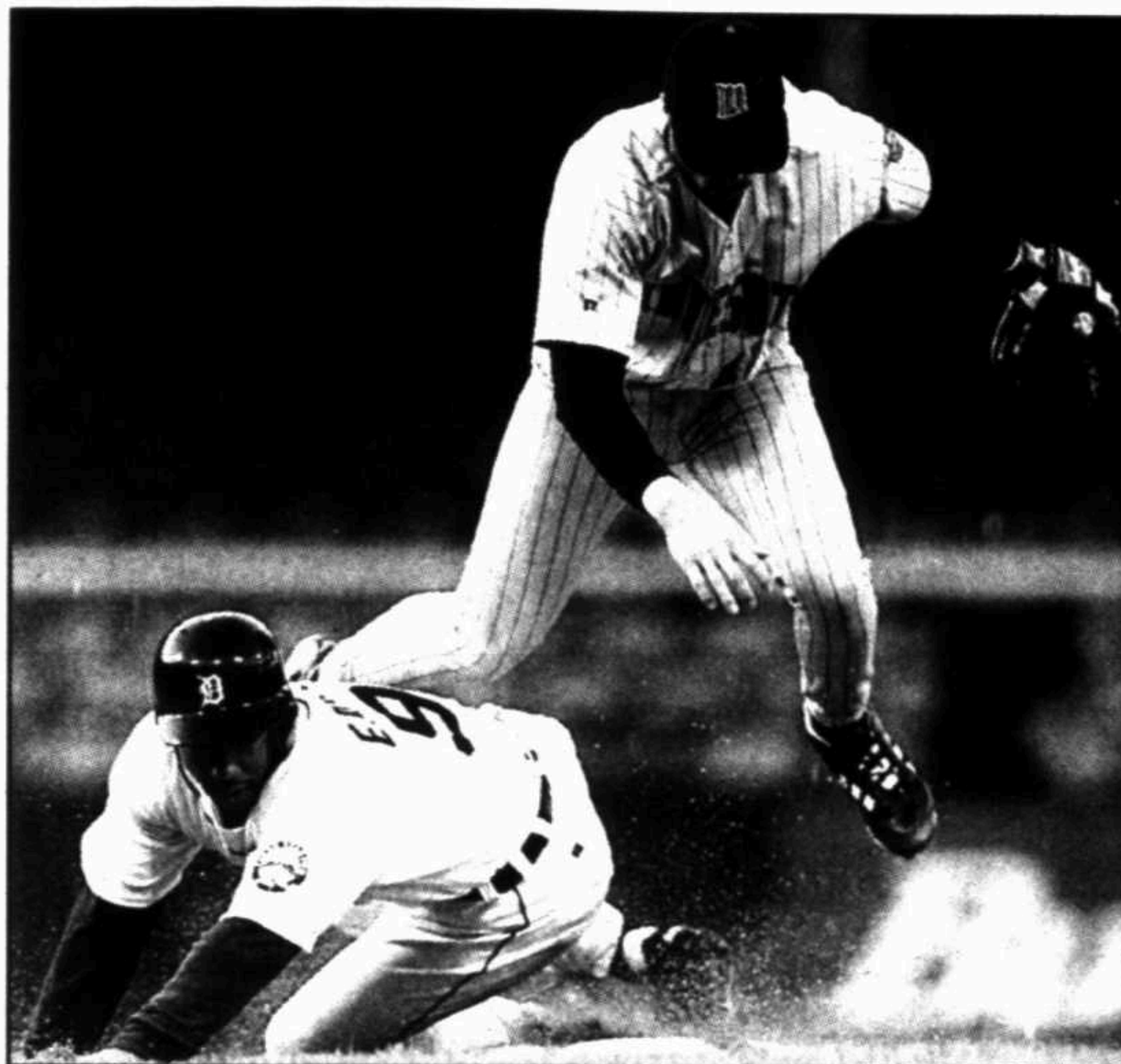
Bobby Higginson homered and Tony Clark and Damion Easley each drove in two runs. LaTroy Hawkins (0-2) gave up six runs and 11 hits in five innings.

Athletics 6, Angels 5

OAKLAND, Calif. — Matt Stairs drew a bases-loaded walk to drive home the tying run and Olmedo Saenz followed with a sacrifice fly as the Athletics rallied past the Angels.

Anaheim led 5-4 when Angels pitchers lost their control and the lead.

With one out in the seventh, Jason McDonald beat out an infield single and Jason Giambi had a 3-2 count when he swung at a pitch from Chuck Finley that bounced off the plate.



Minnesota Twins second baseman Todd Walker (12) avoids Detroit Tigers' Damion Easley (9) after turning the ball to make a double play on Juan Encarnacion at first base in the second inning Wednesday.

Has NFL made deal with L.A.?

By Ken Peters

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — A Carson councilman who led the city's attempt to land an NFL franchise believes the league instead has decided to try to make a deal with the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Councilman Daryl Sweeney said Wednesday he anticipates an announcement next week when the NFL expansion committee visits Los Angeles.

"I think a decision is going to be made on Tuesday, and I think that decision is to go to the Coliseum, and to give them some time to get their act together," Sweeney said in a telephone interview.

"I think it is anticipated that Carson will be waiting in the wings if the Coliseum-Dodger stadium deal doesn't go through. They're probably thinking we'll be there saying, 'Come back to us.'"

The NFL has approached Fox Group, which owns the Los Angeles Dodgers, about the possibility of building a new baseball stadium next to the Coliseum.

The bid to return pro football to a remodeled Coliseum appeared to gain momentum with a report that Michael Ovitz, the Hollywood dealmaker who proposed building a new stadium on a former Carson landfill, had given up on that idea and was going to endorse the Coliseum. Ovitz said in a statement Wednesday that his position is unchanged from last month.

"A couple of weeks ago, I met with commissioner Tagliabue after the NFL owners' meeting in Phoenix," Ovitz said. "I told him that my partners and I were committed to doing whatever was in the best interest of bringing NFL football back to Los Angeles."

Clemens can tie league record of 17 consecutive wins

By Josh Dubow

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — There's been nothing lucky about Roger Clemens' 16-game winning streak.

The Rocket, who has gone nearly 11 months without a loss, tries to tie the American League record held by Johnny Allen and Dave McNally on Thursday night against Baltimore.

"There's nothing to talk about," Clemens said. "It is what it is."

What it is is an amazing run by one of baseball's best pitchers. After beginning last season 5-6 for Toronto, Clemens hasn't lost since last May 29, a span of 24 starts. At the age of 36, he continues to overpower hitters, posting a 2.26 ERA during the streak and winning his fifth Cy Young award after last season.

"I can't remember a power pitcher other than Nolan Ryan who could throw so hard for so long," said Orioles bullpen coach Elrod Hendricks, who caught McNally during his streak in 1968-69. "Even Seaver had to learn how to conserve energy as he got older. Clemens doesn't give a damn about that. He still rears back, throws hard and has high pitch counts."

While Clemens' success is triggered on his hard fastball, McNally was more of a junkball lefty. McNally not only wasn't the dominant pitcher in the league, he wasn't even the ace of his own staff, which included Jim Palmer and Mike Cuellar.

McNally's streak, which ended on Rich Reese's grand slam for Minnesota, was in jeopardy many times before the Orioles bailed him out with late rallies.

"That's why we called him McLucky," Hendricks said. "Every time he would leave a game losing, we seemed to either tie it or take the lead. But most of the time he pitched great."

Clemens has pitched great nearly all the time. His streak includes three shutouts, an 18-strikeout game and three wins against Baltimore.

What makes it more impressive is that many people felt Clemens' career was on the downside after he went 40-39 in his last four seasons in Boston. But after arriving in Toronto in 1997, Clemens regained the dominant form from early in his career and has won consecutive Cy Youngs.

"His velocity is back up a little," Baltimore's B.J. Surhoff said. "He is able to locate his pitches, which is something most power pitchers don't do. He has refined his splitter to give him a second out pitch."

"It's on a different plane than his fastball and slider. You have to lay off it to have any chance against him."

Clemens' opponent on Thursday has experience stopping long winning streaks. Mike

Mussina was on the mound May 8, 1997, when Baltimore beat Seattle 13-3 to stop Randy Johnson's 16-game winning streak.

"I know I'm pitching against the Yankees, in Yankee Stadium, against Roger Clemens going for the AL record, but I still have to pitch my game," Mussina said. "If I get too juiced up, I won't be able to do what I have to do."

Clemens and Mussina — the active leaders in winning percentage (minimum 75 wins) — have been two of the most consistent starters in the AL this decade. They have met five times since Mussina came up in 1991, with only one pitchers duel, which Mussina won 3-2 in 1994.

Overall, Clemens is 2-1 with two no decisions against Mussina.

"I am not pitching against him," Clemens said. "Our hitters will work on him and I will work on getting their hitters out."

Browns cagey over first selection

By Dave Goldberg

AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — The Cleveland Browns might be a new franchise, but they know how to play the draft game: When in doubt, peddle disinformation.

So while they say they've narrowed their choice with the No. 1 pick in Saturday's draft to Tim Couch and Akili Smith and running back Ricky Williams, they won't tip their hand.

Let's tip it for them (no guarantees, no money back):

1. They won't take Williams, because the shelf life of a good NFL running back isn't as long as they'll need to get to the Super Bowl.

2. They probably won't trade the pick unless they get something like all of New Orleans' No. 1 picks for the next decade.

Drafters and draftees feed on disinformation. TIM COUCH, QB, Kentucky.

3. PHILADELPHIA — The Eagles need everything. But it starts at quarterback with DONOVAN McNABB, QB, Syracuse. Given the Philly phans and talk shows, he'd better outperform Smith.

4. CINCINNATI — Mike Brown wants a quarterback, although the Bengals need a lot. Brown, who's made a lot of bad ones, makes the call. AKILI SMITH, QB, Oregon.

5. INDIANAPOLIS — As he was in Carolina four years ago, Bill Polian is a key to the first round. He can pick Ricky Williams or Chris Claiborne, trade the pick, trade Marshall Faulk, or take. CHAMP BAILEY, CB-WR, Georgia.

6. WASHINGTON — Ricky's still here? RICKY WILLIAMS, RB, Texas.

7. ST. LOUIS — The Rams took Lawrence Phillips here three years ago. Does that bode well for EDGERRIN JAMES, RB, Miami?

8. CHICAGO — The Bears haven't had a Pro Bowler since 1994. JEVON KEARSE, DE-LB,

Florida, can change that.

9. ARIZONA — They need an offensive line, but the Cardinals have a second first-rounder. TORY HOLT, WR, North Carolina State, is a steal this low.

10. DETROIT — The Lions need an offensive tackle and defense and both are here. When in doubt, go defense. CHRIS CLAIBORNE, LB, Southern California.

11. BALTIMORE — A quarterback fits. But CHRIS MCALISTER, CB, Arizona, is the last building block in what could be one of the NFL's best defenses.

12. MINNESOTA — The Vikings covet McAlister. They "settle" for DAUNTE CULPEPPER, QB, Central Florida, because who knows how long Randall Cunningham will last and who really wants Jeff George?

13. NEW ORLEANS — Mike Ditka says he'll trade his entire draft for Williams. But he's stuck with Billy Joe at quarterback. So he takes CADE MCNOWN, QB, UCLA, a winner like a guy named McMahon whom Ditka once coached.

14. PITTSBURGH — Signing Wayne Gandy was supposed to stabilize the offensive line. Then Justin Strzelczyk was hurt, so they need JOHN TAIT, OT, Brigham Young.

15. KANSAS CITY — Here go the big guys. L.T. SHELTON, OT, Eastern Michigan, whose father played in the NBA.

16. TAMPA BAY — The road grader, AARON GIBSON, OT, Wisconsin, who moved up when he weighed in at a svelte 376.

17. TENNESSEE — The Titans prefer an outside pass rusher. But they can't pass on ANTHONY MCFARLAND, DT, LSU.

18. SEATTLE — Mike Holmgren's first pick in his dual role: DAVID BOSTON, WR, Ohio State.

19. OAKLAND — There are a lot of golf courses in the Bay Area for someone who got college credit for playing golf. ANDY KATZENMOYER, LB, Ohio State.

20. NEW YORK GIANTS — No

Gibson, Shelton or Tait. They either trade or take EBENEZER EKUBAN, DE, North Carolina.

21. NEW ENGLAND — They can't get up high enough for Williams or James. So they'll get an RB later and take DAMIEN WOODY, C, Boston College.

22. ARIZONA — The Cardinals could have had Tait. They opt for MATT STINCHCOMB, OT, Georgia.

23. DALLAS — Jerry Jones grabs LAMAR KING, DE, Saginaw Valley State, who has been moving up quickly.

24. BUFFALO — The Bills do well in the 20s. That means a third first-round Buckeye, CB ANTOINE WINFIELD, a little guy who can cover.

25. MIAMI — Jimmy Johnson got a lot from a Syracuse fullback nicknamed "Moose." ROB KONRAD, FB, Syracuse, can run better.

26. GREEN BAY — A lot of needs for a team a year removed from its second straight Super Bowl. TROY EDWARDS, WR, Louisiana Tech, for Brett Favre's arsenal.

27. JACKSONVILLE — DEE-fence, DEE-fence. PATRICK KERNEY, de, Virginia.

28. SAN FRANCISCO — If only someone had said "Jake Plummer" instead of "Jim Druckenmiller" two years ago. Might trade down for him or take SHAUN KING, QB, Tulane — a right-handed Steve Young? — with this pick.

29. NEW ENGLAND — They want JAMES JOHNSON, RB, Mississippi State. They can get him here or lower.

30. MINNESOTA — They get lucky with FERNANDO BRYANT, CB, Alabama.

31. ATLANTA — Despite its Super Bowl trip, this is NOT the team that has everything. KEVIN JOHNSON, WR, Syracuse.

32. DENVER — A new right tackle, JON JANSEN, OT, Michigan, to replace Harry Swayne, who left for Baltimore.

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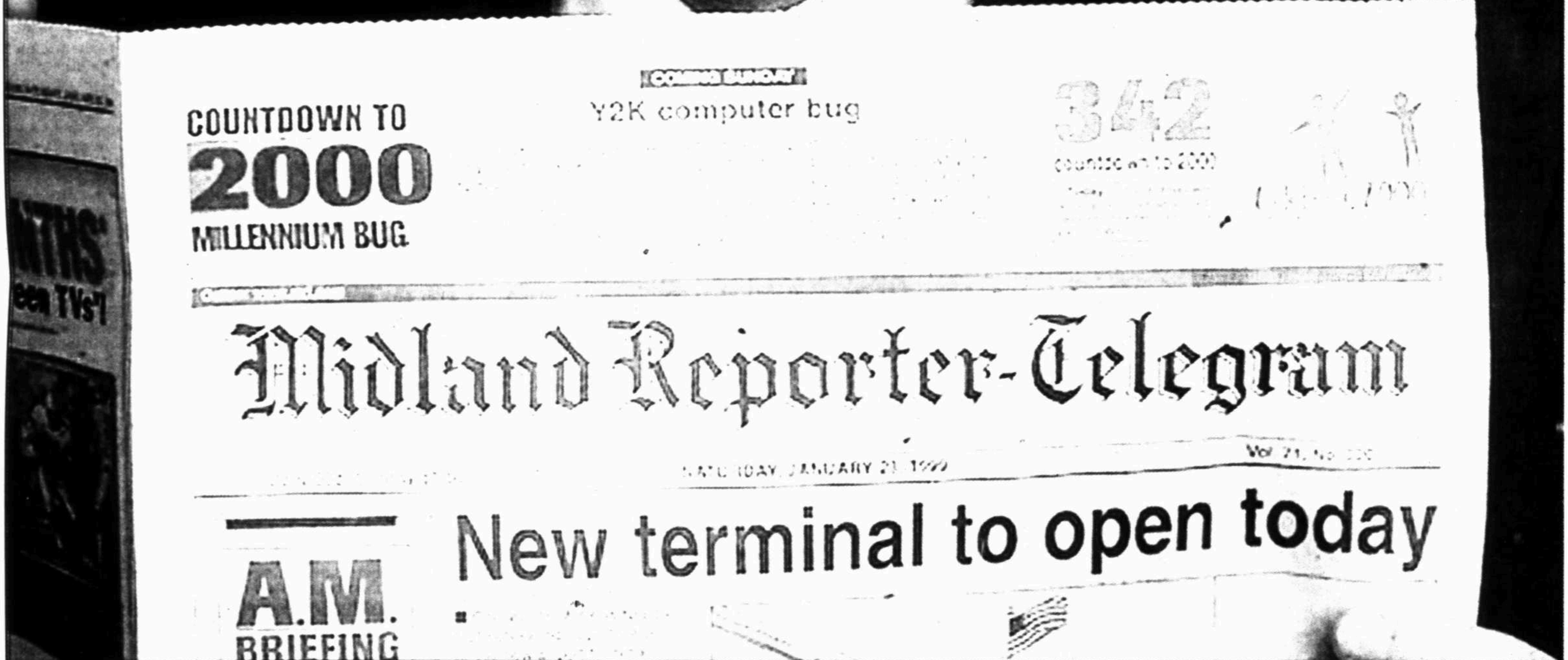
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Another record

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors anxious about earnings dumped technology shares once again Wednesday, nearly spoiling a rally in blue-chip stocks that sent the Dow Jones industrials to a third-straight closing high.

But as investors sold tech stocks for a second day, they replaced them with manufacturing, transportation and basic-materials issues that have been out of favor for some time. That buying sent the Dow past 10,500 for the first time, but the index gave up ground before closing up 16.65 at 10,411.66.

The Nasdaq composite index, which is heavily weighted with technology issues, dropped 76.22 to 2,507.28 on record-high volume of 1.4 billion shares. The Standard & Poor's 500 index also retreated, closing down 21.38 at 1,328.44.

The leaders among the 30 Dow components were studded with stocks that are sensitive to changes in the global economy, including Alcoa, up 6 5/8 to 53 1/4; Caterpillar, up 15 1/16 to 60 11/16; Boeing, up 3 3/8 to 38; and International Paper, up 3 5/8 to 52 1/4.

Transportation stocks also climbed, most notably airline shares, pushing the Dow Transportation average up 147.40, or 4.47 percent, to 3,443.32.

Dollar gains

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar eked out gains against other major currencies Thursday as a larger-than-expected interest rate cut by the European Central Bank failed to bolster the euro.

Trading focused on euro-dollar transactions, but the dollar captured a minuscule gain on the Japanese yen.

In late New York trading, the euro was quoted at \$1.0740, down from \$1.0772 late Wednesday. The dollar was worth 121.37 Japanese yen, up from 121.35 yen.

The euro spent much of the day strengthening against the dollar in anticipation of a modest interest rate cut by the European Central Bank as its monetary policy committee concluded a two-day meeting.

Typically, countries or regions cut interest rates to spur lending and spending in a sluggish or recessionary economy. The downside, however, is that the lower rates also reduce the payoff on investments in the local currency and assets, making them less attractive.

Crude falls

NEW YORK (AP) — Gasoline and other energy futures took a dive Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange in large part due to reports that supplies are much larger than expected.

Analysts say the energy market — particularly traders of gasoline futures — was reacting to the American Petroleum Institute's release late Tuesday of its weekly inventory figures.

Market participants had been betting gasoline supplies would fall as much as 2 million barrels. But the API report showed that U.S. crude oil stocks rose 1.039 million barrels last week to 343.191 million barrels. Gasoline stocks rose 3.066 million barrels to 218.506 million barrels. Refineries operated at 96.8 percent capacity, up from 94.8 the previous week.

Tallies by the Department of Energy confirmed the larger-than-anticipated supplies — a blow to the market as trading began Wednesday.

Crude oil for May delivery fell 25 cents to \$16.47 a barrel; May unleaded gasoline dropped 1.40 cents to 50.84 cents a gallon; May heating oil fell .65 cent to 42.15 cents a gallon; May natural gas fell .4 cent to \$2.096 for each 1,000 cubic feet.

Odessa snafus new power plant

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

ODESSA — A new natural gas-fueled electric power generating plant that is to be built in Odessa south of Interstate 20 will allow for economic diversification, while utilizing an abundant natural resource, a chamber official said Wednesday.

"This provides a great step in diversification while using a natural resource that developed this area, oil and gas technology," said Neil McDonald, director of the economic development department for the Odessa Chamber of Commerce.

Construction on the Odessa/Ector Power Partners project is to begin in December and should be completed in mid-2001 and represents an investment of \$300 million by Texas Independent Energy of Dallas.

During construction, the project will create 650 jobs at peak construction with a payroll of \$35 million. He said that 46 permanent jobs will be created with a payroll of \$2.3 million annually.

Taylor Cheek, director of business development for Texas Independent Energy, said the payroll averages

out to \$50,000 per job.

McDonald cited formulas from an economic impact study by The Perryman Group that indicated that the project would add 242.7 indirect jobs as well.

Texas Independent Energy is a joint venture of Dallas-based Panda Energy International Inc. and PSEG Global of New Jersey, part of Public Service Enterprise Group. The venture was formed to develop and operate high efficiency low-cost electric power generating plants in Texas. The Odessa/Ector project is the venture's third; the other two are to be in Guadalupe and Archer counties.

The Odessa plant will generate 1,000 megawatts and burn 170 million cubic feet of natural gas daily.

"Most of the utilities in Texas aren't building new generators," Cheek explained, "and the fleet in place now is old and inefficient. The utilities agree they're probably not going to build any new generators and we can come in and build new generators with state-of-the-art equipment and operate more efficiently."

He said the Odessa site met the company's four main requirements:

- A receptive and accepting community. "The folks

in Odessa certainly want this plant," Cheek said.

- A plentiful natural gas supply.
- A plentiful water supply. "Midland and Odessa is not thought of as water-rich, but there's enough to supply our needs." Water will be purchased from the Colorado River Municipal Water District.
- Access to ample electrical transmission. The new plant will be adjacent to TU Electric's Odessa switching station and power generated by the plant will be fed into the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) grid for sale to any of its members, including TU Electric and West Texas Utilities.

McDonald said other factors in securing the plant included a major petrochemical complex and a work force skilled in plant operation.

Cheek said work on the project has been "serious for the last 60 days and there's still a lot to do."

During construction, Texas Independent Energy is expected to purchase \$10 million to \$15 million in goods and services and once the plant is in operation, to purchase \$3 million to \$5 million annually in goods and services. Tax revenues are estimated at \$3 million per year.



Allen H. Neuhauser, right, founder of USA Today and founder of the Freedom Forum, points to a photograph and display of former San Francisco Chronicle columnist Herb Caen to Chronicle Executive Editor Matt Wilson at the grand opening of the Freedom Forum's Newseum Newscape Tour in San Francisco Tuesday morning. The Newseum is the world's only traveling interactive museum of international news events that will be traveling to all 50 states. Caen was a well-known columnist who used a manual typewriter to write about events in the Bay Area.

UTPB professor urges involvement in city's vision

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland was incorporated in 1901 because 48 people had vision, according to Warren Gardner, a history professor at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

The election to incorporate the city passed by 48 votes, he said.

"Midland was incorporated by people who were planning ahead. Those 48 voters couldn't have foreseen what the city has become."

He made that point and quoted baseball great Yogi Berra, who said, "If you don't know where you're going, you won't get there" as he addressed the Midland County Republican Women Wednesday to underscore the reasoning behind the "Midland Vision 2000 and Beyond" project he and others are working on.

"Every major change, every major addition has been a purposeful one," he said. "Midland hasn't backed into the future — it's charged ahead."

Loop 250, for example, began as an idea in the 1960s; other developments that were part of earlier "Vision

projects include the Petroleum Museum and Midland College, he said.

The process of planning for the city's next decade began in March with a community meeting at First Presbyterian Church that attracted 400 participants.

Gardner told the Wednesday gathering that he has participated in similar projects in other communities, "but I've never seen such a wide range of suggestions. Or people who came as well-prepared. Some came with typewritten lists, some of which were almost dissertations."

The hundreds of suggestions generated by the participants, who were split into 20 different groups — were compiled and sorted into groups that were assigned to nine task forces. The task forces will look at nine topics: education; economic development; seniors and housing; leisure activities; transportation; facilities; youth issues; city and county services and promotion; and health services.

Task force chairs have been selected, candidates for task force members are being identified and the task forces should begin meeting later this month, Gardner said. The group's first task will be to sort through the reports from the March meeting as well as subsequent telephone calls, letters and electronic messages. He said

he is also in the process of setting up an Internet site so interested citizens can track the progress of the project.

The task forces should meet through the summer, he said, to identify two or three key issues and prioritize the remainder of the suggestions. Then, in September, the task forces will write up initial reports that will be presented at neighborhood meetings throughout the city. A final report will be written in December.

Gardner said that the work of the task forces "is just the beginning. Nothing will happen if no one takes 'ownership,' pushes the projects through. These issues do not belong to the City Council or to the Chamber of Commerce, they belong to the citizens. We have to have the people of Midland buy into this and push for results."

He told the audience, "What can you do? First, serve. There are nine task forces and we'd love to have your ideas on what you think is important to Midland's future."

Funding should not be a consideration, he said, because the Vision organizers didn't want any limitations.

"The community has shown its resolve to support anything that is worthwhile to its future," he said.

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Complex airline systems may be vulnerable to Y2K bug

By M. Ray Perryman

The Millennium Bug, or Y2K, may supplant Atom Ant as the most famous insect (real or imagined) in recorded history. At the very least, it is earning a place as one of the most feared. This 2000-year computer critter has already made its presence known. Alarmists are stocking up on nonperishable items and foretelling an electronic illness that will cripple our daily functioning. On the other hand, some folks believe the panic is absurd; they are stocking up on Advil and Tylenol to assuage expected headaches caused by Y2K hysteria.

Even adherents to the Y2K-as-a-non-issue theory, however, will admit to potential "bug bites" in our regular business routines (or "biddens" as we say in Texas). Activities linked to the international marketplace — arguably parts of all industries — may be especially vulnerable. Because of a lack of awareness or limited resources, countries interacting with the U.S. — and they are legion — may very well fall short of Y2K compliance.

Many nations around the world are far less dependent upon computerized technology than is the U.S.; nevertheless, pesky Y2K problems could wreak unanticipated havoc on unprepared economies. Moreover, when these nations do become Y2K aware, can their computer disasters

be remedied in a timely manner? If not, then to the extent that disruptions abroad interfere with U.S. commerce, the Millennium bug that bites the international community will be biting the hand that feeds us.

How does this problem manifest itself in the workplace? To more concretely present the potential effects, I have taken a look at possible problems for specific businesses. (To those few of you who actually read last week's column, the following industries were not previously discussed.)

AIR TRANSPORT INDUSTRY — Debate exists among certain airlines concerning the advisability of scheduling flights for January 1, 2000. The airline industry has a complex web of interlinking computer systems such as air traffic control and radar functions. If Y2K affects one of these computers, it could result in malfunctions in other systems.

AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY — The automotive industry is facing a daunting task in preparing for the new Millennium. During the last decade, microprocessors have become essential components of many automotive functions. The typical automobile has 10 to 15 processors; high-end cars can have as many as eighty! Changing one line of code can often create new problems, and an engine controller can have over 100,000 lines of code. The

automotive industry is also concerned about its suppliers. If suppliers experience problems due to Y2K, it could disrupt operations of the automobile industry.

RAILROAD INDUSTRY — Y2K has the potential to be devastating in the railroad industry. Date sensitive computer programs track all rail car movement and inventory. A computer in the District of Columbia tracks freight cars using a 1970s TCAM system program. It is no longer possible to switch freight cars or open rail gates manually as the manual switching yards have been closed for years. Switching today is done "on the fly," distributed and managed by antiquated software.

TRAFFIC SYSTEMS — Three major traffic systems manufacturers operate in the U.S. An unconfirmed report states that two of them are involved in a copyright infringement lawsuit with each other; the pending lawsuit prevents either manufacturer from making changes to its software or hardware until the matter is settled. Similar cases have taken years and, thus, it is possible that the manufacturers will be unable to make their systems Y2K compliant on time.

HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY — The Y2K problem could greatly affect the healthcare industry because many medical devices include embedded microprocessors that use two-digit fields for date

representation. Examples of embedded chip devices include infusion pumps in intravenous drips; heart defibrillators; pacemakers; intensive care monitors, MRIs, CT, and PET scans; dialysis machines; chemotherapy and radiation equipment; and monitoring and control systems.

In addition to mainframe and personal computer problems, the Y2K problem also involves "embedded systems." In these systems, date-sensitive computer chips and programs have been integrated into the operation of noncomputer-related devices. These range from hand-held medical devices to massive automotive diagnostic equipment and, thus, many varied industries are vulnerable to the Y2K problem.

So, now you have a ready response to the question, "Why all the fuss about Y2K?" Just consider the interdependence of computer networks or the World Wide Web's epic growth. At the very least, on January 1, 2000, we'll get an answer to how connected "electronic America" is to the world.

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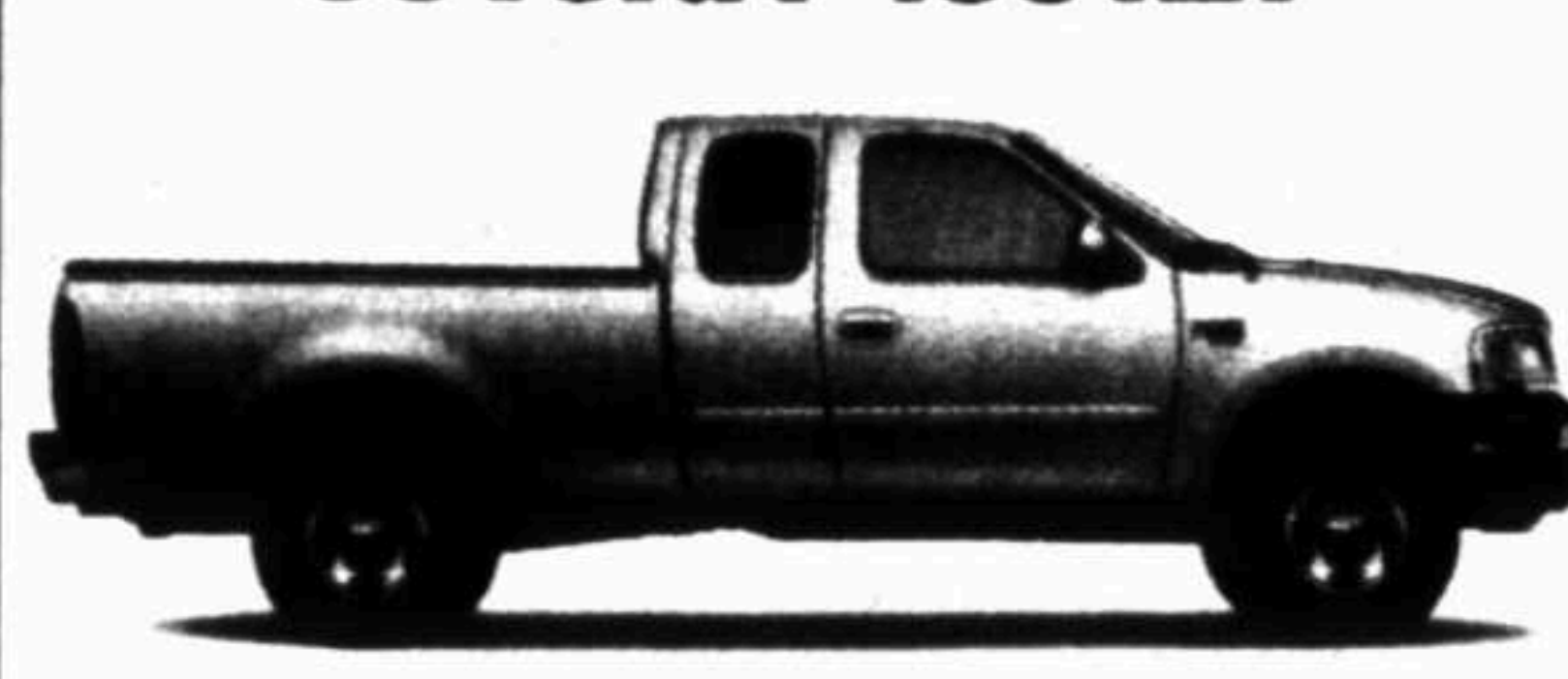
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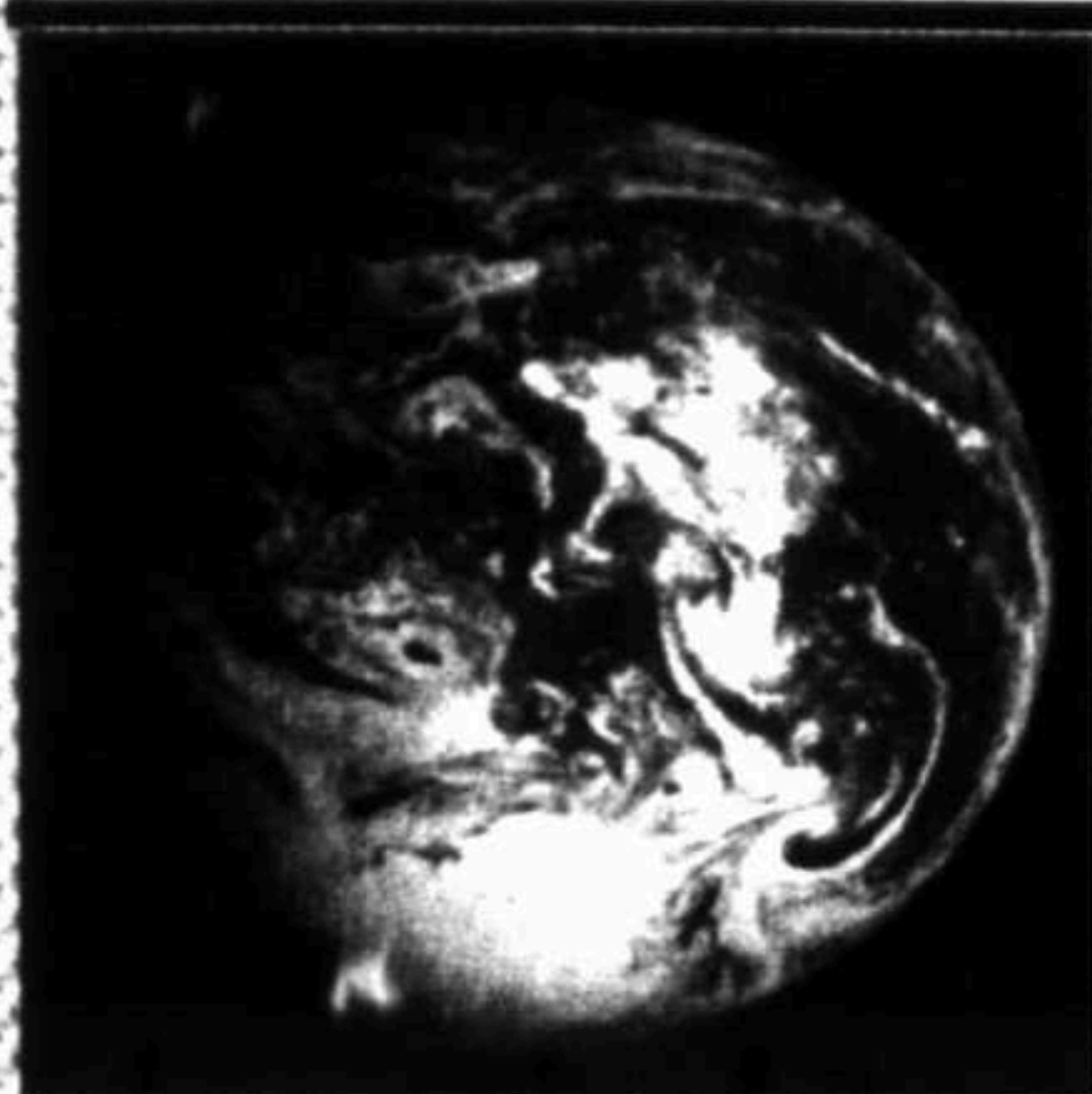
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Earth Day Quiz

By Michele MacDonald
HGTV Magazine

The original Earth Day, April 22, 1970, was envisioned by then-Wisconsin Sen. Gaylord Nelson as a nationwide environmental teaching. The event inspired more than 20 million American participants, making it the largest organized demonstration in U.S. history, and it became the impetus for the environmental movement.

As we get ready for the 29th Earth Day, test your awareness of these issues affecting the country and the planet.

1. How many gallons of gas are wasted annually due to traffic congestion?
2. How much energy is saved by recycling secondary aluminum compared with extricating it from ore?
3. How much scrap paper is used annually to manufacture paper-related construction products, including insulation, gypsum wallboard, roofing paper and flooring?
4. The environment benefits from gardeners using native plants because they often require less water and pest control. In addition, these plants support how many more species than non-natives?
5. Since enacting its bottle bill in 1987, this state has recycled more than 100 billion glass bottles, aluminum cans and plastic beverage bottles. What is the state?
6. Cars, pickups, minivans and SUVs are annually driven how many vehicle miles?
7. The average American produces how much trash per year?
8. About 223 million tons of municipal solid waste is expected to be generated by 2000. Where does that waste go?
9. What's in our trash? Rank the top five items.
10. How many species in this country are threatened or endangered?

ANSWERS

1. Three billion
2. Ninety-five percent. The U.S. now has more than 10,000 recycling centers, with beverage cans being recycled at a rate of 67 percent.
3. Almost a million tons.
4. Ten-50 times more.
5. California leads the country in overall recycling and has kept 100 million tons of solid waste out of landfills since 1990.
6. More than 2 trillion miles.
7. Approximately 1,600 pounds.
8. Fifty-five percent to landfills.
9. In millions of tons: paper/paperboard, 79.9 percent; yard waste, 28 percent; food, 21.9 percent; plastics, 19.8 percent; and metals, 16 percent.
10. The count is more than 1,000 plants and animals, with habitat loss at the number-one reason. I'd like up to 50,000 species become extinct each year.

Hardware stores in TV limelight

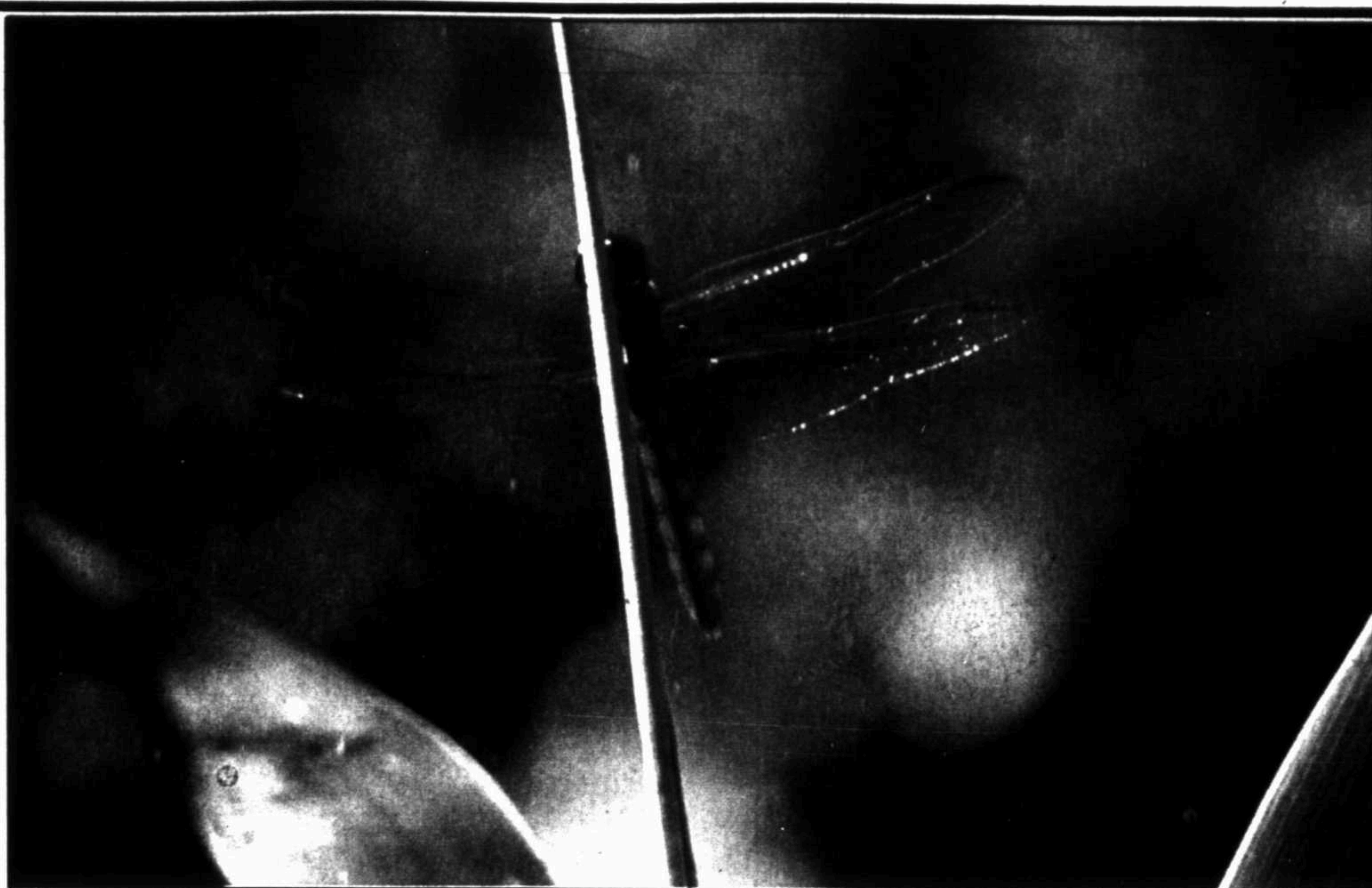
Staff Reports

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Home & Garden Television (HGTV) offers a historical retrospective on the wonderland of gadgets and gizmos in the network's one-hour special The Hardware Store, premiering 9 p.m. ET Sunday, April 25.

More than just a "tool shop," the special illustrates not only how the hardware store has become a place to solve your home and garden problems, but how it conjures up feelings of Americana comparable to baseball and the Fourth of July.

The special turns back the hands of time to take a closer look at the evolution of this phenomenon, examining its roots as far back as the prehistoric caveman, who anthropologists credit with the first primitive tool, the rock hammer.

Turning the clock forward, The Hardware Store focuses on blacksmiths, who were the first tool merchants and whose shops were considered the forerunners to the modern hardware store.



A Millipede, above, emerges from a black ant hole after a rain. A Roseate Skimmer dragonfly, left, is one of many that will soon enliven the sky over Midland's Sibley Pond.

Photos by Burr Williams

Garden and landscape information tailored to Midland's semi-arid grassland environment will be offered by members of the Midland Native Plant Society in this space on the second and fourth Thursdays.

On the first and third Thursdays, news about our environment will be offered by Sibley Learning Center.

Llano responded rapidly to recent rainfall

By Burr Williams

It rained! It rained!

Did you dance with joy? Did you go for a walk to enjoy the freshly-washed landscape? Did you hear the birds sing as the sun shone for a few minutes at the end of the rainy day? Did you see a toad hopping and plopping along?

It was so amazing — the native grasses turned brilliantly green in a single day! Along one stretch of road southeast of Midland, 40 species of wildflowers began blooming within a week of the rain, joining the two lonely species that preceded them.

Later in the year, when the soil temperature is 68 degrees or more, an ephemeral rain ecosystem exists for a few days. The basis of such an ecosystem is the presence of grass root termites. When walking on the prairie, one often notices small mud tubes encasing dead plant matter. Sometimes the mud tubes extend as high as 18 inches

along the upright stalk of a dead plant.

Many insects, arthropods, and birds eat the alates (the winged males and females) when they emerge to mate in the air. Following a thunder-shower, hundreds of thousands of alates per acre fill the sky near sundown. Nighthawks, scissortail flycatchers and kingbirds go berserk at the bounty, sweeping and swooping with mouths wide open, beaks clacking at every gulp. Tarantulas open their burrows and lurk at the rim of the hole for passing victims. Male tarantulas roam about, hoping to find a female with her door open.

In May and June, giant red mites (known locally as rainbugs) emerge from their burrows the morning after a rain to feast on the dying male termites that litter the ground. Midland County has approximately 30 species of ants that also swarm the morning after a rain. The flycatchers go "nuts" again, feasting during the two- to three-hour madness.

Millipedes also come forth after a rain, looking for rain-softened decaying vegetation, their favorite gastronomical delight. Several species of beetles have similar tastes, joining the millipedes at choice locations.

BECAUSE MANY species of arthropods nest underground, after a rain a dozen holes per square foot can be found. Some belong to various species of ground bees. Others belong to beetles, thread-waisted wasps, and several species of wolf spiders. Each type of critter moves dirt in a different way — piling it,

spreading it out or pushing it in one direction.

FOSSORIAL MAMMALS also move the rain-softened soil. Pocket gophers sometimes dig lengthy new tunnels in one night, piling the dirt above ground at intervals. Ground squirrels open new back doors and dig new hide-

holes within their territories. Mice of several species, cotton rats and kangaroo rats get busy as well.

After a rain on the arid Llano Estacado, a curious observer can spend hours walking about and wondering which creature has done what, and if lucky, can see one at work. But after a week without rain the activity dwindles. If sufficient rain has fallen, insect herbivores and pollinators (and their predators) become the most visible signs of animal life.

Native plants of the Llano respond rampantly to rain. Because the moisture will soon evaporate, some plants, such as cactus, store water. Others use the brief shot of rainwater for quick flowering and seed production. Some annual plants need a scant 2 inches of moisture to complete life spans of only six weeks. Other plants grow at phenomenal rates after a rain. Careless Weed can grow a foot in a

week. Local native plants reflect the limitations of the local environment, surviving long dry spells, such as the present five-year drought. (Sadly, two rains in 10 days does NOT end a drought.) We spend a great deal of money on the beautification of our yards and, in many cases, unrealistically attempt to recreate landscapes of other places.

Members of the local Native Plant Society chapter are proud of the many beautiful species of naturally adapted plants found growing in the American Southwest. The landscape potential of native plants has not yet been fully explored, and many members feel they are participating in the creation of a horticulture that is truly West Texan.

Citizens of the Llano Estacado can create beautiful home landscapes with plants that need relatively little supplemental irrigation. Groundwater is limited in this area, and Native Plant Society members follow a conservative belief — it is best not to use water lavishly.

The current drought is not severely affecting the average homeowner, chiefly due to the foresight of creating Lake Ivie (which was built to slow the usage of our precious underground water). If the drought

lasts two more years, however, the supply in Lake Ivie will dwindle low enough to cause strict conservation measures. Take heed: the drought of the 1950's lasted seven LONG years.

The Native Plant Society is hosting its annual plant sale beginning at 9 a.m. April 17 at Sibley Nature Center. Come discover some of their favorite plants; celebrate the beauty of the American Southwest by taking a plant home and joining the effort to create home landscapes which are uniquely representative of this area.

LLANEROS RESPOND

In my last column, I asked people to send in descriptions of their favorite Llano Estacado natural wonders. The Burrowing Owl received three mentions. All mentioned that the little ground owls come to softball and baseball fields at — and after — sundown to catch the moths and beetles than swarm around the bright lights. Two people told of being near the oil storage tanks and seeing the owls sitting at the entrance of the prairie dog holes during the daylight. Another person repeated the story in the scientific literature of the one female Burrowing Owl at Hogan Park that filled her nest hole with golf balls.

Another person told how her Box Turtles came out at night to collect bugs under her floodlight.

I love getting interesting anecdotes that not only broaden knowledge, but also personalize the creature, deepening our love for the animal.

Burr Williams is education director for the Sibley Learning Center.



Beware the brown recluse spider

Staff Reports

As everyone begins spending more time outdoors this spring, beware of the brown recluse spider.

Identification: Adult brown recluse spiders are soft-bodied, yellowish-tan to dark brown, about 1/4 to 1/2 inch long and have long, delicate, grayish-to-dark-brown legs covered with short, dark hairs. The leg span is about the size of a half dollar. Distinguishing characteristics are the presence of three pairs of eyes arranged in a semicircle on the fore part of the head and a violin-shaped, dark marking immediately behind the semicircle of eyes with the neck of the violin pointing towards the bulbous abdomen.

Habits: These spiders spin small, loose, white-to-off-white webs with irregular strands. The female lays eggs from May to August in off-white silken sacs about 1/3-inch in diameter. This spider is most active at night, when it comes out in search of food, consisting of cockroaches and other small insects. The spiders sometimes take shelter under furniture, appliances and carpets, behind baseboards and door facings, or in corners or crevices. Some have been found in stored clothing, old shoes and on the undersides of tables and chairs.

Bite symptoms: The severity of a person's reaction to the bite depends on the amount of venom injected and individual sensitivity. A small white blister usually rises at the bite site surrounded by a large congested and swollen area. Within 24 to 36 hours, a systemic reaction may occur, characterized by restlessness, fever, chills, nausea, weakness and joint pain. The spider's venom contains an enzyme that destroys cell membranes in the wound area. If bitten, remain calm, collect the spider, if possible, for positive identification and get medical attention immediately.

Source: Ohio State University

Kitchen becomes the favorite room...



Activity centers around the island snack bar, which also contains storage space and a multi-use sink. Ample cupboards and counter space include recessed lighting and light-colored woodwork to cast a warm glow in the morning and under low light. Built-in seating around the kitchen table makes ample use of space. Varied ceiling heights increase the volume and the feeling of spaciousness. A short staircase leads to a mudroom, for coats and storage, not seen in the picture.

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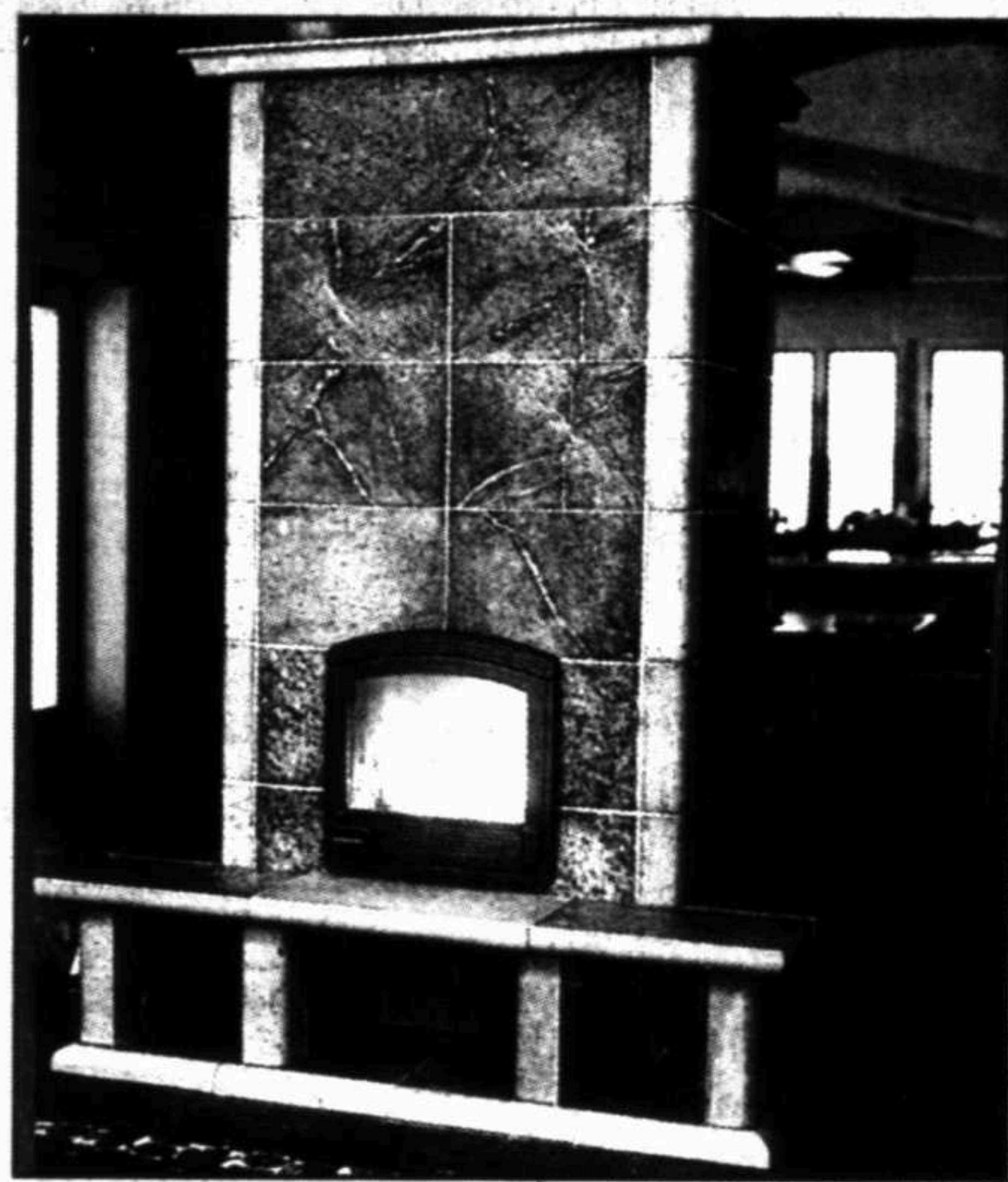


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Home is where the hearth is

Even if you don't use your fireplace much, it often becomes the focal point of the living area. Few houses are built without a fireplace — and the all important mantel — that figures greatly into decorating. Today's homes, like those of yesterday, tend to orient living spaces around the fireplace or hearth, even in the warmer climates. Plants, family photos, candles and important pieces of artwork often perch on a mantel. Paintings and large pieces of pottery may call attention to the mantel and to the fireplace. In this house, above, the gas fireplace warms the kitchen/breakfast/family room directly through a wall vent system. The system made it possible to build the house without a chimney. Half-round windows, above right, take the focal point off of the nearby fireplace, and add great drama to the room proving that the fireplace doesn't always have to command attention. This soapstone fireplace, right, take its cue from Finnish designs. It holds in the heat, so a two-hour fire will generate 20 hours of heat. It is ideal for colder climates and probably would not be necessary in the warmer climates of the Southwest.



Great gardens happen through design

Associated Press

Great gardens are not created by slap-dash visits to local nurseries when the new spring plants arrive.

Though temptation is strong when you are faced with countless rows of blooming flowers and fascinating new plant varieties, resist the desire whenever you can. A little advance planning will prevent costly mistakes and save you a lot of trouble in the long run.

First, get some large-size sheets of graph paper, at least 11 by 17 inches. One-quarter or one-eighth scale is the most convenient. Locate the plat of your house lot, most likely filed with your mortgage papers. Plot out the size of your lot and place the house on it, including the location of doors and windows.

Next, draw in all other major structures and landscape elements, such as existing paths, decks, garages, patios, and walls. Place major trees and shrubs on the plan, and draw a light circle to delineate the canopy of the trees.

Then decide how you want to use your yard. Ask yourself if you want a play area for your children; a large lawn area for games or running; a patio for entertaining; a dog run; a utility space for potting plants or for a storage shed; a vegetable or herb garden; a garden for cut flowers.

Take a good look at the surrounding views. Do you want to screen out the neighboring house, a noisy road, an ugly commercial building next door, or borrow the adjacent view of a parkland, a golf course, your neighbor's lovely trees and shrubs?

Look out your windows or sit on your deck and decide what you want to see: a blooming tree or shrub, a sculpture, or the chain link fence that surrounds your yard?

Consider the location of the exits and entrances between the house and the yard.

Patios, as well as herb gardens, are most useful when they are located near the kitchen or dining areas.

On your graph paper, pencil in large "bubbles" — in the shape of circles, ovals, rectangles, whatever — to define where you want the patio, the garden areas, the paths, the lawn, the shrub and flower borders.

A good way to visualize the basic garden design is to take some photographs of your house, preferably in winter when the leaves are off the trees. Enlarge the pictures on a photocopy machine. Tape the pictures together, if necessary, to get a complete view of your front or back yard. Tape the photocopies to a table and lay tracing paper over them. Pencil in the outline of your house, major landscape elements, trees and shrubs. Estimate where the new garden areas will be and pencil them in.

Once you have this basic view, you can add trees and shrubs and flower beds and see what your yard will look like.

Keep in mind some basic ideas that landscape designers often use when planning gardens for new clients: The lawn should have a definite shape, whether a circle, a square, a rectangle, an oval. Flower and shrub beds should never be peppered around a lawn. Locate the lawn, the patio, and other major landscape elements first, then decide where shrubs, trees and flowers should be. Think about creating garden "rooms" defined by hedges or walls.

If you want to screen out views, will a fence do the job, or is a solid row of evergreens required? Take note of the sun's path and mark shady and sunny areas on your graph paper. Write in any significant changes in elevation and areas that are particularly wet or dry.

Once you've completed this inventory, you can begin selecting plants and refining the shapes of your major yard elements.

If you have your heart set on azaleas, lilacs, or a southern magnolia, for example, be sure you know the plant's cultural requirements and its ultimate size.

Azaleas need acidic soil and shade. If you put them in full sun, they're very susceptible to disease and insect damage. Lilacs need full sun for good blooms and prefer a neutral, well-drained soil.

Southern magnolias are stunning trees, but some of them attain a height of 50 feet and a spread of 30 feet or more. Don't plant them 10 feet away from the house, and remember that they are messy trees. Although they are lovely evergreens and have beautiful, sweet-scented flowers, they drop large leaves throughout the year, have surface roots that suck up moisture from surrounding areas, and produce masses of large cone-like seed heads that drop to the ground in late fall. This tree belongs at the back or the side of your yard where cleanup will be easy.

CONSULT A HORTICULTURAL reference book in your local library if you're not sure about plant size, characteristics, and culture. Good basic reference works include Michael Dirr's "Manual of Woody Landscape Plants," "Wyman's Gardening Encyclopedia," and "The American Horticultural Society A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants." You'll find many others specific to your state or region.

Once you've decided which plants you want, go back to your graph paper and plot in new trees and shrubs at their approximate size. Then pencil in the new look on your tracing paper photograph. If you're pleased with the results, go ahead and get started.

Gardens always change with time, but a good basic plan that is well thought out will serve you well over the years and save you many landscaping headaches.

Southwestern desert flora no slouch in beauty department

By George Bria
Associated Press

PALM DESERT, Calif. — A Northern gardener visiting the Southwestern desert for the first time gets wowed by the native flora. Right away I wanted some to grow some back home, if only in a window greenhouse.

Which ones would make it outdoors? Certainly not the date palm trees that flourish here and make a newcomer feel like he's in North Africa. Date farms market the largest dates I'd ever eaten. And at a roadside eatery I sampled something new and exotic to me — a date milkshake, rich and sweet.

Nor could I hope to raise the oranges and grapefruit that people pick off trees in their own yards. I took my question to horticulturist Glenn Huntington, who manages the nursery at The Living Desert, a wildlife and botanical park in Palm Desert near Indian Wells.

He said some opuntia (prickly pear) cactuses are potentially quite cold tolerant, but in general the coldest it gets in this part of Southern California is 10 degrees.

That puts many desert plants out of range of my neck of the woods, 50 miles north of New York City, where the mercury occasionally dips below zero.

Aside from temperature, anyone experimenting with desert plants outdoors should also make sure the soil is fast-draining, Huntington said.

Our talk quickly turned to what you can do indoors. I was interested in plants that would bring a touch of the desert to my south-facing window greenhouse.

Huntington said obviously I would need things that don't spread out too much. He suggested small potted cacti and euphorbias, both of which will produce flowers indoors, although not as profusely as they would outside in their natural environment.

He said any cactus will flower, while euphorbias are grown more for their shapes. Their flowering is usually so tiny that you can miss it.

"But you can get some stunningly interesting forms," he said. "Even with the cactus, the flower is not necessarily the attraction, but often the shape and texture of

it. Sometimes they're hairy, sometimes not."

I ordered a couple of cacti and a couple of euphorbias to be shipped to me from the nursery (The Living Desert, 47-900 Portola Avenue, Palm Desert, Calif. 92026, telephone 619-346-5694). They come potted, in the right soil.

I may need to repot them eventually, if the root of the plant outgrows the width of the pot. Huntington said I could make my own cactus mix with one-third each of potting soil, sand and perlite. He said the potting soil should be the inexpensive kind without peat moss.

To be successful with these plants, you have to have enough light, Huntington said. He suggested testing it with shadows — by putting your hand about a foot between the light source and the surface on which the plant rests.

"If you can clearly see the outline of your fingers on the surface then there would be sufficient light," he said. He figured you would need that kind of light for about eight hours a day.

"But it doesn't have to be the sun beating down on the spot," he

added. "It can be diffused lighting, as long as there is enough to cast the shadow."

I asked him whether the humidity caused by other plants I was watering would harm the desert plants. He said it would actually be beneficial, provided the soil in their pots stayed sufficiently dry.

Northern visitors are struck by the unexpected sight of green lawns and pansies and petunias exhibited by many home gardens and businesses.

THEY OBVIOUSLY need a lot of watering in an area celebrated for its dryness. Huntington said, "wherever someone lives I think they should use plants indigenous to the area rather than to try to transform it into something entirely artificial."

He said much of the purpose of this botanical garden "is to try to get people in the desert to start thinking of conserving the desert by using desert flora at their houses. So we'll look like we're actually in the desert where we really are."

"I would like to see the desert prevail in the desert."

DEAR ABBY

Women serious about marriage may have to play hard to get

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: This letter is in response to "Wants to Be Loved in Pennsylvania," whose fiancé refused to set a date because he said she "loved him too much." There is one strong, practical, inescapable truth. Almost NO single man, including her fiancé, thinks that marriage is a good idea. He associates it with getting old, becoming settled and being tied down. Almost ALL fiancées need a strong jolt to upset their satisfied complacency and to make them realize how important and necessary their woman is to them.

She should make herself unavailable to him. No ultimatums, no blame-placing, no arguments. Just a clear announcement that he obviously has different future goals than she, and that she is immediately separating toward hers. And stick to it! If it's meant to be, he will quickly realize that she is essential to his happiness, and he'll discover (as have millions of other married men) how happy and fulfilling the dreaded marital life really is.

Take it from this 79-year-old married man who faced and made that fortunate decision as a 40-year-old bachelor. Believe me, almost all men need that strong kick in the pants to awaken them to what life is really all about. She should stop kicking herself and direct it where it will do some good. — JOHN H. STEINEMANN, SAN DIEGO

DEAR JOHN: You may speak for a percentage of men of your generation, but you don't speak for all of them. Many men want to be married — and they want it more than some women do. That's when they write to me. Readers, something tells me this letter will generate some interesting comments from many of you.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend is very nice, and I think he respects me, but I don't know how to motivate him to take me out once in a while. His idea of

fun is sitting home and watching TV. If I decide to go out with my friends because I'm tired of sitting at home, he becomes very insecure. I've tried telling him how I feel, but that hasn't helped. Any ideas? —MICHELE IN PATASKALA, OHIO

DEAR MICHELE: A compromise is in order. Bring the subject up again when he's in a good mood and the two of you are sharing a close moment. Make a plan to go out with your boyfriend once a week and do something that you enjoy. Another night, get involved in an activity that he enjoys. That way, some of your needs are met — and eventually he'll be more secure if you have an occasional night out with the girls.

If he makes no effort to understand and accommodate you, it might be time to find another boyfriend.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I live in a semidetached home we saved for years to buy. However, we have a problem with our new neighbors. They are nice people, but they play their stereo so loudly that the boom from the bass is knocking the pictures off our walls! Asking them to stop hasn't worked. Calling the police about the noise takes too long. We don't want to move, but what else can we do? — ORIGINAL HOME OWNER, OSHAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA

DEAR ORIGINAL: Since you describe your neighbors as "nice," invite them into your home while their stereo is playing so they can hear what you're talking about for themselves. Then ask them if they would consider moving their stereo system to a wall that is not a shared wall. If that doesn't work, consider upholstering the adjoining wall to help muffle the sound.

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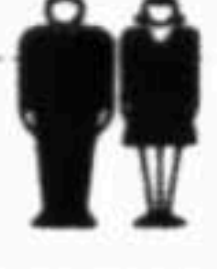
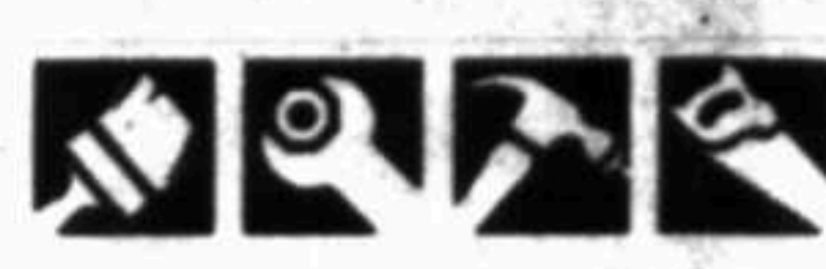
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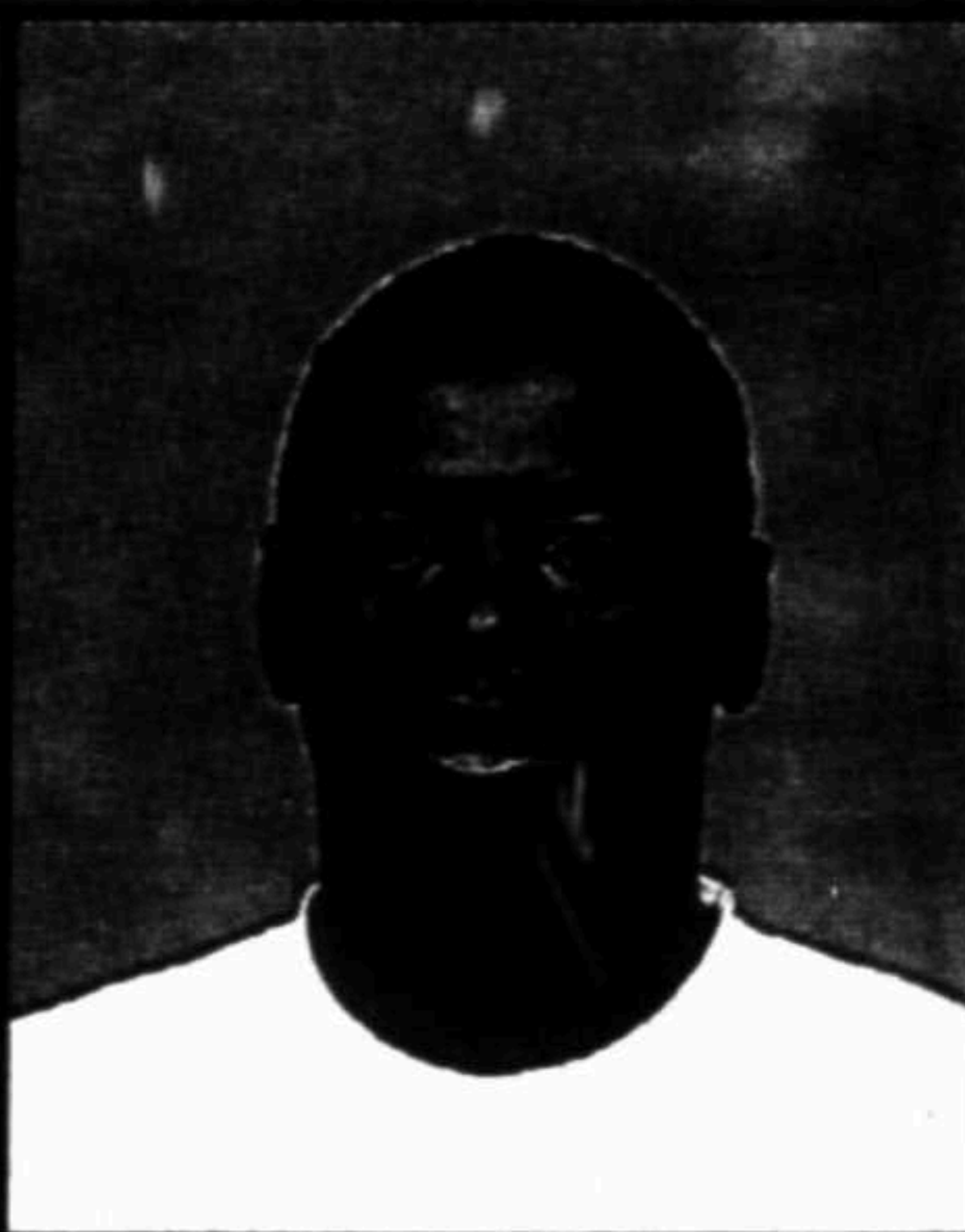
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Coker, Travis Lee, Jr.
DOB 12-26-68 148LBs 5'9
Aggravated Assault VOP
WRT# CR24049



Lee, Adrian Eugene
DOB 9-11-69 170LBs 5'7
Bond Jumping VOP
WRT# CR22656



Kennedy, Alvin Medrano
DOB 7-11-77 150LBs 5'8
Burglary Habitation VOP
WRT# CR23554



Taylor, Brian Douglas
DOB 3-29-74 150LBs 5'10
Forgery by Passing
WRT# F28290

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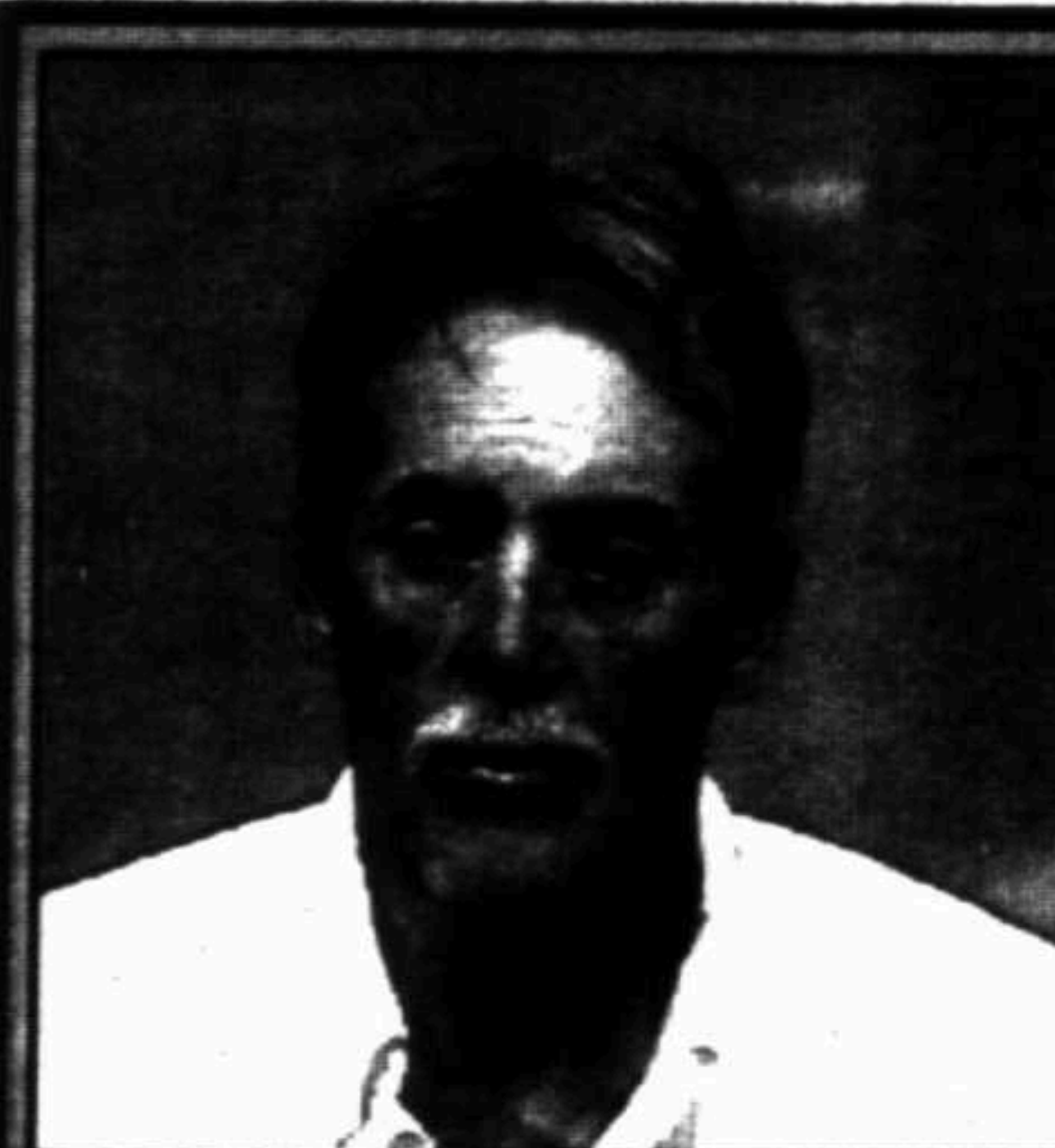
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**MATAN,
LUIS ARMANDO**
D.O.B. 10-3-79 5'10 200LBs
Poss C/S Cocaine B/F
WRT# CR24432



**ROGERS,
PEGGY DELANE**
D.O.B. 10-1-47 5'2 150LBs
Bond Jumping VOP
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WRT# CR24346



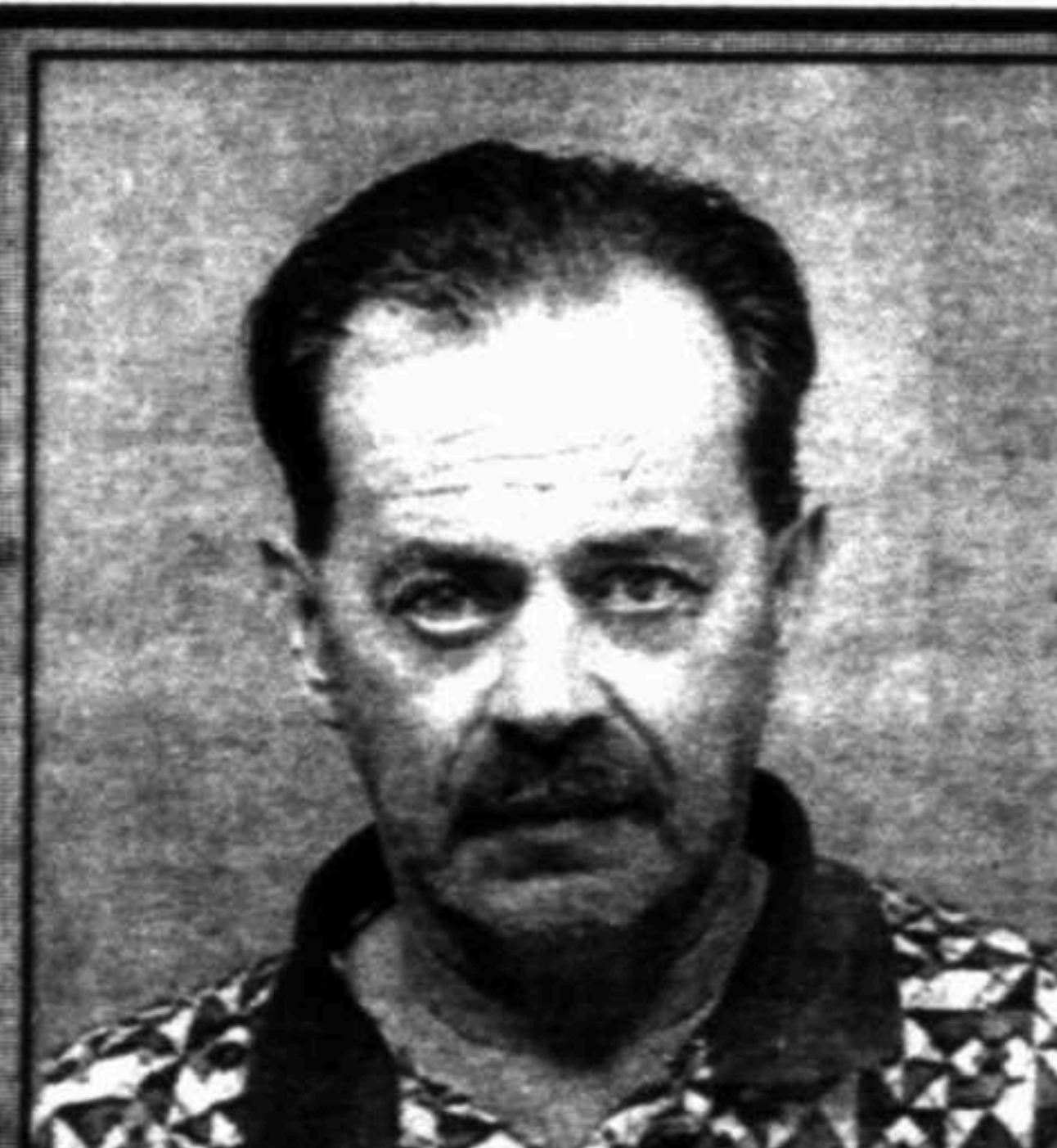
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MELINDA GARZA**
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Forgery by Passing B/F
WRT# CR24885



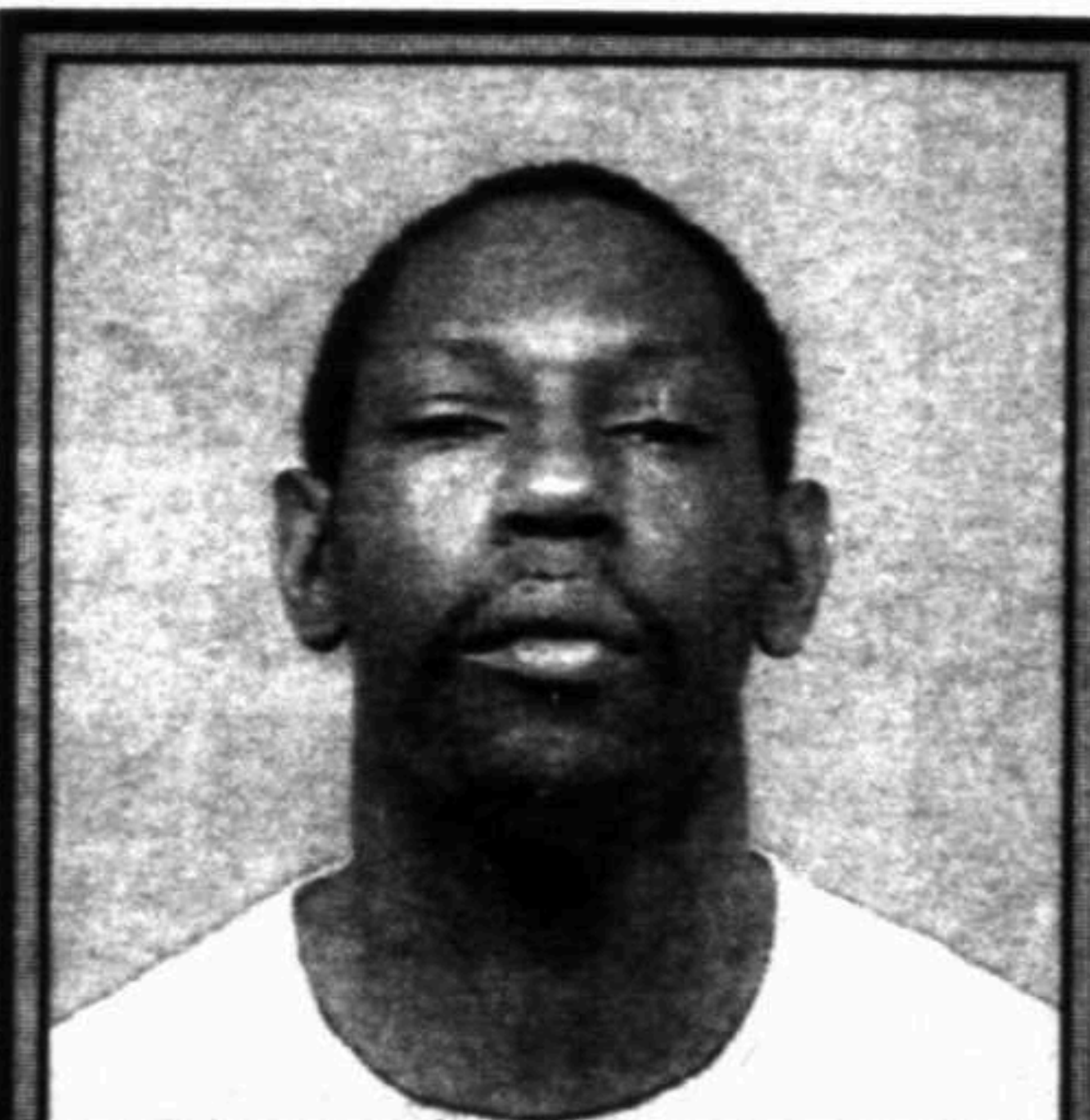
**RENDON,
CHRISTINE**
D.O.B. 12-21-82 5'3 155LBs
Poss of MJ VOP
WRT# CRD22761



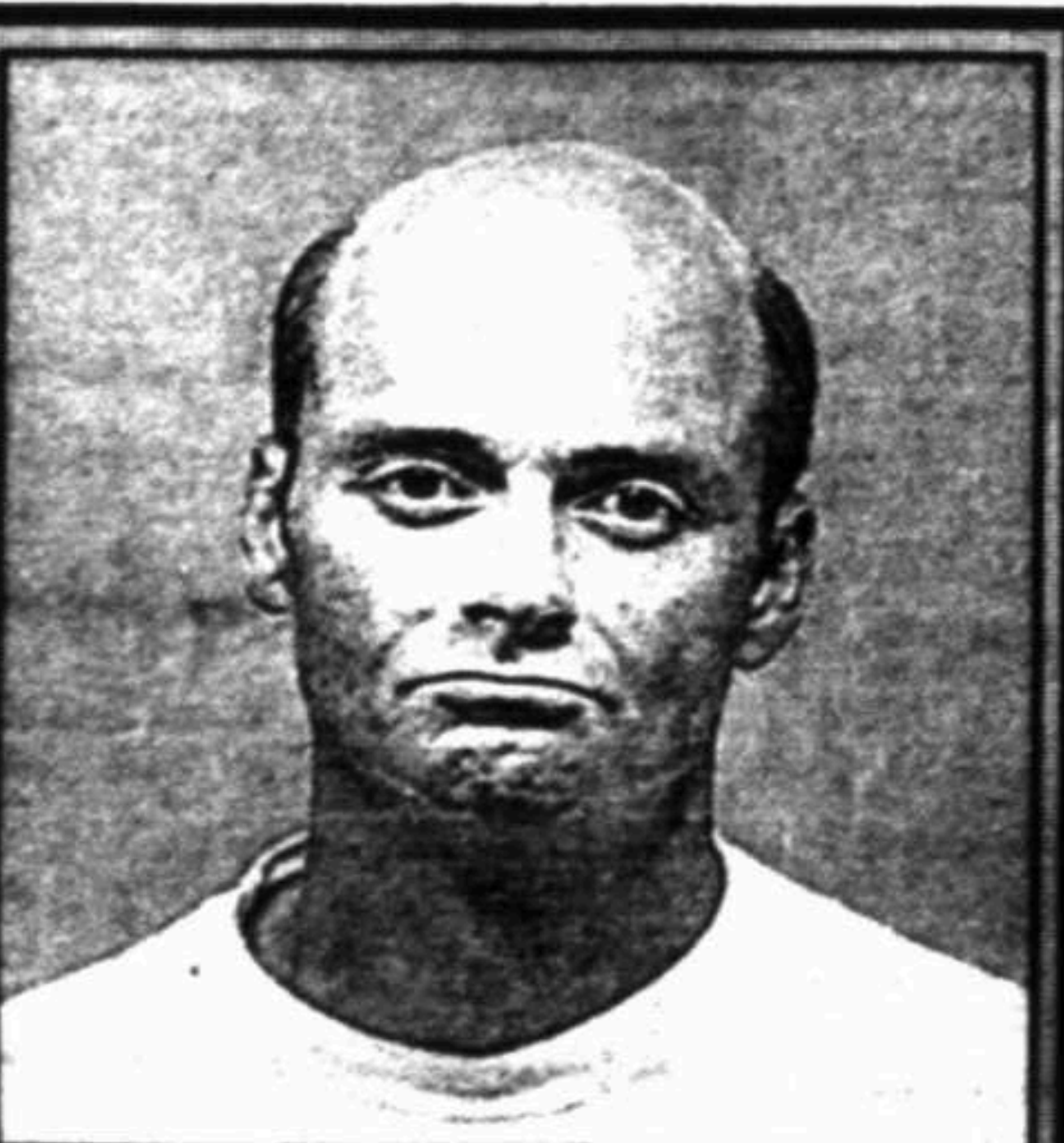
**SANCHEZ,
ROMELIA CHAVEZ**
D.O.B. 8-26-65 5'2 180LBs
Forgery by Making VOP
WRT# CRA21030



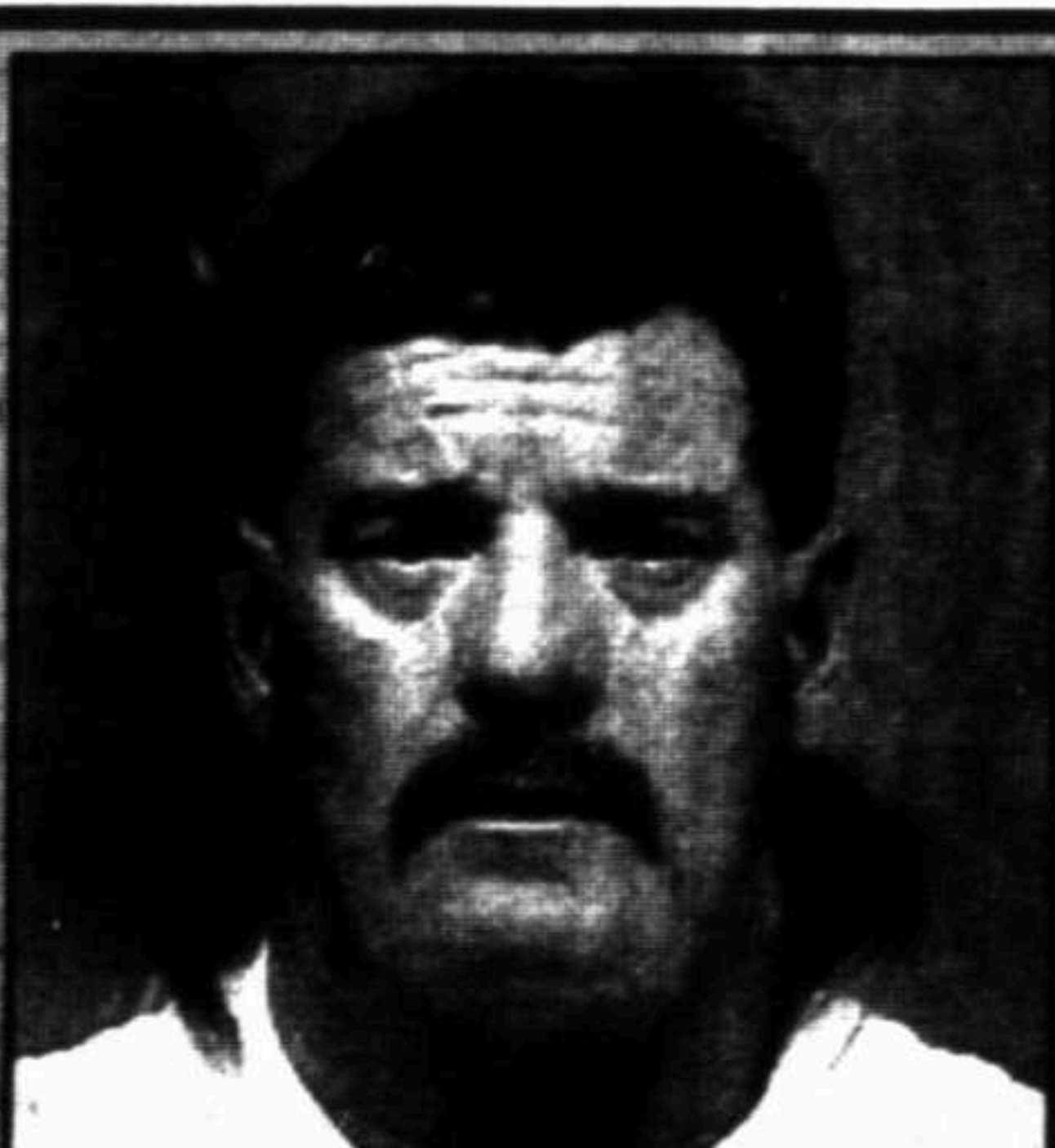
**WOOD,
JOE ARTHUR**
D.O.B. 2-23-45 5'11 195LBs
Theft of Property VOP
WRT# CR22881



**WOODFIN,
RODERICK**
D.O.B. 6-14-59 6'3 185LBs
Possession Cocaine VOP
WRT# CR23651



**MAYBERRY,
KANNON WADE**
D.O.B. 11-13-63 5'10 165LBs
Robbery VOP
WRT# CR23938
Forgery by Passing VOP
WRT# CR23926



**LAYMAN,
GARY**
D.O.B. 6-8-54 5'9 190LBs
Poss C/S Cocaine B/F
WRT# CR24624



**ROBLES,
MARGARITA SOTA**
D.O.B. 8-9-74 5'5 120LBs
Del. of Cocaine
WRT# CR23631
Poss of Cocaine
WRT# CR23310



**SANCHEZ,
MICHAEL JOE**
D.O.B. 9-11-77 5'7 170LBs
Evad Det Veh VOP
WRT# CR22811

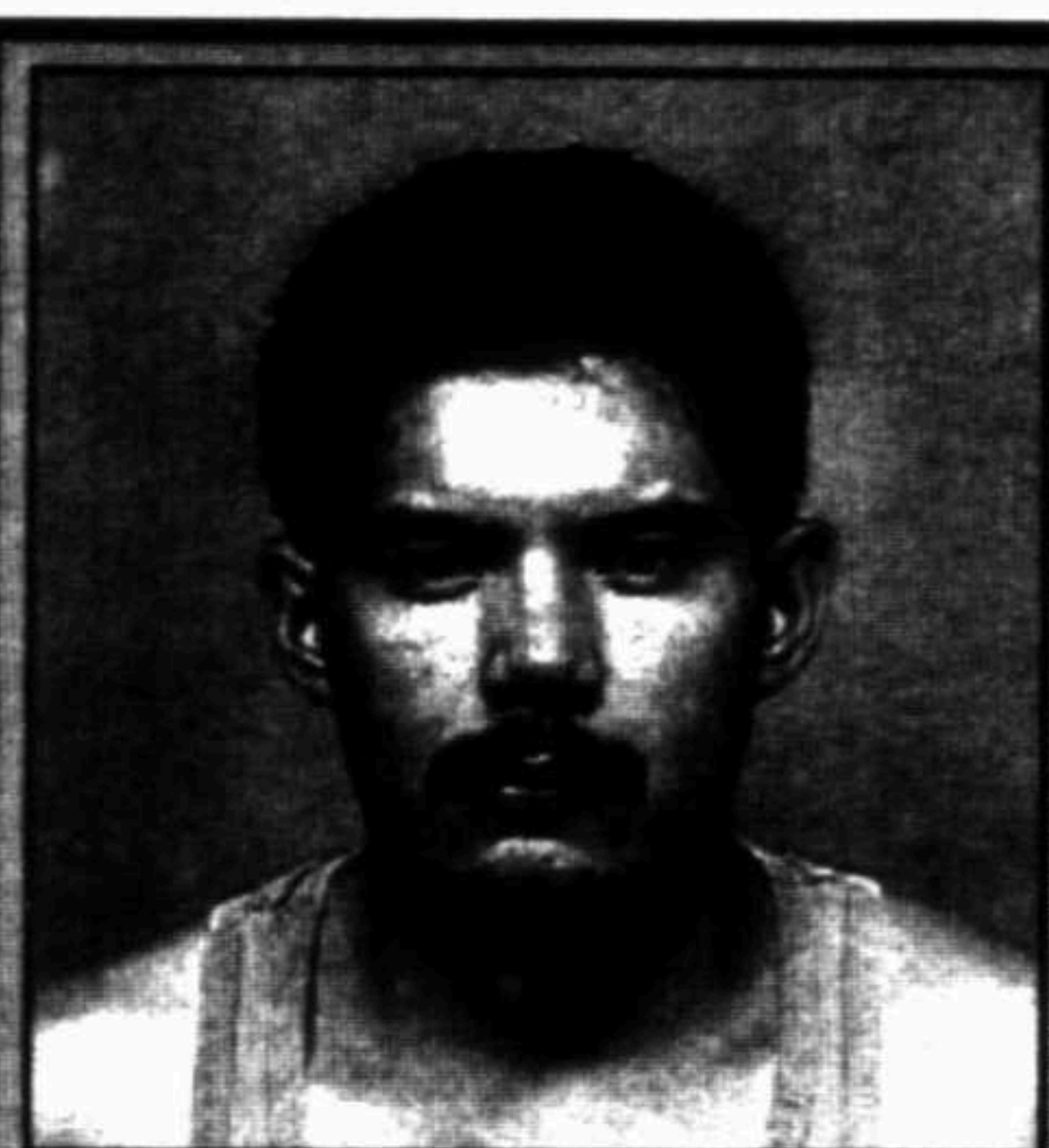
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**BAESA,
RICKY**

D.O.B. 5-23-80 5'10 147Lbs
Eng. Crim Act. Burg of Veh
WRT# F19044



**VALENCIA,
ESEQUEL LORENZO**

D.O.B. 11-29-69 5'10 190Lbs
Bond Jumping
WRT# CR24626



**SOTO,
ANDRES RODRIGUEZ**

D.O.B. 11-13-75 5'8 185Lbs
Poss MH 2000lbs.
WRT# CR23728



**BARRAZA,
PATRICIO**

D.O.B. 3-17-63 5'4 125Lbs
Agg. Sex. Asst of a child
WRT# CR24077



**JACKSON,
THOMAS BRETT**

D.O.B. 4-17-56 6'2 225Lbs
Theft of Prop 0/1500
WRT# CR22876



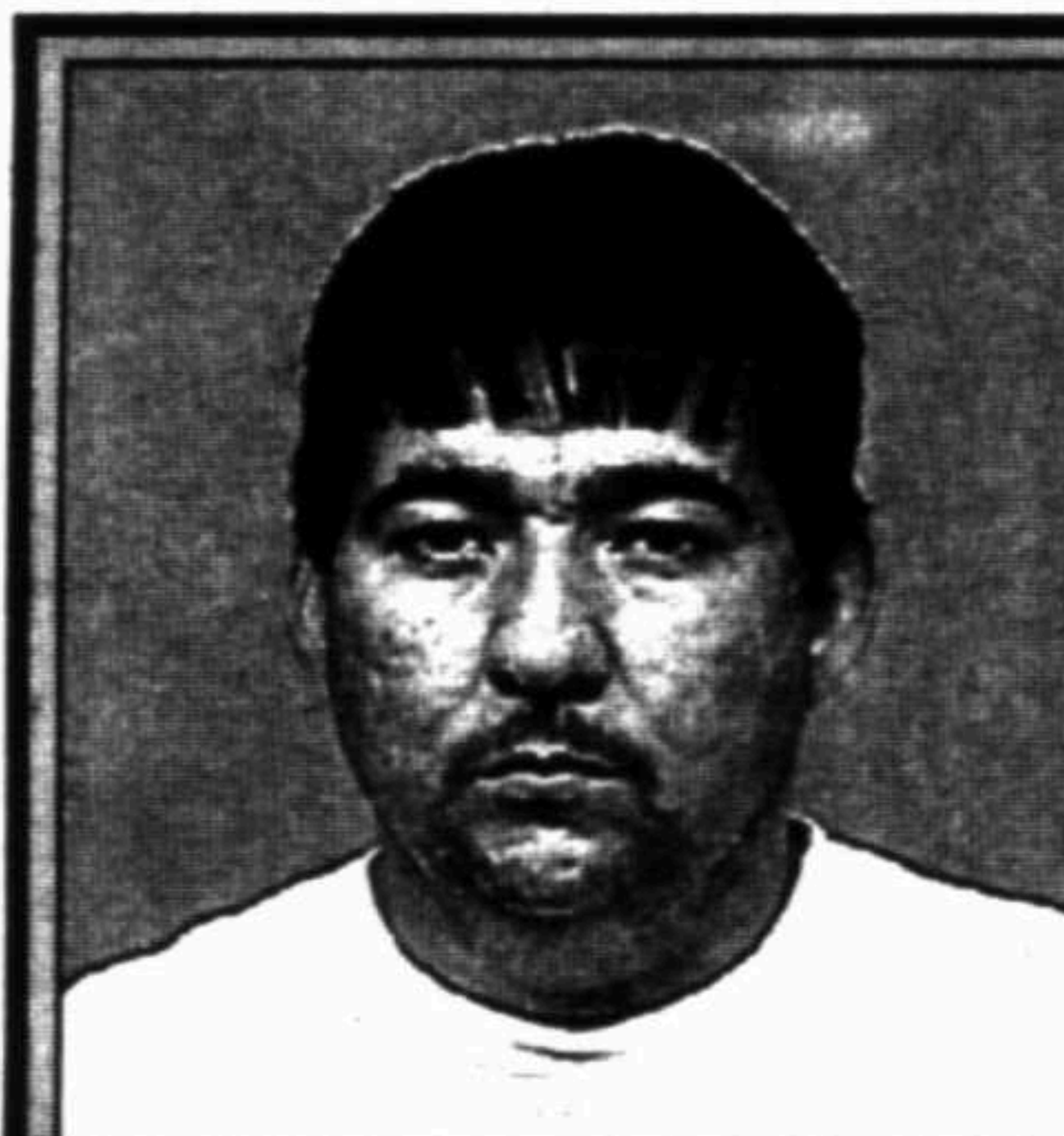
**SMITH,
DAVID GILBERT**

D.O.B. 3-10-52 5'8 125Lbs
Theft by Repetition
WRT# CR24894



**JUAREZ,
ROSARIO MARIA**

D.O.B. 9-10-73 5'4 120Lbs
Forgery by Passing FTA
WRT# CR24066



**VALDEZ,
JOSE ARCIAGA**

D.O.B. 2-20-68 5'8 170Lbs
Theft over \$750 VOP
WRT# CRC20777

Crime Stoppers CRIME OF THE WEEK

This week Midland Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving a robbery.

On Saturday, March 13 shortly after 12:00 in the morning, Midland Police Department responded to a robbery at 5408 Thomason which is the 7-11 store. According to the store clerk, 3 Hispanic males entered the store and walked to the beer shelves. Each subject picked up two twelve packs of beer and then proceeded to walk out of the store without paying for the beer. The store clerk, who was trying to get out of the way of the individuals, was attacked by one of the suspects who threw a twelve pack of beer at him. A second suspect then

swung at the clerk in an attempt to hit him. Detectives believe this robbery is gang related.

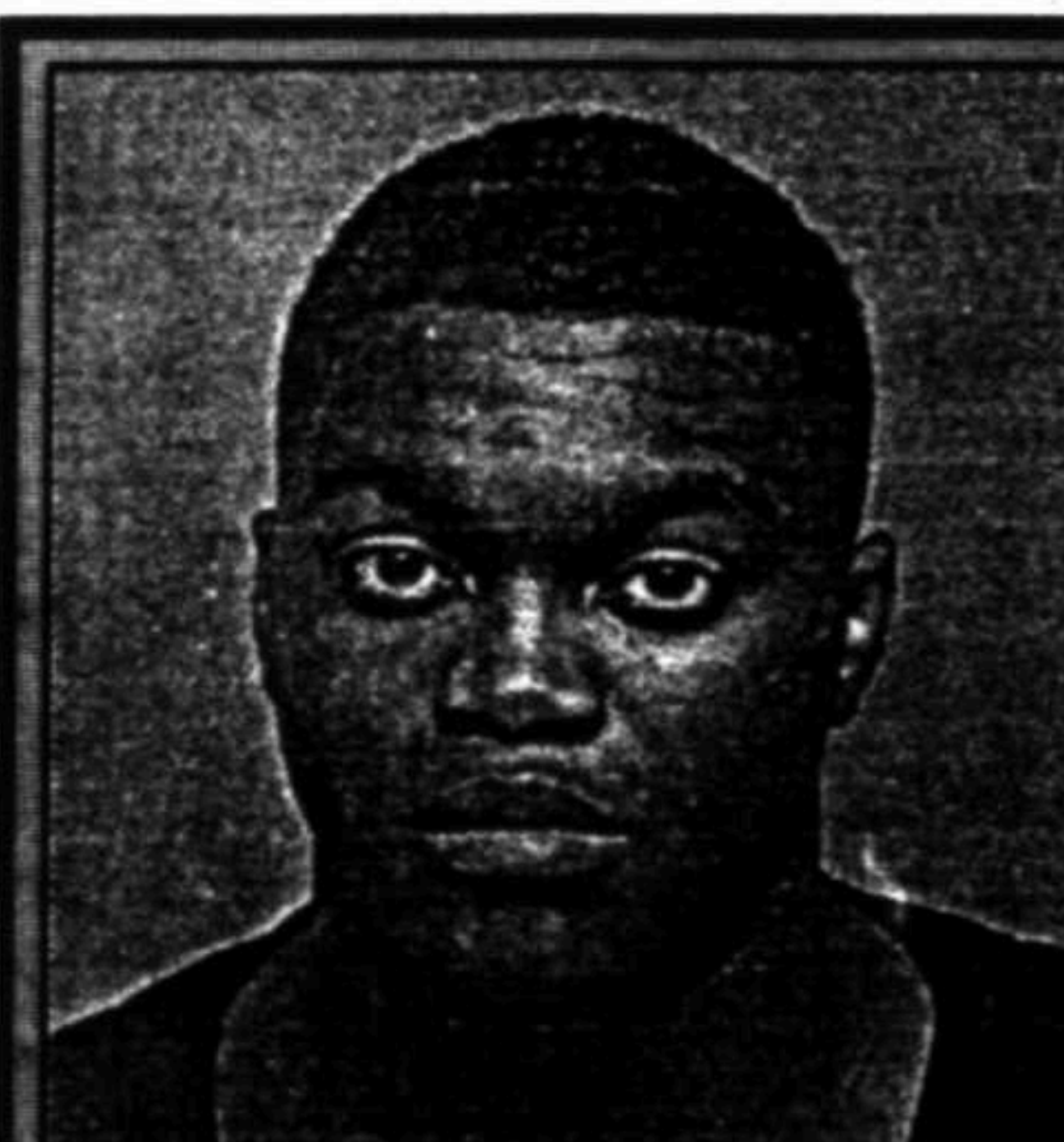
Call Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP with any information which leads to an arrest or indictment on this robbery or any other felony crime and it can be worth up to \$1000 cash reward. And remember, you will remain anonymous and no caller ID is ever used. Those numbers again are 694-TIPS or the Midland Police Department Gang Unit at 685-7154. Break the silence, your silence keeps the problem going.

I'm Sgt. Jim Crouse for Midland Crime Stoppers.



**GAMBELL,
GEORGE JR.**

D.O.B. 11-11-65 5'11 190Lbs
Burg of Habit VOP
WRT# CR24751



**BERRY,
NEVATINY DON**

D.O.B. 4-11-80 5'10 190Lbs
Poss C/S Cocaine
WRT# CR24907

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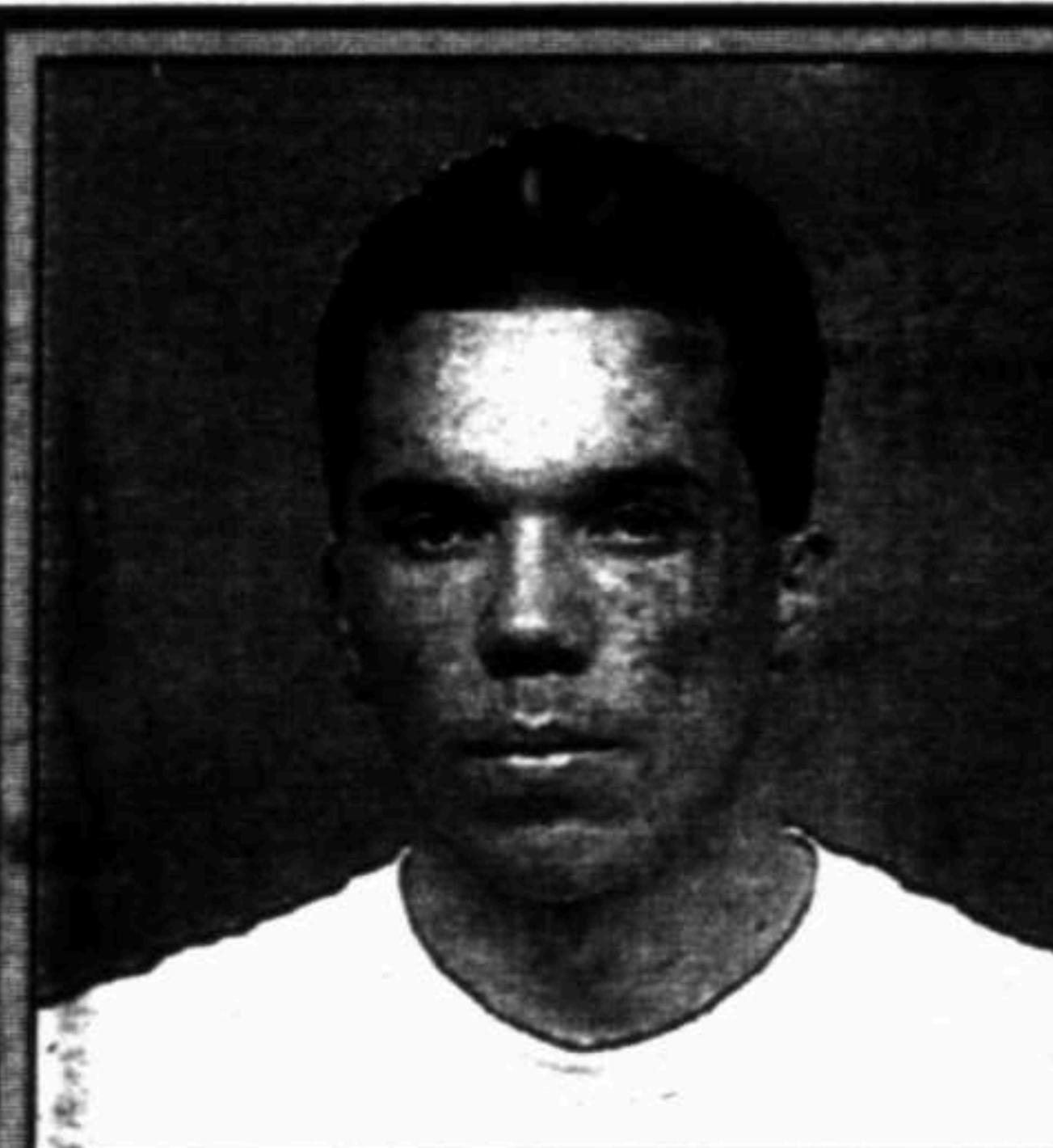
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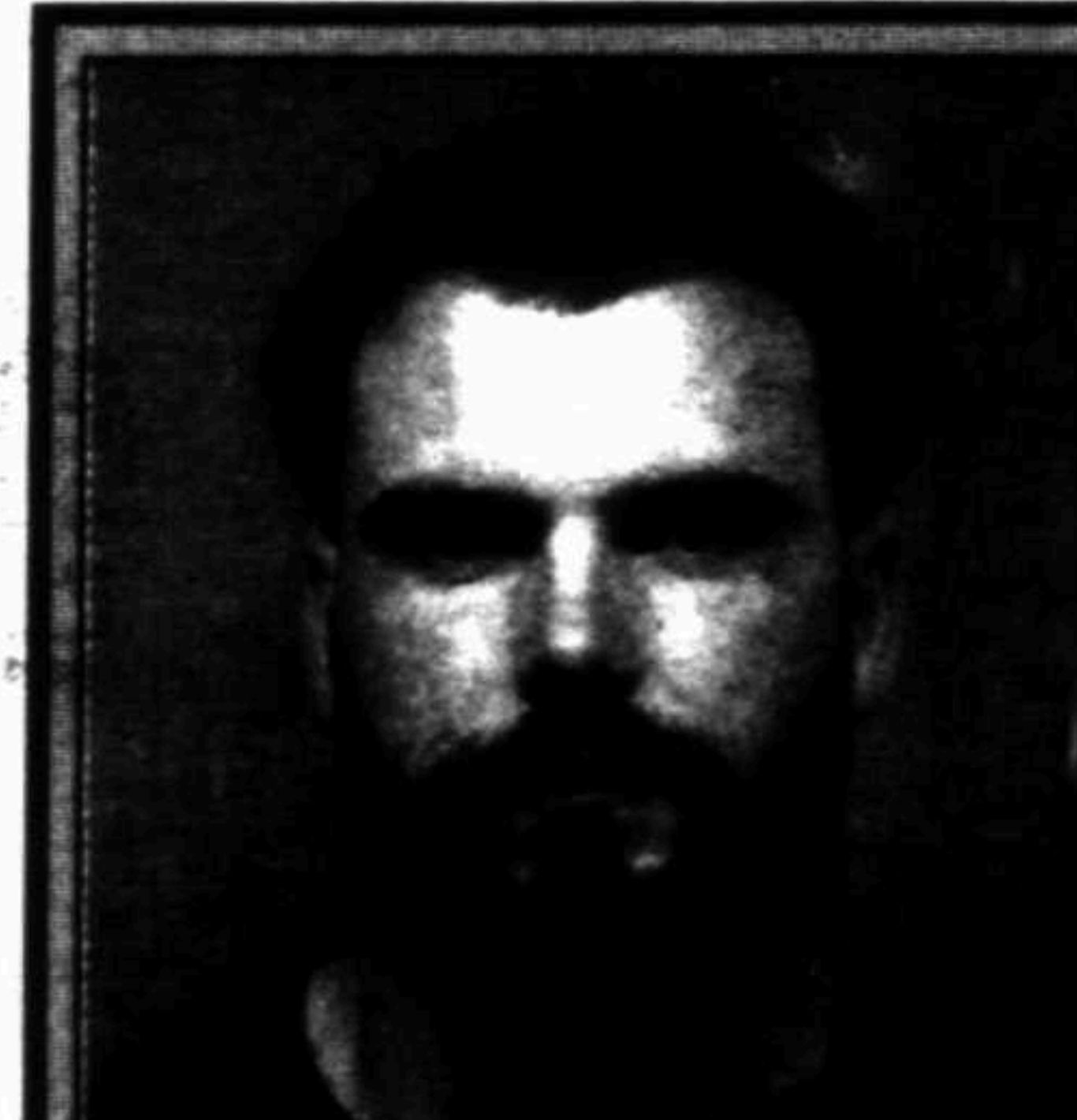
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MISTY YARBROUGH**
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Debit Card Abuse VOP
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TWEDEN, DAVID DEAN
D.O.B. 8-5-71 6' 155LBs
Delivery of Marijuana VOP
WRT# CRB18912



**WILKINS,
DANIEL RAY**
D.O.B. 9-11-74 5'8 180LBs
UUMV
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**BEEMAN,
CHRISTJHON H.**
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UUMV VOP
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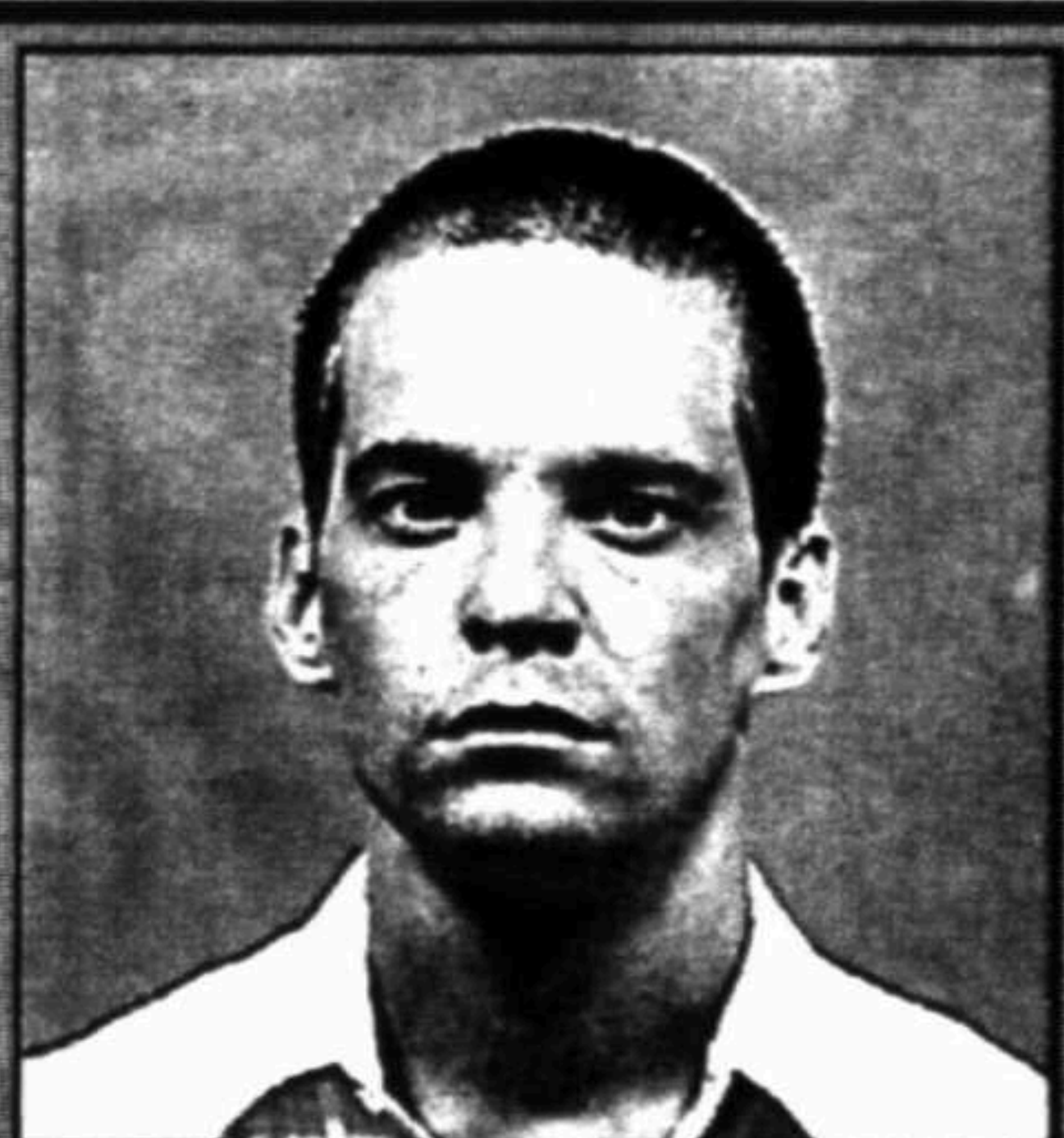
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BRYAN TODD**
D.O.B. 10-18-57 6'4 210LBs
Retaliation
WRT# CR23868



**BARRAZA,
FRANCISCO ASTORGA**
D.O.B. 4-2-59 5'9 146LBs
CT III Indecency w/child by contact
CT IV Indecency w/child by exposure
WRT# CR24724



**SUMMERS,
DAVID HOUSTON**
D.O.B. 6-15-77 5'11 155LBs
Forgery B/F
WRT# CR24095



**SWANEY,
TOMMY LEE**
D.O.B. 2-15-67 5'11 150LBs
Felony DWI VOP
WRT# CR18517

ABOUT CRIME STOPPERS...

Crime Stoppers of Midland is a community program, operated by citizens which involves the public, the media and area law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime. It offers cash rewards and anonymity to persons who furnish information leading to the arrest or indictment of felony crime offenders.

We at Crime Stoppers would like to hear your questions about the organization. If you have any questions or comments, please write to us at Midland Crime Stoppers, P.O. Box 1882, Midland, TX 79702 or call 694-8477. After we have received your letter, we will attempt to address your questions in the following month's fugitive flyer.

Q: How is Crime Stoppers funded?

A. Crime Stoppers is funded by several ways. We are funded by court ordered fees paid by a defendant, private donations and grants by local companies and a grant furnished by the State of Texas.

Q: How often is the fugitive flyer distributed?

A. The fugitive flyer is distributed on every second Thursday of the month unless something happens and then it is distributed on the following Thursday.

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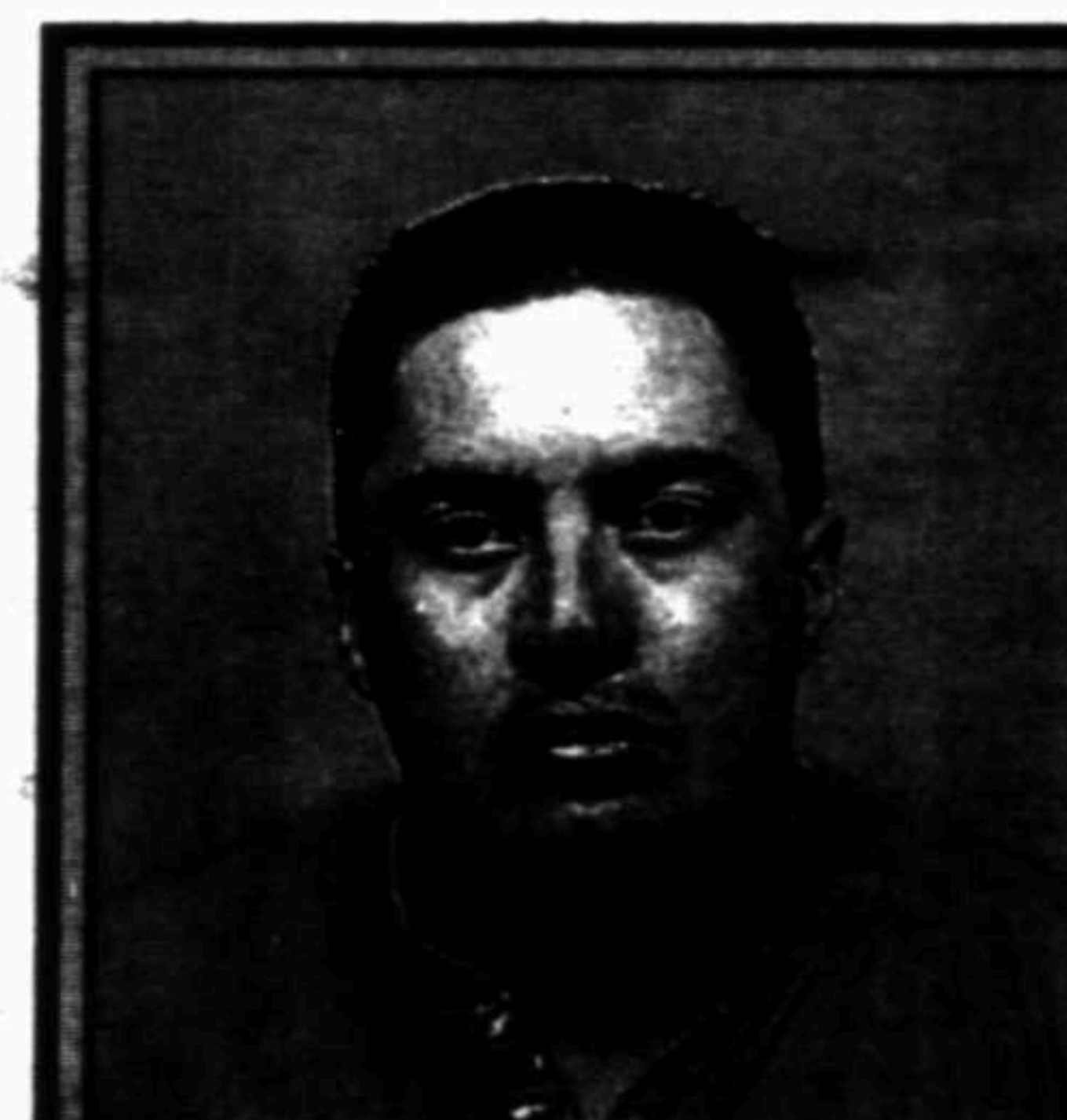
**GARCIA,
RAUL PONCE**
D.O.B. 8-19-64 5'7 160LBs
Poss Cocaine VOP
WRT# CRD23139



**VILLALOBOS,
ROBERTO ENRIQUE**
D.O.B. 7-15-68 5'8 160LBs
Poss. C/S Cocaine
WRT# CR24625



**STEWART,
CHARITY RENE**
D.O.B. 4-6-73 5'2 120LBs
Forgery by Passing VOP
WRT# CRA18005



**ARMENTA,
DANIEL PACHECO**
D.O.B. 4-16-74 5'6 180LBs
Burg of Habitation
WRT# CRB23052



**McDANIEL,
LAWRENCE JOHN**
D.O.B. 1-10-55 5'8 145LBs
Poss C/S Cocaine Rel Aff
WRT# CR24143



**THOMAS,
CHARLENE LESLIE**
D.O.B. 1-9-61 5'1 127LBs
Forgery VOP
WRT# CR23189



**DALTON,
CHRISTINA MARIE**
D.O.B. 3-10-63 5'4 130LBs
Poss Methamphetamine VOP
WRT# CR21862



**DELAROSA,
JUAN HARVY**
D.O.B. 4-25-60 5'11 195LBs
CTI & II Agg. Assault VOP
WRT# CR19597

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Poss MJ	=	Possession of Marijuana
UUMV	=	Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
VOP	=	Violation of Probation

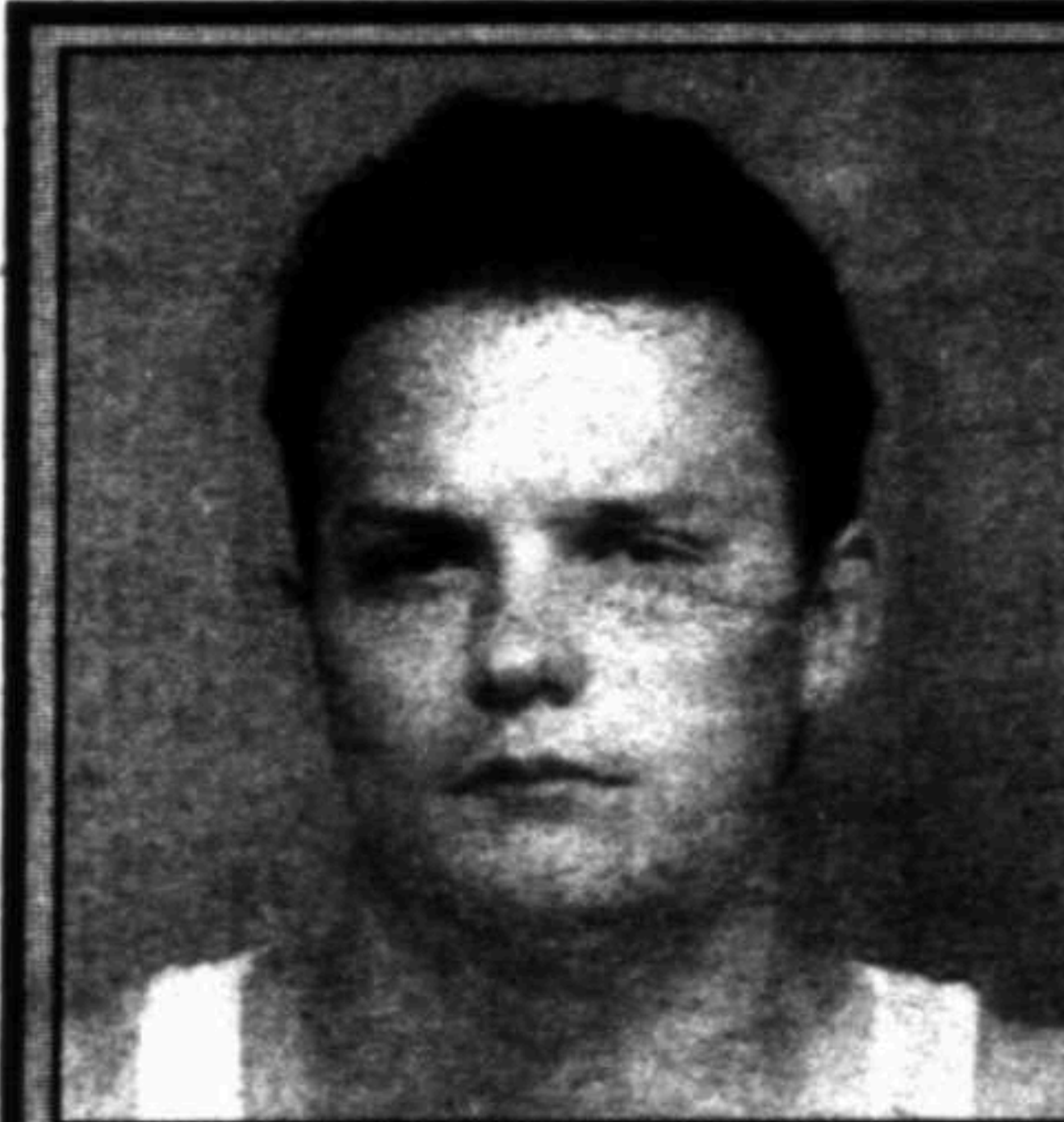
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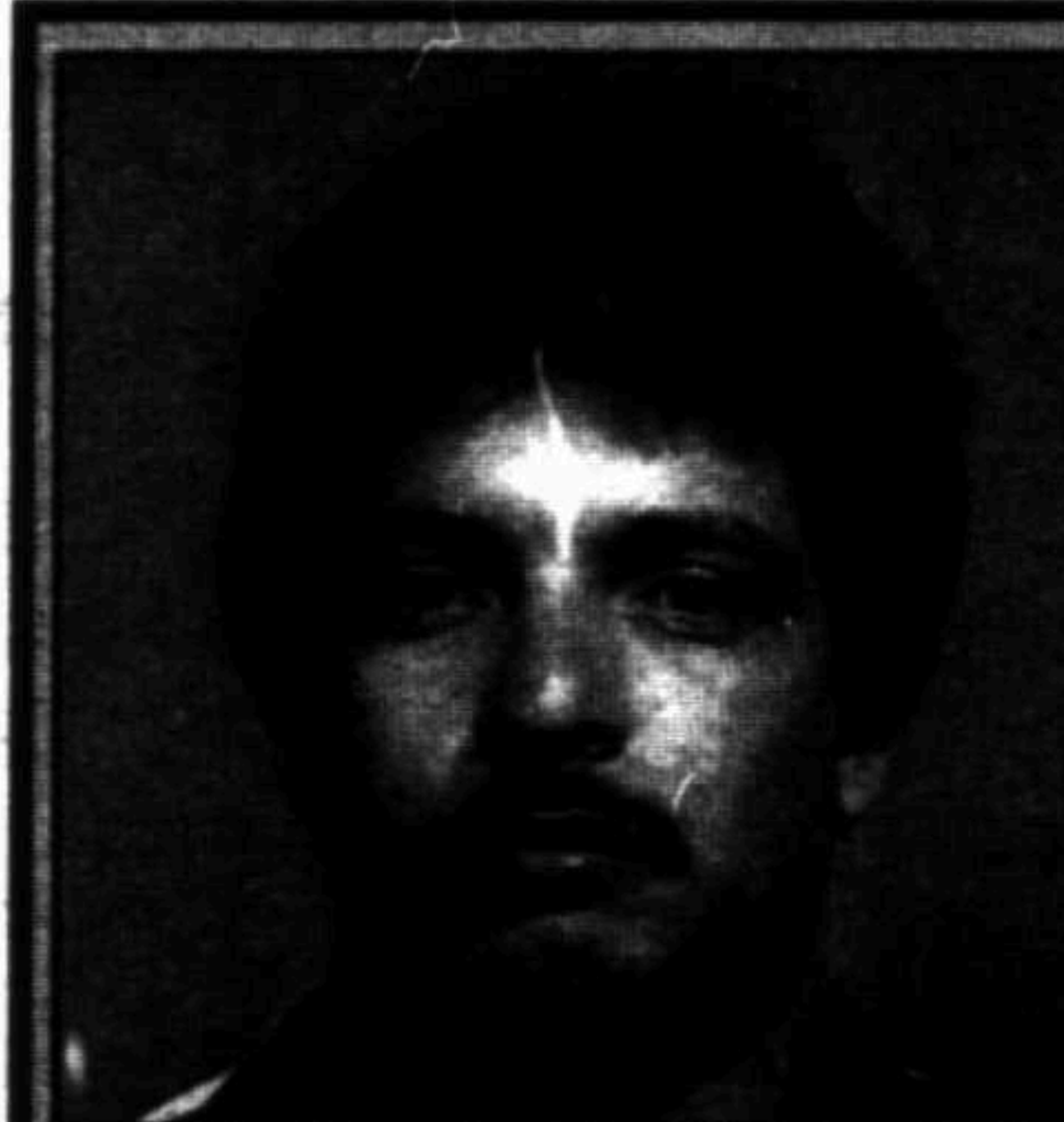
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JOHNNY PAUL**
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Felony DWI VOP
WRT# CR20814



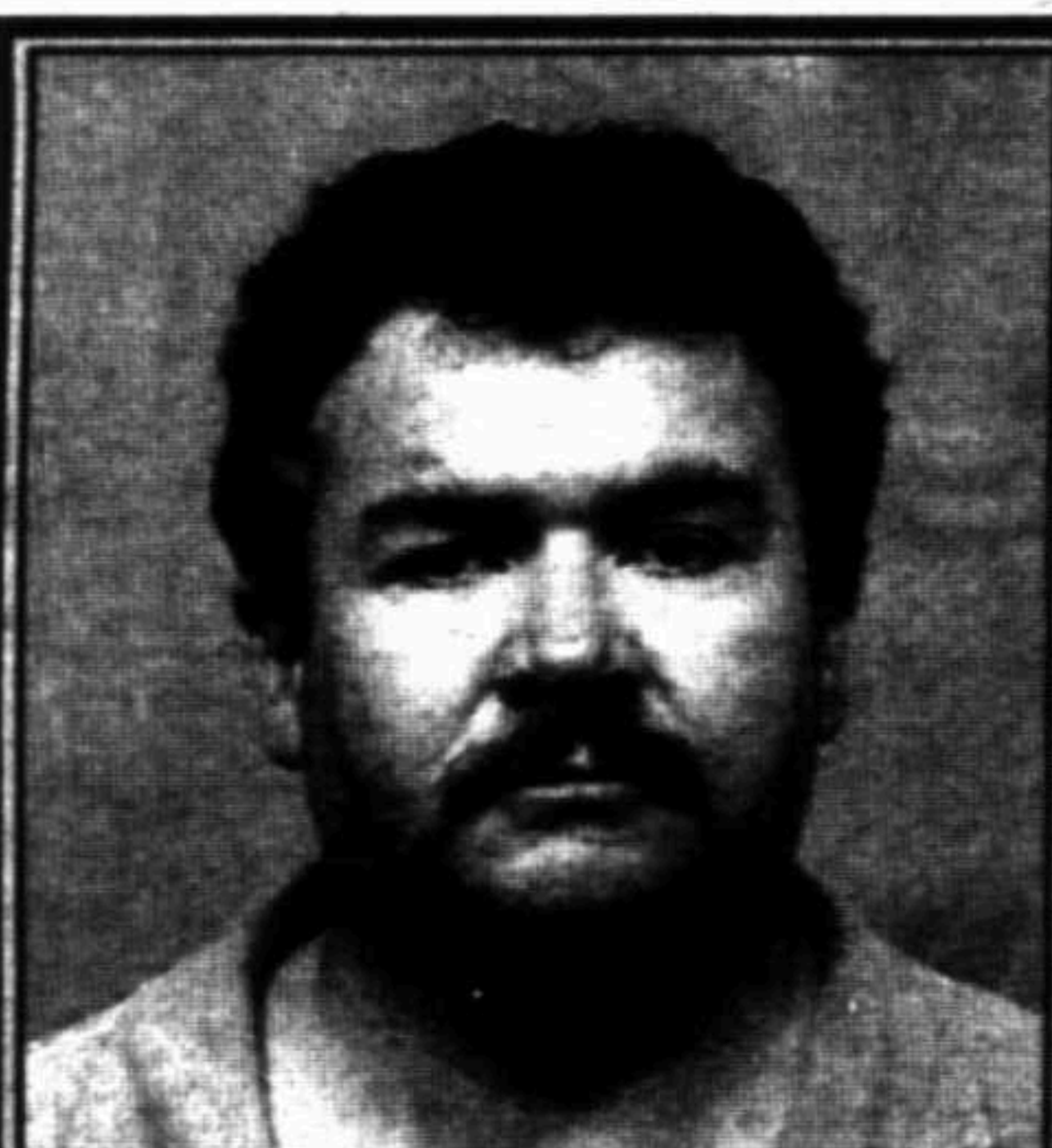
**COSS,
MICHAEL ROBERT,
JR.**
D.O.B. 9-24-80 5'9 150LBs
Possession C/S Cocaine
WRT# CR24867



**CORTEZ,
MARCO ISIDRO**
D.O.B. 9-18-60 5'7 175LBs
Poss. Cocaine w/int. to del.
WRT# CRB20892



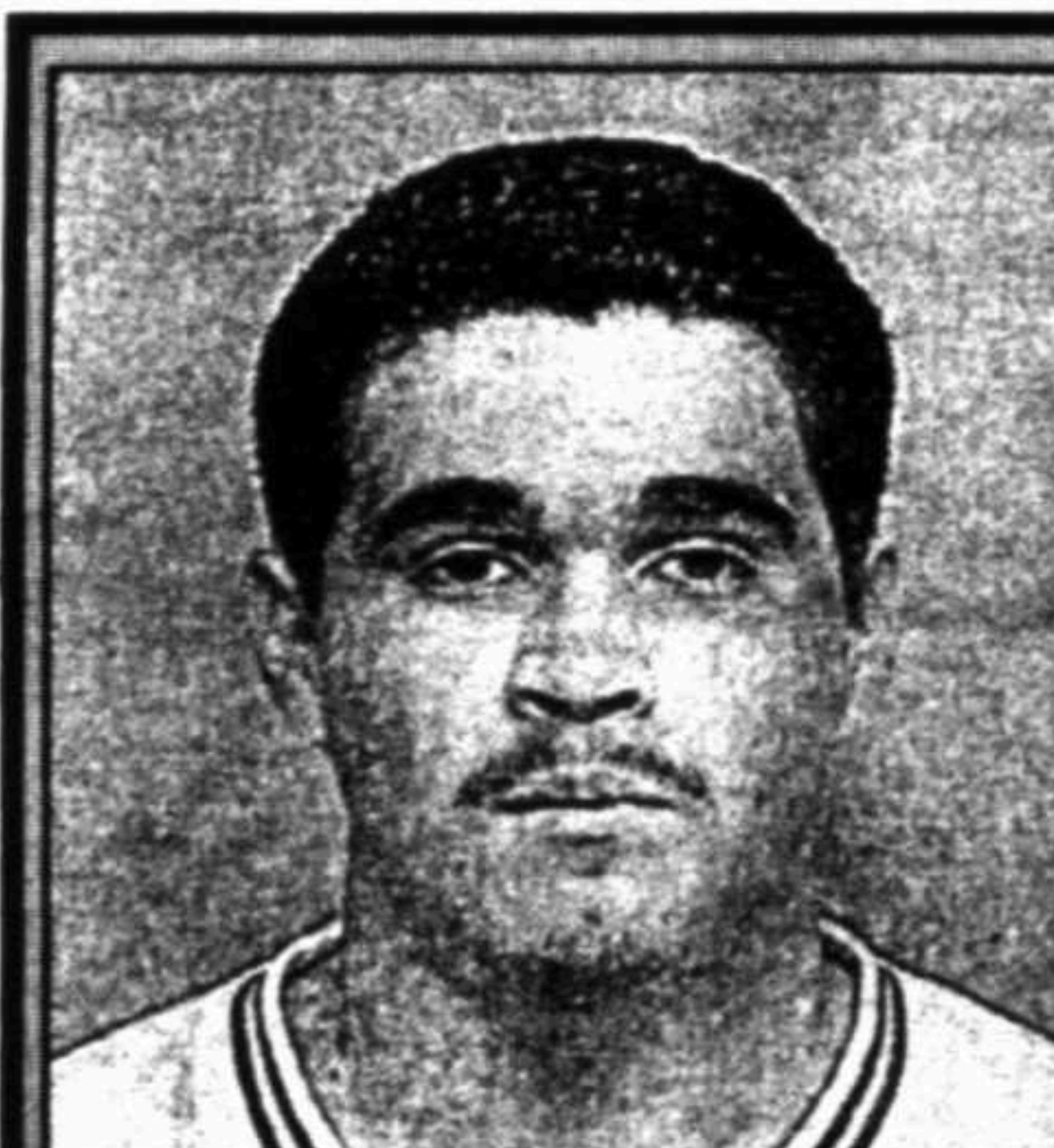
**REINHARDT,
GLENDA JEAN**
D.O.B. 1-6-55 5'5 120LBs
Delivery Cocaine VOP
WRT# CRB18319



**PEREZ,
MOISES FAUSTRO**
D.O.B. 4-9-56 5'8 200LBs
Bond Jumping
WRT# CR23571



**SCHOENROCK,
EVA MARIA**
D.O.B. 5-12-59 5'6 150LBs
Forgery by Passing VOP
WRT# CRA17354



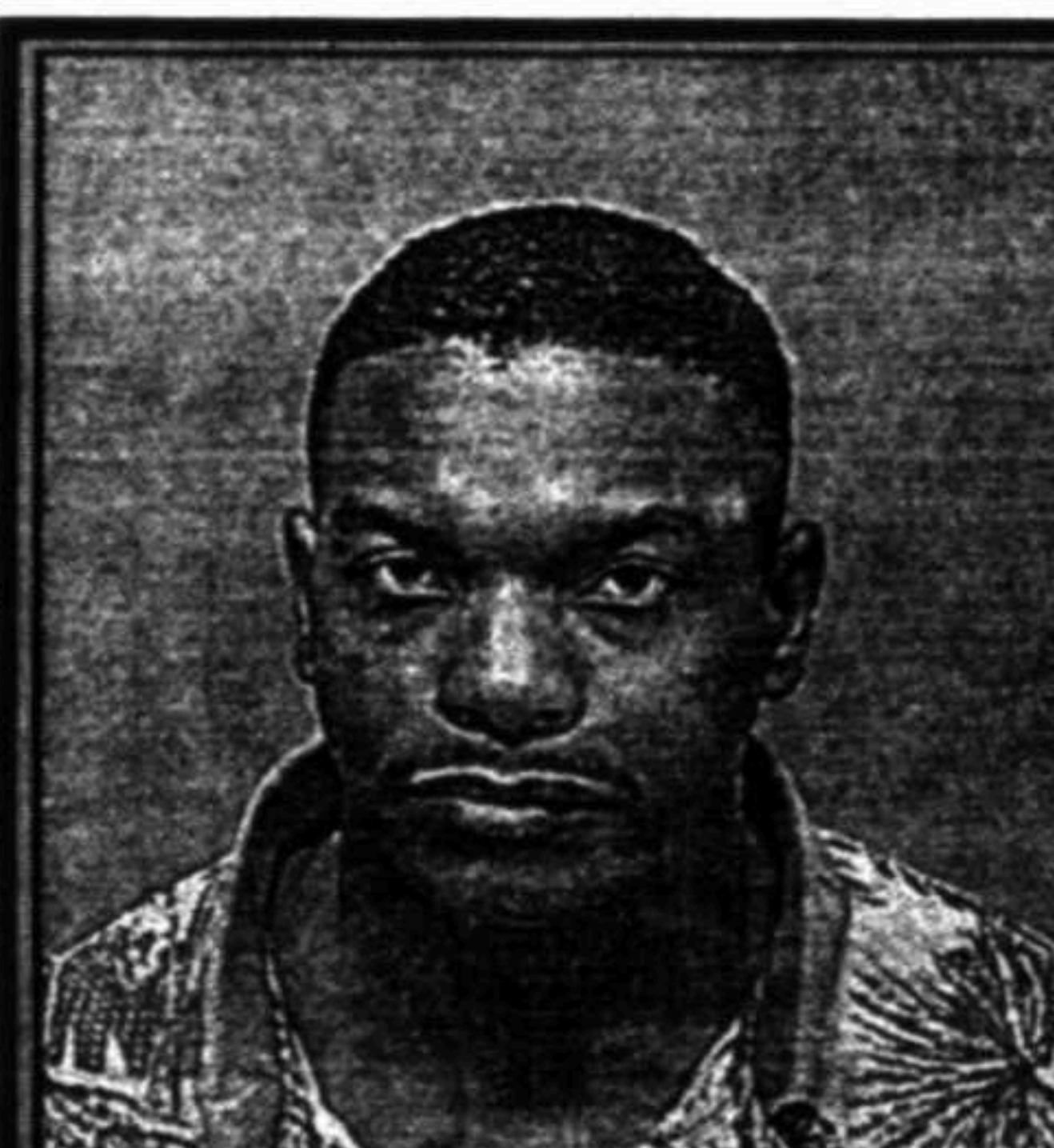
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EDUARDO
RODRIGUEZ**
D.O.B. 5-21-78 5'5 155LBs
Burg. Building VOP
WRT# CR22898



**LAREZ,
FRANCISCO
MARCUS JR.**
D.O.B. 11-1-78 5'7 153LBs
Poss. Cocaine VOP
WRT# CR23413



**BROOKS,
ANNETTE NANCY**
D.O.B. 12-27-58 5'4 130LBs
Forgery VOP
WRT# CR21785



**STRAMBLER,
CHRISTOPHER
LEMAR**
D.O.B. 9-12-72 5'5 160LBs
Injury to Child
WRT# CR24569

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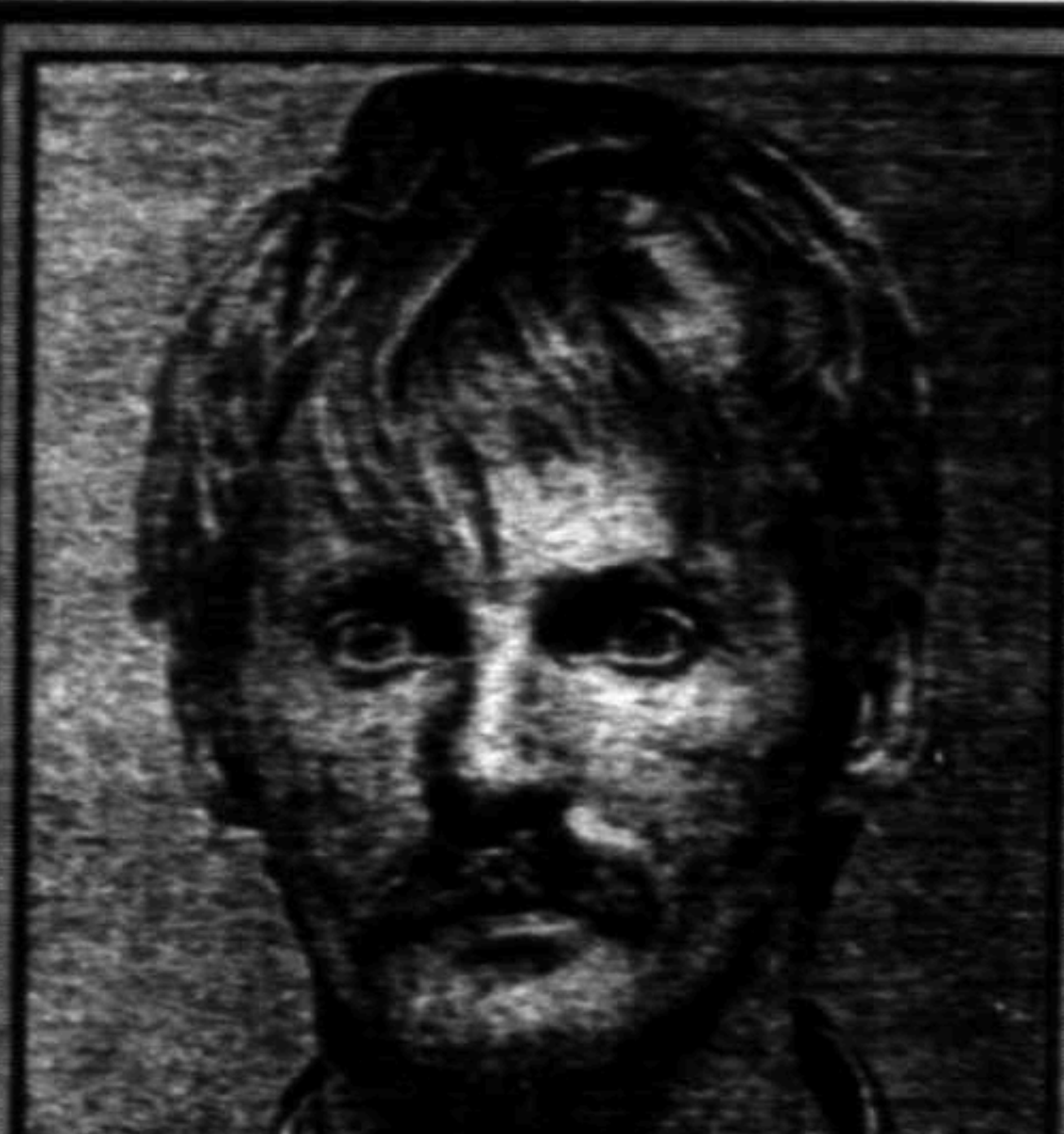
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SUSPECTS ARRESTED	12	66
OFFENSES CLEARED	12	62
STOLEN PROP. RECOVERED	\$0	\$7167
REWARDS PAID	\$300	\$2475

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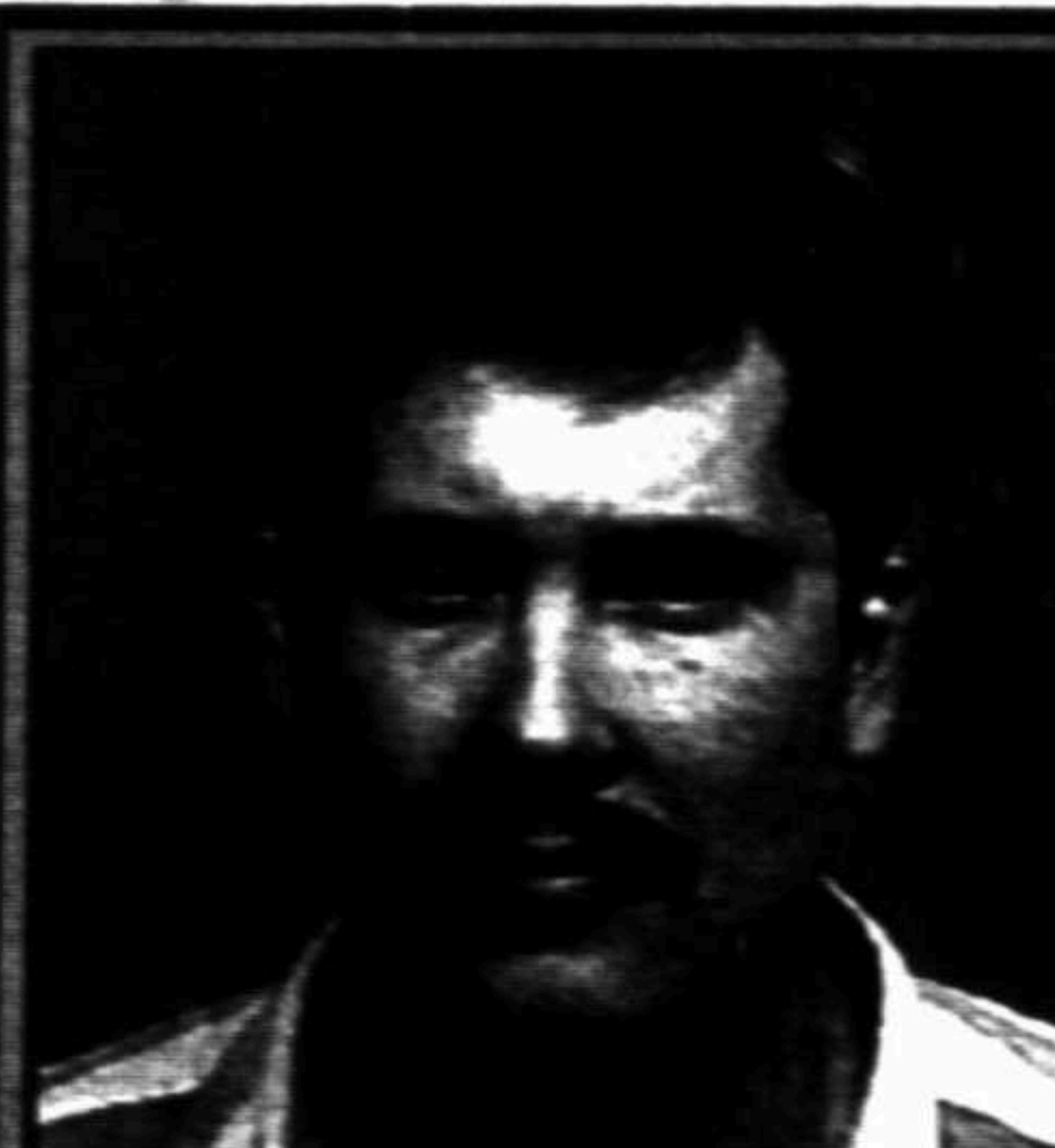
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**DUARTE,
GUADALUPE
RODRIQUEZ**
D.O.B. 7-3-73 6'0 170LBs
WRT# CR24315



**BLEDSON,
JERRY WAYNE**
D.O.B. 2-13-61 5'7 140LBs
Possession Cocaine B/F
WRT# CR24843



**CASTILLO,
ROBERTO FELIPE**
D.O.B. 6-21-67 6'1 219LBs
Agg. Assault VOP
WRT# CRA19003



**GERVANTEZ-
OROZCO,
JUAN ANGEL**
D.O.B. 6-24-62 5'10 164LBs
Poss of MJ <2000lb> 750Lb
WRT# CR23298



**RIOS,
BRENDA**
D.O.B. 1-29-64 5'3 120LBs
Felony DWI VOP
WRT# CR17401



**DUNN,
RONALD BRAD**
D.O.B. 1-21-58 6' 165LBs
Burg of Bldg VOP
WRT# CR18158



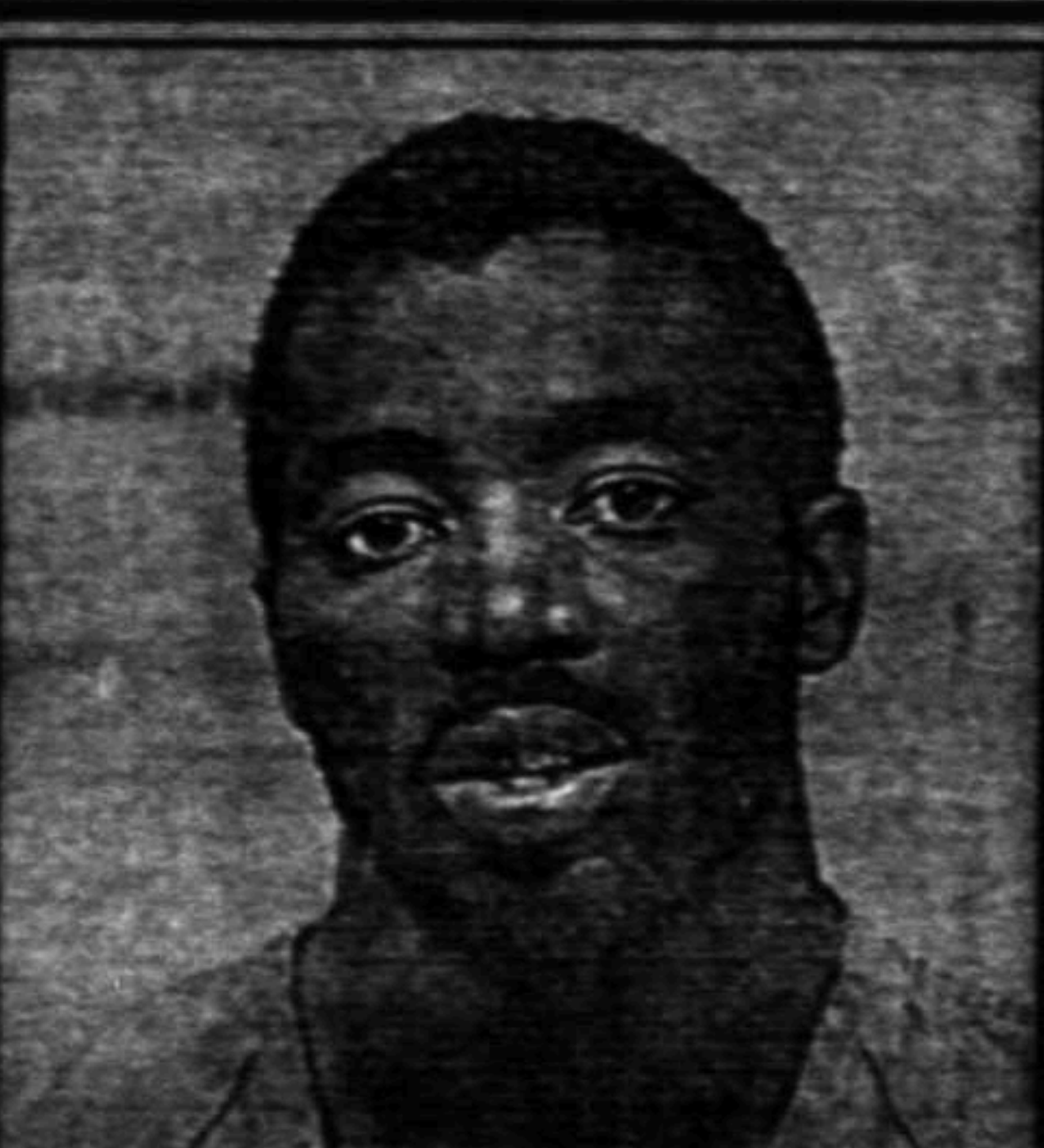
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SYLVIA AMUNDSON**
D.O.B. 10-25-54 5'4 195LBs
Forgery VOP
WRT# CR23366



**LYONS,
JOHN EDWARD**
D.O.B. 3-22-67 5'8 216LBs
Forgery by Passing
WRT# CR24076



**OXLEY,
ROBIN**
D.O.B. 6-17-72 5'7 120LBs
Credit Card Abuse VOP
WRT# CRC19580



**STEWART,
TERENCE EARL**
D.O.B. 10-10-66 5'8 160LBs
Del C/S Cocaine VOP
WRT# CR22331



**LEBARIO,
ALONSO ALLEN**
D.O.B. 6-26-71 5'8 140LBs
Poss. Cocaine
WRT# CR22535



**JACKSON,
MONROE III**
D.O.B. 12-12-61 5'11 170LBs
Injury to Child VOP
WRT# CR21863

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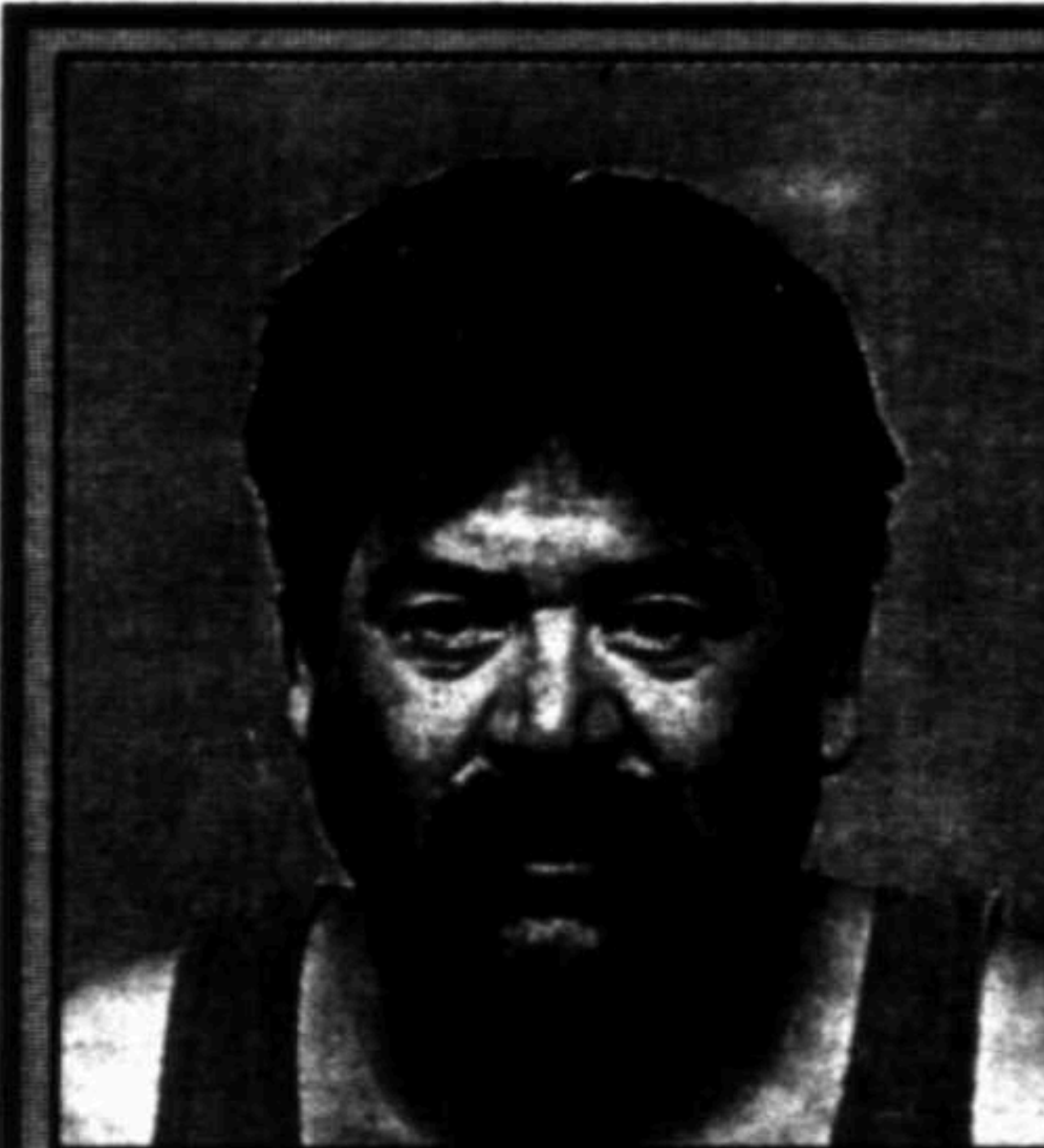
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**ZUBIA,
JOEL ALBERTO**
D.O.B. 4-29-67 5'11 190LBs
Poss MJ >50<5 VOP
WRT# CRC19535



**BARBEE,
DAVID NORMAN**
D.O.B. 8-18-67 6'2 200LBs
Forgery by Passing VOP
WRT# CR23427



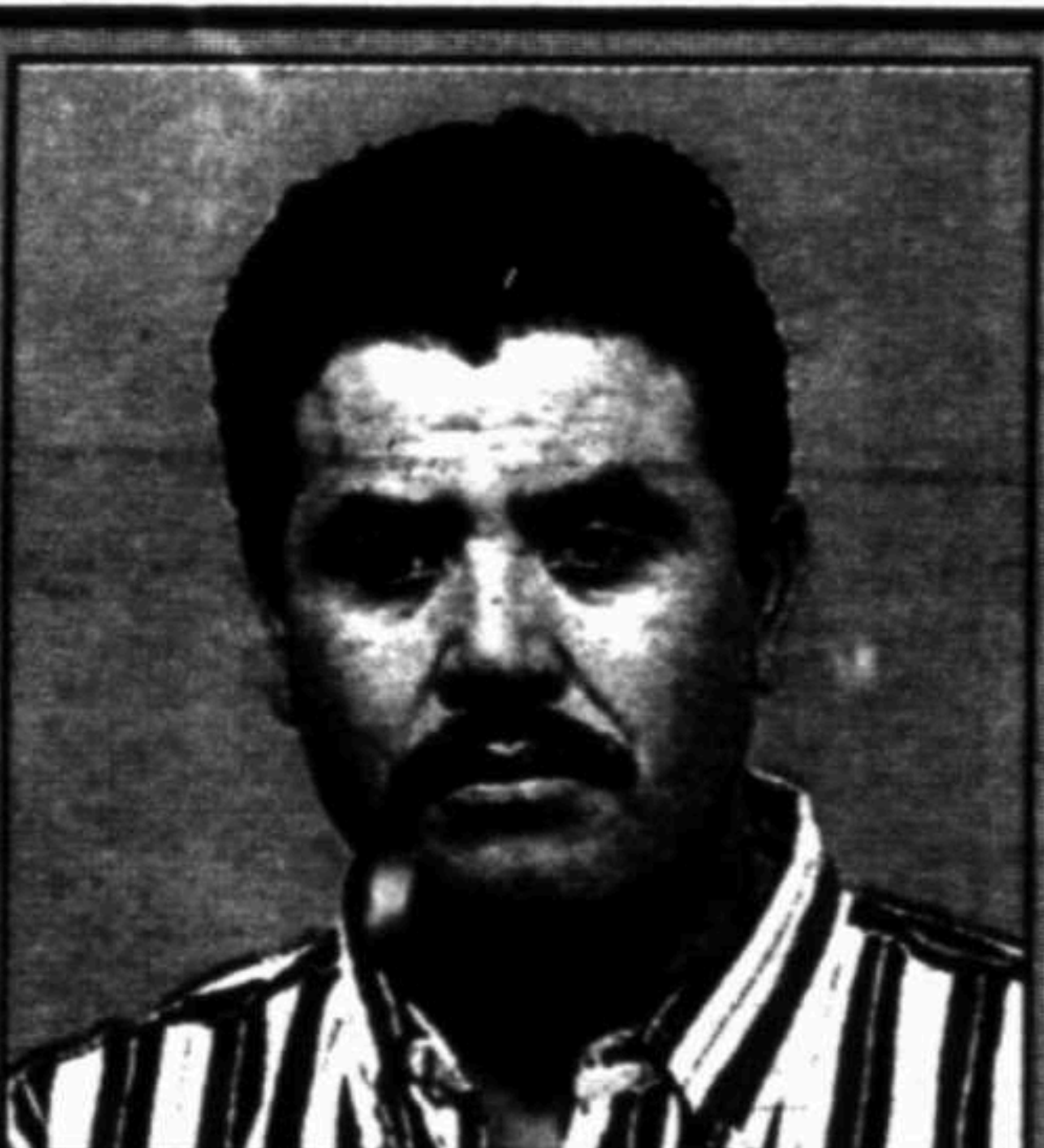
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JOSE LUIS**
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Del C/S MJ
WRT# CRD22401



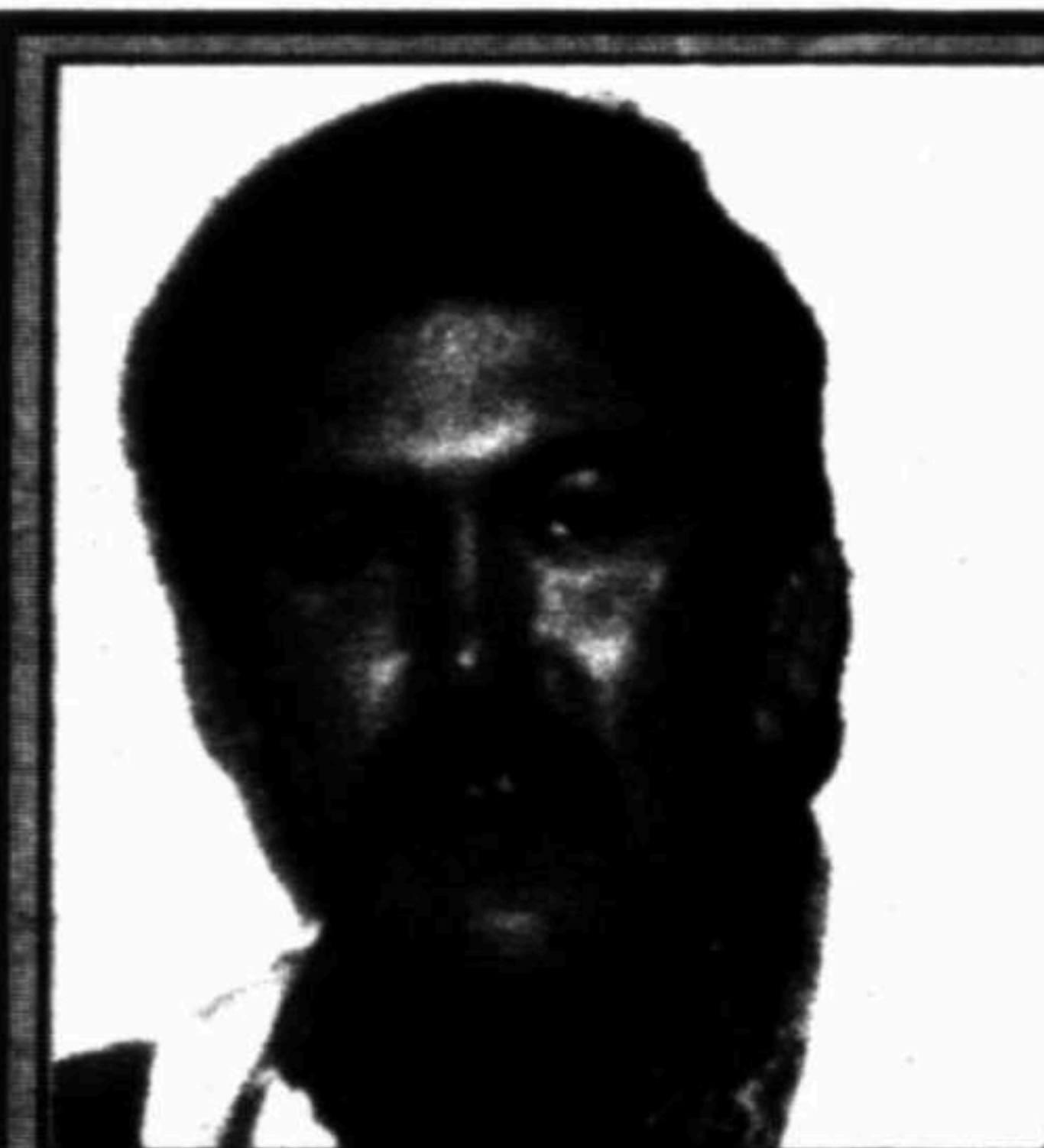
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GABRIEL UMBERTO**
D.O.B. 9-17-75 5'11 210LBs
Burg. of Bldg VOP
WRT# CR22999



**MENDOZA,
PATRICIA ESTRADA**
D.O.B. 10-20-66 5'6 165LBs
Poss. Cocaine B/F
WRT# CR23145



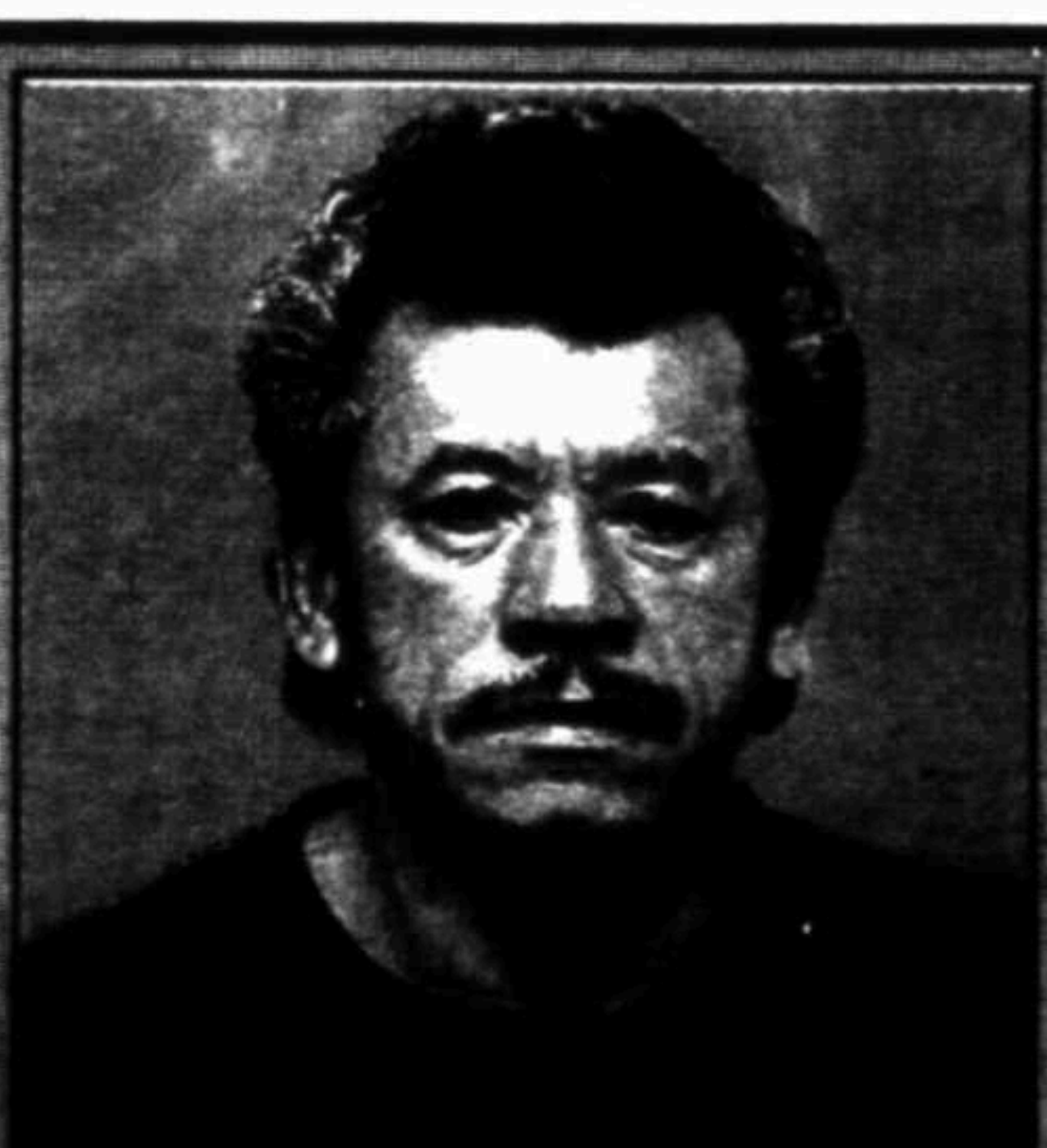
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CORNELIO IBARRA**
D.O.B. 2-4-60 5'6 190LBs
DWI 3rd or more VOP
WRT# CR22046



**MADRID,
JUAN aka Johnny**
D.O.B. 3-28-58 230LBs 6'4
Murder
WRT# CRA22676



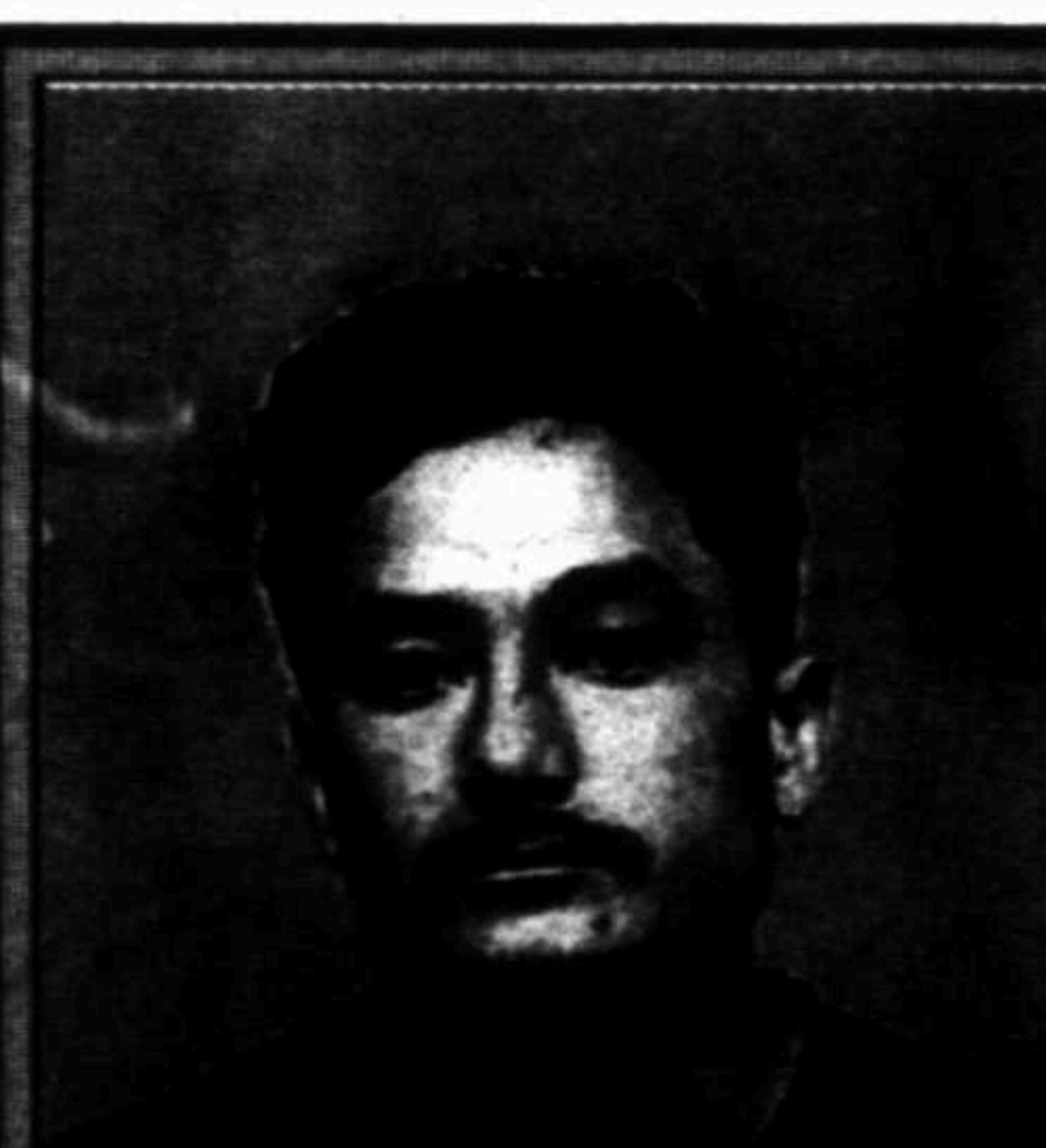
**LOPEZ,
DAVID TREVINO**
D.O.B. 11-29-69 5'5 200LBs
Felony DWI VOP
WRT# CRD22715



**CASTANEDA,
MIGUEL ALBERTO**
D.O.B. 9-29-50 5'5 170LBs
DWI VOP
WRT# CR20617



**ANTON,
MARILYN LORRAINE**
D.O.B. 5-28-52 5'4 175LBs
Theft by Repetition VOP
WRT# CR23286
Theft by Repetition VOP
WRT# CR23287
Obtain C/S Fraud VOP
WRT# CRB21076



**HERNANDEZ,
SIMON**
D.O.B. 10-8-69 5'4 138LBs
Agg Assault w/deadly weapon
VOP
WRT# CR23041

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