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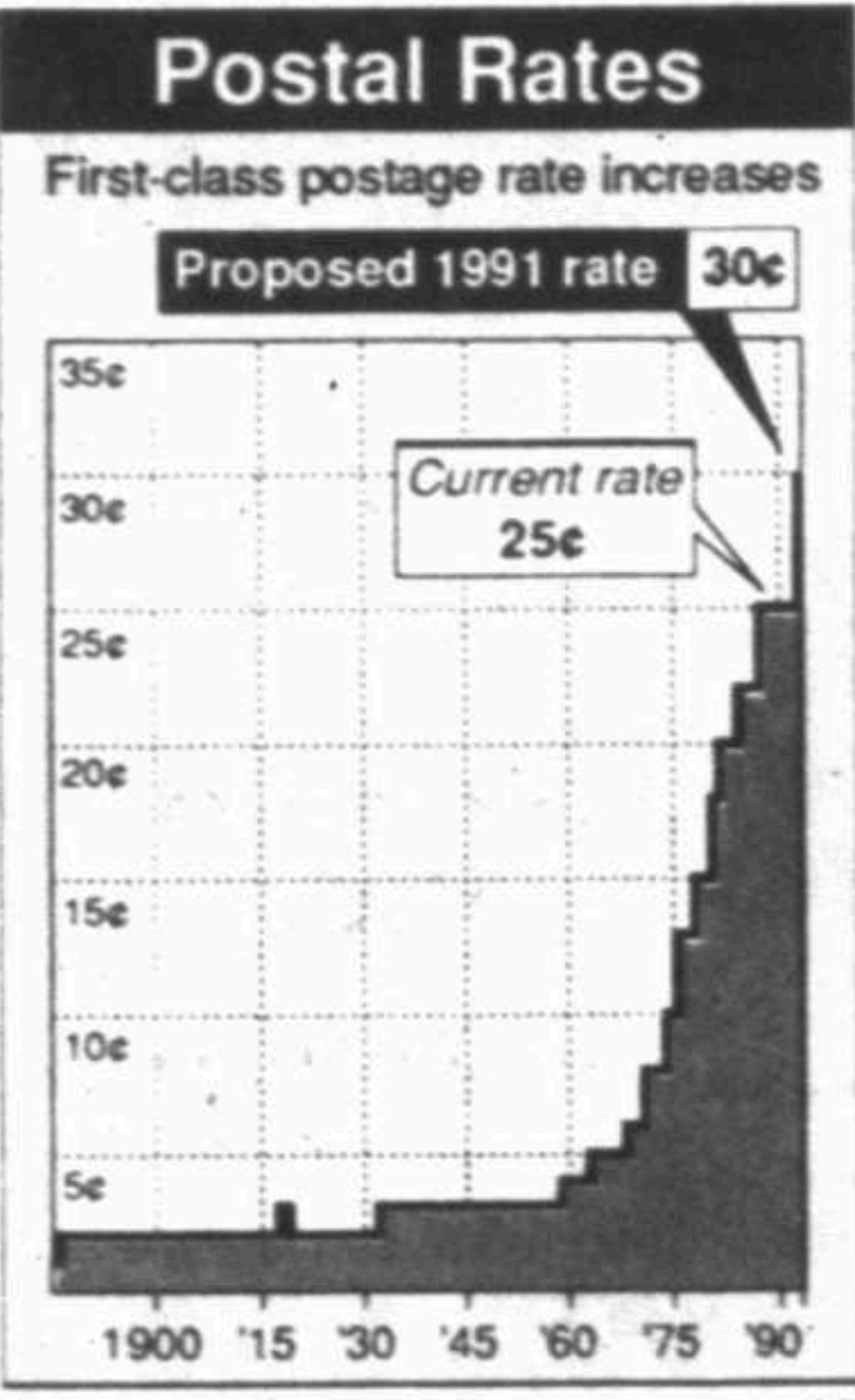
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Postage increase a bit sticky

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mailing a love letter, paying the phone bill and chewing out your congressman likely will cost more next year — postage rates appear headed up again.

The Postal Service is poised to launch the long, complex process of raising prices on March 6.

Postmaster General Anthony M. Frank says a 30-cent stamp seems likely for first class mail in 1991, although the final price could be from 28 cents to 32 cents. First class postage rose to the current 25-cent rate on April 3, 1988.

If things follow the normal course, the new charges would take effect about 11 months after the filing, or in February 1991.

Frank doesn't expect the new proposed raise to play well.

Noting a 5-cent increase would be a 20 percent raise, substantially above the 14 percent he projects that consumer prices will have risen from 1988 to 1991, Frank said recently he was "committed to paying back to the American people that 6 percent" difference.

To do that, he has pledged to keep future increases below the inflation rate and said Tuesday, "We may very well be able to hold increases in rates after the 1991 adjustments to one more increase in the balance of this century."

The Postal Service managed to operate about \$404 million in the black for the first quarter of this fiscal year, but the agency expects a record \$1.6 billion deficit for the full year ending Sept. 30. The postal service is required to break even over the long run.

Frank has cited a number of reasons for the planned 1991 rate increase.

"We were required in 1988 and 1989 to contribute \$800 million to deficit reduction even though we don't use a penny of tax money. Health benefit costs are out of control — a problem we share with the private sector," he said.

The first official step in raising rates will be taken March 6, when the Postal Service's board of governors is to vote on the proposed increase.

The independent Postal Rate Commission then will ask for comment — that should produce tons of reports and appeals from various interest groups — and hold lengthy hearings before making its recommendation.

City divided on school site

By DAVID MORRIS
Staff Writer

Some want it on the east side, some want it on the west side, and some don't want it at all.

Divided three ways, about 100 Midlanders met with the school board at the Midland High School auditorium Tuesday to discuss sites for a proposed junior high school.

At the end of the meeting, Midland Independent School District trustees said they needed time to study the issue and said it would not appear on their Tuesday meeting agenda.

Board member Kenneth Morrison predicted trustees would select a site at its Feb. 27 meeting.

Eastside residents told board members that a new school in their area would boost morale among minority students and encourage economic growth.

East Midlander Alma Marshall compared the depressed, largely minority east side with a "David" fighting the "Goliath" of westside affluence for a chance at the new school.

"There's not going to ever be any (economic development in east Midland) unless someone decides to step out and take the lead," she said. "There are some of us who live in east Midland not because we're forced to but because we choose to. I don't feel we should be penalized for choosing to live in a particular part of town."

Westside residents argued that the school would be cheaper to build in west Midland, where larger student populations are predicted.

Other citizens argued that teacher salaries and instructional programs should take precedence over new buildings.

The board is considering 25-acre sites on the north, west and east sides of town.

Two westside sites are available at no additional cost to the district through a swap agreement with SBC Corp. A third western site would cost \$220,450 for roads and utilities, said Wilson Heidelberg, MISD executive director of auxiliary services.

He estimated land and development costs at \$345,500 for the northern site and \$260,000 for the eastern site.

Westside parent Joy O'Hara said it would be foolish to spend \$260,000 on one site when there were others available at no cost.

"Taxpayers might be reticent to pass a bond that included money that might have been avoided," she said.

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Joe Cummins, MISD long range planning director, quotes statistics supporting the need for a new junior high school.

Communist Party agrees to end its Soviet monopoly

MOSCOW (AP) — Communist Party leaders today agreed to surrender their monopoly on power guaranteed by the Soviet Constitution, allowing rival parties to compete for the first time in more than seven decades, a delegate said.

The decision by the powerful party Central Committee was a victory for President Mikhail S. Gorbachev in his drive to transform the party from a static oligarchy to a modern political force able to compete for power.

Svyatoslav Fyodorov, a famed eye surgeon and participant in the three-day meeting in the Kremlin, said the committee agreed to support abolishing the constitution's Article 6, which guarantees power to the Communist Party.

"Article 6 will no longer be, there will be a multiparty system. There will be a normal democracy," Fyodorov said. He called the move "fantastic."

The official news agency Tass and official Radio Moscow reported the approval of the platform, but did not provide details. They said the document would be published in official newspapers.

Both hard-line Communists and reformers had sharply criticized Gorbachev's platform, with hard-liners complaining he was going too far and reformers saying he failed to go far enough.

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Populist leader Boris N. Yeltsin cast the only vote against the platform, Fyodorov said, apparently because it was not radical enough. Yeltsin on Sunday addressed a huge crowd that gathered outside the Kremlin to demand reforms, and he promised to present the demands to the Central Committee.

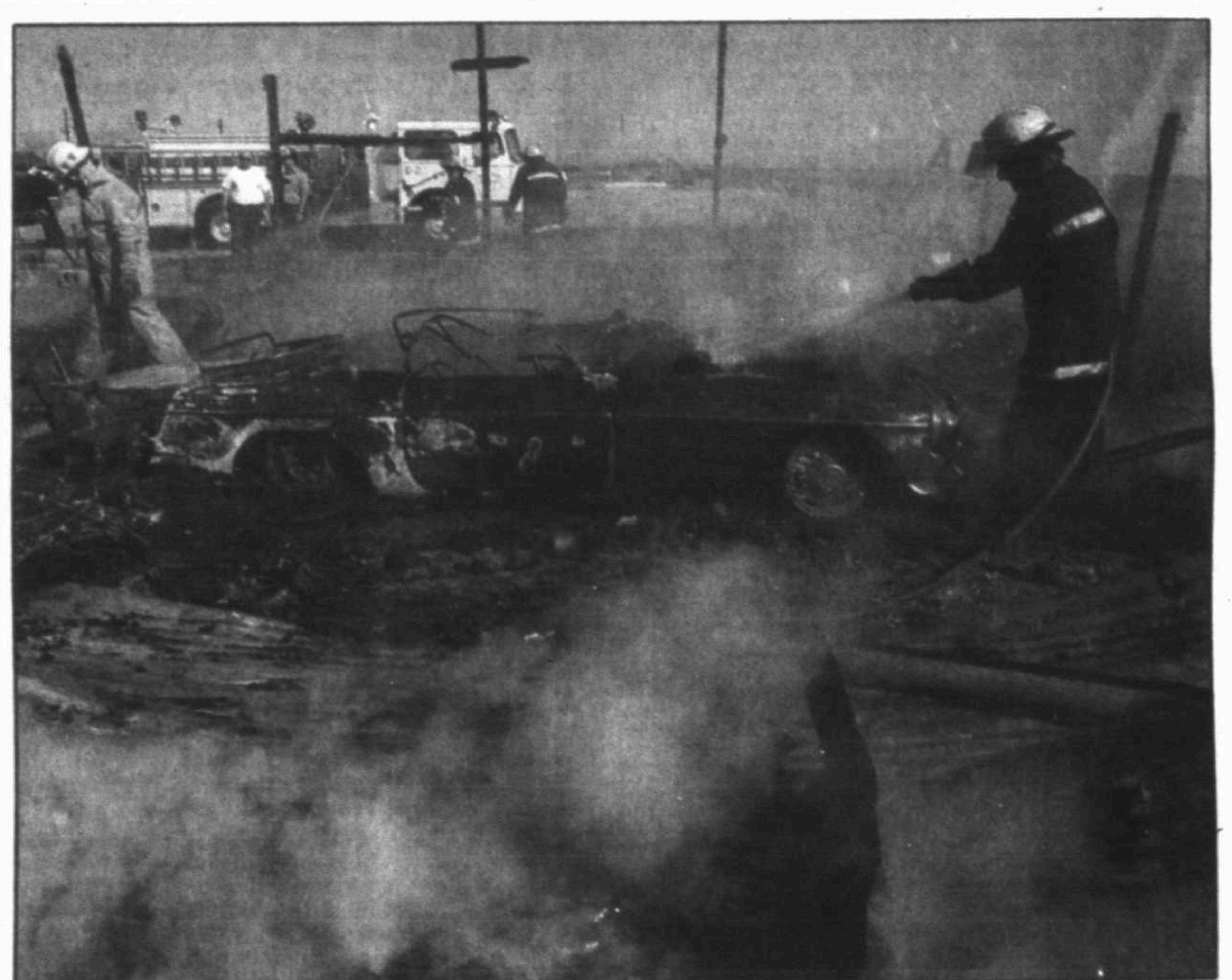
There also was one abstention, Fyodorov said.

There were few major changes in the document Gorbachev presented to the Central Committee on Monday, he said.

The 249-member Central Committee was joined in the meeting by more than 700 other officials from around the Soviet Union, and all were allowed to vote on the platform, he said.

The committee agreed to move up

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Fire damage

A Midland firefighter hoses down the smoldering remains of a garage which burned Tuesday afternoon near Greenwood.

Fire officials said trash burning in a garbage can started the blaze.

Viewers pressure TV stations to bump 'Geraldo'

From Staff and Wire Reports

DALLAS — Lynda Beams doesn't care if Geraldo Rivera interviews battered lesbian lovers, topless donut shop operators, and transsexuals on his talk show — but not in front of her kids.

"It's soft-core pornography," said Mrs. Beams, who is at the forefront of a national grassroots movement against Rivera's controversial program.

The Fort Worth woman would like the show taken off the air, but will settle for it being moved from its after-school time slot.

"It's an adult talk show and it airs when most adults are at work and children are at home," she says.

Mrs. Beams has been joined a growing number of people who have

complained to their local TV stations about "Geraldo." Some stations are listening.

Rivera publicist Jeff Erdel said "Geraldo" is being carried by 199 stations — all but a handful of network TV markets, and up from 162 stations a year ago. But he said 25 percent of the stations have let Rivera know they're not happy with his show.

Mrs. Beams said she has been hearing from parents all over our country and Puerto Rico — doctors, lawyers, housewives — wanting to know what they can do to persuade local stations to change the time "Geraldo" is on, or to cancel it.

Last March, several Midland PTAs circulated petitions as part of a statewide effort to move "Geraldo" and other sometimes controversial talk

shows from the late afternoon period when many "latch key" children are home alone after school.

Meanwhile, Rivera and the show's producers have pledged a return to "more substantive issues" in an effort to win back sponsors and viewers.

But, some stations are holding out on renewals.

KMID-TV, Channel 2 locally, is not among those. "We feel strongly about Geraldo's commitment to tone down his subjects, and have renewed our agreement through September 1991," station manager John Foster explained this morning.

The show has "performed well" in the 3 p.m. time slot, Foster said, and the station has no plans to move the show.

He did mention that "Geraldo"

and its topics have generated more negative comments from viewers than other syndicated talk shows in this market.

"We haven't quite decided about 'Geraldo,'" said Joe Bell, program director of KDFW in Dallas, which lost numerous sponsors for the show after Mrs. Beams contacted them. She asked that the program be rescheduled from 4 p.m., but so far the station has refused.

Jerry Eaton, program director of KYW in Philadelphia said his station hasn't decided whether to keep "Geraldo" after August.

"We want to assess the new direction of the show and do a little consumer research and see if it makes sense for us," Eaton said. "Rivera" needs to broaden his scope a bit and find a wider range of subjects. We're

anxious to see what they put on the air."

In Augusta, Ga., WAGT moved "Geraldo" from 5 p.m. to 10 a.m. in September after sponsors pulled out because of citizen complaints, led by Claire Tankersley.

Mrs. Tankersley said she boiled after her 4-year-old watched a "Geraldo" show in which a prostitute graphically described being sexually abused as a child.

"I was so horrified and aghast that something like that would be on at p.m.," Mrs. Tankersley said. "I'm not for censorship, but I just don't think that kids should be exposed."

"Sounds familiar," said Jeffrey Ulrich, program director of WROC in Rochester, N.Y., which had so many

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Council considers issuance of certificates of obligation

By BRIAN PEARSON
Staff Writer

Midland city councilmen today were scheduled to discuss issuing between \$500,000 and \$2 million in certificates of obligation to finance proposed projects around the city, City Manager Fred Poe said Tuesday.

Possibly the top project on the list is the center for southeast Midland senior citizens, who have been promised the facility for more than two years, Poe said.

"That's probably going to be the first project we do of any size," he

said of the proposed \$400,000 center.

Officials have not decided where the center would be located, Poe said. One site under consideration is Washington Park, located south of East Highway 80 off East Indiana Avenue, he said.

Voters in 1988 turned down a \$400,000 referendum to pay for expanding the city's senior citizens centers. The defeat did not stop the November 1989 opening of a center in Dellwood Mall.

Southeast senior citizens have

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INSIDE TODAY

PEOPLE: Billionaire tax evader Leona Helmsley has denied ever telling a housekeeper "only the little people pay taxes," and predicts she will not go to prison because "I've done nothing."

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Weather

Fair tonight, low in the lower 40s, southwesterly winds 5-10 mph. Detail on Page 2A.

Service

Circulation.....682-5311
Classified Ads.....682-6222
Other Calls.....682-5311

Trade board hopes to build Basin's Ontario connection

By MELLA McEWEN
Business/Oil Writer

ODESSA — In the last few years, diversification has become an economic watchword for the Permian Basin, which has been heavily dependent on oil and gas.

The same goes for the Canadian Province of Ontario, which has been dependent on the automotive industry. Both areas think improving international trade would help broaden economic bases.

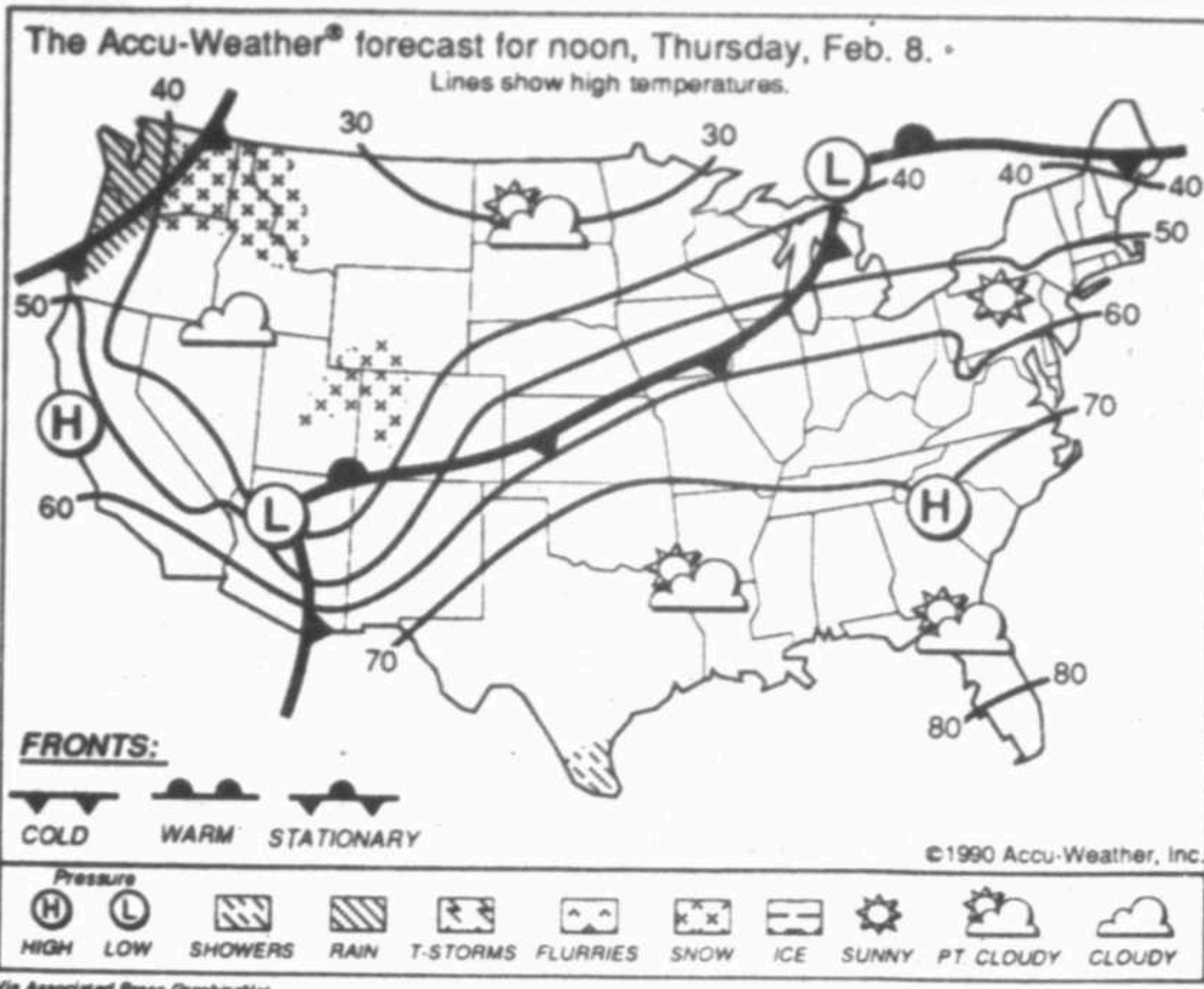
In an attempt to raise interest in joint ventures between Texas and Ontario businesses, Peter McDonald,

director of the Southwestern U.S. Trade Area for Ontario's Ministry of Industry, Trade and Technology, visited Odessa to discuss what the province needed and what it had to offer.

"Our goal is to chat with manufacturers and see if they're willing to license their technology or enter into a joint venture and export it to Canada, or see if there's Canadian technology they could use to expand or add a new product," he explained at an "Industrial Trade Luncheon" attended by Midland and Odessa Chamber of Commerce officials and

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Mild temperatures expected

From Staff and Wire Reports

Fair skies and mild temperatures are in the forecast for tonight, according to the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport, with the low in the lower 40s and winds from the southwest at 5-10 mph.

Thursday is expected to be fair and continued mild with the low in the lower 70s and winds from the southwest at 10-20 mph.

Tuesday's high of 70 was 13 degrees cooler than the record high of 83 set for this date in 1950. The overnight low of 34 was 32 degrees warmer than the record low of two degrees set for this date in 1933.

STATE

A dense fog advisory was in effect early today along the upper Texas coast and in Southeast Texas.

Visibility was reduced to as low as one-eighth of a mile in some areas. Dense fog in the Houston area late Tuesday caused officials to divert several flights from both Intercontinental Airport and Hobby Airport to Austin.

"The fog came in quick and won't let up until dawn," city aviation department spokesman Marvin Brown said. "Flights will be held at their point of departure or canceled. We don't want to divert too many."

Departing flights were able to take off, he said.

Forecasts called for mostly cloudy skies over southern and southeastern sections of the state tonight with a chance of dense fog and light rain. It will be fair to partly cloudy over the rest of the state.

The chance of rain continues in South Texas Thursday and there is a chance of showers in eastern portions of North Texas. It will be partly cloudy elsewhere.

Lows tonight will be mostly in the 50s, ranging from the 40s in the Panhandle to the 60s in extreme South Texas.

Highs Thursday will be in the 60s and 70s statewide.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

Tonight: Fair, low in the lower 40s, southwesterly winds 5-10 mph. Thursday: Fair, high in the lower 70s, southwesterly winds 10-20 mph.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High: 70 degrees

Overnight Low: 34 degrees

Sunrise today: 6:28 a.m.

Sunrise tomorrow: 7:37 a.m.

Precipitation: 0.4 inches

Leak 24 hours: 0.4 inches

This month to date: 25 inches

Year to date: 25 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

Time	Temp	Wind	Dir
6 a.m.	37	6 p.m.	66
7 a.m.	37	7 p.m.	67
8 a.m.	37	8 p.m.	67
9 a.m.	44	9 p.m.	67
10 a.m.	52	10 p.m.	67
11 a.m.	59	11 p.m.	67
noon	63	midnight	67
1 p.m.	66	1 a.m.	67
2 p.m.	68	2 a.m.	67
3 p.m.	69	3 a.m.	67
4 p.m.	70	4 a.m.	67
5 p.m.	69	5 a.m.	67

Texas temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Arlington	69	43	
Alice	74	56	
Amarillo	61	28	
Austin	73	49	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	73	49	05
Beeville	74	59	
Brownsville	70	63	03
Bryan-College Station	71	45	
Childress	68	35	
Corpus Christi	73	57	
Cotulla	73	53	
Dallhart	61	27	
Dallas Love Field	65	42	
Del Rio	71	46	
El Paso	63	28	
Fort Worth	65	37	
Galveston	63	58	02
Hondo	73	48	
Houston Hobby Airpor	67	57	03
Junction	70	33	
Kingsville	74	57	
Laredo	77	58	
Lubbock	70	42	
Lufkin	67	32	
Marfa	63	17	
McAllen	70	61	
Midland-Odessa	70	36	
Mineral Wells	66	30	
Palacios	68	55	
San Angelo	71	33	
San Antonio	74	47	
Stephenville	66	33	
Texasark, Ark.	69	42	
Victoria	71	33	
Waco	71	38	
Wichita Falls	62	34	
Wink	69	24	

Weather elsewhere

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Dir
Albany, N.Y.	41	26		clr
Albuquerque	51	27		clr
Anchorage	23	22	01	clr
Atlanta	66	53		clr
Atlantic City	59	30		clr
Baltimore	62	39		clr
Boise	38	20	05	an
Boston	45	28		clr
Buffalo	39	30		clr
Casper	47	32		clr
Charleston, S.C.	58	36		clr
Chicago	46	33	02	clr
Cincinnati	58	44	26	clr
Dayton	50	43	13	clr
Denver	55	25		clr
Detroit	45	34		clr
Flagstaff	45	15		an
Grand Rapids	45	32		clr
Great Falls	40	20		clr
Honolulu	81	70	02	clr
Indianapolis	50	41	11	clr
Jackson, Miss.	60	47	01	clr
Kansas City	46	32	15	clr
Las Vegas	60	44		clr
Little Rock	60	44		clr
Los Angeles	64	47		clr
Louisville	60	45	13	clr
Memphis	57	43		clr
Minneapolis	39	31		clr
Mobile	60	35		clr
Mpls-St. Paul	59	50	08	clr
Nashville	61	58	75	clr
New Orleans	64	41		clr
New York City	60	36		clr
Oklahoma City	46	26		clr
Omaha	59	35		clr
Philadelphia	69	46		clr
Phoenix	58	40		clr
Pittsburgh	42	18	01	clr
Reno	65	45	03	clr
Richmond	50	35	07	clr
St. Louis	44	26	02	clr
Salt Lake City	62	46		clr
San Diego	58	42	06	clr
San Francisco	73	39		clr
Shreveport	45	23		clr
Sioux Falls	34	23		an
Spokane	77	57		clr
Tampa-St. Pabg	60	30	19	clr
Topaka	71	38		clr
Tucson	59	34		clr
Tulsa	60	43	04	clr
Washington, D.C.	60	43		clr

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Sunny and warm through Thursday. Clear tonight. Highs Thursday from near 70 to the mid 70s. Lows tonight mainly in the 40s.

North Texas: Partly cloudy and mild tonight. Mostly cloudy Thursday with a slight chance of thunderstorms central and east. Lows tonight 45 to 52. Highs Thursday 71 to 74.

South Texas: Mostly cloudy Lower Rio Grande Valley. Coastal plains and Southeast Texas through Thursday with dense night and morning fog. Intermittent light rain or drizzle mainly coastal plains. Considerable late night and morning cloudiness and dense fog mainly south central.

Baker arrives in Moscow for talks

MOSCOW (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III arrived in Moscow today for talks with Soviet leadership on changes in Eastern Europe, arms control, and the forthcoming superpower summit in Washington.

Baker arrived at Moscow's Sheremetyevo I airport as the Soviet Communist Party was finishing a key three-day meeting at which it agreed to abolish its constitutional guarantee of political power. He was greeted by First Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh, the Tass news agency said.

He was to head straight to a Foreign Ministry guest house to begin talks with Soviet Foreign Minister

Eduard A. Shevardnadze. His schedule called for a meeting with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev on Friday and an appearance before a Soviet parliamentary commission before leaving Moscow on Saturday.

Tass said his discussions would touch on "questions of a military-political character, connected with completing work this year on an agreement to cut strategic attack weapons of the United States and Soviet Union by 50 percent."

Baker arrived in the Soviet capital from Prague, Czechoslovakia, where he said in a speech that the United States wants leaders at a proposed 35-nation summit meeting this year to enshrine free elections as a funda-

mental human right.

Baker said the United States, the Soviet Union, Canada and the 32 countries of Europe also should join in sending observers to monitor upcoming balloting in Warsaw Pact countries "to ensure that people power elections of 1990 genuinely represent the will of the people."

"Let me be clear," he said in a speech at Charles University in Prague. "The peaceful transition to democracy now under way in Central and Eastern Europe will not tolerate rear guard maneuvers from any quarter."

Before the speech, Baker went to Wenceslas Square, the city's commercial center, and placed a wreath

at the statue of King Wenceslas, the monarch who brought Christianity to Bohemia.

A crowd of a few hundred watched the ceremony quietly. Nearby is a circular flower bed, which has been turned into a shrine to honor the student martyr Jan Palach, a victim of the Soviet suppression of the 1968 "Prague Spring" uprising.

Baker delivered the speech in Magna Aluh, the ceremonial Great Hall of the university, after entering in a processional with gowned deans and professors.

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complaints about "Gerald" last year that it canceled the program with three months left on the contract.

"The opposition we were receiving on the show was tremendous. 'Gerald' really raised a stink here," Ulrich said.

KNSD in San Diego took "Gerald" off the air two weeks ago because advertisers withdrew, complaining about the show's content, said station controller Jay Belbey.

"We are considering moving it to a different time period," Belbey said. Mrs. Beams in Fort Worth started her campaign against "Gerald" after seeing a show in which Rivera interviewed guests about bestiality.

"He asked them if they had had sex with animals," she said. "I turned it off."

Other shows that raised viewers' ire include:

- "Men in Lace Panties"
- "Kids Who Murder in the Name of Satan"
- "When the Other Woman is a Man"

- "Kiddie Porn Underground"

"I don't think it's wrong that some of these issues are addressed," said Ulrich. "But it's the way 'Gerald' exploited them. Phil Donahue could cover them and you wouldn't get the same complaints. Gerald's problem lies in his exaggeration and

sensationalism."

Last month at the National Association of Television Program Executives convention in New Orleans, Rivera and his producers courted program directors with promises of a changed "Gerald."

Executive producer Martin M. Berman said the show "went a little wild" during the November 1989 ratings period when it was competing for viewers against "The Oprah Winfrey Show" in 125 markets.

"We were pandering, and I'm changing to preserve my own reputation," Rivera recently told Electronic Media, an industry publication.

Erdel said that "in order to get back on track, Gerald has pledged that through the '90s, (his) programs ... will be addressing more substantive issues."

"He's started doing that already," Erdel said, pointing to Thursday's show about migrant farm workers. He said stations are showing "very strong support" and advertisers are coming back.

Rivera is "very serious about this," Erdel said.

"That's all fine," said Ulrich in Rochester, N.Y., station. "But I think he's going to have a hard time getting program directors and station managers and viewers to believe 'Gerald' is going to be any different."

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the date of the next party Congress from October to no later than July, Radio Moscow said. The Congress, the most powerful party body, is the only group that has the right to choose a new Central Committee.

The Central Committee, the party's policy-making body, is considered by reformers to be the main bastion of hard-liners wary of Gorbachev's reform program, and the Congress offers Gorbachev the last step in a long struggle to reform the committee to his liking.

Sources inside the Central Committee meeting said the committee would recommend to the Supreme Soviet parliament that it delete Article 6. The Supreme Soviet could take up the issue at its meeting next week.

Final authority rests with the Supreme Soviet's parent legislative body, the Congress of People's Deputies. At its last meeting in December, the Congress of People's Deputies heeded Gorbachev's plea and blocked an effort by reformers to strike Article 6.

But since then, Gorbachev said it would be "no tragedy" if a multiparty system develops in the Soviet Union. He told the Central Committee on Monday that rather than relying on constitutional guarantees, the

party must prove its worthiness to govern.

The Central Committee, which had been scheduled to meet only two days, continued to consider how to deal with the breakaway party in Lithuania, which split from the national Communist Party in December.

When Gorbachev extended the committee session late Tuesday, he told the Central Committee he wanted its work done by mid-afternoon, but the group was unable to meet that deadline.

Gorbachev and his advisers were turning their attention after the Central Committee meeting to talks with U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker III, who arrived today in Moscow.

Most speakers during debate Tuesday agreed the Communists must end their political monopoly, but Gorbachev's plans for the party's future — and his tenure itself — drew harsh criticism from hard-liners.

Yegor K. Ligachev, a leading orthodox Politburo member, was warmly applauded Tuesday for a speech that blamed Gorbachev's reform program for the country's dire economic situation and nationalist upheavals, a committee source said.

Shevardnadze rejected assertions that Gorbachev's liberalization was to blame for the ouster of Communist regimes in Eastern Europe.

CITY

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been meeting at Hollowell Baptist Church.

Poe said he hopes councilmen approve issuing the certificates by April, with construction on the southeast center getting under way by the fall.

In other project possibilities, about \$1 million in certificates money could be used to finish remodeling the 601 N. Lorraine Street center, which will house the Midland Police Department and enhanced 911 dispatchers.

Some city civil defense employees and Midland police detectives and communication officials have already moved into offices at the center.

The rest of the police department should be moved in sometime in 1992, officials have said. The enhanced 911 system is expected to go on line March 3.

Poe said another project under study is a \$500,000 animal shelter. City administrators and councilmen continue to debate where to build it.

The current Midland Animal Control Center, 1601 Orchard Lane, is run down and plagued by parasites and gases which seep up from an old landfill.

A fourth possibility for certificates revenues could be a \$750,000 municipal garage, Poe said. The garage would store vehicles and equipment for the city's street, garbage, sewer and other departments, he said.

"I don't know if we're even going to do this one," he added.

Poe said the certificates would be issued in lieu of bonds, which would require voter approval.

To pursue the certificates, city councilmen would have to pass a res-

olution, which they are not expected to do today, Poe said.

Should councilmen pass it, the public has 30 days to file a petition for an election. Some 5 percent of all qualified voters in the city must sign a petition to get the certificates proposal on the ballot.

The certificates would be bought by a bank, insurance company or other large business.

It has been more than eight years since the city issued certificates of obligation. The bid for them was awarded to what is now known as NCNB.

Poe said city administrators prefer the certificates because a relatively low amount of revenues are needed.

"If you're going to go more than \$2 million, you would be better off going through a bond issue," he said. The short-term debt with certificates would be paid off within seven

years, he said.

Councilman Jose Cuevas said certificates are the best way of funding the proposed projects.

"I don't like us to keep getting money out of surplus," Cuevas said. "There comes a time when cities, businesses and corporations borrow money."

He said the senior citizens center on the southeast side would be an ideal use for the money.

"They've wanted a complex of their own for so long," Cuevas said. "There's talk of putting them off another year, and I think that's bad."

Councilman J.D. Faircloth also listed the center as a priority, with the animal shelter running a distant second.

"The other projects could be deferred," Faircloth said. "The southeast senior citizens center will be built one way or another."

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Parent Judy Bazile agreed. "Selection of the westside site would be the most economical, resulting in money saved that could be put back into our children," she said.

John W. McAfee, Pease Elementary School principal, said no money would be saved by choosing a west-side site.

"We're talking about bond money," he said. "We're not talking about money that's already in the budget. There is no savings there, none whatsoever."

Elvia Hernandez, Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce executive director, said the school should be placed on the east side regardless of cost.

"Money shouldn't be an object when it comes to the education of children," she said.

Westside parent Martha Manulik said she was afraid the board would place the school in east Midland for fear of being branded racists.

"If you make a decision that doesn't pick the east side, will that automatically be a 'color' decision?" she asked. "Whatever we do, we need to do as a community ... and stop dividing the community down the middle."

USDA school courses range from Swahili to bird watching

WASHINGTON (AP) — There are no ivy-covered walls or homecoming queens for the 40,000 students who attend a popular but largely invisible college here that the Agriculture Department has been running quietly for nearly 70 years.

"One of the big jokes I've heard is that our football team has never lost a game," says Dr. Philip Hudson, director of the USDA Graduate School, the only government educational institution of its kind in the country.

Its longstanding affiliation with the Agriculture Department can be misleading. You won't find farmers attending classes in bib overalls to learn about growing a prize-winning squash or building a state-of-the-art tool shed.

Instead, the Graduate School of

fers low-cost adult education classes to anyone over 18 who walks in the door, with instruction in 1,000 courses ranging from computer sciences to bird-watching.

Many of the students are federal bureaucrats who want to expand their job skills to qualify for promotion to higher-paying positions, but the school also attracts a fair share of Washington suburbanites who want to pursue a spare-time hobby.

The Graduate School was established in 1921 by former Agriculture Secretary Henry C. Wallace to provide after-hours graduate training for the department's research scientists, many of whom were quitting for more lucrative jobs in private industry.

Since 176 students showed up for

the first day of classes in science, economics and statistics on Oct. 17, 1921, in the Agriculture Department building on the Mall, the Graduate School has produced a million or so alumni.

Most of them are anonymous toilers in the government bureaucracy, but one of the most famous is Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White.

As a young Navy officer assigned to temporary duty in Washington in 1945, White got his first exposure to the legal profession when he took a Graduate School course in administrative law. He later entered Yale Law School.

In the early 1960s, when White was a deputy attorney general in the Kennedy administration, he returned to the Graduate School to

take a "reading improvement" course. He recalls that it was "quite good" and urged his Justice Department colleagues to enroll.

The school's international division was used to provide training in public administration for officials from the Belgian Congo (now Zaire) when that African country achieved independence in 1960. Next April, courtesy of the U.S. Information Agency, a dozen judges from the Soviet Union will arrive for Graduate School classes on the American legal system.

The curriculum offers something for nearly every taste. It is heavy on advanced technical courses but includes such exotic fare as introductory Swahili, the German novella, mushroom cultivation and assertiveness training for men and women.

Instruction is offered in daytime seminars, correspondence courses and evening and weekend sessions in rented classroom space around the city. Students attend lectures in scattered government buildings, local high schools, a private office building, the National Arboretum and the National Audubon Society's wooded estate in suburban Maryland.

The faculty consists of 700 part-time teachers, many of them retired government officials, private professionals and professors from local colleges and universities. Two-thirds of the students already have bachelor's degrees or better, but there are no minimum education requirements for enrollment.

The Graduate School is a non-profit

entity, \$10 million-a-year enterprise that doesn't receive a penny in government funds. It is supported entirely by tuition fees, which average \$150 for the equivalent of a two-credit college semester course.

"It's a bargain," says Hudson, 47, who has been director of the Graduate School since 1985.

Although the school doesn't grant degrees, credits earned in 275 of its 1,000 courses have been recommended by the American Council on Education for transfer.

Hudson says the Graduate School probably will never have an ivy-walled campus of its own.

"We very much want to operate as a college without walls, and to be out there where the customers live and work," he said.

Statisticians want to adjust Census figures

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID

WASHINGTON (AP) — After the forms are filled in and the computers are whirring away, the time will come for one of the most controversial political decisions ever for the U.S. Census — whether to adjust the results to make up for undercounting in some areas.

None of the 20 prior U.S. censuses has managed to count everybody and no one expects this national head count to be perfect either.

But this year, for the first time, some statisticians believe they can significantly improve the results by adjusting the final numbers.

And since the final figures are used to distribute billions of dollars in federal funds — and seats in the House of Representatives — forces on both sides of the issue are already at war.

A Census Bureau analysis estimated that the 1980 national head count missed more than 3 million people, or 1.4 percent of the population.

It wouldn't make much difference if that were spread out evenly, but it isn't. Minorities and poor people living in large cities are missed more often than others.

It's harder to count Hispanics too, especially those who are here illegally.

Men are missed more often than women; young people more than the elderly; and overall, young black men are missed most often.

New York and a group of other large cities, contending the undercount cheated them of money and representation, sued for an adjustment in the 1980 census. The government responded that it was unable to improve the count, and the courts rejected the suit.

But in the meantime, statisticians worked out methods they believe can make the necessary adjustments and improve the census. Their plan would use an extensive post-census survey in selected areas to check on how many people were missed.

By comparing that survey with the census for the same regions they could estimate the undercount. The estimate then could be used to adjust the figures for all similar areas. Enough surveys would allow adjustment of the whole census, statisticians contend.

But in 1987, the Commerce Department announced there would be no adjustment in 1990. Department officials contended the methods were not proven and that changing the numbers would shake public confidence in the figures.

Since the blacks and other minorities most often missed are mostly Democrats, there was an outcry that the decision was a crass political move by the Reagan administration.

Barbara A. Baller, a top Census official, resigned over the action, saying the Census bureau hadn't been consulted by the Commerce Department.

And New York City, New York state, California, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Dade County, Fla., and several civil rights groups filed another lawsuit.

That one was settled with an agreement that the government would reconsider adjustment and would publish criteria for deciding whether to adjust the figures.

The final decision on adjustment is to be made by July 15, 1991 — 15 months after the April 1 official count.

But those backing an adjustment say the decision has already been made.

The guidelines suggest changing the count only if it can be shown that the results would be more accurate on both a national and local level, and discourage adjustment if it would result in confusion, disrupt the political process or undermine public confidence in the census numbers.

The proposed guidelines "so stack the deck against the possibility of correction that their adoption will be tantamount to a decision not to correct the differential undercount," charged New York Attorney General Robert Abrams.

Michael R. Darby, Commerce undersecretary for economic affairs, said the department hopes to take such an accurate census that adjustment won't be needed. But if adjustment has to be considered, he said, the guidelines are still under development and can be modified.

Observed Rep. William R. Thomas, R-Calif.: "The census is a political act and there are winners and losers. The losers say 'count differently,' and the winners say 'leave it alone.'"

Meanwhile, the Census Bureau says it is hiring 315,000 temporary workers, in addition to its usual staff, to track down people who don't mail back the census forms they will receive in late March.

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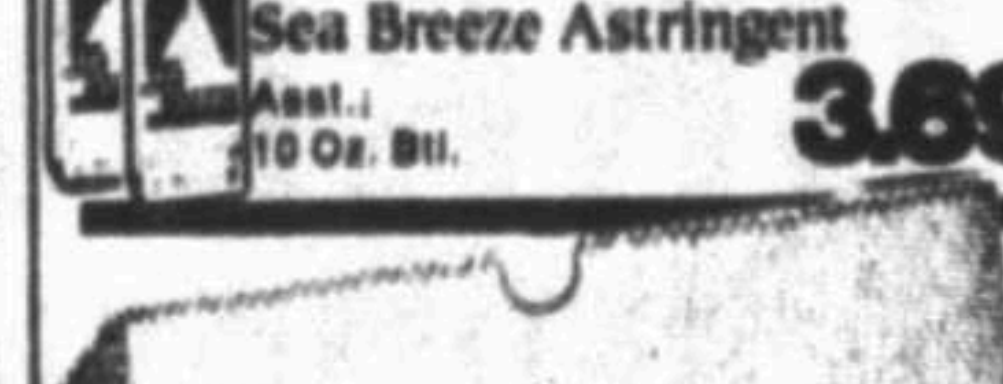
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Police officers stand outside the front door to the Selma City Hall Tuesday as high school students protesting fired black school Superintendent Norward Roussell pay the steps to the building. The students are, from left, Latrell Johnson, Delta Hardy and Delrah Willis. Classes at two schools were dismissed Tuesday because of racial tensions.

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Black superintendent reinstated in Selma

SELMA, Ala. (AP) — The school board reinstated a black superintendent and closed the schools today to ease racial turmoil that raised discordant echoes from this 1960s battleground of the civil rights movement.

With the 25th anniversary of the Selma-to-Montgomery voting rights march only a month away, white officials appeared close to bowing to the key demands of black protesters.

The six white members of the Selma Board of Education reinstated the city's first black school superintendent, Norward Roussell, and urged the five black board members who had quit over Roussell's treatment to return.

Roussell said he was not surprised by his reinstatement, saying he "did not understand the board's decision to relieve me of my duties."

The board closed all 11 schools in the 6,000-student system, which is 70 percent black. They will not reopen until racial tensions subside and the threat of schoolhouse violence ends, the board said.

The board's decision late Tuesday capped weeks of protests and periodic school boycotts.

"Selma is a magic name for demonstrations," said Mayor Joe Smitherman, who has served all but one term as mayor since 1994. "This is almost like a beginning of a re-enactment of the '60s — a real re-enactment."

"I hope it doesn't get to that," he said.

The five black school board members quit in December after the board, in a vote split along racial lines, decided not to renew Roussell's \$60,000-a-year contract in June. Supporters claimed Roussell was removed because of race and not because of a lack of managerial skills, as his detractors said.

Last week, the white members of the board voted to remove Roussell immediately, and installed the Rev. F.D. Reese, the black principal of Selma High School, as interim superintendent.

The decision to reinstate Roussell meant Reese would lose his new job, but Reese said he accepted the decision.

Reese called for the orderly dismissal of classes Tuesday after reports of fighting at 1,500-student Selma High, the system's only public high school, which is about two-thirds black.

"We could certainly see and feel the level of tensions among the students," Reese said. Police were called but there were no arrests.

Dozens of the black students joined in demonstrations outside City Hall, carrying signs saying "Smitherman Must Go" and singing civil rights songs.

Monday, four black protesters were arrested on misdemeanor charges in a melee in the mayor's office.

One of the four, Rose Sanders, was taken to a hospital with an apparent neck or back injury and was listed in stable condition. Her husband, state Sen. Hank Sanders, a Democrat, said she was in pain but indicated the injury was not critical.

5th Circuit rules against Mississippi

Segregation still 'permeates' universities, court says

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A federal appeals court ruled that vestiges of segregation "permeates" Mississippi's public universities 15 years after a lawsuit was filed to change the system.

The 2-1 decision by a 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel in New Orleans overturned a lower court ruling in a lawsuit by blacks over policies at Mississippi's five historically white and three historically black universities.

"The badge of inferiority that marks black institutions has not been removed," judges Irving Goldberg and Sam D. Johnson wrote in the decision released Tuesday. "As such, there remains in Mississippi's higher educational system vestiges of discrimination which distort the perceptions of black students."

Unfortunately, they wrote, "this case lingered, loitered and lulled for more than a decade" without adequate changes.

Hours after the ruling, state leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People appealed to students and administrators of traditionally white-dominated schools to be more accepting of black students.

"Racism is America's Number 1 problem. This ruling about Mississippi

"The willingness of the black communities to adapt to their (white) presence is more than the whites are willing to accommodate blacks."

— State NAACP President Aaron Henry

gives a true portrait of Mississippi, but in any other state the ruling could have been the same," said state NAACP president Aaron Henry.

He said whites had not worked as hard as blacks in the desegregation effort that began when a court ordered the University of Mississippi to enroll James Meredith, its first black student, in 1962.

"The willingness of the black communities to adapt to their (white) presence is more than the whites are willing to accommodate blacks," Henry said.

In his dissent, Judge John Duhe said Mississippi had fulfilled its legal obligation to open its universities to all students, regardless of race.

"The majority, relying on district and other circuit court decisions, has imposed upon the state the same constitutional duty required for primary and secondary education,

where freedom of choice is unavailable and services are free of charge."

The State College Board can ask the panel to reconsider the ruling, or can request an opinion of the full 15-member court.

Board attorney Bill Goodman said he would withhold comment until after the ruling is reconsidered.

Aubrey Lucas, president of University of Southern Mississippi, said: "My first reaction was one of regret that we were unable to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the courts some very significant progress has been made."

Historically white Southern Mississippi, Delta State, Mississippi State, Mississippi University for Women, and the University of Mississippi enjoy distinct advantages over historically black Alcorn State, Jackson State and Mississippi Valley State universities, the panel ruled.

"Vestiges of de jure segregation permeate the public university system of Mississippi," the majority decision said. "Admissions policies, the racial composition of the faculty and administration, funding practices, academic offerings and mission designations all perpetuate a stigma of inferiority."

More than 99 percent of the state's 26,953 white college students were enrolled in historically white institutions during the 1985-86 school year, while 71 percent of 12,826 black students were enrolled in historically black schools, the court said.

Mississippi spent an average \$1,351 in 1980 and \$8,516 in 1986 per student enrolled at historically white institutions. The average at historically black schools was \$718 in 1980 and \$6,038 in 1986, the court said.

The lawsuit was filed in 1975 by Jake Ayers of Glen Allen on behalf of his son, Jake Ayers Jr., a high school student, and 30 other black students.

The elder Ayers has died and his son, now 32, moved to Oklahoma after dropping out of junior college to join the Air Force. His mother, Lillian Ayers, said she has another son who will graduate from high school this year.

Arizona's English-only law thrown out by judge

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona's voter-approved "Official English" law is kaput. Finis. Terminado.

U.S. District Court Judge Paul Rosenblatt threw out the law on free speech grounds Tuesday, and Gov. Rose Mofford — the only person with legal standing to appeal — said she would let the ruling stand.

"I am happy the courts ruled it unconstitutional," Mrs. Mofford said in a brief statement. She said she considered the law, which made English the state's official language, "flawed from the beginning."

Backers of the measure said the Democratic governor should appeal the decision, noting a state court had upheld the measure's constitutionality last year and because similar laws in 16 other states had been allowed to stand.

Republican state Attorney General Bob Corbin said he believed any ruling that changes the state's constitution should be appealed as high as possible, but he said he would abide by Mrs. Mofford's decision.

The initiative, approved 580,890-569,993 in the 1988 election, required state and county governments to conduct all business in English, with certain exceptions in education, public health and safety, the justice system and federal election law.

The judge said the amendment would have forced lawmakers, officials and judges "to either violate their sworn oaths to obey the state constitution ... or to curtail their free speech rights" in such cases as talking with foreign-speaking constituents and performing marriage ceremonies.

He said the amendment was "substantially overbroad" and "invalid on its face in violation of the First Amendment" of the U.S. Constitu-

tion. The ruling came on a lawsuit by Maria-Kelly Yniguez, a state Department of Administration employee, and state Sen. Jaime Gutierrez, a Democrat.

Ms. Yniguez, who evaluates and arbitrates medical malpractice claims, said the law inhibited her constitutional right to free speech and threatened her job if she used Spanish while speaking with co-workers.

Gutierrez, who represents a partially Hispanic district in Tucson, said the law could block him from communicating effectively with constituents.

Rosenblatt dismissed Gutierrez from the case on technical grounds but said Yniguez was justified in her concerns.

"I'm just very happy," Gutierrez said. "If you can write that I'm jumping up and down, that's just what I'm doing."

"I thought it was a longshot," he added. "It took a lot of courage on the part of the judge. I hope the decision can be used nationwide, but we'll just fight the battles one at a time."

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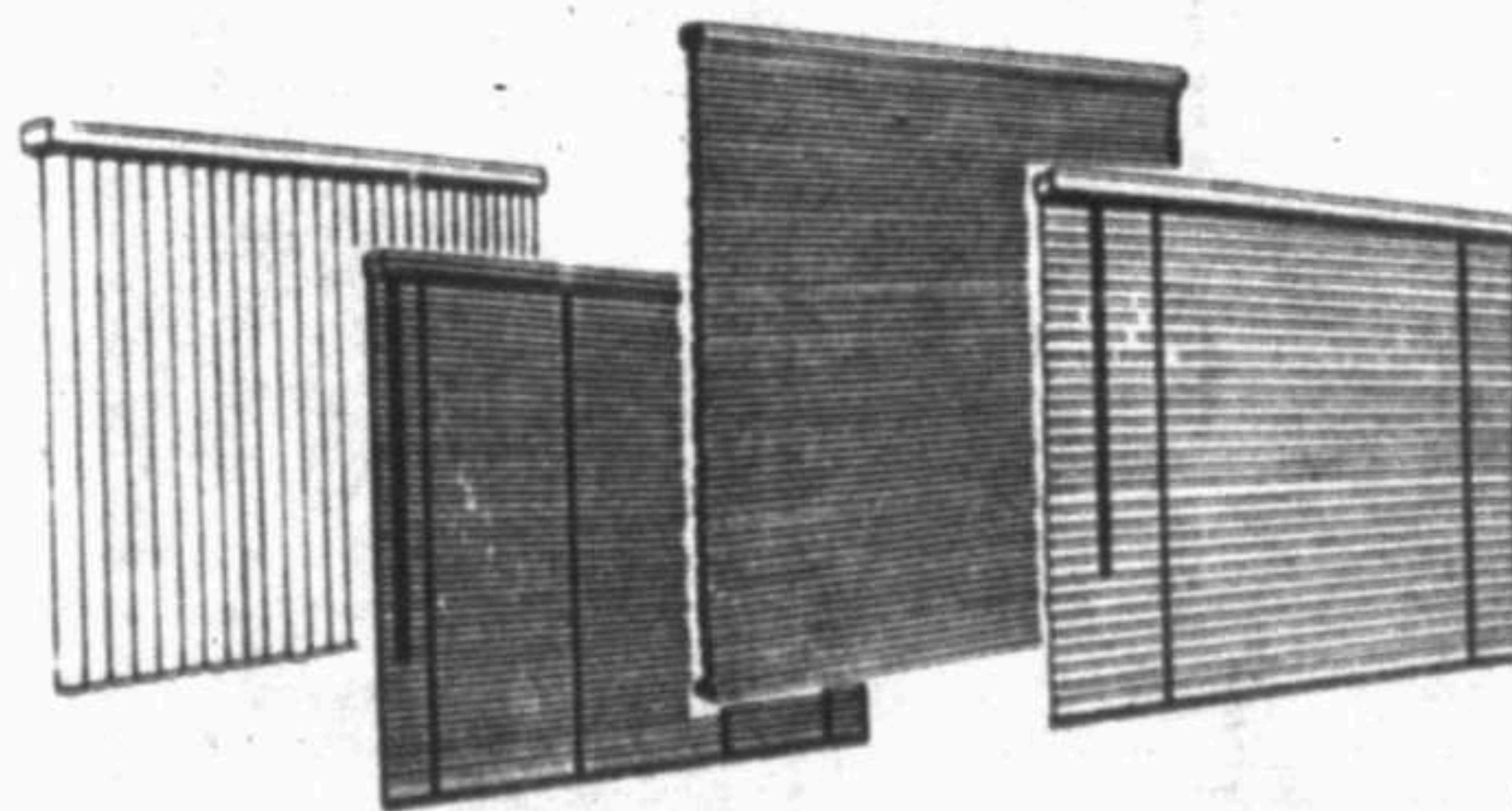
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'Motor voter bill' cruises to easy victory fueled by Eastern Europe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Democrats are raising hopes of democratic reforms in Eastern Europe and the U.S. civil rights movement to pressure President Bush into backing a House-passed bill easing voter registration.

Over the objections of the White House and some other top Republicans, the House approved the legislation 289-132 Tuesday and sent the measure to the Senate. Sixty-one of the chamber's 175 Republicans broke with party leaders to vote for the proposal.

The so-called "motor voter bill" requires states to include voting registration forms with drivers' license applications and to establish procedures to sign up voters by mail and at numerous government offices. It would take effect in January 1993.

States would have to search voting lists at least once every four years for people who have moved or have registered fraudulently. The federal government would provide up to \$50 million to help states pay for the new procedures.

The White House complained last week that the measure, written by Reps. Al Swift, D-Wash., and William Thomas, R-Calif., would allow too much fraud and be too expensive for states. Democrats spent much of Tuesday attempting to capitalize on the administration's opposition.



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House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., noted the bill was being debated "at the very time the leaders of Eastern Europe are trying to bring democracy to their countries."

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., told reporters Democrats and Republicans are "proud and happy" about the political reforms under way in Eastern Europe. If President Bush opposes improvements at home, he said, "I would be interested in knowing why."

Other Democrats drew connections between the legislation and the American civil rights movement.

Arguing the bill would be the broadest extension of voting rights since the 1965 Voting Rights Act, Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga. — a 1960s

civil rights activist — said, "We should not be afraid to open fully the doors of political participation and let the people come in."

The legislators rejected by a 291-129 vote a White House-backed alternative introduced by Rep. Pat Roberts, R-Kan. The measure would have made the bill's new procedures voluntary and provided \$120 million to help states boost their voter registration efforts.

"Our campaigns are too long, they're too expensive, they alienate potential voters," said House Minority Leader Bob Michel, R-Ill. "If you want more people to vote, then we should run more stimulating and competitive campaigns."

The bill is aimed at dwindling voter turnout, which dipped to 50 percent of the 120 million registered voters in the 1988 presidential poll. Experts say about 60 million Americans who are eligible to vote are not registered.

Advocates of the measure believe the "motor voter" section would be particularly effective because 91 percent of the 180 million voting-age Americans have drivers' licenses or motor vehicle department identification cards.

The legislation would apply to every state but North Dakota, which does not require voters to register.

Rape study may end drinking parties, pompom squad

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — A survey that found nearly one woman in six at the University of Illinois had been raped could lead campus authorities to stop performances of the pompom squad and campus drinking parties.

A mandatory briefing on sexual violence for new students also was among the other measures recommended by a task force created to resolve problems raised in the survey released Tuesday.

Vice Chancellor Stanley Levy created the 13-member task force — including students, faculty and com-

munity members — in September, after viewing preliminary results of the survey on rape at the campus, which has an undergraduate enrollment of 25,950.

The survey, conducted last spring, found that 16.4 percent of the 537 women who responded said they had been raped. That is in the same range as two 1985 college studies on the topic — one at the University of South Dakota and another conducted on 32 college campuses.

Another 23 percent said they were victims of sexual abuse, which

meant fondling or touching.

"We're talking about acquaintance rape and men in fraternities or in campus housing who are sexually abusing women," said Laurina Robinson, an associate professor of health who headed the task force.

Sixty-six of the 88 women who reported being raped answered questions about alcohol use. Of them, 80 percent said the men involved in the attacks had been drinking at the time, and 70 percent of the women said they themselves had been drink-

Valdez captain told officers he was 'problem' in oil spill

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Coast Guard officers who boarded the Exxon Valdez as it created the nation's worst oil spill asked Capt. Joseph Hazelwood to explain the problem, and a witness said he replied: "You're looking at it."



Hazelwood

Defense attorney Michael Chalos suggested that Hazelwood's reply referred to the overall situation on the crippled tanker.

But Exxon Valdez chief radio officer Joel Roberson, who related the statement in court Tuesday, disagreed with that interpretation.

"I took it to mean that he meant himself," Roberson said.

Minutes after Hazelwood's interrogation, a Coast Guard commander came to his radio office to use a phone, Roberson said.

"I overheard the commander saying, 'I smelled alcohol on his breath. I want a technician out here,'" Roberson recalled.

Blood tests on Hazelwood taken 10 1/2 hours after the tanker ran aground, showed a blood-alcohol

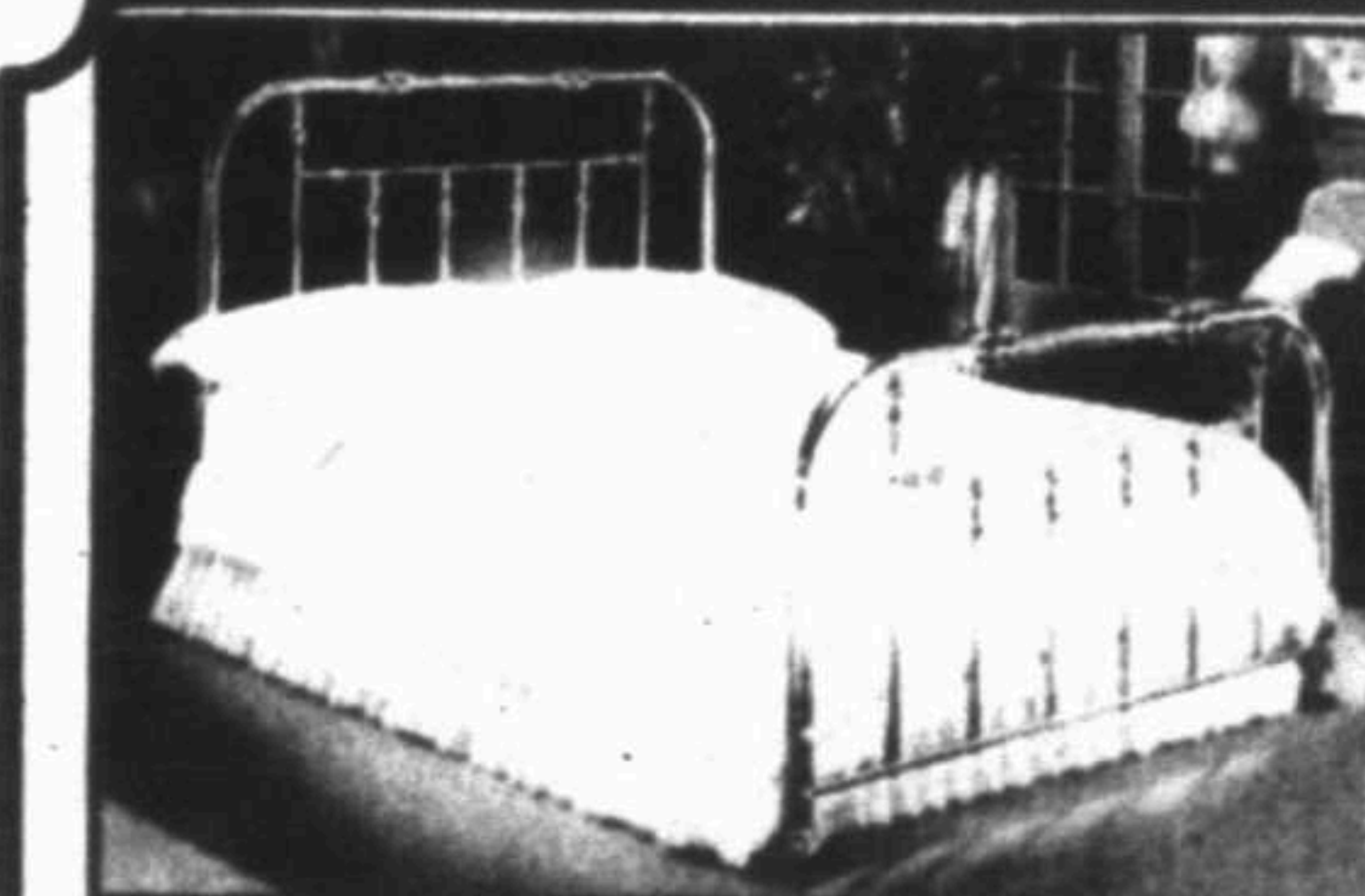
content 0.061 percent, lower than many states' driving 0.1 limit but above the 0.04 federal limit for operating a commercial vessel.

Superior Court Judge Karl Johnstone suggested out of the jury's presence that the prosecution was failing to address a critical issue — whether there was liquor found aboard the Exxon Valdez that night. If no liquor was found, he said, it would mean that Hazelwood's blood-alcohol level might have been much higher earlier in the evening.

The first two days of testimony in Hazelwood's criminal trial have focused on his alcohol consumption in the hours before the ship set out on its doomed journey. Shortly after midnight last March 24, the tanker hit Bligh Reef, spilling more than 10 million gallons of oil into Prince William Sound. The disaster killed thousands of fish, birds and animals and blackened hundreds of miles of shoreline. Exxon has said it spent more than \$2 billion on the cleanup.

Roberson remembered being jolted from his sleep by a rumbling but said he didn't immediately realize the ship had grounded.

"I sensed that it was something very serious," he said. "I noticed vapors enough to make my eyes water. I noticed the ship was listing."



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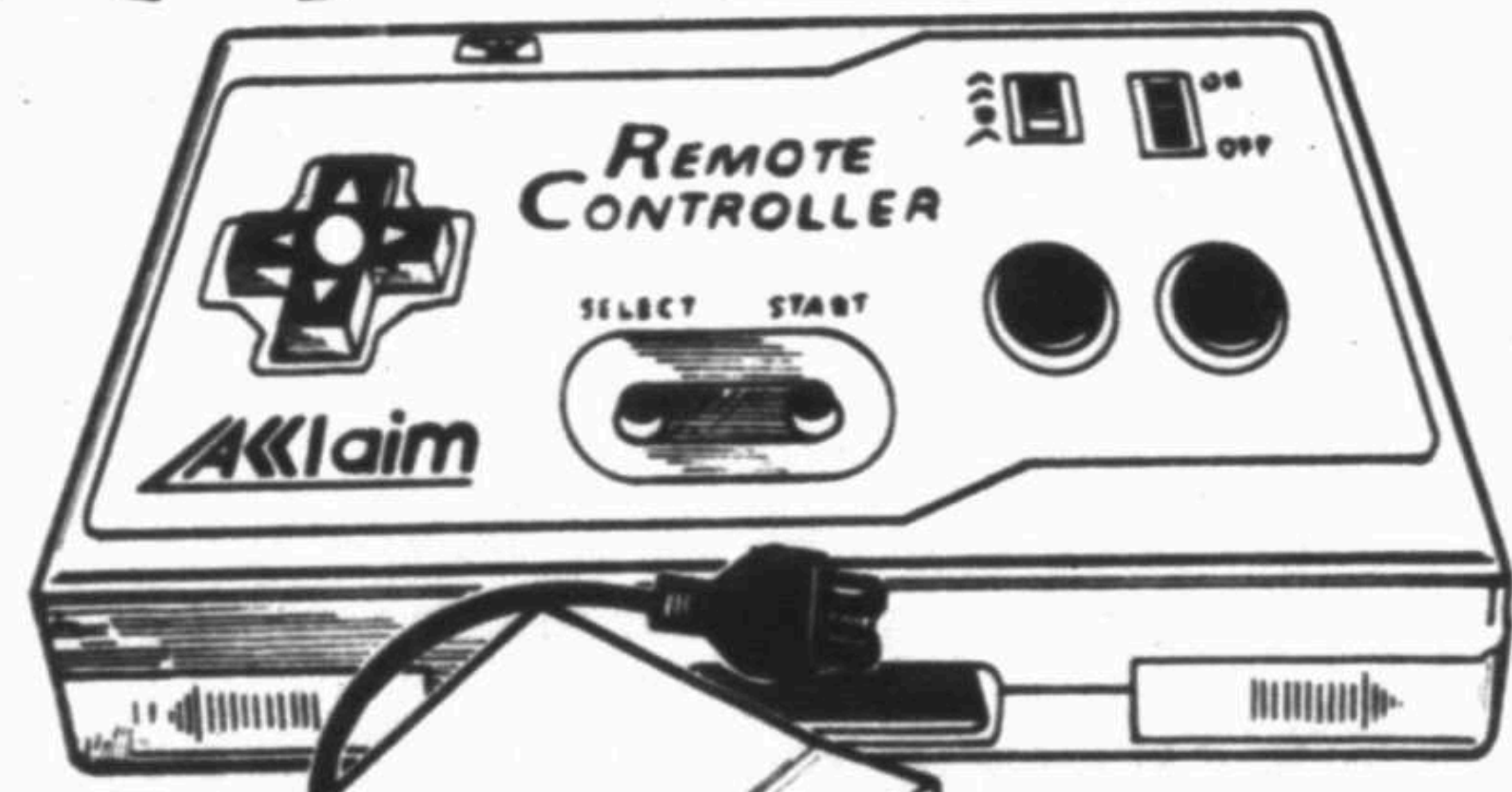
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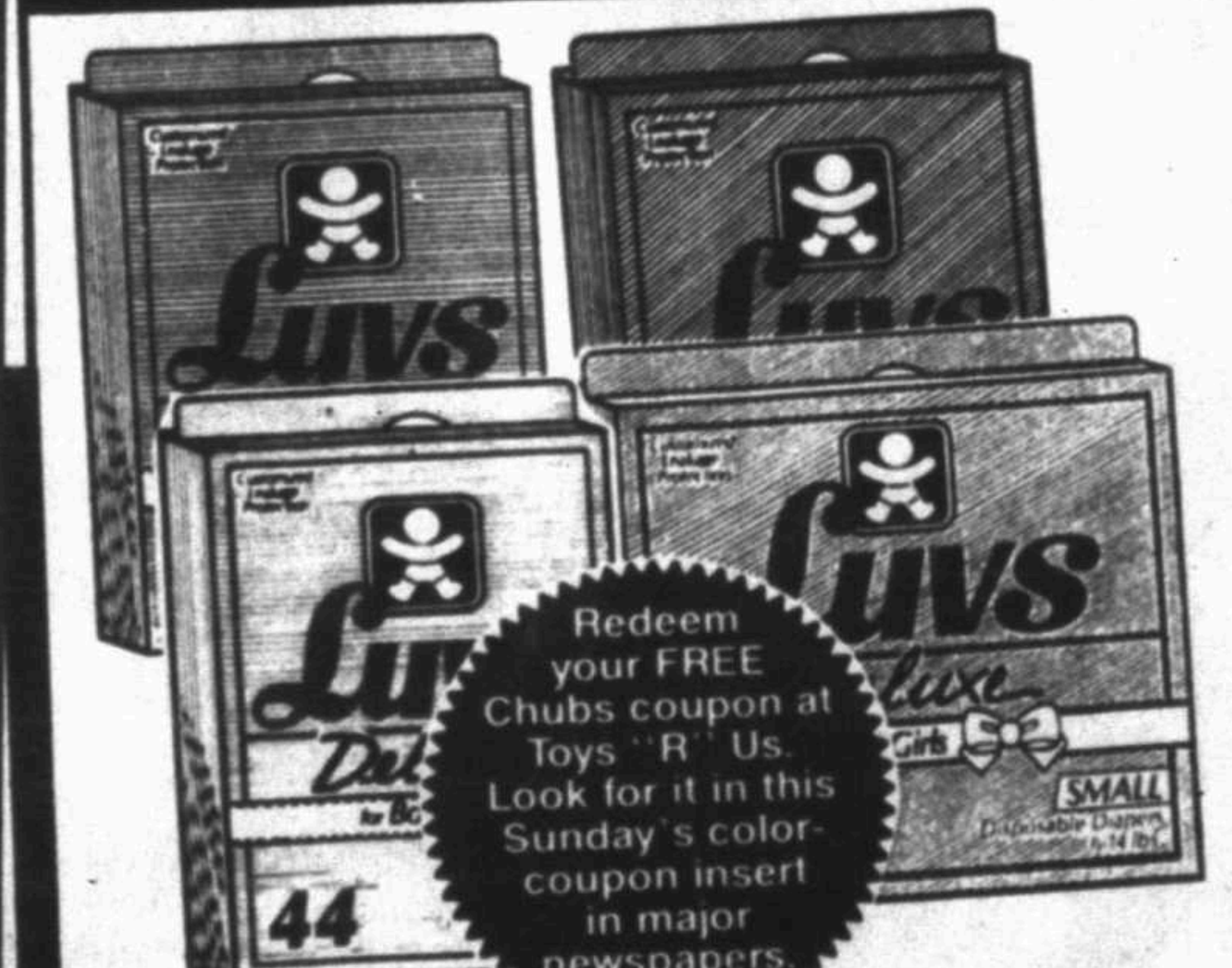
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Former schools chief to operate runaway shelter

NEW YORK (AP) — Covenant House named a former school administrator today to take over the Rev. Bruce Ritter's duties while the founder of the runaway shelter is investigated on suspicion of having sex with teen-agers.

The appointment of former New York City Schools Chancellor Frank Macchiarola as acting president came as the New York Post reported a fourth man has come forward to say he had sex with Ritter when he was a teen-ager.

The Franciscan priest who founded Covenant House and has seen it grow into the nation's largest shelter system for runaways reassured his innocence Tuesday, even as he found himself the subject of new charges.

In a statement, Ritter said he had decided to take several weeks off to rest and recuperate from stress. Later in the day, however, church officials said they had instructed him to relinquish his duties.

Franciscan officials "have directed Father Bruce to begin a period of rest and recuperation without re-

sponsibility for Covenant House until this inquiry is completed," their provincial leader, the Rev. Conall McHugh, said in a statement. A spokesman said he had no idea how long that may be.

Ritter, 62, had not considered stepping down, a spokesman said.

Covenant House said Macchiarola, schools chancellor from 1978 to 1983, would immediately assume Ritter's duties. Macchiarola has served on the Covenant House board for five years.

The events unfolded after The New York Times disclosed the Franciscans' investigation of a former Covenant House client's charges that Ritter had a sexual relationship with him in 1973, when he was 14. Two other former Covenant House clients also have accused Ritter of sexual misconduct.

Ritter, who has campaigned against the sexual exploitation of youngsters, characterized such charges as "garbage," telling the Times he "never, never" had sexual relations with any youth in Covenant House.

"I am profoundly saddened by the allegations against me and the need to deny them constantly," he said in his statement. "I have no way of proving my innocence. My accusers cannot establish my guilt. I devoutly hope the inquiries currently under way will bring an end to this incredibly painful chapter in my life."

In addition to the Franciscan investigation, the district attorney is investigating Covenant House's use of funds and its provision of false identification to at least one youth.

Covenant House conceded Monday it had provided a former male prostitute with a new identity, that of a 10-year-old boy who died in 1980. It admitted acting without the knowledge of the boy's parents, saying it had sought to protect the ex-prostitute, Kevin Kite, from enemies.

It has refused to say how it obtained the documents Kite, now 26, says he was given.

Kite is one of those now making charges against Ritter. In December, the New York Post reported his allegations that he had an eight-month sexual relationship with the priest

beginning a year ago. He said Ritter gave him money, housing and gifts in exchange for sex.

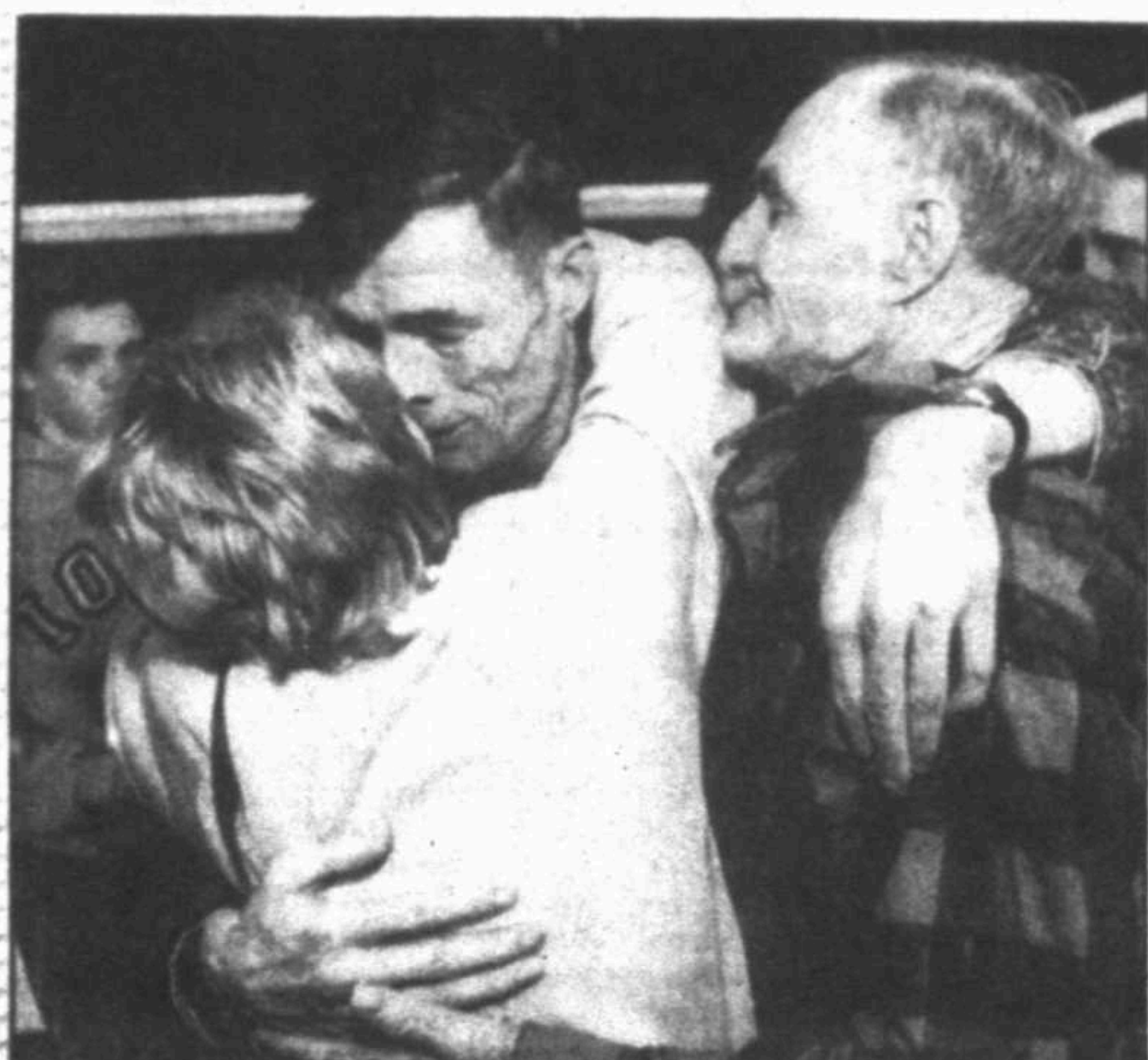
Ritter has denied the charges, and Kite's father stepped forward to describe his son as a chronic liar.

At a Dec. 14 news conference, Ritter warned that "copycats" might make charges similar to Kite's. However, the new accusations from two other men appear to predate the December disclosure.

The Village Voice newspaper reported Jan. 24 that John Melican, now of Seattle, charged in an unpublished interview in 1986 that he had a 13-year sexual relationship with Ritter. Melican repeated the charges to the Times, saying the relationship began when he was 13.

Darryl Bassile, 31, of Ithaca, charged that he had sexual relations with Ritter in 1973, the Times said. It said notes by Bassile's psychotherapist show that he complained about Ritter in April.

Bassile said he complained to the Franciscans after hearing of Kite's charges in December.



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Arnold Kephart, center, hugs his sister Belle and father, Ernest, right, upon returning to Omaha Tuesday for a reunion with his family. The reunion was delayed a week while the Army decided his fate, since he had been absent without leave since 1960. Frankie, Arnold's son, stands in the background at left.

Deserter's return to U.S. ends happily

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (AP) — Former GI Arnold Kephart spent his first evening at home in America in 30 years celebrating after the army decided not to court-martial him for deserting to East Germany in 1960.

"The mood here is happy — quiet and happy," said Kephart's brother-in-law, Arlo Dunbar. "Arnold is just relaxing and visiting."

It was a warm, low-key ending to a saga that began last week, when Kephart was arrested as he arrived in Omaha, Neb., from East Germany. Kephart was granted a less-than-honorable discharge Tuesday at Fort Sill, Okla., and flew back for a tumultuous reunion.

"I've been eating my stomach full," Kephart said Tuesday night. "I can't explain just how happy I am to be back in the United States."

Kephart gathered with his family at the home of Dunbar and Dunbar's wife, Flossie. Kephart's 86-year-old father, Ernest, was among those celebrating his return.

Kephart's 12-year-old son, Frankie, returned with him from East Germany but was left with relatives in the Omaha area while the Army weighed his father's case.

"We've got to give them a few days to get settled, then we've got to start thinking about a school for Frankie," Mrs. Dunbar said.

She said the family had been anticipating Kephart's return since the Berlin Wall came down.

"That was my first thought when I heard the news about the wall — that Arnold would come back," she said.

About 40 relatives, friends and well-wishers greeted Kephart Tuesday as he stepped off the plane from Oklahoma in Omaha.

"I won't ever think about going back to East Germany," he said. "I'm going to Dad's place now, and I'm never going to let him go."

"It's just wonderful," Ernest Kephart said through tears as he hugged his son. "I can't believe it."

Kephart was declared absent without leave in November 1960 while he was a private stationed in Heidelberg, West Germany.

According to Kephart's account, he was driving back to his base from France when his truck crashed. There were three corked bottles of French wine in the truck, he said.

"In the crash, the wine got broke up on our uniforms. The police, they thought that we had been drunk. ... We didn't have one single drink from the wine," Kephart said.

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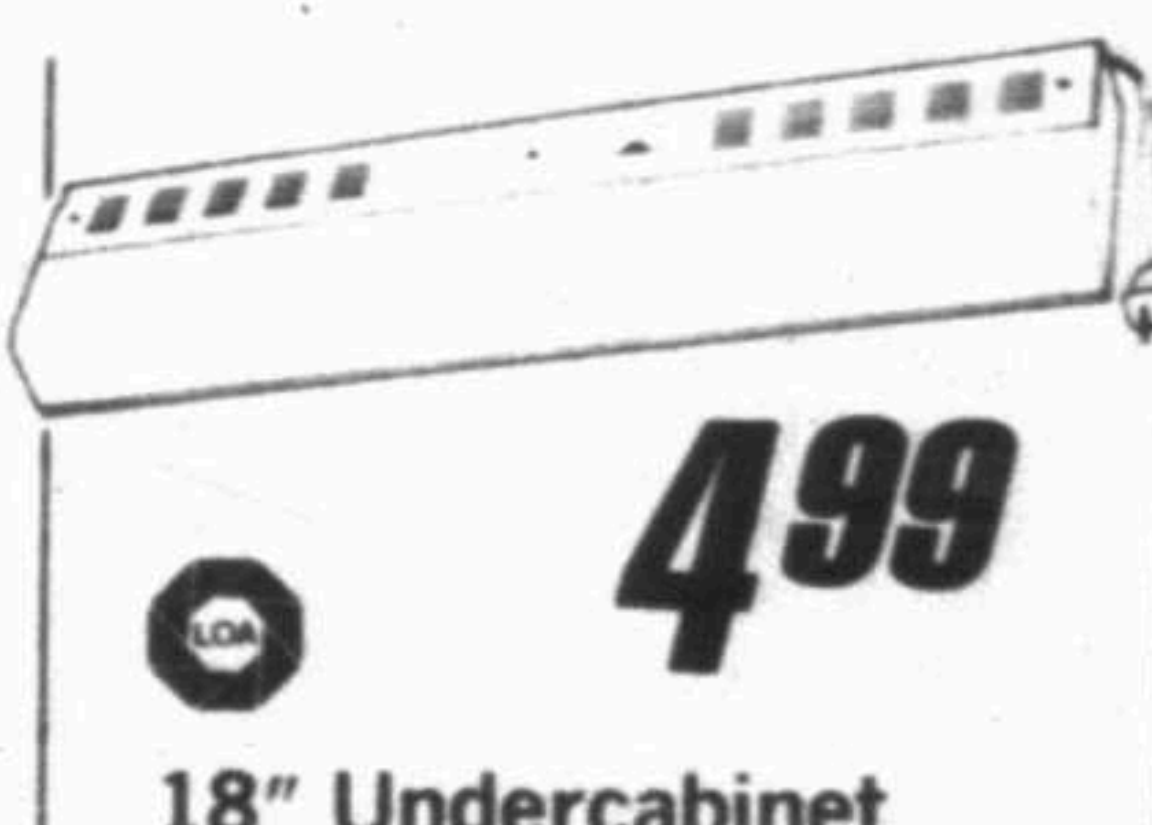
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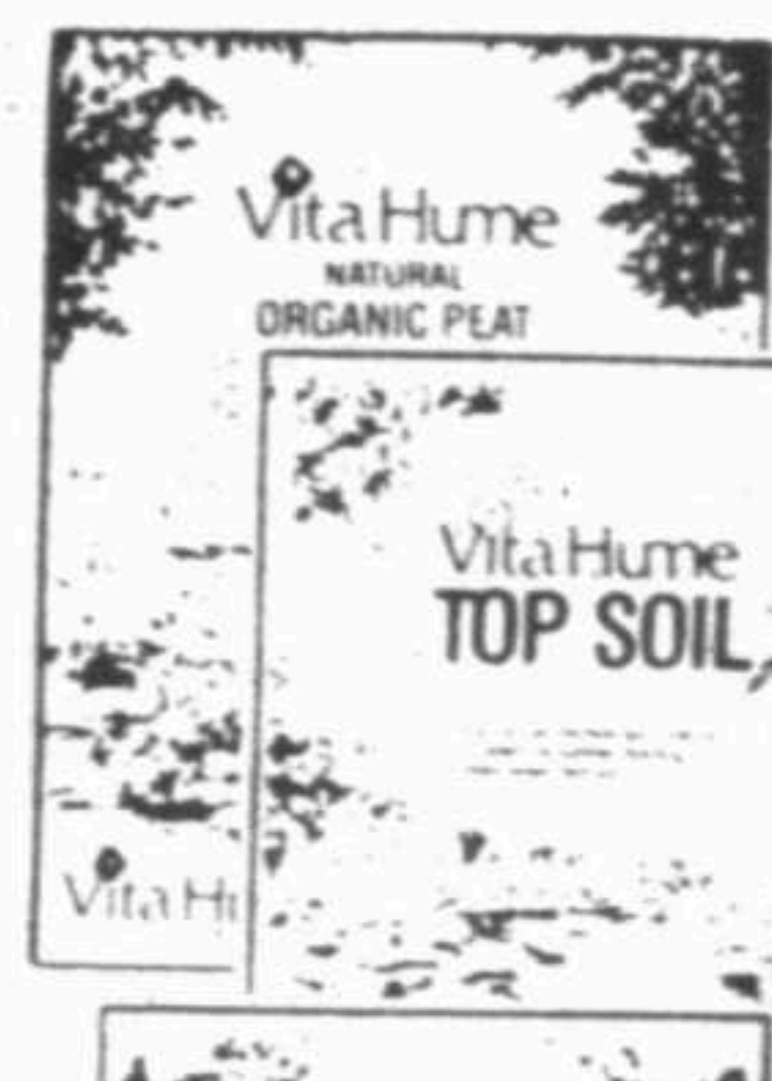
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Reunification plan caution needed

West German and East German citizens are enthusiastically welcoming Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's apparent green light for reunification of the two Germanys.

It's difficult to share in the jubilation over the prospect of recreating the national juggernaut that produced two world wars. And while we're not saying "nyet," we do believe this is a subject for serious and thorough consideration.

Gorbachev correctly cautioned that East Germans celebrating new-found freedoms should not decide this important issue on the streets. But the fact that he said a single German state is likely in the future is a historic turnabout in Soviet policy that had previously regarded communist East Germany as its strongest ally in Europe.

German unity received yet another boost when key communist strategists of the crisis-ridden East German government said a single German state can no longer be stopped.

Meanwhile, in West Germany, Chancellor Helmut Kohl called Gorbachev's remarks "encouraging."

West Germany obviously hopes the Soviet statement will encourage East Germans to believe that economic stability is on the way, and there is no need

to continue pouring into West Germany at the rate of 2,500 a day, straining West German social services.

And President Bush's proposal in his State of the Union speech for sharp cuts in U.S. and Soviet troops in Central Europe could be expected to hasten the German unity move.

So it's likely that nationalistic fervor in both Germanys, plus economic pain and the collapse of iron-handed Stalinist rule in East Germany will make the drive for reunification almost inevitable. But the German people should bear in mind that any change in German borders must be approved by the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union, the four powers that vanquished Hitler's Germany 45 years ago in the bloodiest war in history.

Allied states' security concerns will be uppermost in any discussions of German reunification.

They would be confronted with a new Central Europe colossus with a combined population of nearly 80 million, a gross national product exceeding \$1 trillion and a military machine with nearly 750,000 under arms, at least initially.

It would not be simple to establish safeguards against a resurgence of German militarism, a dreaded Fourth Reich. The byword for German reunification then ought to be "go slow."

Another View:

Bush's budget prudent

President Bush has proposed to spend \$123 trillion to keep the federal government running. Immediately, Democrats attacked the plan, complaining there was no "peace dividend" for domestic programs and there was too much spending on the military.

Bush proposed a real cut of \$3.9 billion in the Pentagon's budget and increases in law enforcement, the war on drugs, education, space exploration, AIDS treatment and prevention, and a significant cut in the budget deficit. Nevertheless, Democrats cried foul, claiming the president's budget was a "Cold War relic" that ignores historic changes in Eastern Europe and doesn't come through with a "peace dividend."

According to the Democrats, the dramatic changes in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union have eliminated the need for a large military budget and cuts must be made to fund various social programs.

However, cuts in the military budget shouldn't be made helter-skelter, just to produce an anticipated "peace dividend."

Changes in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union have reduced the threat of war, but the situation there is far from stable. Mikhail Gorbachev's grip on Soviet leadership is far from iron-clad, and it would be imprudent

to overreact by making drastic cuts in our military.

As defense Secretary Dick Cheney said about any proposed cut in the military budget, "It has to be done carefully, it has to be done cautiously, it has to be done deliberately."

As for the rest of the president's budget, there are some very tough cuts in all segments of government — but as Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., said, "We've got to quit playing diddly do with the deficit."

Bush's budget does address the deficit head-on. According to White House projections, this budget will reduce the deficit by nearly half and will eliminate it by 1993. It also advocates investment in our economy by cutting the capital gains tax.

Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady said, "We must meet the Gramm-Rudman target without raising taxes and take important steps toward encouraging long-term investment in our country's economic future."

This budget addresses strategic problems facing this country, most important being the federal debt, which presently stands at \$3 trillion. If we don't begin to address this debt, all other problems will be moot since soon we won't be able to pay for anything other than that debt.

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Iran's Rafsanjani likes his comforts

WASHINGTON — Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani doesn't share his predecessor's disdain for worldly possessions.



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He has a whopping \$77 million in American money at a branch of the French Societe Generale Bank in Switzerland.

In addition, Rafsanjani has at least one bank account with Japanese yen worth tens of millions of dollars.

And now, thanks to the timely demise of Romanian despot Nicolae Ceausescu, Rafsanjani may have recently acquired a large amount of gold. In November, Ceausescu moved his personal fortune in gold to a Tehran bank that Rafsanjani controls. Ceausescu visited Tehran in late December to sign trade and friendship agreements with Iran — and to check on his gold. Meanwhile, all hell broke loose in Romania, and

Ceausescu hurried home and was executed.

Now intelligence sources tell us that Rafsanjani seized the Ceausescu cache for himself. After all, Ceausescu wouldn't need it where he was going.

An international financial expert told us that it would not be unusual for someone with a multi-million dollar fortune to keep the money in American, French and Swiss currency as a hedge against any drop in currency values. Iranian rials just don't offer the same sense of security.

Top secret Central Intelligence Agency reports say that Rafsanjani's personal fortune may amount to \$1 billion, taken primarily from Iranian oil sales. The fact that he has salted the cash away in foreign banks suggests that he plans to live the life of a rich man if he is ever run out of Iran.

In a twist of irony, this entrepreneurial side of Rafsanjani appeals to George Bush, as it appealed to Ronald Reagan, according to White House sources. Rafsanjani is not an ultra ideologue as was Khomeini. He

understands the bottom line. He loves money and that makes him almost Western.

Reagan liked the look of Rafsanjani so much that he worked through Rafsanjani to sell arms to Iran in hopes of getting hostages in return. Reagan saw Rafsanjani as a man who could soften the ayatollah.

Bush has continued dealing secretly with Rafsanjani. In fact, Bush provided Rafsanjani with a golden opportunity to pilfer even more cash. Last November, Bush authorized the return of \$567 million to Iran. The money was part of the \$9.9 billion in Iranian assets frozen in the United States after Iranians invaded the U.S. Embassy in Teheran.

Returning the money in dribs and drabs may be Bush's way of buying the safety of American hostages now held by Iranian-supported terrorist groups.

Given Rafsanjani's Midas touch, it is unlikely that the entire \$567 million escaped his grasp on the way to an Iranian bank.

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DANGEROUS DEPENDENCE

The history of the 1970s may repeat itself in the 1990s — a dangerous dependence on foreign oil controlled by volatile nations. Oil imports now amount to half of the total supply used in the United States. Oil shortages in the 1970s prompted the United States to explore alternate fuels, but that research has lost steam. Nuclear power plants are too expensive and unpopular. Coal use may be curtailed even further because of growing environmental concerns. Funding for safe and renewable resources such as solar energy was all but eliminated by the free-market zealots of the Reagan administration. That puts the country back to where it was 20 years ago — still using foreign oil as a crutch with no other viable options.

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MINI-EDITORIAL

Emerging telephone technology can now disclose the phone number of the caller to the party being called. It is a massive invasion of privacy that would automatically give someone else personal information that is easily abused. And the only benefit is marginal — knowing what number a person is calling you from before you pick up the phone. This is one genie that deserves to be put back in the bottle.

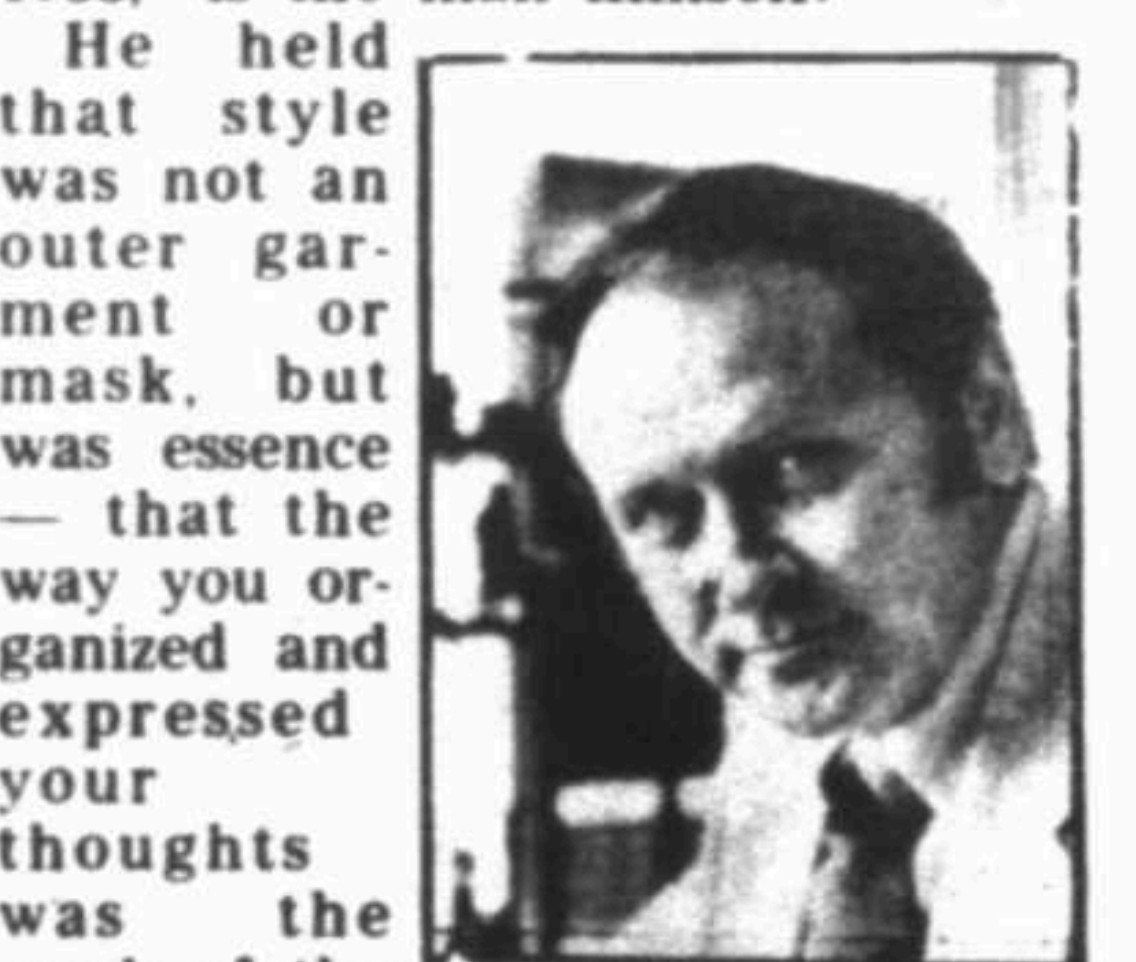
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WILLIAM SAFIRE

Speech offers clues to Bush's style, stewardship

WASHINGTON — "Style," said the Comte de Leclerc Buffon upon admission to the French Academy in 1753, "is the man himself."



William Safire

He held that style was not an outer garment or mask, but was essence — that the way you organized and expressed your thoughts was the mark of the kind of person you were.

For better and worse, George Bush's style was on display last week; let's see what clues the style of his State of the Union address gives us about what sort of stewardship (this word) he has in store.

He grasped the central phenomenon of our time: the stampede to freedom started by the crumbling of communism. Bush was not above a trick to claim credit as part of it: The first great change he listed in the last 12 months was his overthrow of Panama's dictator.

History will record the disposal of Manuel Noriega as a mere blip on

the screen showing world tectonic shift — but it was this president's baby, and in seeking to make the most of it, he trivialized his point.

Here was a speech that probably started out with a point of view — that we can all take part in the explosion of freedom abroad and at home — but was nibbled to death by bureaucrats plugging parochial concerns.

You could see the traditional "I see an America where" construction hacked away to seven paragraphs starting with "where" and failing to define the legitimate vision in his mind and even in his program.

Through the thicket of false starts and repetitions, the shore of his domestic vision could be dimly seen: his idea of the expansion of world freedom includes freedom from the tyranny of drugs, freedom to go to work without worrying about care of the children, freedom to breathe clean air, freedom of opportunity that will follow the conquest of ignorance and homelessness.

This set of freedoms is right for our time, but its jumbled presentation showed a confusion in priority. He won't be able to sell his "new consensus" (Lyndon Johnson lives) until he gets it straight in his head.

He has forgotten the lesson we thought he learned at the beginning: he is himself, not Ronald Reagan, and should not try the Reagan acting

devices.

A little schmaltz goes a long way; the Bush reference to his grandchild was a warm and natural extension of his un-Reaganlike family closeness, but the addition of the letter from the dead GI struck a falsely dramatic and imitative note.

What he should have learned from his predecessor is not to talk only to the audience in the chamber, but to use that patriotic forum to reach the individual watching at home.

He never even saluted his fellow citizens. In his patchwork quilt State of the Union, Bush formally addressed only a roomful of elected officials, occasionally numbing the viewer with a reference to the people "out there."

We're not "out there" in televisionland; we're right here at home, paying his salary, and here is our guest going on and on to a palm-pounding pack of preening pils.

Sensible advice? Of course. Easy to follow? Far from it. In this address above all others, a president is tugged in all directions by his bureaucracy, his sleeve plucked at by every special interest.

He proves his leadership — his clarity of purpose — not by repeating the word "leadership" at the best of his pollster but by ruthlessly shortening and sharpening, as well as by resisting the guy who rushes in at the end with a give-'em-a-lead

graph on troop reductions, which worked for Gorb by the U.N.

For this is where the president himself — not his speechwriters and aides, but Numero Uno alone — determines the direction of his administration. Leaving out is hard to do.

What little he left out, the Democratic opposition supplied in Speaker Thomas Foley's workmanlike but soporific response: the president's timidity on Tiananmen and rigidity on abortion.

I missed the classic characterization in this State of the Union: that the state is good, or sound, or whatever. (President Ford's best line was the post-Watergate, "The State of the Union is not good.")

Bush put in qualifiers that vitiated his assessment: "so long as we remember the American ideal... the State of the Union will remain sound and strong." Iffy.

In sum there comes the peroration, then stands George Herbert Walker Bush — his key annual speech unfocused but sincere, verbose but well-intentioned, slyly generous; in his tone a man happy in his work, in his delivery a leader drawing confidence from his popularity.

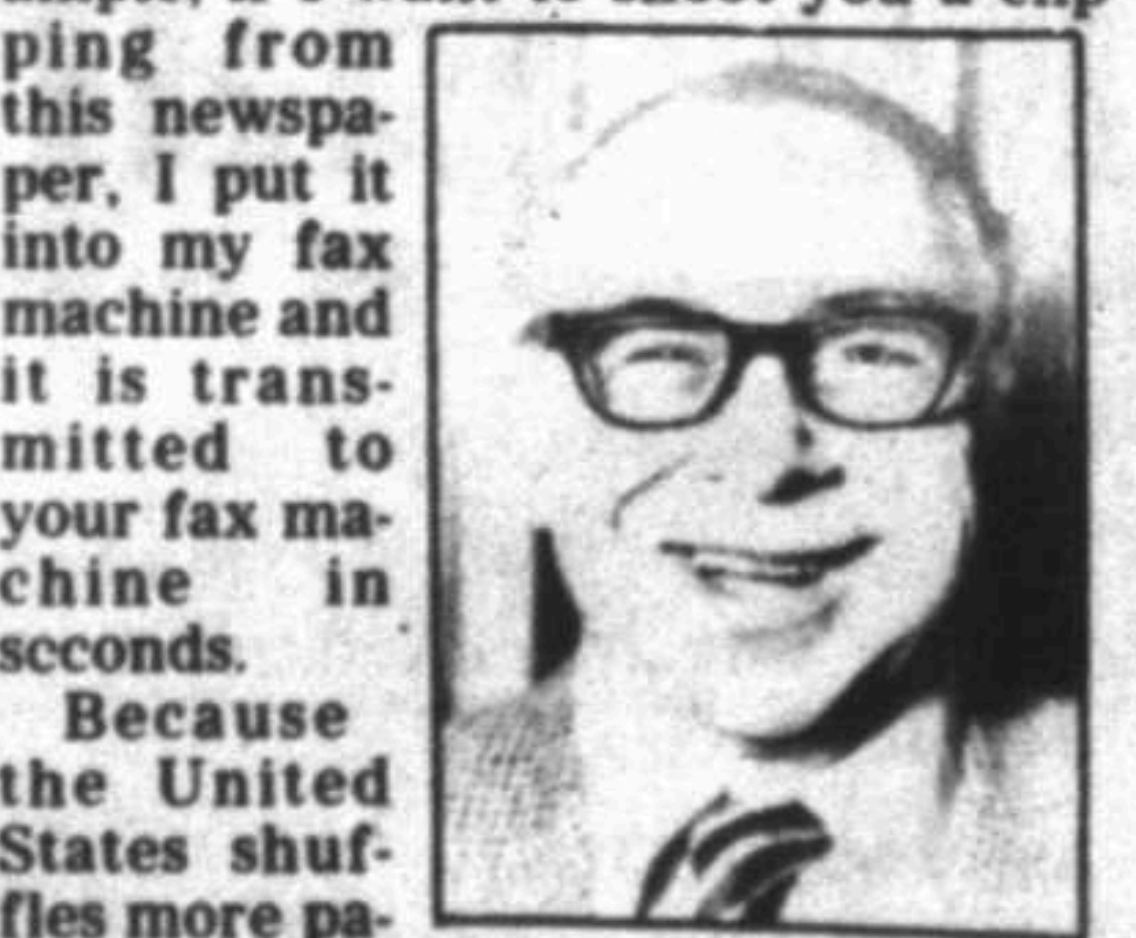
That's the Bush style, and I think that's the man himself.

William Safire is a columnist for New York Times News Service.

ART BUCHWALD

Someday parents will fax children to camp

The most important new word in the English language is fax. It is a method of sending paper by telephone. For example, if I want to shoot you a clip-



Art Buchwald

Because the United States shuffles more paper than any other country on the planet, the fax machine has changed the way we deal with problems.

This is all you hear in offices these days: "Will you fax me that report?" "I'll fax you my objections and then you fax everything to the client in

San Francisco."

The trouble with faxing papers is that people judge how hard you are working by the amount of faxing that you do. In most offices, those who only fax every hour are thought to be less productive than those who fax every 15 minutes. John O'Connor is one of the great faxers of Washington. He has a fax in the office, one at home and one in his car. During his lunch hour he thinks nothing of faxing the U.S. budget to a friend in Singapore.

"You were an early faxer before it became popular. Does it discourage you that everybody is doing it now?" I asked him.

"The more the merrier," he replied. "Don't forget, it takes two to fax. Excuse me, I have to fax an anniversary card to my wife."

"Does she mind getting her anniversary greetings by fax machine?"

"Why should she? It's on her desk right away."

"Is there a knack to faxing?"

"Like everything else, there are

good faxers and bad ones. A good faxer knows exactly how to insert the paper so that the print comes out nice and clean at the other end. Some people are born faxers, lawyers, for example. They can service two clients on two different telephone lines at the same time, and charge them both the full fee. Doctors are starting to fax throat cultures to each other, and people are even sending love letters on the machine."

"When you're in love you want the whole Bell system to know it."

"Do some people in your office fax more than others?"

"Damn right they do, and it's costing us a bundle. There is a guy here who faxes all the baseball scores to his bookie in Las Vegas. We have a woman who transmits Ann Landers' column to everyone in her aerobics class. We're looking at an electronic revolution that will change our lives. Today we're faxing paper; someday we could be faxing people."

"You mean we'll be sending people by telephone?"

"It's well within the realm of possibility. The world is getting smaller, thanks to the fax machine. First we communicated by Morse code, then by voice and now paper. Tomorrow we may place our kids in fax machines and send them to camp."

All the time O'Connor was talking to me he was inserting memoranda into one machine and ripping off messages from the other one.

"The trick," he said, "is to fax more outgoing material than you take in."

"How do you do that?" I wanted to know.

"Fax everybody. My greatest moment as a faxer was when I sent an entire manuscript to a publisher I had never met. I tied up his line for nine hours because there was no way he could turn his machine off."

Art Buchwald is a columnist for Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 1990. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On Feb. 7, 1964, thousands of screaming fans welcomed the Beatles at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport as the "Fab Four" began their first U.S. tour.

On this date:

In 1812, author Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England.

In 1904, a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about 30 hours and destroyed more than 1,500 buildings.

In 1931, aviator Amelia Earhart married publisher George P. Putnam in Noank, Conn.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1944, during World War II, the Germans launched a counteroffensive at Anzio, Italy.

In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff and was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

In 1971, women in Switzerland won the right to vote.

In 1974, the island nation of Grenada won independence from Britain.

In 1983, Elizabeth H. Dole was sworn in as the first female secretary of transportation by the first woman to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

In 1984, space shuttle astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered space walk.

In 1984, David, a 12-year-old boy born without immunity to disease, touched his mother for the first time after he was removed from a germ-free "bubble" at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

In 1988, Haiti's President-for-Life, Jean-Claude Duvalier, fled his country, ending 28 years of his family's rule.

Thought for today: "I think there is one smashing rule: 'Never face the facts.'" — Ruth Gordon, American actress and playwright (1896-1985).

'Scat, cat!' or '&*/\$,¢?~@!!' — How do you let off steam?

N.Y. Times News Service

It's still the season for slipping on the ice. And when it happens to you, Reinhold Aman knows what you probably will do next. You'll probably say something you'll wish you hadn't, except that it felt so good saying it that, well, what the heck.

Dr. Aman, 53, of Waukesha, Wis., is arguably the world's foremost authority on maledictology — the study of foul language.

He edits what is probably the only scholarly journal disallowed in most schools and even some colleges. It's called Maledicta, and the 10th annual edition was published this month. Articles come from professionals, mostly professors well versed in academic studies, he said.

It's a study that crosses disciplines," Aman said, "across many fields. It is mainly language, but it also contains much sociology, psychology, even folklore.

Some people don't understand

this science. Aman started studying maledictology in 1965, but said "bluenose editors" rejected his early journal articles. He got encouragement from "decent professors" who told him he should put out his own newsletter.

Then he discovered that a one-page newsletter was not enough to cover such a fertile subject, and Maledicta was born in 1977. Even now he says he is regularly criticized by reviewers, editors and other "small-time Khmeinis."

That's because to understand a society's choice of cuss words, one must understand the society, he said. What is grounds for a mouth-washing in the city, for example, may only be daily doings on the farm.

What makes invective worth uttering is its relative rank on a civilization's scale of forbidden things, he said.

"In all Catholic countries," he said, "the biggest taboo is religion. So when you want to say something offensive, you violate

some religious taboo, and you blaspheme. You curse religiously."

Prudish Anglo-Saxons, on the other hand, curse with references to sex and other body functions.

"The worst oaths are those of the Hungarians," Aman said. "They combine the nastiest anti-religious swearing from their western neighbors with the worst scatological and obscene words from their eastern ones, the Slavs." He gave some examples that would bring silence to an NBA locker room.

Actually there are two kinds of swearing, he said. One is verbal aggression, which encompasses threats, racial slurs and other personal phrases. The other is profanity or obscenity, including blasphemy and scatology.

"But you have to watch out to whom you say it, and in what company. Even if your adversary is a small guy or an old guy, he may have a knife or gun."

Texas judge cleans up town — docket, too

ALICE, Texas (AP) — Judge Terry Canales, 44, of the 79th District Court, is a man with a mission.

When he ran for office in 1988, Canales said, he made two promises during his campaign: He would clear the court's docket backlog and guarantee impartial justice.

Impartial justice is best defined by litigants, but on his other promise, Canales has come through like gangbusters operating at light speed.

From the date he took office, Jan. 1, 1989, until Dec. 31, Canales' court has disposed of 1,735 civil and 481 criminal cases.

"If we could possibly dispose in 1990 of what I disposed in 1989, we would have to send the district clerks out to solicit cases because all we'd have left are the tax cases," Canales said.

He has managed to get his docket down to include cases that are less than a year old. When he took office, he had a case filed in 1947 that still was unresolved.

Canales' secret, he said, is that he will pick four or five juries from a single panel of prospective jurors. Last year alone, 50 juries were picked for trials in Jim Wells County.

The son of a prominent family whose history dates back to the 18th century in this region, Canales said his approach includes a strong work ethic that he instills in those working with him.

"The court here sets the tone of law enforcement in the county," he said.

When he entered office, he said, he hired new department managers but kept their former staffs. The move brought some disgruntlement, but he said the changes were needed with the philosophy he wanted to bring to the courthouse, which included long hours and greater access.

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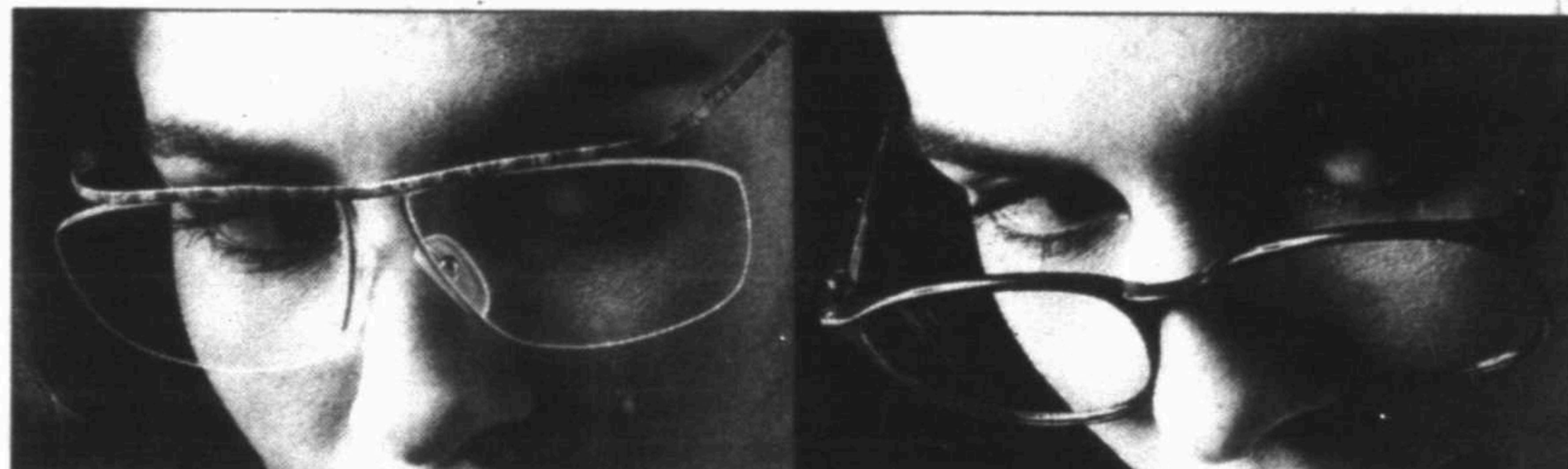
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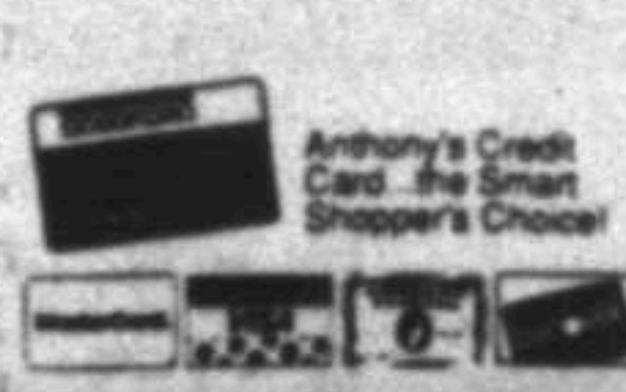
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Paul Petrescu, 69, stands in front of the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, Mass., where he is the groundskeeper. Petrescu, who defected from Romania, has two doctorates, speaks five languages and is an authority on Romanian folk art.

Romanian scholar-emigre happy as U.S. 'groundskeeper'

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — With two doctorates, five languages and an authoritative knowledge of Romanian folk art at his command, shoveling snow at a country inn might seem like a bit of a comedown for Paul Petrescu.

But after months of combing want ads and finding he was too old or too qualified for academic positions, the 69-year-old Romanian defector said he's happy to have the work at the Red Lion Inn, a landmark country hotel.

"It is very healthy exercise," said Petrescu, who has doctorates in sociology and political science from the University of Bucharest but now calls himself dean of the eight-man grounds crew.

And in spite of revolution in his homeland, he plans to stay.

Petrescu said he was shocked at the speed with which revolution swept eastern Europe. In Romania, people took to the streets in December in a fight that led to the execution of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife.

"That was the hope only," he said. "We hoped this for so long time." He said that although he has always opposed the death penalty, he did not think the deaths of the Ceausescus were too hasty.

"For 25 years they destroyed Romania, economically and also biologically. The genocide they accuse him of is real. It is not a political metaphor."

Petrescu hopes Romania can keep its new freedoms, saying he believes it has the best chance of any of the eastern European countries of truly

banishing Communist rule because its revolution came from all levels of society.

Petrescu got his job at the Red Lion Inn by answering a newspaper ad last summer, said Betsy Holtzinger, inn general manager.

"He's so intelligent and gifted and yet he is willing to do this work," she said. Petrescu does odd jobs, such as shoveling snow and raking leaves in season, and also works as a gardener for owners John and Jane Fitzpatrick, Holtzinger said.

Petrescu's wife and son have been granted permission to enter the United States and he took a month off at the beginning of this year to arrange for their travel. They are expected to join him soon.

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Images used in cigarette calendars fan controversy

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — A lawmaker intends to show Philip Morris Inc. just what a long way consumers have come by sending the cigarette maker's datebooks to classrooms for a lesson in the politics of persuasion.

The calendars — built around the Virginia Slims theme: "You've come a long way, baby" — feature pictures of fashionably and scantily clothed women with cigarettes.

Two years ago, state Rep. Anne Seibert collected the calendars and returned them to the company on the grounds they were sexist and promoted a deadly habit.

A letter sent by Seibert and 65 other law-

makers calls the books "demeaning to women, their history and their accomplishments," and inappropriate mementos for lawmakers grappling with issues like health care and medical costs.

However, Seibert said recently, the materials could inform students about sexism in advertising and about cancer risks with big profit motives behind them.

Teacher Carol Barbagallo said she plans to use the datebook to teach Rutland Town Elementary School fifth-graders about drug and alcohol abuse.

"We're looking for healthy children, and a

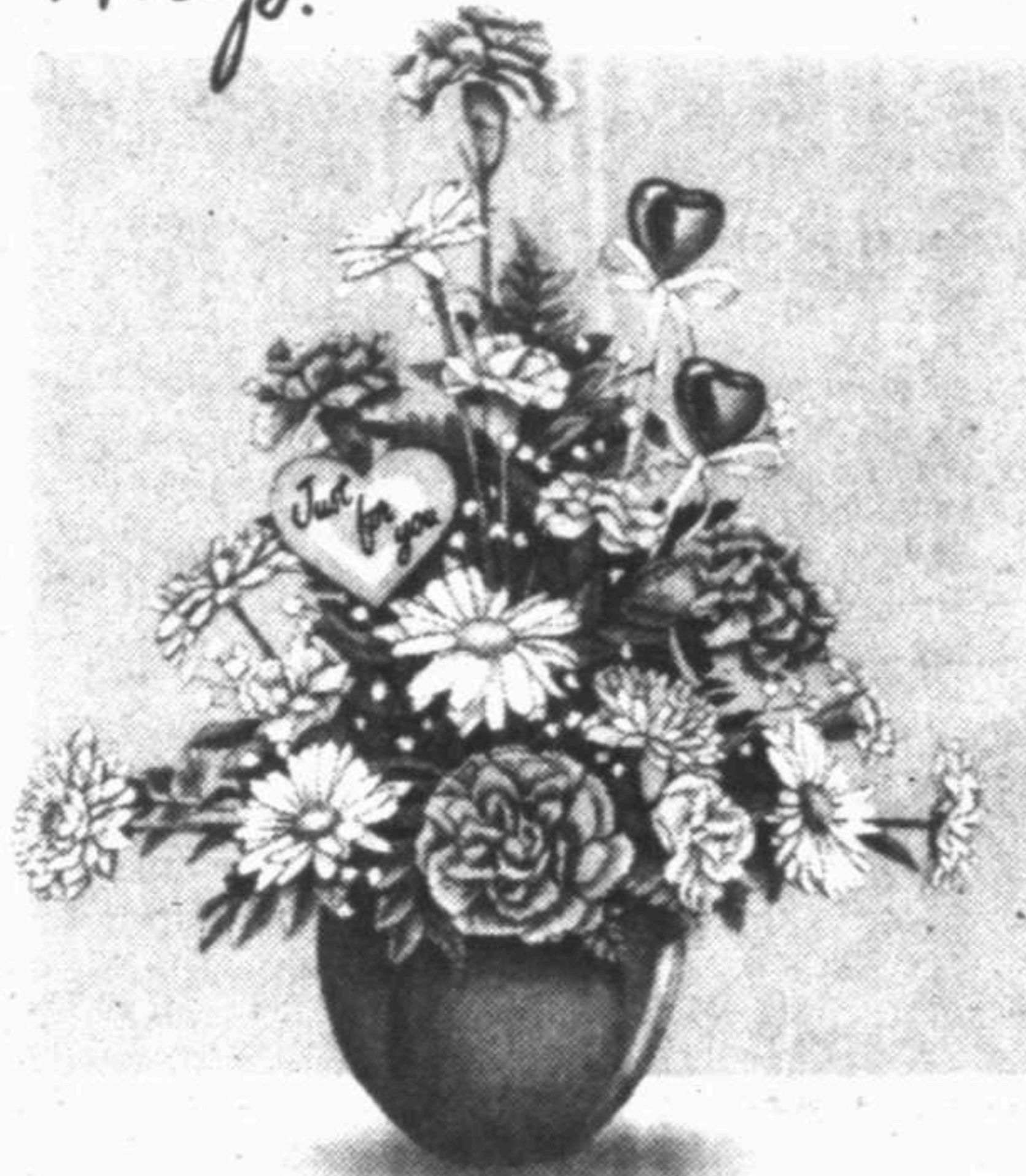
healthy future for children," she said.

Part of the goal in Barbagallo's 20-lesson program is to look at how advertisers sell the public on a product. The children will clip and discuss ads from popular magazines and look at materials such as the Virginia Slims datebook.

"I call it tobacco humor," said Seibert, a Democrat. "Their theme is 'You've come a long way baby,' but they only picture women smoking in various fashion outfits."

Seibert said that approach belittles the accomplishment of the women's suffrage movement.

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Midland County ranks 23rd in TDC tourism study

By JAMES CULLEN
Reporter-Telegram Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Tourism was a \$67.2 million business that generated 1,194 jobs in Midland County in 1988, to rank the county 23rd statewide in a study for the Texas Department of Commerce.

The study on the impact of pleasure and business travel on Texas counties, done by the U.S. Travel Data Center of Washington, D.C., and released Tuesday, showed travelers from the United States were responsible for a \$13.7 million local

payroll and paid \$609,000 in local taxes in Midland County.

The survey showed Ector County saw \$51.2 million in travelers' dollars, to rank the county 29th, with 932 jobs and a \$9.6 million payroll. Travelers paid \$696,000 in local taxes.

Dallas County topped the list of Texas counties with \$5.2 billion in travel spending, followed by Harris County, \$3.2 billion; Tarrant County, \$1.6 billion; Bexar County, \$1.3 billion; and Travis County, \$683 million.

Travelers spent nearly \$17 billion in Texas in 1988. The study noted

that statewide travel spending increased by 8.1 percent over the previous year, which outpaced the estimated national travel growth rate of 6.7 percent.

Bill Taylor, executive director of the Texas Department of Commerce, credited part of the rise in travel expenditures to the state's national marketing campaign, which premiered in April 1988 with a \$5 million advertising budget.

Travel inquiries to the state in 1988 exceeded 400,000, more than double the previous year's total, he said.

"A healthy visitor industry means

more jobs for Texans," Taylor said, "and travel spending benefits our economy by generating significant state and local tax revenues, some of which can be reinvested in promoting Texas tourism."

Nearly 274,000 Texans were employed in jobs linked to the state's travel industry in 1988, an increase of 3.6 percent over 1987, which compared with a 2 percent increase in total Texas non-agricultural employment.

On the average, every \$62,000 spent in Texas by American travel-

ers supported one job in 1988.

Tourist spending generated \$712.7 million in state tax revenue, or 5.3 percent of all state tax collections. Local governments statewide received nearly \$220 million in tax revenue, or 1.9 percent of total local tax collections.

Public transportation made up 29 percent of the spending total, followed by food service at 23.4 percent and auto transportation at 16.4 percent. The travel industry includes the consumer and business purchase of passenger transportation, lodging,

food, entertainment, recreation, gasoline and incidentals.

The Research and Planning Division of the Department of Commerce worked with the U.S. Travel Data Center and the state Comptroller's office on the study.

A Department of Commerce spokesman said the estimates are conservative, since they were based on evidence of day trips 100 miles or more from home or overnight trips by U.S. travelers, and they excluded commuters, students, active-duty military and foreign visitors.

Ex-firefighter files suit over alleged harassment, firing

By PATRICK CRIMMINS
Staff Writer

A former Midland firefighter has filed a \$750,000 lawsuit against the city, claiming he was harassed and fired for filing a workers' compensation claim.

In the lawsuit, filed Tuesday in 142nd State District Court, former firefighter Arlen Fisher, 22, asks for \$750,000 in damages, back pay, "future pay," and asks that he be rehired by the department.

Fire Chief James Roberts said today he had not seen a copy of the suit. He declined to comment on it or answer questions about Fisher.

During Fisher's seven months on the job as a firefighter trainee, he suffered an on the job injury, according to the lawsuit. When he filed a claim under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, fire department officials "embarked on a concerted pattern of harassment"

against him, the suit states.

The "harassment" of Fisher continued by city officials "for the purpose of punishing him and making him an example to other employees who might similarly seek to assert their rights" under the act, according to the lawsuit.

Fisher also claims in the action that because of the harassment and termination, his "relationship with his family was severely damaged and jeopardized, thus causing him additional severe emotional trauma, distress, anguish, pain and suffering," the lawsuit states.

The suit does not specify or define the alleged harassment Fisher suffered.

The action names only the City of Midland as defendant, and does not name any city or fire department officials who carried out the harassment. Fisher claimed in the lawsuit

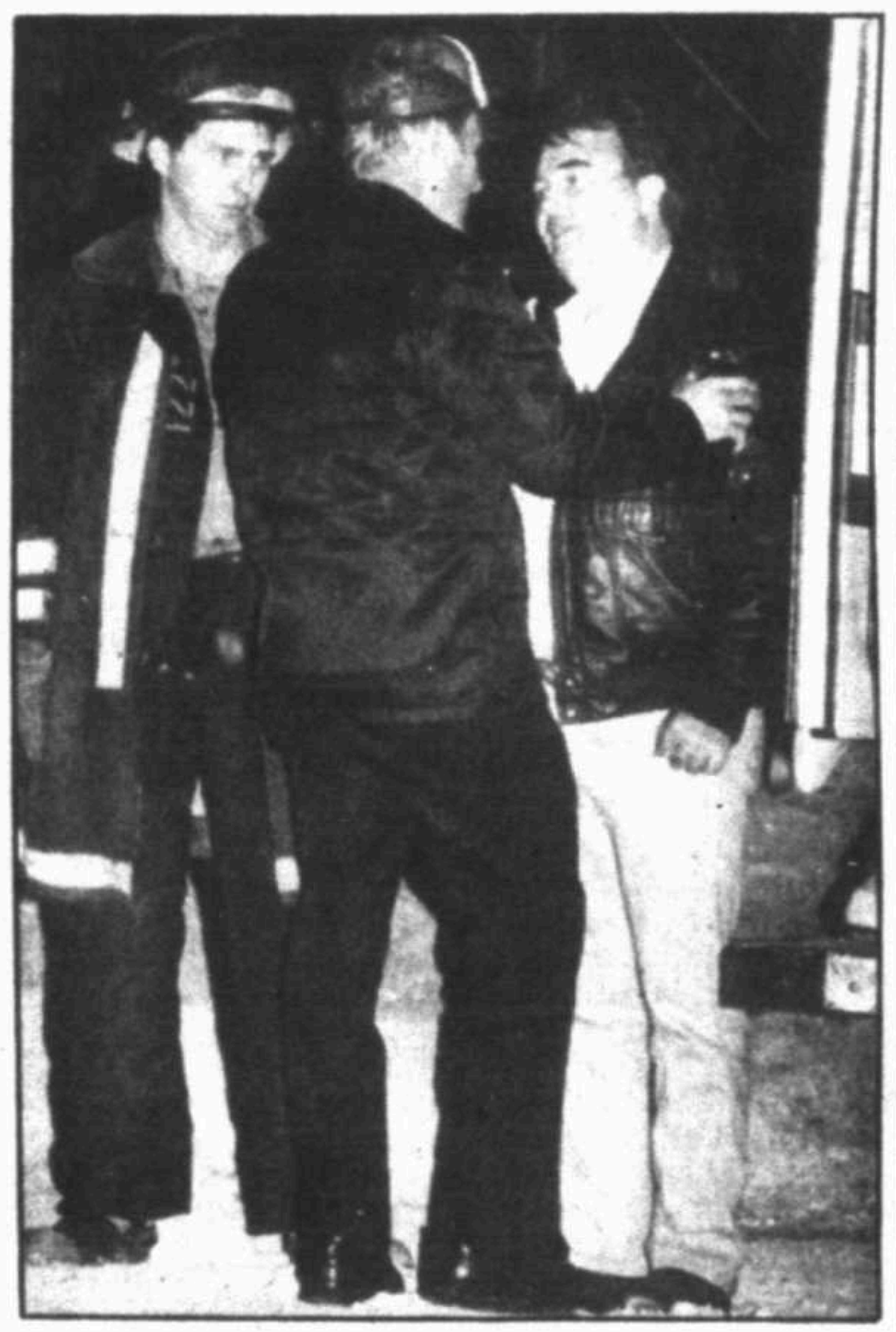
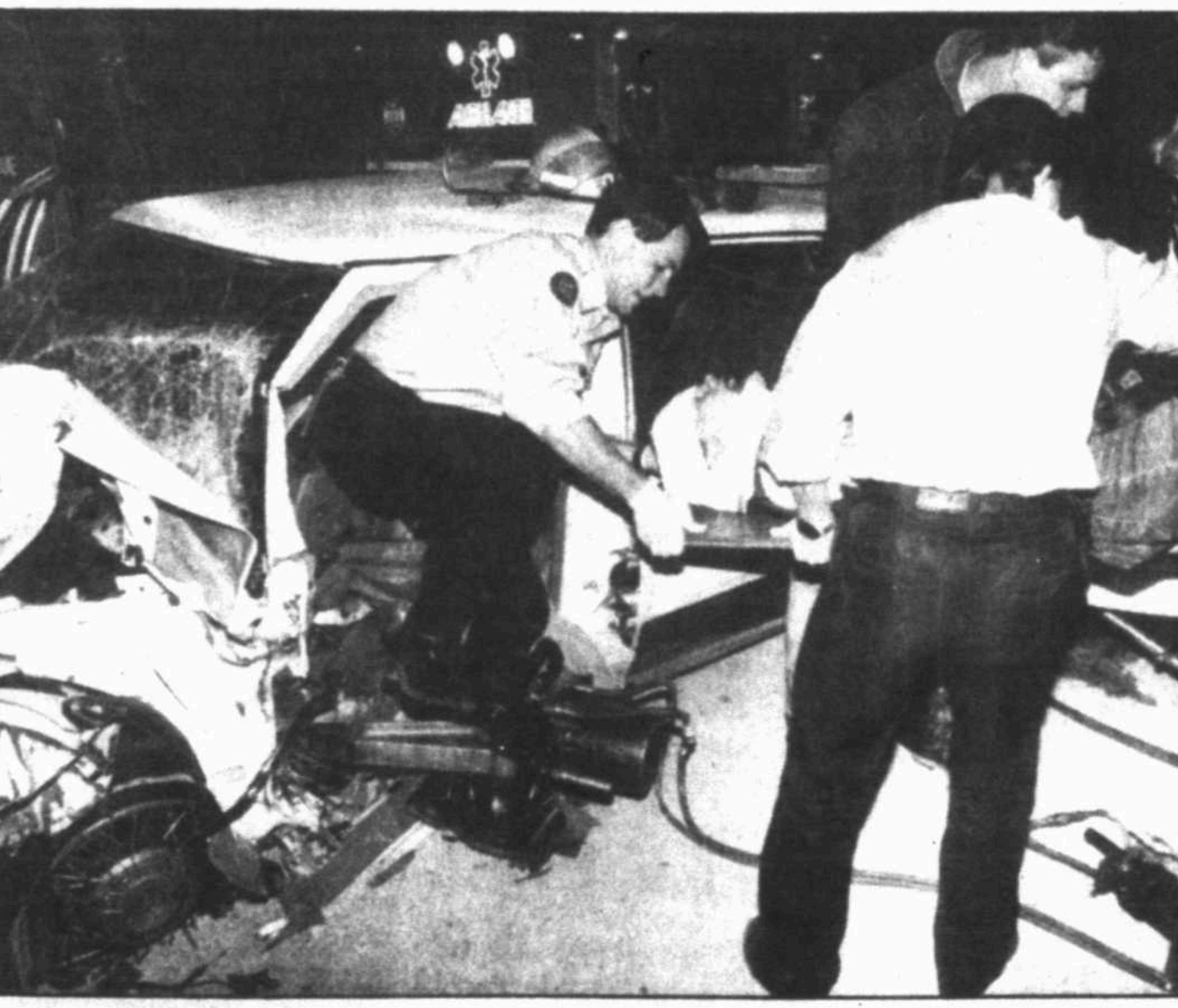


George Wolf/Reporter-Telegram

Accident scene

Firefighters, paramedics and Department of Public Safety troopers examine the scene of an accident, above, at the intersection of County Road 60 and CR 1275 in northwest Midland County. Debra Murphy Sanders, 36, was driving the dark sedan and was pronounced dead at the scene at 8:17 p.m. by Justice of the Peace Keith Jobe. Justin Watson, 17,

suffered a broken leg and today was listed in stable condition at Midland Memorial Hospital, a spokeswoman said. Kyle Watson, 15, was treated at MMH and released. The father of Kyle and Justin Watson talks to officials at the scene, below right. DPS reports said Ms. Sanders was traveling south on CR 1275 when the accident occurred.



Lamesa farmer named to state agriculture post

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

LAMESA — Lamesa farmer-cotton ginners Jerry D. Harris has been reappointed to the Texas Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service (ASCS) committee as chairman.

Harris, an advocate-spokesman for Texas agriculture, operates a 7,000-acre farm in Dawson and Gaines counties and is part-owner of the Mesa Cotton Gin midway between Lamesa and Seminole.

"Jerry Harris has an impressive background in agriculture, combining years of experience as both a family farmer and a federal program administrator," U.S. Senator Phil Gramm said in announcing Harris' reappointment. He was named to the Texas ASCS committee by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter.

Harris, who also warehouses and markets cotton, heads up the five-member Texas ASCS committee that oversees ASCS activities, including the administration of farm programs, throughout Texas. The Texas ASCS, which employs a staff of 1,400 people, annually supervises the distribution of more than \$1.5-billion in

federal-program benefits to Texas farmers and ranchers.

Larry Brown, who is the ASCS county executive director for Dawson County, described Harris as a "very likeable, very out-going fellow, and very business-like."

"Of course, he would be (business-like), being successful like he is," Brown said. "He's my boss up the ladder. Jerry is (ASCS) boss over the whole state."

John Farris, who is the Dawson County agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX), said Harris is "a good farmer and a good manager."

Harris is the Southwestern Regional ginner-director for the National Cotton Council, is vice president of the Texas Cotton Ginners Association and is a member of the Lamesa Cotton Growers and the Texas Food and Fiber Protein Commission. He serves on Lubbock Christian University's board of governors.

"He's quite a worker for our industry and for agriculture in general and especially agriculture in Texas," said Lenora farmer-ginner Myrl Mitchell.

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Candidate critical of government's abortion legislation

By JULIE HILLRICH
Staff Writer

Democrat Kirby Roberts Tuesday criticized government's involvement in abortion legislation and promised that, if elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, he'd not interfere with a woman's right to choose.

"The government is not working for the benefit of the people anymore. We've got problems with the government worrying about things like abortion, and sticking its nose where it has no business," said Roberts, who has no Democratic Party

primary opponent.

He made the remarks during a campaign swing through Midland, where he visited local party leaders at the recently opened Midland County Democratic Party headquarters.

Roberts, a Kingsland attorney, is vying for the 21st Congressional District seat occupied by incumbent Lamar Smith, a San Antonio Republican.

He said Texas has suffered a "profound economic collapse" with more than 300 bank failures in the past

three years, and blamed government for failure to act.

"We've got to get out and revitalize our industries. We've got to create proper incentives for these industries to flourish otherwise we're going to have fewer and fewer jobs," Roberts said.

If elected, Roberts promised to push for a re-examination of the U.S. Tax Reform Act of 1986, which he said caused the average American's taxes to increase over the past three years.

"It was not a tax cut, even though it looked like one on the surface. It

wiped out things in the tax code, and forced the average person's taxes to increase," he said.

Roberts opposes President Bush's proposed cut in the capital gains tax, which proposes to raise revenue and spur long-term investments, leading to more jobs and more taxpayers.

"The cut in the capital gains tax as it is proposed is another example of the government not telling us the truth," he said.

Roberts would not say how much money he planned to spend on the campaign to unseat Smith, who is

running for his third two-year term this fall.

"I plan on making a grassroots campaign, and talk to as many people as possible," he said, adding that particular emphasis will be placed upon the San Antonio area where most of the 21st Congressional District's voters reside.

"I don't have \$265,000 in my campaign kitty, but I believe as people hear my position, we will have sufficient funds by November to run an effective campaign," Roberts said.

The situation for Smith typifies

the financial edge enjoyed by congressional incumbents running for re-election, according to a Federal Election Commission spokesman.

Smith's 48-page campaign report made available Tuesday shows he started his re-election year with \$267,380 in the bank. Roberts, meanwhile, had not filed his report with the FEC.

Between July 1 and Dec. 31, Smith added to his campaign a total of \$192,563 from individual contributors and another \$53,930 from Political Action Committees.

Abilene Air Force base may lose Junior ROTC under budget cuts

ABILENE (AP) — Abilene and Dyess Air Force Base could lose their Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps as early as 1991 under Department of Defense cuts.

"We're looking at (cutting) that program along with a lot of other programs in an effort to gain money," said DOD spokesman Bill Caldwell in Washington.

More than \$61 million is included in the Bush administration's 1991 budget proposal sent to Congress last week, including \$10.11 million for Air Force JROTC.

But Caldwell said a decision would be made sometime this year whether to include a recommendation to eliminate JROTC in the 1992 federal budget, the

Abilene Reporter News said.

That budget, to be submitted to Congress next January, would go into effect Oct. 1, 1991, the beginning of the 1992 fiscal year.

Former Taylor County Veteran Services Officer Jack Townsley, an Air Force retiree, said, "The Air Force would get a whole lot more for its money if it would cut out the B-2 (bomber) instead of Junior ROTC."

Caldwell said the 1991 budget proposal sent to Congress includes these funds for JROTC programs, by service branch: Army, \$29.28 million; Navy, \$13.28 million; Air Force, \$10.11 million; and Marines, \$8.80 million. The Air Force JROTC received \$13 million in the 1990 budget.

Artist takes aim at copper sheets to produce images of Southwest

FORT WORTH (AP) — Ask somebody about Terry Sutton's artwork, and they'll tell you he does a bang-up job.

He uses a .22-caliber rifle instead of a paintbrush.

Sutton uses his trusty rifle, along with a 30-shot clip and another that holds 10 rounds, to blast bullet holes in sheets of copper to produce images related with the Southwest, such as covered wagons and outlines of the state.

He says he is particularly fond of shooting out pictures of longhorns. "I take a pencil and sketch out a

design on a sheet of cardboard," Sutton explained. "Then I set the cardboard on a sheet of copper and shoot out all the dots around the picture."

Sutton, 41, said Tuesday night that he got the idea from boyhood memories. He recalled seeing a firearms manufacturer's representative shooting out designs with a Winchester.

"I'm sure he never intended it to be framed and sold," Sutton said.

But Sutton sees it as art, as must more than 80 other people who have bought his work over the past three years.

There are drawbacks, concedes Sutton, who paints houses and takes other odd jobs for his main income.

"Sometimes at the end of the day, I can't hear," he said. He also has to buy shells by the case.

On a productive day, Sutton can turn out 25 pieces. They fetch up to \$125 apiece, and much of his work is dealt through a western art gallery in Arizona.

Sutton said he has to concentrate when he works — maybe more so than other artists who can simply

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Repeat DWI offenders in Harris County may have cars confiscated

HOUSTON (AP) — Drunken drivers may lose more than their driver's license, fine money and freedom if they continue driving in Harris County.

District Attorney John B. Holmes has instructed prosecutors to come up with a plan to enforce a 6-year-old law that allows them to confiscate the vehicles of repeat DWI offenders.

Vena Cronin, law enforcement and judicial coordinator for Harris County Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said she was searching for ways to curb repeat DWI offenders when she came across the 1984 law, listed under the miscellaneous category of Texas' motor vehicle laws.

She began talking to people about the law, and found to her surprise that no one seemed to be enforcing it.

"Very few law enforcement people even knew it existed," she said. Cronin met with Holmes last week in Austin and urged him to look into the matter.

Holmes said he raised the top in a meeting with members of his supervisory staff.

"My policy has always been in any forfeiture case that if the facts justify it, we will move to forfeit it," Holmes said.

Bert Graham, chief of the district attorney's trial bureau said officials hope to begin filing the confiscation cases next week.

Cronin said she was pleased that the district attorney's office took

such prompt action.

"I was impressed that (Holmes) did not drag his feet on the issue," she said.

Graham said a quick survey of courts indicates there are an average of three to four cases per month in which the defendants are subject to forfeiting their car to the county.

The vehicle forfeitures fall under the jurisdiction of Harris County criminal district courts because DWI charges become felonies with the third offense.

George Lambright, a felony division chief who is helping hash out the details of enforcement, said prosecutors will be looking closely at each felony DWI to see if it is subject to the law.

If the law does apply in a case, then a judge will be asked for a temporary restraining order preventing the defendant from selling his car before the case is concluded. If a conviction is obtained, then the car would be forfeited to the county.

Lambright said the law hasn't been actively enforced because it wasn't regarded as cost-effective.

"We had in the past looked at it from a practical point of view in that most of the cars were looking at were not of great value," Lambright said.

"The shift, if there is one, is in the sense that there may not be a huge amount of money coming into the county, but at least the defendant won't be driving the car," he added.

Fliers about minister to be posted

AUSTIN (AP) — Members of a Unitarian church whose minister has been missing since Friday evening said they would post hundreds of fliers in his neighborhood in hopes of uncovering clues to his disappearance.

Austin Police Sgt. Larry Walker said Wednesday there had been no developments in the case involving the Rev. J. David Scheyer, 61.

"Investigators are still talking to church people and so forth," Walker said. "We have not located him and

don't have any additional information on his whereabouts yet."

Maxine Barkan, president of the church's board of trustees, said, "Our only hope is to keep this before the public to see if they can help us."

The fliers being posted include Scheyer's picture.

Parishioners at the 400-member church began to worry when Scheyer missed a Saturday outing to the Gulf Coast. They became more concerned when he failed to show up for Sunday morning services.

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paint or draw over their errors.

"If I miss and booger one up, that's 20 bucks down the tubes," he said.

Each piece of art takes about 80 to 100 shots. Sutton said it takes three or four minutes for each, including

time for reloading.

Country singer Hank Williams Jr. sent Sutton a letter after he received one of his pieces a couple years ago.

"I wanted to do an album cover, and I sent him a letter, but he never got back to me," Sutton said. "I guess he doesn't want to do it."

Pin Points scheduled to perform

From Staff Reports

The Negro Business and Professional Women's Club will present "Pin Points in 1001 Black Inventions" at 7 p.m. on Feb. 24 at Midland High School, 906 W. Illinois Ave.

Pin Points is a musical theater group which takes subjects such as biology, history and math and puts them into theatrical formats.

Founded in 1975, the group has received countless awards for artistic excellence. The performers' contemporary and historic adaptations have

been highly acclaimed by the Smithsonian Institute, the D.C. Commission on the Arts and numerous institutions throughout the United States.

The performance takes you on a journey through distinct segments of entertainment and also portrays a typical modern-day family attempting to survive.

Tickets are \$10 per person for advance purchases and \$12.50 at the door. For more information call Bertha Starks at 684-4895 or Doris Richardson at 683-7549.

Holt named 'Victory '90' co-chair

Reporter-Telegram Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — George W. Bush will be chairman and Bobby Holt and T. Boone Pickens will be co-chairmen of the coordinated Republican fundraising effort for the general election in November, Texas Republican Chairman Fred Meyer said Tuesday.

The "Victory '90" team includes Bush, a Dallas businessman, former Midland resident and son of the president; Holt, a Midland businessman and recently named chairman of the Texas Department of Public Safety; and Pickens, an Amarillo businessman.

"I am confident with these outstanding leaders, Victory '90 will ac-

complish its mission of raising funds to finance the most extensive effort ever sponsored by the Republican Party of Texas to promote our entire team of Republican candidates," Meyer said.

Money raised through will go to operate phone banks, send direct mail and produce television advertising to support the entire GOP ticket, he said.

"We have a record number of candidates (who) are well-qualified for the offices they are seeking, and I am confident the Republican team that will be selected in our Republican primary will be Texans' best choice for government," he said.

members Dale Hunt, a rice farmer and cattleman near Garwood in Southeast Texas; Dario Guerra, an Edinburg cattleman in the Rio Grande Valley, and Keith Spears, a Vernon wheat farmer and stocker cattleman. Newly appointed to the board is Hope Huffman, who raises row crops, grain and beef stocker cattle in McLennan and Coryell counties. Mrs. Huffman lives in McGregor near Waco.

CITY SIDEWALKS

'89 good for Community Services Department

By LYN MILLER

Midland's Community Services Department, composed of the parks, recreation, health, animal control and golf course divisions, enjoyed a successful 1989.

Negotiations with the Midland County Hospital District resulted in putting into operation an Indigent Pediatric Clinic which provides indigent pediatric care at the Health Department, located at 501 Andrews Highway.

The State Health Department awarded grants in the amount of \$19,000 for the purpose of providing computers for that department and, in 1989, an increase was experienced in the use of public health and environmental health services provided by the Health Department.

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The parks division was the recipient of 33 acres of land, located just east of the water filtration plant in northwest Midland, as a site for the Bluebird Lane Park, and upon application, the parks division was awarded a matching grant in the amount of \$250,000 from the Abell-Hanger Foundation for the development and construction of the park on Bluebird Lane.

Participation in the privatization of city services by the parks division was accomplished by contracting with Turf Specialties, a local landscape contractor, for providing maintenance services for several small park areas, (approximately 25 acres of park land) and some city buildings.

The operation of an on-going maintenance program of all parks

was implemented by the parks division, with a goal of keeping the city parks clear of litter, freshly mowed and as green as possible for the enjoyment of the citizens.

The recreation division was instrumental in locating a new facility for the senior center, now located at Dellwood Mall. This new facility provides twice the amount of space for activities as the previous location for the senior citizens' active, growing program.

Funds were approved by city council in October 1989, for the construction of the Southeast Senior Center at Washington Park, and, currently, plans are being prepared for construction of that facility.

The summer swim program, provided by the recreation division and managed by the local City of Midland Swim Team, enjoyed a very successful summer. This process of providing recreational management of on-going activities for the citizens of Midland and the surrounding areas is a highlight of the recreation division.

Under the auspices of the recreation division, several state and na-

tional tournaments were held in Midland by the Midland Softball Association, Midland Soccer Association and the United Girls Softball Association, impacting the local economy with out-of-town dollars.

In 1989, the golf course division of the Department of Community Services held 91 tournament events and serviced approximately 76,000 citizens in their enjoyment in the game of golf.

The reconstruction of some of the greens at the Hogan Park Golf Course is currently under way, and recent city council approval of the construction of a new pump house at the golf course will provide increased pumping capabilities, enhancing the irrigation program for the course.

The Department of Community Services has enjoyed a beneficial 1989, and vows to continue to provide the high quality of services deserving of the citizens of Midland.

Lyn Miller, an employee at City Hall, coordinates the information for this column.

West Texas students participate in fine arts contest

From Staff Reports

Several hundred West Texas students, including numerous from Midland, recently competed in the Scholastic Arts Contest judged by the arts faculty of Texas Tech University.

Although the number of entries increased by over 50 percent over last year, the number of winners remained the same, increasing the level of competition.

Repeating last year's results, Midland Independent School District art

students took several awards. Winners were presented in an awards ceremony at the university's Business Administration Building last week.

"The continued success of our students is indicative of the high quality fine arts program in place in Midland public schools," stated Dr. Grace Osadchuk, coordinator of fine arts for MISD.

Scholastic Arts Contest winners were:

Lee High School: Gold Key/Blue Ribbon Finalists - Bridgette Burleson

and Julie Marks; Honorable Mention - Laura Hunter, Randy Reyes, Steven Stapleton and Tim Tucker.

Midland High School: Gold Key/Blue Ribbon Finalists - Allison Andrews, Jennifer Blank, Albert Campos, Greg Galvan, Christie Green, Samuel Ivey, Davey Jones, Albert Kelly, Shannon Oliver, Anna Margaret Ray, Lee Rainan, Brad Thetford, Michael Voss, Michael Wright; Honorable Mention - Chris Adams, Carrie Adams, Christi Green, Allison Andrews, Billy Clement, Brian Cooper, Jennifer Foster, Gabe Lewis (2), Thomas Grimaldo, Jenny Hyde, Chad Wooten, Samuel Ivey, Chris Kuzmich, Mario Lederma, Guadalupe Ramos, Belinda Spencer, Adanjo Perez, Dan Wallace.

Lee Freshman: Gold Key/Blue

Ribbon Finalists - Shane Manley, Aaron Ward; Honorable Mention - Shane Manley (2), Kelly Phillips, Michelle Reyes, Jennifer Seay, Freddy Silva (3), and Aaron Ward.

Midland Freshman: Gold Key/Blue Ribbon Finalists - Monica Brand, Nora Gonzales, Jeremy Corales; Honorable Mention - Nora Gonzales, Clayton Jackson, and Michael Joiner.

Goddard Junior High: Honorable Mention - Ashley Arthur (2), Joanna Davis, Sarah Drescher, Melissa Kleinhans, Jennifer Engle.

San Jacinto: Gold Key/Blue Ribbon Finalists - Jennifer Calhoun, Robert McBride; Honorable Mention - Carrie Elliott, J.J. Escalada, Perry Mears, Maybelline Mendoza, and Sarah Vaughn.

DEATHS

Kenneth Beman

Services for Kenneth A. Beman, 60, of Midland have been set for 3 p.m. Thursday at the Ellis Chapel with Rev. J.W. Stovall officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park with Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

He died Monday at his home following a brief illness.

Mary Petri

Services for Mary F. Petri, 43, of Midland have been set for 10 a.m. Friday at the Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, 1610 W. Wall, with Pastor Richard Spencer officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park with Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She died Tuesday at a Midland hospital.

She was born Aug. 29, 1946 in San Antonio where she was reared. She graduated from Uruilane Academy in 1964. She also attended Draughn Business College. She met Pete Petri in San Antonio and they were married May 28, 1966 in San Antonio. They lived in San Diego for a brief time and later resided in Dallas and San Antonio. They lived in Houston from 1971-81. They then moved to Midland. She was a member of the Cornerstone Christian Fellowship and a member of the Midland Chapter of Women Aglow.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Joel Austin Petri and Casey Roy Petri, both of Midland; two daughters, Elissa Rochelle Petri and Holly Ursel Petri, both of Midland; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Koenig, Sr., of San Antonio; two brothers, Edward F. Koenig, Jr., of Austin and John R. Koenig of San Antonio; two sisters, Ida Genelle Koenig Slay of Corpus Christi and Telsa M. Dawson of Midland; three nieces and seven nephews.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland.

Debra Sanders

Services for Debra Murphy Sanders are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday in an automobile accident.

Cake decorating, pastels among MC's short courses

From Staff Reports

The Midland College Department of Continuing Education will offer four short courses beginning the week of Feb. 19.

Cindy Wilson will teach Cake Decorating I on Mondays from 8:30-9:30 p.m., Feb. 19 through Mar. 12. Decorating baked goods by applying flowers, borders, and pipings made of frosting. Also included are hints to make the process easier and recipes for frosting. Supplies available first night of class for an approximate cost of \$35. Class limited to 20 students. Course fee is \$25.

Health Unit Coordinator Training will be taught by Sidney Best on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m., Feb. 20 through May 10. A course designed to prepare Unit Coordinators for the NAHUC certification examination and to teach techniques and skills for those interested in becoming Unit Coordinators. Also appropriate for those needing to improve on the job skills. Text available at Midland College Bookstore. Course fee is \$67.

Judy Morrison-Griffin will teach Pastels on Thursdays from 6:30-9 p.m., Feb. 22 through Mar. 15. The exploration of colored chalk will include informative demonstrations of

how to use pastels. A wide variety of subject matter will also be presented. Previous drawing background is not required. Materials are explained and supplied for the first night. Course fee is \$21.

Janice Hastings will teach Telephone Courtesy/Customer Service on Thursday, Feb. 22 from 7-9 p.m. Whether dealing with the public or others within a company, good telephone skills are vital to getting a job done. This course will address the role of telephone communication in personal and organizational success. It will include practical suggestions and techniques for projecting a positive attitude, dealing with angry/difficult people, use of voice and speech, and other listening and communication tips. Course fee is \$6.

For more information, contact the Office of Continuing Education in the Administration Building or call 685-4518.

Korean War begins '50

War broke out June 25, 1950, as North Korea invaded South Korea. The U.N. Security Council, meeting in an emergency session, called for a cease-fire. The call went unheeded.



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■ Combine your nursing and teaching skills as a bilingual instructor of basic first aid or CPR. This local agency, in need of part time instructors, will provide you with training and instructional materials. Sharing your knowledge may well save a life.

■ Share your clerical skills and help an agency provide expanded services to elderly and disabled citizens. Volunteer receptionists are needed Monday through Friday, afternoon or morning shifts. Pick a day and time to fit your schedule.

■ Become a HIV resource aide and assist an agency with collecting information from newspapers, periodicals, TV programs, etc. This is a

self-paced, home-based opportunity that will enhance and update the community's knowledge of this important health issue. Good organizational skills are needed.

■ Be involved in all facets of a nonprofit agency by serving on a board of directors. Many agencies have need of volunteers with strong managerial skills and a commitment to helping others. Match your volunteer interests with the community's needs.

697-HELP, the only number you need to remember when you have a question or problem and do not know where to find the answer. Call Information and Referral Midland at 697-HELP.

For more information on how you can volunteer, please call the Volunteer Center at 697-8781.



Crime Prevention Division

Business Owners of Midland County:

Every year large amounts of money and property are taken from area businesses by burglars. In the year 1989 there were 132 business burglaries reported to the Midland County Sheriff's Department.

While there is no sure way to prevent burglaries, there are many ways to "harden" the security of your business and make it a more difficult target for the burglar.

If you feel that the security of your business could be improved or would like some helpful suggestions on this subject, we would be glad to come to your location and conduct a *Business Security Survey*. During this survey suggestions will be made on improving your business security. There is no obligation to follow these recommendations, that decision is left up to you, the business owner. This is a service provided by us and there is no charge.

For more information contact Sgt. John McDaniel or Deputy Phillip Buys at 688-1014 or 688-1015.

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Richards denies she only recently became pro-choice

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ann Richards' campaign vigorously denied opponent Jim Mattox's charge that she only recently adopted a strong pro-choice stand on abortion.

"That's blatantly false. Ann Richards has been actively involved with pro-choice groups," said Rep. Lena Guerrero, D-Austin, political director for Ms. Richards' campaign.

On the eve of a major Democratic gubernatorial candidates' debate in Houston, Mattox on Tuesday said, "Before the Webster decision and before the elections that took place in the North, Ann Richards could not find time in her schedule to be a pro-choice candidate."

He was referring to last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing states to impose restrictions on abortion and subsequent political battles between pro-choice and anti-abortion factions.

Mattox accused Ms. Richards of working on compromise legislation passed in 1987 to ban many abortions in the third trimester of pregnancy. He said that means it is dishonest for her to say she would have vetoed anti-abortion legislation if she'd been governor.

"I don't care whether it's gaining any pro-choice votes or not. That's not what I'm trying to do at all ... It's a matter of integrity. It's a matter of truthfulness," Mattox said.

Ms. Richards' campaign distributed a letter saying pro-choice groups



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found Ms. Richards to be a "key partner" in working with the Legislature.

"Attorney General Mattox is now in the ridiculous position of having his abortion attack on Ann Richards refuted by all the leading pro-choice groups in the state," said Glenn Smith, Ms. Richards' campaign manager. "He's desperate, so he's trying anything."

Also Tuesday, Mattox won the endorsement of the Sierra Club, which said he has fought to protect the environment as Texas attorney general, congressman and state lawmaker.

"While the other major Democratic contenders have the potential to be good on environmental issues, Jim Mattox has the record ... to prove his commitment to environmental protection," said Ken Kramer, director of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Mattox also claimed that he got a "clear majority" from the Coalition of Black Democrats at their endorsement convention in Fort Worth last weekend, but the vote was by secret

ballot and the numbers haven't been released.

The coalition, which required a 60 percent margin for an endorsement, didn't throw its support to any gubernatorial candidate.

In other political developments:

■ State GOP Chairman Fred Meyer said the party is planning its most extensive campaign in a gubernatorial election year to urge Texas voters to support Republicans. He named George W. Bush — principal owner of the Texas Rangers baseball team and President Bush's son — as chairman of the Victory '90 fundraising effort, and businessmen T. Boone Pickens and Bobby Holt as co-chairmen.

■ The creation of the Amigos De Clayton Williams Steering Committee was announced. "I'm 150 percent with him ... I know that he will be the best person, a governor for all the people of the state of Texas," said Abel Quintela of Odessa, former U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce chairman.

Hobby says school finance system could be revamped by cutting aid to larger districts

HOUSTON (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby says the state's school finance system could be revamped without raising taxes, but it would mean cutting aid to larger school districts.

"We could meet the mandate of the Texas Supreme Court without spending another dime. I have a computer printout showing how to do it," Hobby told about 700 attending a luncheon Tuesday at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

"But this would cut aid to the Dallas Independent School District by \$50 million a year, to Houston by \$38 million a year and to Austin by \$25 million a year," said Hobby, who is not seeking re-election.

"The numbers are not large, but the effect is equally damaging on smaller districts with above-average wealth."

Last year, the Texas Supreme Court ruled the Texas school finance system unconstitutional. The court ordered the state Legislature to devise a plan that doesn't discriminate against poor districts.

Hobby, who repeatedly has said a state income tax is inevitable, contends that even if a new school finance bill could be implemented without raising taxes, it would never get voters' support.

State lawmakers will begin debating the issue Feb.

27 in a special session. The court set a May 1 deadline for the Legislature to work out a new school financing system.

The state last passed a school finance bill in 1984, when the Legislature enacted a school reform package that included the controversial no-pass, no-play rule and teacher testing.

That reform package targeted state funds to poorer districts in an attempt to achieve fiscal neutrality, which requires that district expenditures be independent of district wealth.

Since then, however, school tax increases in the property-rich districts and changes in their spending patterns have created significant disparities.

Hobby said he will introduce a bill that he hopes will achieve the reform outlined by the court, but refused to elaborate further about it at a news conference before his speech.

"The education reform bill passed in 1984 has improved quality education in Texas," he said. "But while public education has improved since 1984, it hasn't improved enough."

Texas students rank 46th nationally in SAT scores, he said. One-third of the state's high school seniors can't pass a basic skills test and 35 percent never graduate from high school.

Hobby said some of those reforms need to be reviewed to determine which ones worked and which need to be overhauled further, like teacher testing, teachers' salaries and a teachers' career ladder.



Hobby

Four suspected shoplifters fight with employees

TYLER (AP) — It all started when three employees of a department store attempted to apprehend four Nacogdoches women who walked out without paying for some clothing.

Before it was over, the three employees had been kicked, a 2-year-old child pointed a gun at a police officer and the four women were jailed. And the merchandise in question was destroyed in the melee.

Officers said employees of a Marshall's store said the women walked out of the store Monday afternoon without paying for some clothing they were carrying.

Police called to the scene found a wild melee in progress.

The fist fight was over, but officer Charles Bledsoe said that as he approached the car the women were driving, he saw a gun being pointed at him from inside the car.

Bledsoe discovered the gun was being pointed at him by a 2-year-old boy, who was then disarmed.

Officers arrested Belinda Faye Griffin, 18, Patricia Johnson, 32, Katherine Ann Sessions, 21, and Rochelle Nichole Smith, 17, all of Nacogdoches.

A spokesman at the Smith County Jail said Ms. Smith and Ms. Griffin were charged with felony robbery. Ms. Sessions was charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon and Ms. Johnson was charged with class A theft.

Municipal Court Judge Diane DeVasto set bonds at \$15,000 each on Ms. Smith and Ms. Griffin and Ms. Sessions and Ms. Johnson were ordered held in lieu of \$1,000 bond each.

Employees Mark Bied, Michael Burnett and William Russel Giles Jr. all suffered bruises on their legs from being kicked repeatedly, police said.

Students will study WWII in France

AUSTIN (AP) — Thirty-four University of Texas students will leave for France on Thursday to study the causes and consequences of World War II.

University officials said Tuesday that the students were chosen for a pilot project that will combine high-level academics with on-site experiences at Normandy, scene of the Allied invasion of Europe.

The program is sponsored by UT and the U.S. Committee for the Battle of Normandy Museum. Travel expenses and room and board costs will be paid by the committee. Students will pay the normal tuition for 12 hours of study.

"The Normandy scholar program has been conceived and designed to do something about a tough problem, and to put the answer in the hands of the people who can use it. The problem is how to prevent war," said Anthony Stout, president of the museum committee.

"The theory underlying the program is that you prevent war the way you prevent anything else you do not want to happen — by studying what causes it," he said.

Students in the program will take four courses, including French and German culture and intellectual history, the war's origins, a look at the war's strategy and politics, and news coverage of the war by both Allied nations and Nazi Germany.

Gov. Bill Clements, who visited the museum in 1988, praised the plan.

"Through this program, Texas will lead the nation in providing the next generation of American leaders the opportunity to learn about the Second World War not from Hollywood but from history itself," Clements said.

INS may again detain Central Americans

Hearst News Service

HARLINGEN — An immigration spokesman said Tuesday the government probably will reinstate procedures that led to the detention of thousands of Central Americans in south Texas last year.

On the eve of a visit to south Texas by new Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Gene McNary, INS spokesman Mario Ortiz said, "I can tell you (McNary) did ask us to set up tents" at the main alien detention center in south Texas.

"It's likely that we are going to go back into detaining larger numbers of Central Americans," Restrictive practices adopted in late 1988 resulted in the detentions last year of thousands of people from the region.

INS officials in the agency's Washington headquarters said Tuesday they did not know what policy changes McNary, making his first visit to south Texas since becoming head of the service in November,

might announce. But Ortiz said U.S. Border Patrol agents in recent months have arrested growing numbers of Central Americans who entered the country illegally. Border Patrol officials in McAllen said Tuesday they arrested 2,833 illegal aliens from countries other than Mexico during the last three months of 1988.

In December 1988, INS officials dramatically toughened procedures for detaining Central Americans after more than 50,000 streamed through south Texas, the closest point on the U.S. border to Central America.

Immigration attorneys in south Texas filed suit to halt the INS policy change, but it was upheld by U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela in Brownsville.

The 1988 policy change, code named the "South Texas Project" by INS officials, saw the government abandon its practice of granting travel documents and work papers to Central Americans who were ap-

plying for political asylum. Instead, high appearance bonds were set and those refugees who could post the bond money were not allowed to leave south Texas pending the processing of their asylum petitions.

In addition, a task force of Border Patrol agents was assigned to the Texas border and immigration judges were flown in to hear asylum petitions in courtrooms set up in detention camps. The INS also chartered commercial jetliners to deport hundreds of Central Americans whose asylum cases were denied.

By early 1989, INS officials had crammed 2,500 refugees, many in circus tents without running water or showers, on the grounds of a former U.S. Border Patrol Academy near Port Isabel. Last month, in an apparent relaxing of those procedures, the INS began allowing hundreds of Central Americans to leave the detention camps on their own recognizance, and as late as Friday groups of refugees could be seen

walking north on highways leading from the Rio Grande Valley.

This week, the Port Isabel facility had 898 unmarried adults in detention. An additional 488 aliens in family groups are in detention facilities in nearby Brownsville and San Benito, and 139 unescorted juveniles are in three other camps in the Rio Grande Valley.

Immigration attorneys in the Rio Grande Valley said INS officials were making room for an expected influx of refugees from El Salvador fleeing the civil war.

"It's very strange. There have been a couple of articles in the newspapers that they were going to lower the numbers (of detainees) in Port Isabel by lowering bonds and releasing them on their own recognizance," said Chris Blum, an intern with PROBAR, a Harlingen legal clinic set up by the American Bar Association.

Blum said television stations in the valley Monday reported that six large tents were delivered.

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Suspect's wife charged in death

CLUTE (AP) — A woman whose husband is sought in the rape and stabbing death of a 15-year-old girl and the injury of the girl's mother has been charged as an accessory to the crimes.

Teresa Lynn Etheridge, common-law wife of Gary Wayne Etheridge, is being held in Brazoria County on charges of aggravated robbery with serious bodily injury, although she wasn't present during the crimes.

"We don't feel that she was with him when the crime was committed," Capt. Gene Smith of the Brazoria County Sheriff's Department said. "She went with him (afterwards) and she was covering up."

Etheridge, 26, of Freeport is being sought in connection with the killing Friday of Christie Chauviere at her mother's home outside Clute, a small community 50 miles south of Houston.

The girl was raped and stabbed. Her mother, Gail Chauviere, was stabbed when she walked in on the attack. Ms. Chauviere is in critical condition at a Houston hospital.

Ms. Etheridge, 20, also known as Teresa Erwin, is being held in the Brazoria County jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Smith said officers picked up her up in Mobile, Ala., Saturday after she called local authorities. She voluntarily returned to Brazoria County with sheriff's deputies.

Etheridge, who was paroled from a Texas prison in December, has not been found.

Dental board changes rule

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Dental Examiners has reversed a two-year-old rule that prevented patients from getting dental hygiene care unless the dentist was present in the office.

Texas dental hygienists now can resume performing such duties as polishing teeth and taking X-rays under "general supervision," as they had for more than 30 years before 1988, the Texas Dental Hygienists' Association said Tuesday.

Under general supervision, such routine duties can be performed when the dentist is not immediately in the office. The dentist still must be in the office at least eight hours a week and verify the quality of the services, and the patient must have been examined by the dentist at least once during the previous 12 months.

The dental board's action, taken last month, has "restored to Texas dentists the authority to use their best professional judgment in making patient-by-patient decisions," said Kathy Trilli of Austin, legislative council chair for the hygienists' association.

"For years, thousands of well-educated, thoroughly tested and state-licensed dental hygienists have been providing very professional care to millions of Texas patients without incident or risk, even when the dentist

was away for continuing education or out of the office delivering care or on business," Ms. Trilli said.

Body identified as ex-Texan

MILFORD, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say a charred body found in a roadside ditch east of Milford was that of a former Texan who committed suicide.

The Seward County sheriff's office, acting as coroner, ruled that William Cole, 18, formerly of Orange, Texas, committed suicide by dousing himself with gasoline and oil and lighting the mixture after an argument with his girlfriend, said Deputy Dan McCright.

Sheriff's officers found Cole's vehicle on a county road the night of Jan. 16, the same day he was reported missing after leaving the rural Milford residence of his girlfriend and her parents, McCright said. On Jan. 19, a farmer sighted the body about 50 yards from the road.

Authorities think Cole died early Jan. 18. He obtained the gasoline and oil from a shop building at his girlfriend's residence, McCright said.

He also said evidence in the ditch showed that Cole ran for about 90 feet and rolled several times in an attempt to extinguish the flames.

Authorities had said Cole moved to the Lincoln area from Texas about five months ago and that he was working for a plumbing supply company.

Medical research increases

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas public universities, medical, dental and other health schools spent a total of \$796.6 million on research in the 1989 fiscal year, an increase of \$109.8 million or almost 16 percent more than the previous year, according to a state Higher Education Coordinating Board report.

Public universities, led by Texas A&M University and the University of Texas at Austin, spent \$500.2 million. A&M spent \$215.6 million and UT-Austin \$162 million, or together 75.5 percent of the total university research funds.

Of the \$296.4 million spent on research by medical, dental and allied health schools, UT's M.D. Anderson Cancer at Houston headed the list with \$85.9 million, followed by UT's Southwestern Medical School at Dallas with \$79.9 million.

Federal funds accounted for \$392 million or about 49 percent of the total research money spent, the report said.

Firms to show in Bahrain

AUSTIN (AP) — The Middle East is becoming a lucrative market for U.S. agricultural suppliers, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower said in announcing that 10 Texas food and beverage companies will participate in the Bahrain Food Show this month.

The Texas Department of Agriculture will lead the Texas delegation to the show, MEDEX '90, Saturday through Feb. 15.

The companies include four that have been at the show before: Southern Gold Honey of Vidor; Robinson Exports and Frito-Lay, both of Dallas; and L.A. Test Services of Houston.

Exhibiting for the first time in the region are Guillory Farms of Beaumont; Chateau Texas of Dallas; Comanche Golden Peanuts of Comanche; Picosos Peanuts of Helotes; and Amigos Canning Co. and Meyer's Machine, both of San Antonio.

Man angry about tomatoes

DALLAS (AP) — A customer's beef about his hamburger gained him a trip to jail, police said.

Kassa Maru told authorities that a customer came into his ice cream parlor and began screaming at him after finding out his hamburger was going to be served without tomato slices.

When Maru picked up the phone to call for help, the customer jumped over the counter and hit him with the telephone.

Genaro Garza, 20, was released Tuesday from Lew Sterrett Justice Center Tuesday after posting a \$3,700 bond in connection with the assault, which occurred Sunday.

Chief's OK expected

HOUSTON (AP) — Elizabeth M. Watson's nomination as chief of the Houston Police Department is expected to receive resounding approval from the City Council today.

Several council members Tuesday said they predicted the vote to be unanimous.

"I have not heard one bad word about her," Councilman Frank Mancuso said.

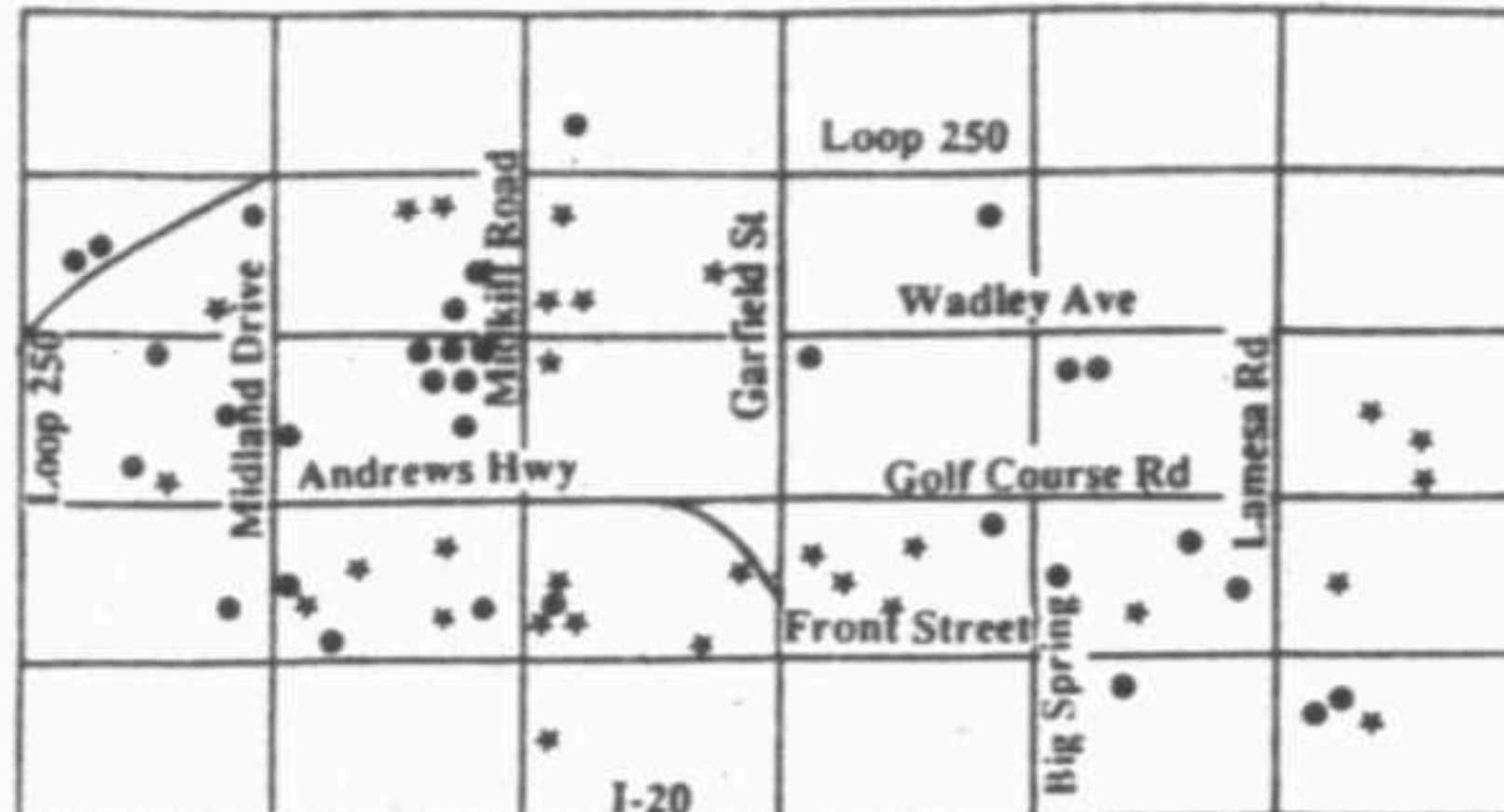
Mrs. Watson has been acting chief since Mayor Kathy Whitmire named her to replace outgoing Chief Lee P. Brown. Brown left Houston last month to become police commissioner in New York City.

Mrs. Watson, 40, will be the first woman ever to head the police department of one of the nation's 10 largest cities. About 4,000 uniformed officers will be under her command.



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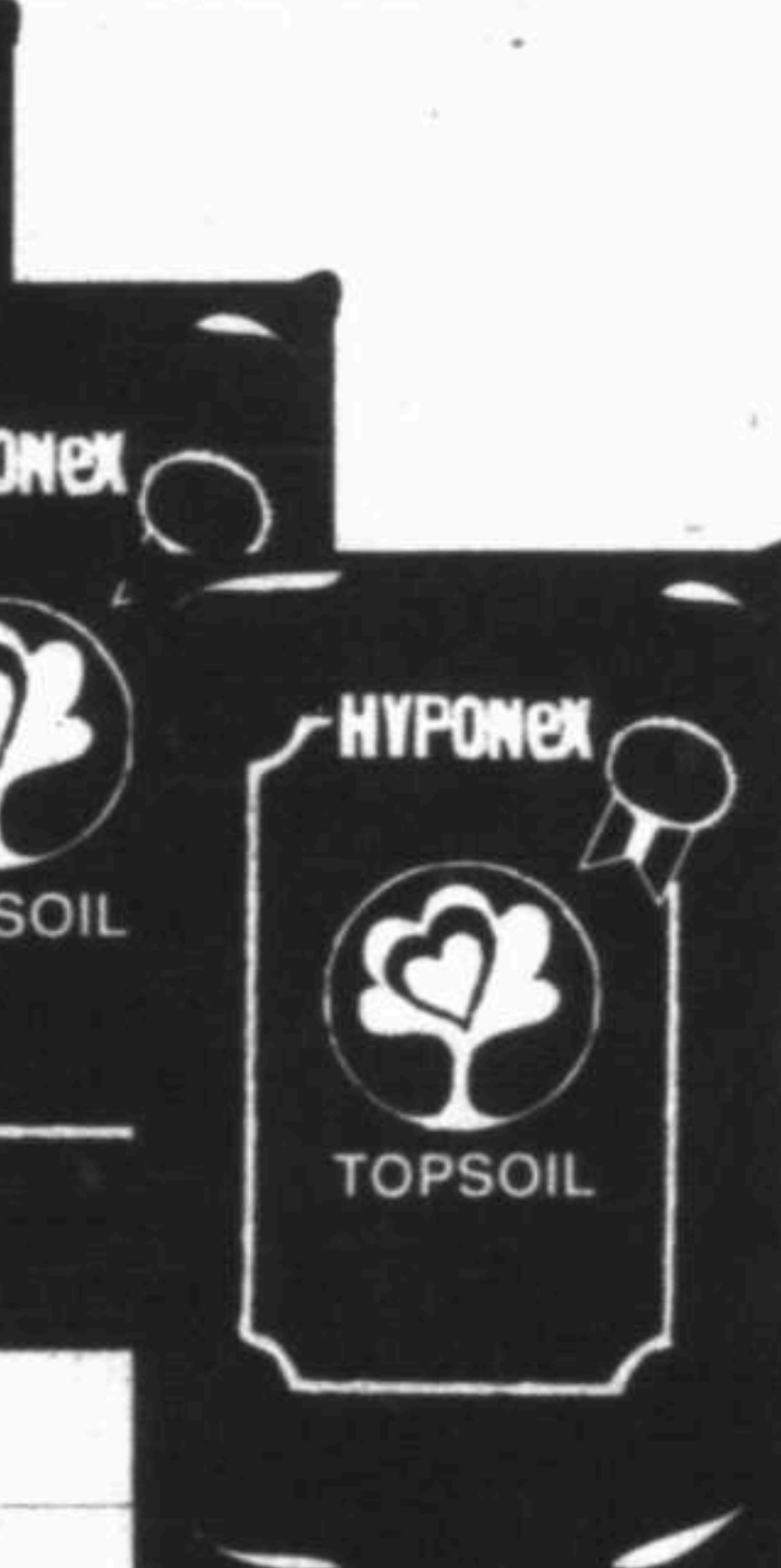
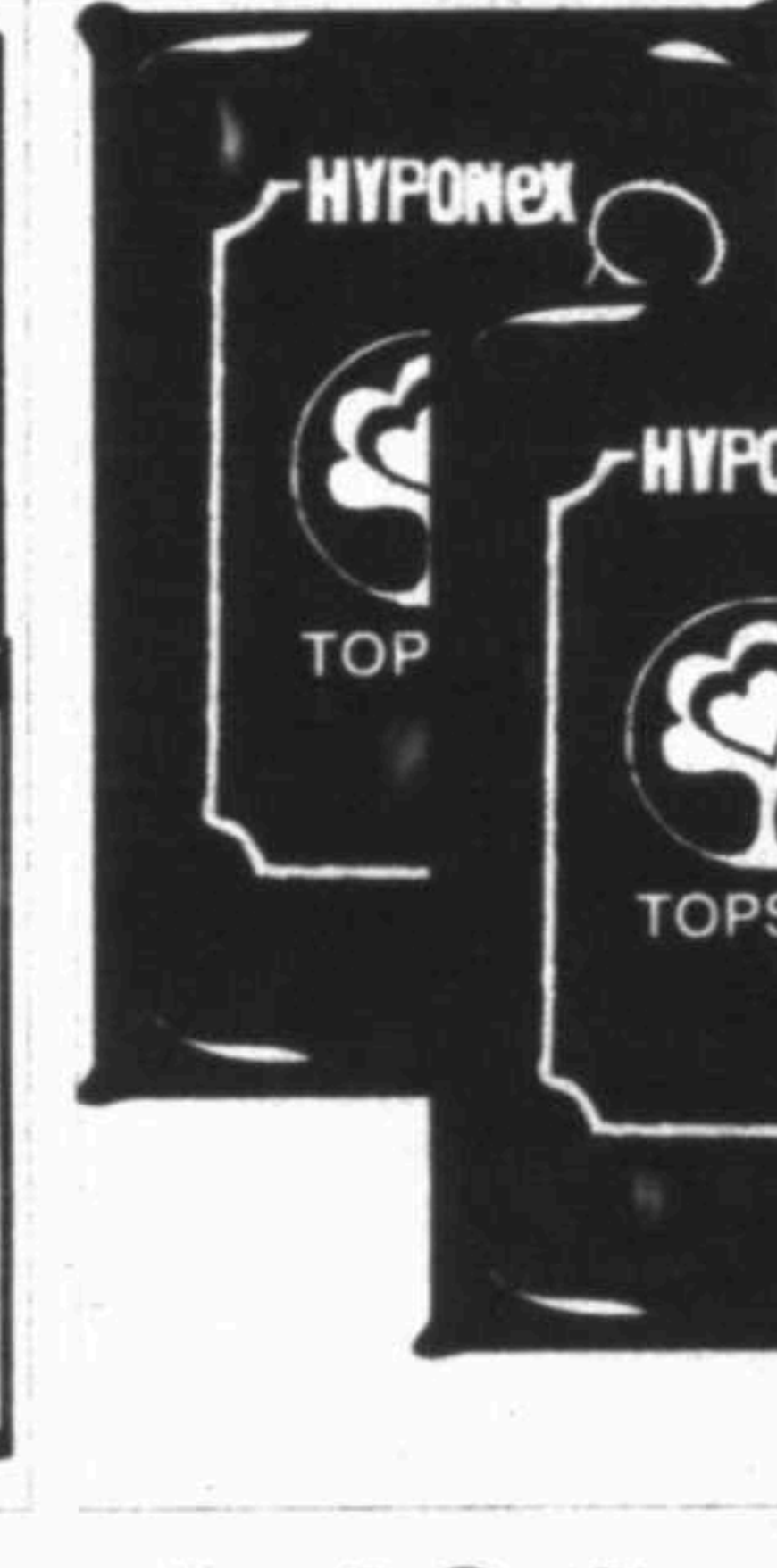


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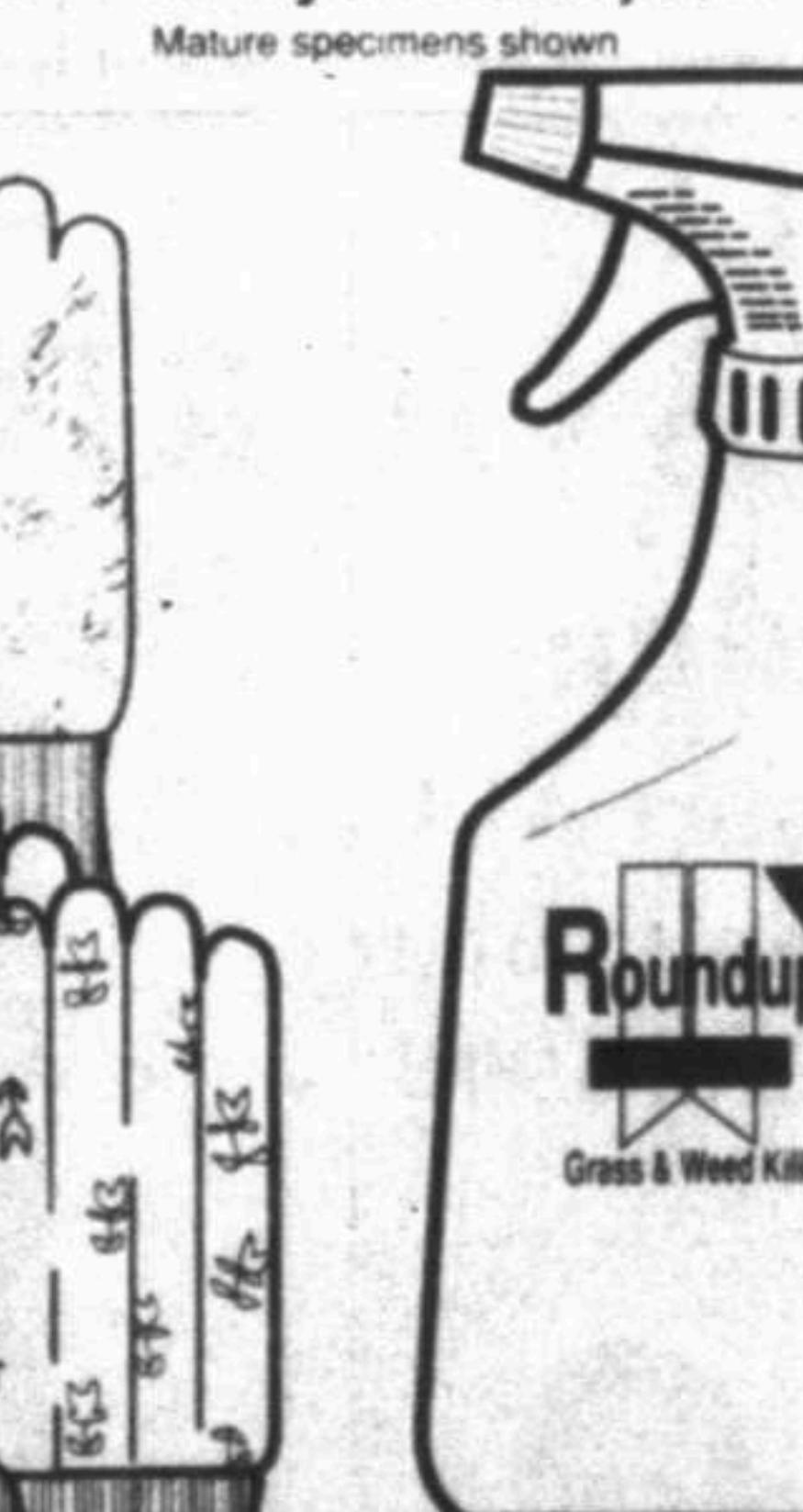


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This daily column on words, their spellings, meanings and origins will be published through March 30. These words are typical of those used in bees but may not necessarily be used in competition.

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skoal (noun) — For a special occasion, such as New Year's Eve or a birthday party, people often raise their glasses together with friends to propose a toast. It would be appropriate in this instance for someone to exclaim "skoal!" "Skoal" means "to your good health and prosperity." The word is derived from the Danish word "skål," which means "bowl or cup." The act of raising a cup and "toasting" a friend began in ancient times. Originally, the action was a sign of trust.

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Red Cross workers transfer a wounded Christian civilian to the Barbir Hospital in Moslem west Beirut.

Hospitals hard hit by Lebanese fighting

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Surgeons operated by candlelight and emergency rooms used water boiled on kerosene stoves today as fighting between rival Christian forces plunged east Beirut into more desperate conditions.

In the ninth day of a showdown over control of Lebanon's Christian enclave, Gen. Michel Aoun regrouped his army troops for a major assault to dislodge Samir Geagea's Lebanese Forces militia from its besieged strongholds.

Geagea pleaded with President Francois Mitterand of France "to act swiftly to arrange an immediate halt to the hysterical killing," which has claimed more than 347 lives and wounded 1,700, by police count.

Police said scores of the wounded, mostly civilians, were dying at hospitals due to scarcity of antibiotics and other medicines.

Aoun's 20,000 troops and the 6,000-member militia are fighting across densely-populated residential districts, seeking to control the 310-square-mile Christian enclave.

The Hotel Dieu and Saint Joseph hospitals, the largest medical centers in Christian east Beirut, said in separate statements that they would bury about 30 victims in mass graves today. The bodies were decomposing in morgues due to a total power failure.

A police spokesman, who cannot be named in line with regulations, said surgeons were carrying out operations in several hospitals with "candlelight in desperate efforts to rescue the victims."

"Most hospitals have run out of diesel oil to operate their power generators. They are back to the 19th century methods of boiling water on kerosene stoves for the operation rooms," the spokesman said.

French Humanitarian Minister Bernard Kouchner and Ambassador Rene Ala negotiated a 90-minute cease-fire along a narrow street needed to evacuate 12 seriously wounded from two hospitals.

At 9:30 a.m., a seven-ambulance convoy dashed across the divided city's museum crossing to evacuate the wounded from the Hotel Dieu and Saint Joseph hospitals as the factions exchanged sniper fire overhead.

The convoy drove the victims out of the Ashrafiyeh district to Beirut airport in the Syrian-policed Western sector, where a French plane waited to fly them for treatment in Paris.

At one point, the convoy passed a white Mercedes. Its driver lay dead in the road beside his car.

The police spokesman said the intensity of clashes had decreased since Aoun achieved his most significant victory in the confrontation, flushing Geagea's men out of the Dbye hills they controlled north of Beirut late Tuesday.

The spokesman said the general was massing tanks, commando and infantry units for major attacks on Geagea's men in east Beirut's besieged districts of Ashrafiyeh and Ein Rummaneh.

Aoun, the police spokesman said, also was massing large numbers of tanks in mountainous regions northeast of the capital in apparent preparation for a push west to rescue his helicopter base at Adma, where an estimated 500 commandos are withstanding a siege by the Lebanese Forces.

President Elias Hrawi on Tuesday asked for foreign support for whatever move he might make to try to stop the fratricide, indicating he might use the mostly Moslem, Syrian-backed units of the army to stop Aoun.

A source in Moslem west Beirut, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Hrawi was considering a plan to help contain the fighting. The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the first part would be a "political move" that depends on Geagea.

The respected An-Nahar daily newspaper said Geagea, in a move aimed at rescuing his militia, might declare territories he controls in Kesrouan, Byblos and Batroun provinces north of Beirut "loyal to President Hrawi."

Hrawi's 22,000-strong troops, backed by 40,000 Syrian soldiers, control 70 percent of Lebanon, excluding the Christian enclave and the similar-sized territory Israel occupies in south Lebanon.

Allowing Hrawi's authority to spread in Geagea's regions would strip Aoun of about half of the Christian enclave he is fighting to control. Hrawi was elected by Parliament in November as part of a peace plan designed to end the 15-year-old Christian-Moslem civil war.

Romanian 'front' registers as party in new elections

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — The political front that took control in the revolution that toppled Nicolae Ceausescu has registered to run in the May 20 elections, with interim President Ion Iliescu expected to lead the ticket.

The National Salvation Front, unelected and ruling by decree since Ceausescu was ousted and executed in December, originally promised only to rule until the elections, but reversed its stand two weeks ago.

It is considered the front-runner in the race against 29 political parties.

Iliescu, a former Communist official, on Tuesday officially registered the front, which has split from the government and the eight-member ruling council.

Dan Radulescu, chief of the front's commission for press and public relations, said: "Our candidate for president will be Mr. Iliescu, that's for sure. That's what everyone wants."

Interim Prime Minister Petre Roman said he also wanted Iliescu to run for president.

"I hope it will be Iliescu," he said in the interview for John McLaughlin's syndicated "One on One" program, which will be broadcast in the United States this weekend. A transcript was made available here.

Roman said he would not campaign to be prime minister but would probably accept the post if the front wins the election and he is asked by a majority of the movement.

The front agreed to form a Council of National Unity with opposition parties to run the country until Romania's first multiparty elections since World War II are held in May.

The council is to meet for the first time Friday.

In its platform released Tuesday, the front said its aim is "realization in Romania of a democratic society based on political pluralism, the separation of powers in the state, the assurance of liberty and human dignity."

The front said it also sought to guarantee "the inviolability of human rights, the respecting of the rights and liberties of all national minorities, the guarantee of freedom of religion."

Another platform goal is "creation of a modern national economy" based on efficiency and individual as well as collective initiative.

Roman said Romania was moving slowly toward a market economy and faced two major economic problems: that it produced only basic products and that its largest industries had far greater capacity than the country needs.

The platform included membership guidelines and an outline of the party's structure. It bars from membership anyone convicted of crimes against the popular revolution that toppled Ceausescu.

The platform made no mention of the Communist Party. Last month, the front announced it would outlaw the party. Then it decided to submit the question to a referendum, only to cancel the vote a short time later.

Asked in the interview whether the Communist Party was dead for all practical purposes, Roman replied: "The Communist Party doesn't exist any more. Practically, it was a self-dissolution."

He said the front and every political party had former Communists as members.

West Germany creates unity panel

WEST BERLIN (AP) — The West German government today created a committee to prepare for eventual German reunification and agreed to pursue immediate talks with East Germany on using a single currency.

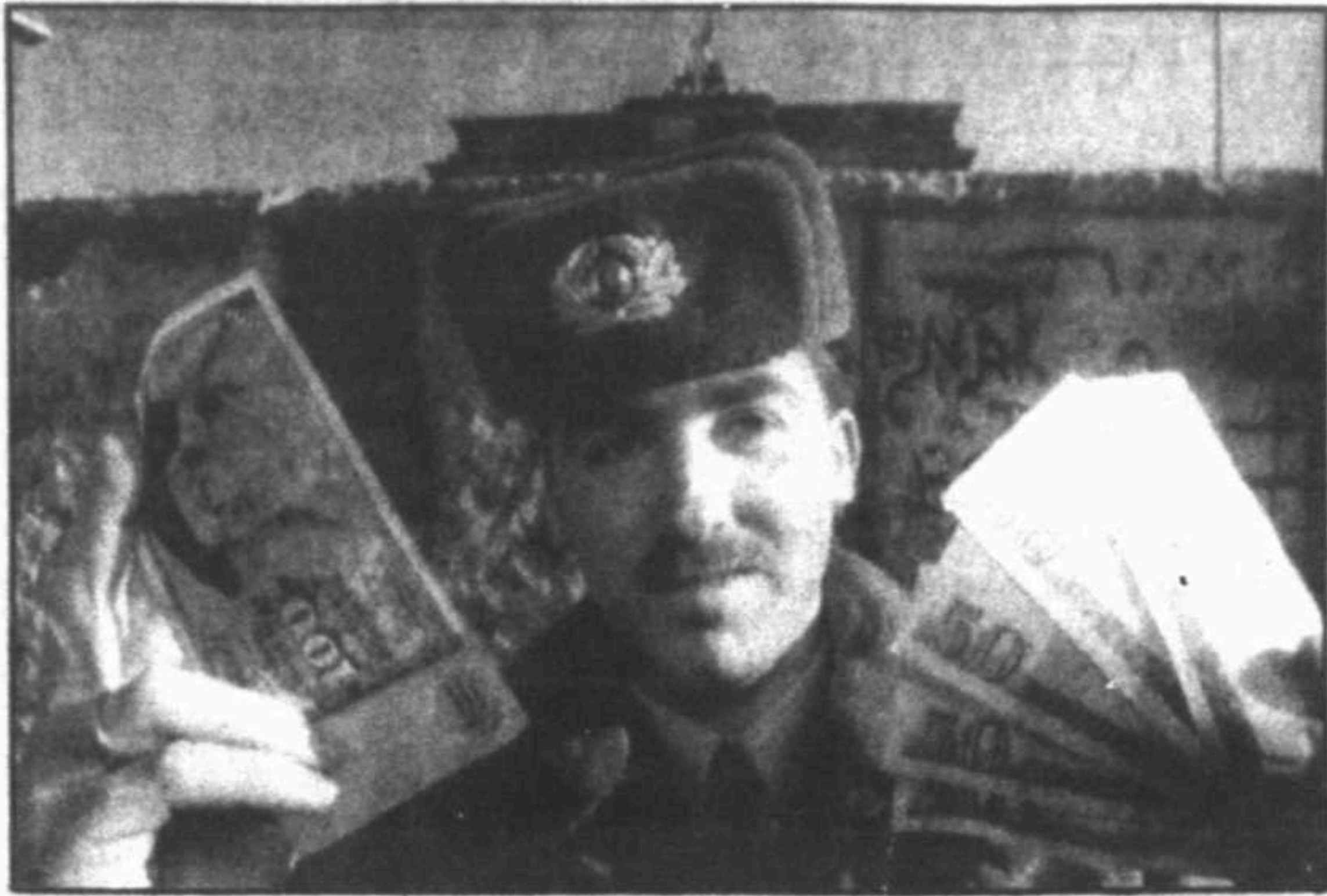
Rudolf Seiters, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's chief of staff, said the select committee began its work today under the chancellor's leadership. Other panel members include Cabinet ministers in Kohl's government.

Seiters said the panel will examine all the steps and decisions necessary for unification, including creation of a monetary union, East German economic reforms and legal questions, as well as issues of foreign policy and security.

West Germany will discuss "confederative cooperation" with East Germany after East Germany's first free elections on March 18, Seiters said.

He made the announcement after Kohl's Cabinet met to hear the chancellor's proposal for urgent talks with East Germany on uniting the two nations' currencies, which would be a giant leap toward reunification. A monetary union would make the West German mark East Germany's currency and turn over much of East Germany's economic sovereignty to West Germany and its central bank.

Economics Minister Helmut Haussmann said a "German-German economic miracle" like the one that made West Germany wealthy is possible as the two countries draw closer together, but that much work



AP Laserphoto

East Berlin border guard Maik Thomas holds 300 East German marks, right, the official exchange rate for 100 West German marks, left, in front of the Brandenburg Gate.

needs to be done.

Kohl, under domestic pressure to relieve the influx of thousands of East Germans seeking better jobs and housing in the West, said Tuesday: "People in East Germany must see now that citizens of West Germany are ready to help."

Nonetheless, new signs are emerging that both German states may have to make huge sacrifices to rescue East Germany's ailing economy.

A newspaper quoted officials as saying that under reunification, West Germany would have to pay billions to salvage East Germany's economy.

In East Berlin today, three leftist opposition movements agreed to join forces and campaign as a coalition for East Germany's March 18 elections, said the ADN news agency. The three are New Forum, Democracy Now and the Initiative for Peace

and Human Rights, said ADN. New Forum is East Germany's best-known pro-democracy movement.

Three conservative opposition groups, including the Democratic Awakening, also have joined forces for East Germany's first free elections.

Also today, authorities said ousted East German Communist Party leader Erich Honecker, who faces charges of high treason, will be tried together with three of his former lieutenants before the country's Supreme Court next month.

Kohl said details for talks with East Germany on reunification would be worked out when Premier Hans Modrow of East Germany visits Bonn next week.

Kohl did not give a deadline for the monetary union, but government sources said on condition of anonymity that Kohl shared Finance Minister Theodor Waigel's view that it should come before the end of the year.

The newspaper Bild said Waigel wants East Germans to be able to exchange their currency for West German marks at a 1:1 ratio. The current official rate is three East marks for one West mark.

But Waigel also expects the process of creating a free-market economy in East Germany will result in a huge loss of jobs.

According to Bild, Waigel is proposing that West Germany pay out unemployment benefits to East Germans left jobless by economic overhaul.

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Conservatives fight South African reforms

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — The pro-apartheid Conservative Party said today it will stage protests and strikes to drive President F.W. de Klerk from power and block his plans to share power with blacks.

Koos van der Merwe, chief spokesman for the Conservatives, the main white opposition party, said de Klerk deceived South African whites by suddenly legalizing the African National Congress guerrilla movement and more than 60 other anti-apartheid groups.

He said de Klerk's National Party would not be able to retain power in the face of a white backlash.

The Conservatives are pushing for a new election. If de Klerk rejects that proposal, the party would organize "stay-at-home" campaigns or general strikes that would bring the country to a halt, van der Merwe said.

"We will keep the pressure on him ... until he has no choice but to call a general election," he said.

If large numbers of whites joined a general strike, they could bring the government to a standstill, halt most transportation and shut down businesses, schools and hospitals.

On Friday, de Klerk lifted the ban on the ANC and other opposition groups and partially lifted the state of emergency as part of a plan to begin negotiations that would bring the disenfranchised black majority into the government.

The president also said the government would soon release Nelson Mandela, the jailed ANC leader, unconditionally. But he did not give a date.

On Tuesday, a leading anti-apartheid activist said the government's drive for peace could be jeopardized by its delay in releasing Mandela. "He must be released soon or de Klerk will lose momentum," the Rev. Allan Boesak said after meeting with Mandela for more than three hours at Victor Verster prison farm north of Cape Town.

Boesak said Mandela wants the government to lift the state of emergency and free all political prisoners, including those convicted of violent acts, but would accept freedom whether or not the demands are met.

He said Mandela considered de Klerk's speech "bold, courageous and hopeful," but did not believe it had cleared the way for talks between the government and the ANC.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, beginning a visit to South Africa, said today he hopes to see Mandela "walking down the streets of Johannesburg" before his 12-day trip ends.

At an airport news conference, the civil rights leader declined to say if he had requested a meeting with Mandela, saying only that "I have no commitment from the government to meet him."

Jackson was recently granted a visa after several rejections in the past decade.



A right-wing supporter uses a flag-draped bust of Jan Smuts as his podium for reform. The statue is located near Parliament.

WORLD IN BRIEF

IRA bombs plane at missile plant

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — An IRA bomb exploded today in a hangar at an aircraft and missile plant, causing no injuries and little damage. The terrorist group said more attacks on the plant would follow.

A local radio station said the Irish Republican Army telephoned 22 minutes before the blast at the Short Brothers Ltd. plant to warn that three 20-pound devices had been planted at the huge north Belfast complex.

A spokesman for Short Brothers said a bomb exploded in an area of the complex where the company builds the Tucano Royal Air Force training aircraft.

The area of the plant was sealed off and an army bomb disposal team sent in to see whether there were more devices, the Royal Ulster Constabulary said. Flights at the nearby Harbor Airport were halted during the inspection.

The constabulary said it did not know the bomb's contents, but news reports said it was made of Semtex, the Czechoslovak-made explosive favored by the IRA.

The IRA issued a statement later saying there would be further attacks on plant but that no warnings would be issued ahead of time.

Tourists' driver held

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The bus driver is being held as a possible accomplice in the terrorist attack on a busload of Israeli tourists that claimed the lives of nine Israelis and left 20 people wounded, newspapers reported today.

Saeed Abdel-Raouf, a Palestinian who gained Egyptian citizenship, fell under suspicion after witnesses said he stopped the bus at once when masked gunmen signaled him to do so Sunday, with no warning shot fired, said the newspaper Al-Ahram.

When Abdel-Raouf appeared on state-run television Monday night, he said he was taken by surprise and stopped the vehicle after hearing a "bang" he thought came from a tire explosion.

The masked men attacked the bus with machine guns and hand grenades on a desert road between Cairo and the Suez Canal city of Ismailiya.

Debt agreement signed

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The World Bank signed an agreement with Mexico that gives the country \$2 billion in credits to reduce its \$93 billion foreign debt.

The accord, signed Tuesday, is part of a larger agreement signed to

back a debt refinancing package with foreign creditor banks.

Treasury Secretary Pedro Aspe signed the accord for Mexico, along with Syed Shahid Hussain, vice-president of the World Bank for Latin America, the government said in a statement.

The agreement was based on the World Bank's support for Mexico's agreement with creditor banks on refinancing the foreign debt, the statement said. The \$2 billion credit is the largest ever granted to Mexico by the World Bank. Of the amount, \$1.26 billion will go toward guaranteeing the payment of interest on new loans and the rest will guarantee principal.

Palau rejects measure

KOROR, Palau (AP) — Voters in this remote Western Pacific archipelago rejected a political arrangement that would have brought them more self-government and nearly \$500 million in U.S. aid.

Early returns today showed about half of the voting Palauans supported a Compact of Free Association and subsidiary agreements with the United States, but the results clearly were falling short of the required 75 percent.

With 23 percent of the vote counted from Tuesday's polling, 51 percent opposed the compact and 49 percent approved. Final results weren't expected until at least Friday.

Vice President Kunio Nakamura, who backed the compact, conceded it would fail.

Violence shakes Karachi

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Police and militant Moslem sharpshooters clashed today following riots between rival political parties in this port city, and a hospital spokesman said 15 people were killed.

The latest killings raised the death toll to 21 since Monday, when clashes began between supporters of the governing Pakistan Peoples Party and the Mohajir Qaumi Movement, representing Moslem immigrants to Pakistan. Eighty people have been injured.

Soldiers in machine-gun mounted jeeps patrolled the streets, which were deserted except for police and militant Mohajirs, who called a 24-hour strike.

"All the markets and shops are closed," said Naseen Nusrat, a Mohajir spokesman. "We have shut down Karachi to protest against the brutal action" of the governing party. The Mohajirs have blamed the killings of two party members on supporters of the governing party.

Most of the 15 people who were killed Wednesday died when police tried to dislodge a roadblock set up by Mohajir members, said a government spokesman.

Jackson hoping to see Mandela freed

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Jesse Jackson, beginning a visit to South Africa, said today he hoped to see Nelson Mandela "walking down the streets of Johannesburg" before his 12-day trip ends.

The U.S. civil rights leader, granted a visa by the government after several rejections in the past decade, planned to meet President F.W. de Klerk and Foreign Minister P.W. Botha as well as leaders of the anti-apartheid movement.

At an airport news conference, Jackson declined to say if he had requested a meeting with Mandela, the African National Congress leader who is expected to be released soon after more than 27 years in prison.

"I have no commitment from the government to meet him," Jackson

said. "I hope to see him walking down the streets of Johannesburg. The whole world hopes to see him free."

On Friday, in a widely hailed speech, de Klerk lifted a 30-year ban on the ANC, scrapped other restrictive measures and pledged to free Mandela promptly.

"This is a moment in South Africa's history that must be seized," Jackson said. "If the government moves back, there will be chaos ... But if the government seizes the political moment and moves forward, we will see the dawn of a new, free and democratic South Africa."

He said he had set two goals for the trip — to encourage unity among black political factions and to "address the unfounded fears of the whites."

Asked whether he favored continuation of sanctions against South Africa, he replied: "The real issue is to end apartheid. Sanctions will end with apartheid."

De Klerk gave "a great speech," he said, but "apartheid is still in place, the caution is that Nelson Mandela is still in jail."

The Afrikaner Resistance Movement, a neo-Nazi white supremacist group, has threatened to mount protests against Jackson but only a handful of right-wing demonstrators were seen at the airport and they obeyed police orders to avoid displaying placards.

Jackson and his wife, Jackie, were welcomed by senior leaders of the anti-apartheid movement, including Walter Sisulu, an ANC colleague of Mandela's, and church leaders Al-

lan Boesak and Frank Chikane.

On Tuesday, Botha suggested it was an inopportune time for Jackson to visit because of the rapid political changes taking place.

Botha also complained that Jackson alternates his statements on sanctions depending on his audience. Botha said Jackson has told South African officials he favors an end to punitive sanctions, while appealing in public speeches for added sanctions.

"The time has come when Jesse and I must talk straight to each other," Botha said.

He said Jackson's visit has nothing to do with the release of Mandela, because the decision has already been made. "He can enjoy the aftermath, but not claim any credit," Botha said.

Rightwingers a growing factor in Soviet political system

By BERNARD D. KAPLAN
Hearst News Service

PARIS — Those who watched on TV last Sunday's huge Moscow rally calling for faster overhaul of the Soviet system spotted dozens of unfamiliar blue, black and white banners held aloft among the estimated 100,000 marchers.

They were replicas of the old imperial flag of Czarist Russia, unseen in public since the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

They showed that not all of the marchers were there to proclaim their belief in democratic freedoms or, for that matter, in Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Fluttering alongside the czarist flags was another rarely seen emblem, the Cross of St. Andrew, Russia's patron saint.

Nowhere in sight was the Soviet

hammer and sickle.

The proliferation of czarist banners in what had been organized as a mammoth demonstration of liberal support for Gorbachev reflected a revival of rightwing nationalism in the Soviet Union's Russian heartland.

Many people waving the imperial banner were making a conscious appeal to old-style Russian chauvinism and traditional beliefs, specifically including anti-Semitism, in face of the demands for democracy and for independence by many of the Soviet Union's ethnic minorities.

Soviet writer Mikhail Leontiev calls the emergence of the right a "frightened reaction to the belief among the Russian people that it is biologically and culturally threatened by extinction, that the Russian race is becoming alien in its own homeland."

Much has been written during the past few years about Pamyat, an avowedly fascist organization, most of whose followers are young skinheads and working class troublemakers.

Pamyat benefits from a surprising degree of tolerance on the part of the Soviet authorities. It publishes its anti-Semitic and even anti-party broadsheets without hindrance. Its leaders have seldom been bothered by the police.

But Pamyat can claim only about 15,000 members. None of its candidates won seats in last year's free elections to the Congress of People's Deputies.

Leontiev says that Pamyat has already been surpassed by newer rightwing groups whose emphasis is on old-style Russian patriotism and traditional ideals.

The largest of these organizations, the United Council of Russia and one that calls itself simply Fatherland, are potentially more dangerous than Pamyat because they appear to exert wider appeal, he says.

Leontiev, writing in the Soviet weekly *Atmosfera*, warns that "the menace of a fascist coup is growing ... inasmuch as the fascist consensus is no longer limited to young thugs in leather jackets but includes portions of the intelligentsia and the technocracy, members of the establishment."

The reason for the extreme right's growing strength, according to Soviet historian Roy Medvedev, is rooted in the Soviet Union's economic and social crisis.

"Frustration (at the lack of progress at overcoming the crisis) is producing more than a search for scapegoats," he said in a telephone

interview from Moscow. "It has created a widespread belief in the existence of a plot to undermine all that is of value in our society."

The conspiracy theory offers a ready-made explanation of why so much has gone wrong and is proving so hard to put right, he added.

He agreed with Leontiev that the rightist phenomenon has its most powerful appeal among the 180 million ethnic Russians — long the dominant group in the Soviet Union but now a shrinking majority facing defiance by nearly all of the ethnic minorities it previously kept in check.

As nationalist pressure among the ethnic minorities grows, so will Russian xenophobia, Medvedev predicted. Igor Shafarevich, a well-known mathematician, is a rightwing thinker among the Soviet intellectual elite.

In a recent article in *Novy Mir* (it-

self not a rightwing journal), Shafarevich denounced the West in general and the United States, in particular, for their "false" values.

Shafarevich apparently sees the history of democratic liberalism from the 19th century on as a deliberate assault on Russia and its traditional values.

A conspiracy, led by Jews, has long existed to paint a false picture of Russian history as backward and cruel, he wrote.

Among the "Jews" he singled out as implacable enemies of Russia is the late Gen. George Marshall, the U.S. secretary of state and architect of the Marshall Plan that aided the recovery of Europe after World War II.

Marshall was not Jewish. But Shafarevich claimed that Marshall is a Hebrew name meaning a clown.

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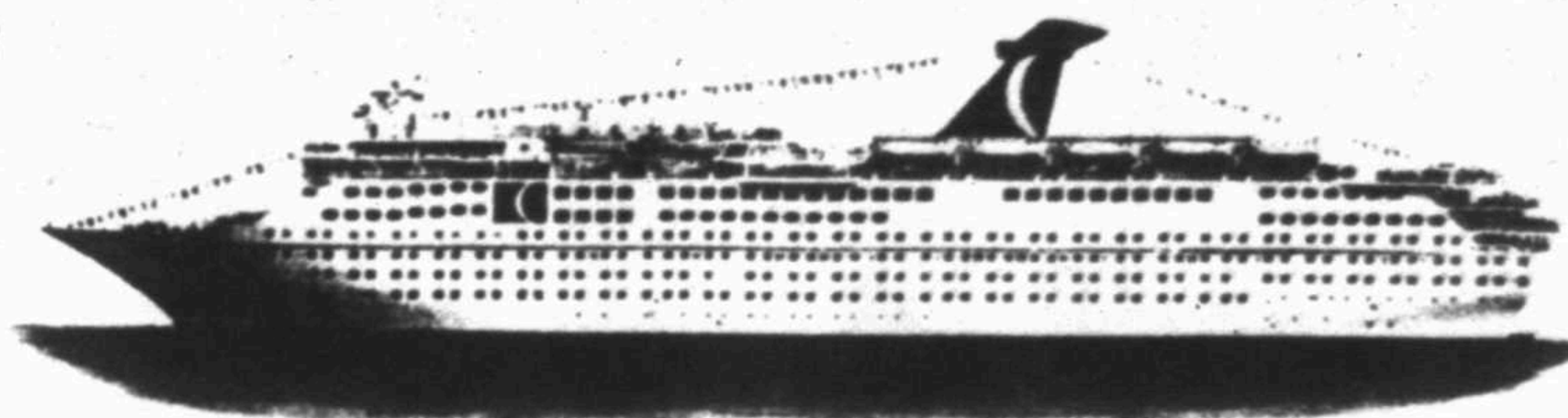
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Silly Putty still stretches youths' fun

By DAVID S. MARTIN

EASTON, Pa. (AP) — Forty years after a copy writer for a small advertising agency took a taffy-like substance invented by accident and called it Silly Putty, the toy in the plastic egg is still making an impression.

Binney & Smith Inc., Silly Putty's maker, sells more than 3 million eggs a year of the bouncable, moldable, stretchable toy capable of lifting images from newspapers.

And this spring, the Easton-based company plans to add four fluorescent colors of Silly Putty to the pinkish silicone rubber.

These colors mark the first change in the product since Peter C. Hodgson borrowed \$147 in 1950 to market a researcher's failed attempt at making synthetic rubber during World War II.

"Dads and moms may get a little jealous because they didn't have these things, but maybe their kids will share," said Dennis Malloy, Binney & Smith's director of business development.

The privately held company, which also makes Crayola crayons and Liquitex fine arts products, bought the rights to Silly Putty in 1977, a year after Hodgson's death.

Hodgson's son, Peter Jr., said Silly Putty's simplicity has allowed it to stretch over two generations.

"It demands something of people so it animates you," said Hodgson, a professor of Russian literature at the University of California, Los Angeles.

"It really is what it says it is: a liquid solid," he said. "It's just a paradox, a kind of puzzle, an enigma you can hold in your hand."

The elder Hodgson, who envisioned Silly Putty as a therapeutic diversion for adults, began the business in a converted barn in North Branford, Conn., and shipped the product to retailers in pasteboard egg crates.

Since then, more than 200 million eggs of Silly Putty — more than 3,000 tons — have been sold.

Silly Putty, which has survived copycats such as Nutty Putty and Goofy Goo, has been pressed into service in some unusual ways.

The elder Hodgson gave Apollo 8 astronauts Silly Putty in sterling silver eggs for their 1968 trip to the moon, and they used it to keep tools from floating away in weightlessness.

Athletes squeeze it to strengthen

150,000 pupils challenged by space project

By HARRY ROSENTHAL

WASHINGTON (AP) — The problem, as posed to 150,000 school children on a recent Friday, was this:

A student, running 100 feet every 10 seconds, 24 hours a day, requires 1,467 days to reach the moon. He or she burns 864 calories an hour. A slice of bread contains 60 calories. How high would the loaf of bread have to be to supply the student with enough energy to reach the moon?

OK, OK. Something is left out of the problem. A sandwich slice is about one-half inch thick. The answer is, 30,419,712 calories are represented in 506,995 slices of bread which stacked would be 253,498 inches high, creating a loaf of bread four miles high.

Oh, yes. The moon averages about 240,000 miles away, though you didn't have to know that to solve the problem.

This problem was one of five presented on a satellite network connecting 900 schools around the country to spark youngsters' interest in learning and to spur appreciation science, math, and teaching.

It was the first of such classroom lessons sponsored by the Challenger Center, an educational project founded by the families of the seven astronauts who perished aboard the space shuttle Challenger four years ago.

"Today, we took you on an imaginary trip to the moon," said Dr. R. Lynn Bondurant Jr., chief of educational services at NASA's Lewis Research Center who conducted the program. "Some day you may be on a real trip to the moon. Remember to reach for the stars."

Teachers in the participating classes received materials in advance. The preparation showed as pupils afterward asked questions of Michael Collins, who flew the mother ship while astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin made the walk on the moon in 1969.

What impresses you most from that far away from home?

"The size of the Earth," said Collins. "First you have to find it. It is as small as your thumbnail."

What supplies should you take? "Hydrogen," said Collins. Human beings need water, which is two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen. "You can get a lot of oxygen out of the rocks on the moon, but you have to take hydrogen from Earth."

How long will the footprints left on the moon last?

"I don't know," said Collins. Eventually, he said, they would be obliterated by micrometeorites hitting the moon.

The lessons included calculations to find the distance to the moon, evaluating the differences in gravity, mapping the moon, and the Collins interview.

In the next few weeks the student will work on designing a lunar mining base and one plan from each school will be submitted to the Challenger center.

For the gravity calculations, the students were shown a clip in which astronaut David Scott, on Apollo 15, dropped a hammer and feather simultaneously to the moon and they hit the surface at exactly the same time.

their hands, and physical therapists recommend it for patients recovering from hand or wrist injuries.

New York City artist George Horner uses Silly Putty in his work, which sells for as much as \$5,000.

"I do consider myself a serious artist even though I work with Silly Putty," said Horner, whose works inside Silly Putty-filled frames address topics such as homelessness and AIDS. "I sort of like to fool people's expectations."

Malloy said he expects Silly Putty to continue to thrive — even in the age of the video game.

"I think a parent is ecstatic when a child requests a toy that costs a buck and a half," he said.

According to Malloy, baby boomers' children have hatched a Silly

Putty sales increase of 15 percent to 17 percent during the last four years.

He said he expects sales to grow by 25 percent to 30 percent this year as children collect the new blue, green, yellow and magenta colors scheduled to reach retail stores' shelves in May.

But Larry Carlat, editor of Toy & Hobby World, said he didn't think children would collect the different colors.

"Silly Putty is more of a one-trick pony," he said.

At the modern plant in northeastern Pennsylvania, Binney & Smith makes an average of 300 pounds a day of Silly Putty, about 12,000 eggs a day.

To make Silly Putty, silicone rubber is first swirled in 225-pound

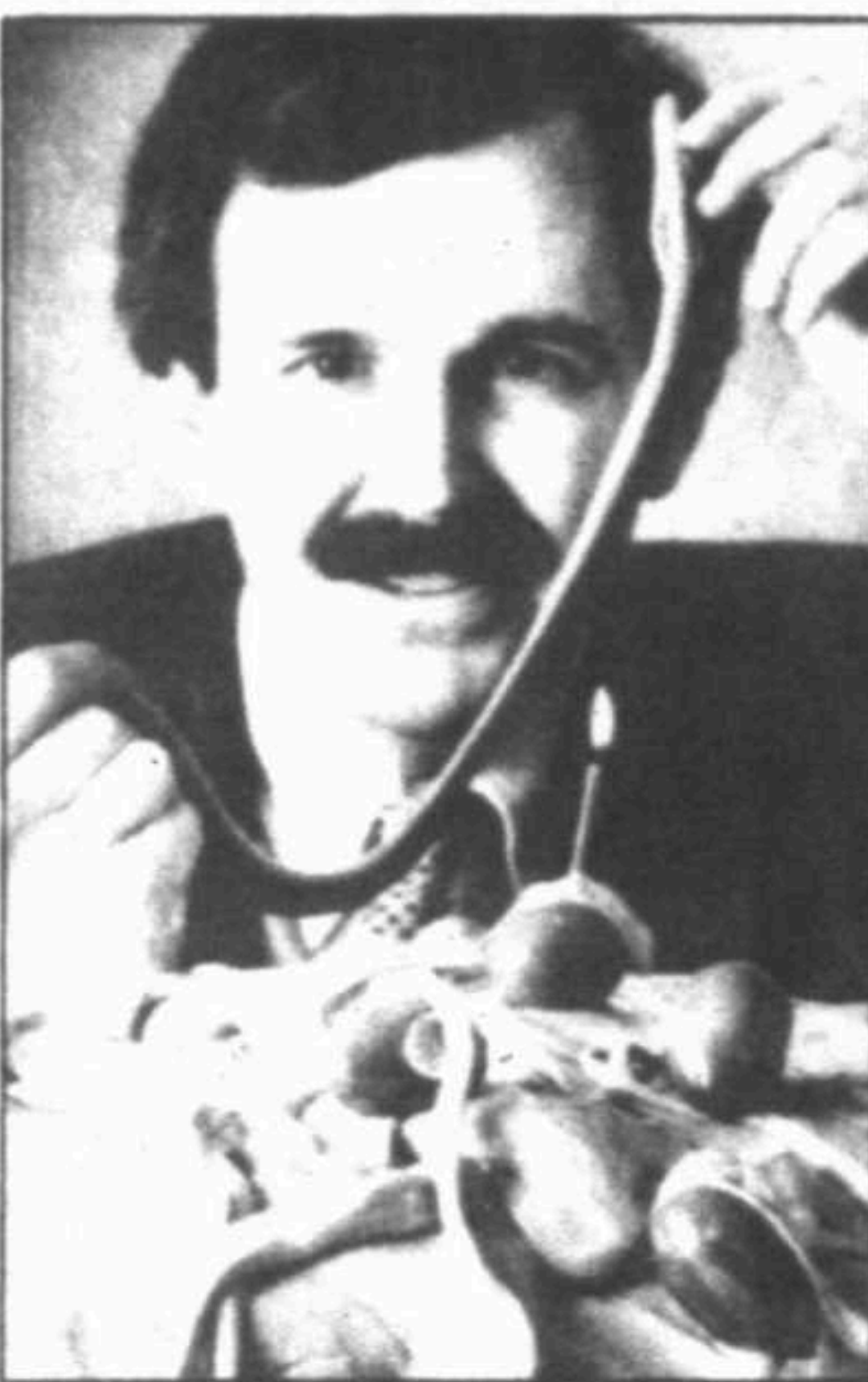
blobs with ingredients to keep it from puddling.

After the pink goo — warm from the stirring — is poured from the vat designed to mix mortar, it is cut up into chunks resembling oversized loaves of homemade bread.

These are then fed through a machine designed for cutting taffy. Rows of Silly Putty drop onto a conveyor, and workers place the 13.3-gram disks resembling chopped hot dogs into red plastic eggs.

Malloy said he expected the old-fashioned pink putty to continue to sell well despite the bright colors and other innovations on the drawing board.

"This isn't the last you'll see of new things in Silly Putty," he promised.



It still stretches, bounces, lifts pictures from newspapers and makes money for Binney & Smith Inc. Silly Putty, which recently turned 40, has new colored versions, as displayed by company executive Dennis Malloy. More than 200 million "eggs" of the material — which was accidentally discovered by a researcher who was trying to develop synthetic rubber — have been sold since it was first marketed in 1950.

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From Staff Reports

ABILENE — Midland High sophomore Ashley Chase had her biggest night of the year here Tuesday night with 20 points, but the Lady Bulldogs still ended up on the short end of a 59-47 score to Abilene Cooper's Lady Cougars.

The loss leaves MHS with a 1-10 record in the District 4-5A girls basketball race while Cooper climbed to 9-2 and still has a chance to claim either a share of the district championship or a district playoff berth.

Cooper meets 8-3 Odessa Permian Friday on the final night of loop play to determine just how things will end up. Cooper could tie for the league crown with a victory over Permian and an MHS upset over league-leading 10-1 San Angelo. A Cooper loss, however, would leave Cooper and Permian tied for second place, forcing a district playoff with Permian.

Chase's 20 points was a real highlight, but Robin Landreth's 11 points was the only other Bulldog double figure scoring effort. Cooper countered with a game high 21 points from Holly McMillon and 14 from Kelly Huff.

Trailing only 28-21 at the half, MHS let the game get away in the third quarter as Cooper outscored the Bulldogs by a 17-7 margin. MHS came back with 19 points in the fourth period, but the 17-point gap was just too wide.

MHS will end its season Friday at 8 p.m. against league leading San Angelo in the MHS gym. The Lady Bulldogs could close a rough season with an important victory.

Midland High (47): Ashley Chase 8-3-20, Robin Landreth 4-3-11, Keren Carley 0-0-0, Trisha Fiehl 1-0-2, Rochelle Fryer 0-0-0, Angie Johnson 1-2-4, Elise Freeman 0-4-4, Sally Gibson 2-2-6. Totals: 16-44-47.
Abilene Cooper (59): Suzanne Humphrey 4-0-8, Holly McMillon 8-5-21, Shelley Smith 4-1-9, Tammy Scott 0-1-1, Molly Dugan 0-0-0, Derrahie Bridgford 0-0-0, Kelly Huff 5-4-14, Elita Hubbard 1-2-4, Rachel Hollaway 1-0-2. Totals: 23-13-59.
Score by quarters: 4 17 7 19-47
Midland High 4 17 7 19-47
Abilene Cooper 11 17 17 14-59
Three-Point Goals: MHS (1) Chase 1, Cooper none.

AHS keeps
pace in 4-5A

From Staff Reports

ABILENE — Abilene High stayed abreast of Midland High in the District 4-5A boys basketball standings with six players scoring in double figures as the Eagles downed Midland Lee 96-77 Tuesday.

The Eagles soared to an 8-1 record in 4-5A to stay tied with MHS, and are 19-8 for the season. Lee's record fell to 12-15 and 3-7.

Spurring their usual slow pace, the Rebels opened the game fast and led by two points, 19-17, going into the second quarter. Lee also kept pace in the fourth period, outscoring the Eagles 27-26. However, sandwiched between those two periods was a 16 minute stretch where the Rebels saw AHS go on a 53-31 binge.

Greg Crowe led Lee with 21 points, while Eugene Hicks added 20 and David Meade 16. Topping the list for the Eagles was Tyrone Washington with 18 points. He was followed by Daniel Brooks with 17 points, Tim Doty and Shannon Garrett with 12, and Michael Grant and Anthony McBride with 10 each.

Midland Lee (77): Doug Cochran 0-2-2, Mike Conrally 5-1-11, Eugene Hicks 8-7-20, Greg Crowe 6-8-21, Bo Blackburn 3-0-6, David Meade 5-8-16, Brian Rippee 0-1-1, Brent Marczynski 0-0-0. Totals: 25-22-77.
Abilene High (96): Tyrone Washington 5-8-18, Michael Grant 5-0-10, Donald Hall 3-2-9, Shannon Garrett 5-2-12, Anthony McBride 3-2-10, Tim Doty 5-1-12, Daniel Brooks 6-4-17, Randall Potts 0-0-0, Chris Balanciere 1-2-4, Jermaine Erving 0-1-1, Chris Halperne 1-0-2. Totals: 34-22-96.
Score by quarters: 19 19 12 27-77
Midland Lee 19 19 12 27-77
Abilene High 17 29 24 26-96
Three-Point Goals: Lee (5): Crowe 3, Hicks 1, Meade 1, AHS (8): McBride 2, Brooks 2, Hall 1, Doty 1, Fouts: Lee 17, AHS 23.



Midland High's Keith Gilbreath tries to drive past Cooper's Mitch Royals.

'Dogs beat slump, Coogs

MHS win maintains first-place tie

By TERRY WILLIAMSON
Sports Editor

Considering the fact that the Midland High Bulldogs had one of their worst nights on the parquet floor of Chaparral Center Tuesday night, things couldn't be much brighter for the Purple Pack.

Somehow, and the coaches and players are still trying to figure out how they did it, MHS survived Abilene Cooper 63-52 with a lackluster performance. And then more good news came from Odessa where the Odessa High Broncos pulled the big District 4-5A basketball upset of the second half with an 85-68 victory over San Angelo, leaving the Bulldogs in a dead heat for first place with Abilene High, both with 8-1 league marks.

San Angelo, now 7-2, falls off the pace, meaning that the Bulldogs can still lose a game and still be in a tie for a district playoff berth.

It may have been those same Bobcats of San Angelo that had MHS playing so poorly against the 3-7 Cougars. MHS travels to San Angelo Friday in what the Bulldogs thought would be a survival battle, the difference between first and third place. But now MHS has the leg up and San Angelo is quickly cast into the survival role at home.

But the Bulldogs were ripe for an upset Tuesday. They didn't play well, hitting only 23 of 65 shots from the field and only three of 18 shots from three-

point land. In addition, MHS couldn't even do the little things right. They missed 10 easy "give-me" layups.
Still, the scoreboard read in favor of MHS and even that had head coach Jack Stephenson scratching his head.
"We've had some mediocre games this year, but this was as poor as we have played," said Stephenson. "When you play the way we did and win, someone up there likes you, and, I guess, that's a good one to have on your side."
But the bottom line is that MHS played poorly and still won. Cooper jumped to an 11-4 lead early, but the Bulldogs countered with a 10-point spurt in the second period to take a 37-29 lead. Cooper never led again. Even leading by as many as 14 points in the fourth quarter, MHS never seemed to be in game. Still, the second quarter

spurt was the difference, according to Cooper coach R.M. Currin.
"We're a team that has to keep it close, within two or three points, to be effective, but we got behind in the second quarter and went dead cold. When we get down to a team, we just don't adjust well."
Were the Bulldogs looking ahead to San Angelo?
"I wish that was the case, but I just don't know," said Stephenson. "I'm just glad we won the game. This could turn out to be the biggest win we have this year. There is no question that it wasn't pretty, but these kids keep finding a way to win. That's important, too."

Guard Scott Melzer, who scored 15 points but hit only five of 20 shots from the field, said, "We just stagnated after the great game we had against Permian last week. Our minds must have been more on San Angelo. All the missed layups we had is just lack of concentration."
Rodrick Hickey, who had a workmanlike night with 16 points while hitting six of nine shots from the field, said, "We didn't play well and the team knows that. We were a little rusty coming off the open date and we were probably looking ahead to San Angelo. We really want to play them."

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Abilene Cooper (52): Mitch Royals, 9-18-15; 19 Raymond Hunter, 1-4-0-1-2; Mike Thompson, 6-10-0-12; Larry Owens, 2-3-0-1-5; Jon Spiker, 0-0-0-0-0; Chad Lee, 1-5-0-0-2; Jason Collins, 0-4-0-0-0; Mark Ferry, 1-3-0-0-3; Rodney Patterson, 1-3-0-0-3; Scott Jones, 3-3-0-2-6. Totals: 24-53-149-52.
Midland High (63): Scott Melzer, 5-20-3-5-15; Michael Wright, 2-7-0-3-4; Rodrick Hickey, 6-9-4-6-16; Keith Gilbreath, 5-13-2-3-12; Johnny Mackey, 3-8-0-6; Albert Ray, 1-7-5-8-8; Frank Bowers, 1-1-0-0-2; Earl McDonald, 0-1-0-0-0; James Archie, 0-0-0-0-0; Bobby Springle, 0-0-0-0-0; Jeff O'Neal, 0-1-0-0-0. Totals: 23-65-14-23-63.
Score by quarters: 18 11 9 14-52
Midland High 18 11 9 14-52
Three-Point Goals: Cooper (3-8) Owens 1-2; Ferry 1-3; Patterson 1-3; MHS (3-10) Melzer 2-9; Hickey 0-1; Gilbreath 0-3; Ray 1-5. Total Fouls: Cooper 21; MHS 14. Fouled Out: Cooper: Hunter, Jones; MHS: Gilbreath.

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Lady Rebs
finish sourBy BILL PRICE
Sports Writer

Midland Lee could not overcome injuries to two starters and Abilene High's balanced scoring attack, as the Lady Eagles ended the Lady Rebels' season on a sour note with a 61-37 win in District 4-5A girls basketball play Tuesday at the Lee gymnasium.

The Lady Rebels finished the season with a 6-21 overall record and were 2-10 in district play. AHS, with one game left to play, is now 13-13 and 6-5.

In other 4-5A girls' games, San Angelo clinched no less than a playoff spot with a 72-45 win over Odessa High and Abilene Cooper downed Midland High 59-47 to keep the Lady Cougars' playoff hopes alive. Odessa Permian was open, but plays Cooper Friday to determine the other playoff seed.

Lee missed' postseason play this season for only the second time in the past 12 years. The Lady Rebs were simply outmanned in their finale after Mary Ann Isom and Tiffany Grafa suffering first-half injuries and returning to play with less effectiveness.

Grafa was felled in the first quarter with a turned ankle but came back to score six points in the game. Lee was able to control the AHS inside game for most of the first period and emerged after eight minutes with a 14-10 lead.

However, when Lee saw Isom go down with a twisted knee with 6:35 left in the second quarter, the face of the game rapidly began smiling on the Lady Eagles. When Isom left the game (she returned at the start of the second half with an obvious limp), Lee was ahead 16-14.

A minute and half later, the Lady Eagles took the lead for good at 17-16, and carried a 27-23 edge into the half time break.

The Lady Rebs managed but four points in the third quarter and 10 in the fourth, while AHS scored 17 in each of the last two periods.

Isom, Grafa and Alisha Furrow all had six points to lead Lee, while the

Abilene High (61): Carin Dowell 0-3, 2-4-2, Laketa Richardson 2-9-3-6-8, Sheena Johnson 1-3-7-8-9, Amanda Horton 1-4-0-0-2, Tarr Anderson 9-10-1-13, Sharon Green 3-4-4-4-10, Tamara Jones 3-4-0-1-6, Theima McDow 1-5-4-5-6, Deonna Neal 1-2-0-0-2, Christy Chaney 0-1-3-4-3, Totals: 18-44-24-37-61.
Midland Lee (37): Marcia del Llano 1-6-2-3-4, Becky Morales 0-0-0-0-0, Sheena Parker 1-3-2-3-4, Mary Ann Isom 2-6-2-3-6, Lachette Crap 1-4-1-1-3, Dee Schrock 0-3-1-2-1, Michelle Stewart 0-0-2-2-2, Allison Low 2-4-0-1-4, Lesa Cochran 0-2-1-3-1, Tiffany Grafa 3-6-0-3-6, Alisha Furrow 3-7-0-1-6. Totals: 13-41-11-22-37.
Score by quarters: 10 17 17-61
Midland Lee 14 9 4 10-37
Three-point goals: AHS (1-6) Richardson 1-3, Dowell 0-2, Horton 0-1, Lee (0-3) del Llano 0-2, Isom 0-1. Total Fouls: AHS 21; Lee 26. Fouled Out: AHS: Jones, Lee; Isom, Parker. Technical Fouls: Lee bench.

Lady Eagles were paced by Tarr Anderson's 14 points and Sharon Green's 10.

"We had a real strong run in the last four minutes of the second quarter, then we changed our press at half time. We went to a half court trap in the second half and were able to hold them to four points in the third quarter," said AHS coach Sam Nichols.

Nichols also praised the play of Carin Dowell, who guarded Isom and her 17-point-per-game scoring average. However, he conceded that Isom's injury could have been a factor.

"The first time we played them, Mary Ann scored 17 but we won by 30 points (78-47). It (the injury) was just one of those things where you get a little bit tentative and, even if you're not hurt that bad, a little bit scared," he said.

"Mary and Tiffany did a good job and stayed in the game as long as they could," said Lee coach Shirley Stephenson. "I felt we were very motivated for the game, about as motivated as we've ever been."

"But it would be nice if we played the district season in halves or had a district tournament or something like that," she said, commenting on a way to make games like this one more important.

In junior varsity play, AHS defeated Lee 51-38. Tyra Goodley was Lee's top scorer with 12 points, while Toni McBride scored 14 for the Lady Eagles.

Hill Country cager
breaks state mark

INGRAM (AP) — When Troy House's first free throw dropped through the hoop Tuesday night, all he saw were flashes of light.

The Tom Moore High School senior's fifth point of the game against Blanco broke the known all-time schoolboy scoring record, and the photographers were ready to record it.

Going into the game, House needed five points to break Calvin Gerke's Snook High School record of 3,823 points from 1962 to 1966. Snook is just southwest of College Station. Ingram is just west of Kerrville.

House, a senior who is considered a major college prospect, connected on two field goals and the free throw to surpass the record. He finished the game with 40 points and now has 3,859 career points.

He also had 11 assists and six rebounds in 31 minutes Tuesday to boost his team to a 115-48 victory in the District 27-2A contest.

"I was happy to finally get it out of the way," said House. "I felt pretty good. I couldn't see the ball after I made the free throw because of all the flashes and TV cameras."

Ingram coach Jim Reid called time-out after House's record-breaking free throw to allow parents and players to congratulate him.

"He's earned it. He's worked for it and he deserves it," Reid said. "He handled this whole thing admirably. He's a great athlete."

House missed his first three field-goal attempts, all from 3-point range, then scored twice on fast-break layups before missing a 2-point jumper. He was fouled by Blanco's Charles Riley to get the trip to the free-throw line, and connected on the first of two shots to break the scoring record.

Warriors center Josh McCormick had 26 points and forward Scott Senter had 20 points.

Ingram, 24-3, is ranked second in the state in Class 2A, according to the latest poll by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

Riley led the Panthers with 16 points.

House said he would have liked to break the record from the free-throw line, but wasn't about to let the opportunity get away.

Ingram's home court, which has a carpeted floor, seats about 550 people, but more than 700 people packed into the tiny gym Tuesday night.

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Trivia Teaser...

Wednesday's Question — Name the first Southwest Conference basketball player to grab more than 20 rebounds in a conference game this season.

Tuesday's Answer — Former Oklahoma State golfer Bob Tway earned his first million on tour in only two years and eight months.

TV Sports...

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Pittsburgh at Georgetown, 6:00 p.m., ESPN.

North Carolina State at North Carolina, 8 p.m., ESPN.
Texas at Baylor, 7:30 p.m., HSE.

Eastern Michigan at Ball State, 9:30 p.m., HSE.

Fordham at DePaul, 7:30 p.m., WGN.

PRO BASKETBALL — Golden State Warriors at Philadelphia 76ers, 7 p.m., TNT.

Red Devil cagers win two

From Staff Reports

RANKIN — Rankin basketball teams enjoyed a successful Tuesday here, as both the Red Devil boys and girls nailed down milestones.

The Rankin boys whipped Buena Vista 94-38 to clinch the District 15-A championship, while the Red Devil girls clipped Buena Vista 67-29 to clinch a playoff spot in District 15-A — despite an overall record of 10-19.

In the boys game, Rankin, 19-1 overall, outscored the visitors 27-4 in the first period and never looked

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Boys
Buena Vista (38): Harris 9, Ray 8, Ramirez 1, Graham 2, Hard 4, Jurado 4. Totals: 13-2-12-28.
Rankin (67): Garcia 18, Hoffman 4, Culppepper 11, Criswell 15, Owens 4, Walker 13, Everidge 2. Totals: 27-15-20-67.
Score by quarters: 8 7 9 7-29
Buena Vista 8 7 9 7-29
Rankin 13 19 18 17-67

Girls
Buena Vista (38): Mandujano 17, Holiday 12, Greer 3, Williams 2, Dominguez 2. Totals: 13-8-21-38.
Rankin (67): McRae 18, Ramos 18, McCreary 10, Watson 11, McCreary 18, Kennedy 10, A. Ramos 2, Braden 7, Gonzales 4, Varela 7. Totals: 34-19-40-94.
Score by quarters: 4 16 7 9-34
Buena Vista 4 16 7 9-34
Rankin 27 19 25 23-64

Associated Press

Bruce Coslet and Joe Bugel, who figured in the offensive schemes of five Super Bowl teams in the last decade, became head coaches Tuesday, while Mike Holmgren remained with the Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers.

The New York Jets hired Coslet, the Cincinnati Bengals' offensive coordinator, and the Phoenix Cardinals selected Bugel, assistant head coach of the Washington Redskins. But Holmgren, the offensive mastermind behind a 55-10 Super Bowl rout of the Denver Broncos and believed to be the favorite for both jobs, chose to help the 49ers make history.

Coslet, who helped the Bengals to Super Bowl berths in 1962 and 1969, shrugged off not being the first choice of the Jets, who earlier were rejected by Michigan State's George Perles.

"It doesn't bother me at all," Coslet said. "I'm the one they hired."
Coslet said Monday his fate rested with Holmgren's decision. So when Holmgren was convinced by 49ers owner Ed DeBartolo Jr., to remain in San Francisco, Coslet was the Jets' man.

"It was determined the Jets would wait and talk to Holmgren and right



Joe Bugel makes a point in Phoenix.

now it looks like they're waiting to hear from him," the 43-year-old Coslet said.

The Jets, whose players were criticized for lack of effort at times under Joe Walton, fired after a 4-12

finish last season, were looking for a coach from a winning program.

"We looked for a strong motivator, a teacher and a disciplinarian," General Manager Dick Steinberg said. "We wanted a guy who can get the most out of his players every time out and we feel that Bruce is that guy."

"We were looking for someone who can create a winning environment. In addition, we are getting a man with one of the most innovative minds in the business."

Because of the decline of the Jets in recent seasons and the almost-constant vilification of Walton as he neared the end of a seven-year term, Coslet may enjoy a grace period.

Bugel also may feel a minimum of the wrath of Phoenix fans, whose principal target is owner Bill Bidwill. The owner imposed the highest ticket prices in the league when he moved the franchise from St. Louis to Phoenix two seasons ago, and further alienated the fans by firing popular coach Gene Stallings, who subsequently landed at Alabama.

Despite major injuries that claimed nearly a dozen starters, including quarterback Neil Lomax, Stallings had the Cardinals at 5-6 when he was ousted in November. Phoenix finished 0-5 under interim coach Hank Kuhlman.

Lakers pull out overtime win; Texans win

Associated Press

The Los Angeles Lakers and Portland Trail Blazers watched each other from afar for more than half the season. The first of their four meetings proved worth the wait.

Portland, trailing 62-46 early in the second half, had a chance to win when Magic Johnson fouled Terry Porter with a half-second left. But Porter made only the second of two free throws, tying the score 133-113 and forcing overtime.

Despite having Johnson on the bench with six fouls for the first time in a regular-season game since the 1983-84 season, the Lakers prevailed 121-117 to extend their lead in the Western Conference to 1 1/2 games over the Blazers, who still have the second-best record in the NBA.

"We're very fortunate they missed a couple of free throws at the end," Lakers coach Pat Riley said. "They had their opportunities to win it and they didn't. And we'll take it."

"It was a big, big game," Johnson said.

James Worthy took up the slack for Johnson, scoring 25 points, including a crucial rebound basket with 50 seconds to play in overtime.

Byron Scott scored five points in overtime, including a 3-pointer that gave the Lakers the lead for good at 118-117 with 2:06 to play.

Clyde Drexler scored 24 of his 32 points in the second half for Portland, but was scoreless in overtime.

Kevin Duckworth added 22 for Portland and Porter had 19 points and 12 assists.

But the Portland point guard missed his chance to extend the Blazers' homecourt winning streak to 12 when he failed to convert both free throws at the end of regulation.

"I was comfortable and not pressured," Porter said. "I've been in that situation before. When I re-



San Antonio's Terry Cummings tries to pass Moses Malone, who is approaching Cummings from the floor despite the best efforts of Atlanta's from behind.

leased the ball, I thought it was a little short but would roll back in."

With the Lakers leading 118-117 in overtime, Worthy rebounded Larry Drew's air ball from 3-point range

and scored.

Mychal Thompson, who scored a season-high 24 points, sank a free throw with seven seconds left to boost the lead to 121-117. Buck Wil-

liams scored on a rebound in the final second for the two-point margin.

Johnson had 24 points, 15 assists and 10 rebounds.

Bucks 119, Celtics 106

Reserve forward Brad Lohaus keyed a 21-7 Milwaukee run with two 3-pointers in a game played at Hartford, Conn.

Boston led 88-87 with 9:02 left before the Bucks took advantage of Celtics' 8-for-26 shooting in the fourth quarter.

Fred Roberts and Jack Sikma scored 20 points each for Milwaukee, and Alvin Robertson had 13 points and 17 assists.

Kevin McHale led Boston with 28 points and 11 rebounds coming off the bench. Larry Bird had 24 points, 17 in the first half. He made his only free throw, giving him 66 straight without a miss, 12 short of the NBA record.

Pistons 105, Cavaliers 96

Detroit won its eighth straight game, beating Cleveland behind Joe Dumars' 22 points and Isiah Thomas' 20 points and 11 assists.

The Pistons, who beat the Cavaliers for the seventh straight time in the last two years, have not lost since Coach Chuck Daly inserted Dennis Rodman as a starting forward in place of Mark Aguirre. Playing as a reserve, Aguirre scored 16 points, including 14 in the second period when Detroit opened a 15-point lead.

John Williams came off the bench to lead the Cavaliers with 21 points, and Mark Price had 18, including four 3-pointers.

Spurs 105, Hawks 94

Terry Cummings scored 23 points and Willie Anderson 20 as San Antonio extended its club-record home winning streak to 20 games by defeating Atlanta.

David Robinson had 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Spurs, who have the NBA's best home record, 21-1.

The injury-plagued Hawks, losers of six straight games, were led by Dominique Wilkins with 25 points.

San Antonio scored the first 10 points of the second half to take a 67-

48 lead, and Atlanta got no closer than nine the rest of the way.

Knicks 117, Magic 110

New York won its fourth consecutive game, getting 35 points from Patrick Ewing and holding Orlando without a field goal for more than four minutes in the fourth quarter.

Ewing had 24 points in the second half and also had 13 rebounds and seven blocked shots. Gerald Wilkins added 23 points for New York, which used an 11-1 spurt to pull away from a 103-103 tie in the last four minutes.

Rockets 106, Timberwolves 101

Akeem Olajuwon and Otis Thorpe scored 23 points each as Houston withstood a fourth-quarter rally by Minnesota.

Buck Johnson's turnover with 19 seconds to play gave the Timberwolves an opportunity to tie the score, but Scott Roth committed an offensive foul and Mitchell Wiggins hit two free throws to seal the outcome.

Pacers 138, Nuggets 130

Indiana broke a five-game losing streak, with Rik Smits scoring a career-high 34 points and Reggie Miller getting 28 at Denver.

Mavericks 100, Kings 90

Dallas extended Sacramento's losing streak to six games as Derek Harper and Rolando Blackman each scored 20 points.

Wayman Tisdale led Sacramento with 18 points and Danny Ainge had 17.

Bullets 118, Heat 100

Washington snapped a six-game road losing streak with a victory at Miami as Jeff Malone scored 24 of his 34 points in the second half.

The Bullets led only 69-66 with 4:19 left in the third period after five points in a 26-second span by Rony Seikaly, who led the Heat with 22 points.

UT probed only one despite police tips

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin vice police told University of Texas football coach David McWilliams last November that a number of his players were suspected of gambling, but university officials only investigated center Tai Elliott, a newspaper reported today.

Elliott was investigated, UT officials said Tuesday, because they had no evidence implicating other athletes. Elliott's name appeared frequently on betting slips confiscated last fall during the arrest of three Austin men on gambling charges, police said.

"I told Coach McWilliams I doubted very seriously that Tai was making \$200 and \$225 bets on his own with just his own money," Senior Sgt. Byron "Bubba" Cates said. "Tai was the only one dumb enough to put his name on the (betting) lists. I told them I was sure the players were putting up money through Tai. They said, 'We'll definitely look into it.'"

Five players told the American Statesman last week that gambling was widespread among the Texas players for the past two years, and two players said as many as 10 to 20 players had placed bets regularly on college and professional games.

Another former player said Tuesday he still owes Elliott \$270 from

day he still owes Elliott \$270 from bets placed with him last year and that Elliott often carried his black betting books to football practice and team meetings.

"I made one bet with him on a series (three) games, but I lost," the former player said Tuesday, adding that 25 to 30 players routinely placed bets. "He's been calling me for the money since September."

"(Elliott) was definitely the team bookie, and a lot of Texas athletes went to him to place bets," said the player who asked that his name not be used.

Attorney Mike Orsak of Rosenberg said neither Tai Elliott nor his family had any comment Tuesday.

Lt. Jerry Slatton, vice section commander of the Austin Police Organization Crime Division, said Elliott placed as much as \$225 in his total weekly bets and bet on Southwest Conference games. There was no evidence Elliott had bet on Texas games, Slatton said.

Slatton said he told Texas Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds about Elliott's involvement shortly after the police raid.

The player who came forward with new information Tuesday said he felt certain the coaches knew many players were gambling.

OHS knocks off Bobcats

From Staff Reports

ODESSA — Despite being out of the race for the District 4-5A boys basketball playoff seeds, Odessa High played the role of spoiler Tuesday by posting an 85-68 upset of San Angelo.

San Angelo fell one game off the pace of Midland High and Abilene High, who both won Tuesday to go 8-1 in district play. The Bobcats are now 7-2 in 4-5A and 16-12 for the season. OHS moved to 10-18 overall and 3-7 in league play.

Ahead 22-16 after the first quarter, the Bronchos increased their lead in

the second period by 11 points and were on top 46-29 at half time. Even though the Cats outscored OHS 28-18 in the third quarter, the Bronchos got their footing in the final period and scored 26 points.

The game was decided at the free throw line, where OHS converted 30 of 44 attempts. San Angelo went 13-17 from the charity stripe.

George Collins exploded for 24 points to lead the Bronchos, while David Williams added 20. Also scoring in double digits for OHS were Patrick Brown and Ira Young with 12 points apiece.

Ty Brown and Corey Grays led the Bobcats with 16 points each, while Dewayne Lofton scored 12. The Bronchos play Abilene High Friday while San Angelo hosts Midland High in a game that will go far in deciding the 4-5A playoff representatives.

San Angelo (8B): Ty Brown 3-0-1, Corey Grays 3-6-7, Dewayne Lofton 3-3-12, Joe Lavender 3-0-0, Jeff Robert 0-0-0, Chris Cardenas 2-2-8, Darin Pelly 0-0-0, Eric Hammett 0-0-0, Brad Baldwin 0-0-0, Jamie Howard 2-0-4, Bobby Anson 2-3-8, Totals 28-17-58.

Odessa High (8B): Patrick Brown 3-8-12, Kevin Bruner 2-8-7, George Collins 8-11-24, Ira Young 3-9-12, Lesander Williams 7-7-20, Bron Smith 2-0-4, Bobby Murry 2-3-8, Floyd Rogers 0-0-0, Luis Ramirez 0-0-0, Totals 27-30-44-88.

Score by quarters: 16 19 31 16-68.

Odessa High 88 34 19 35-68.

Three-Point Goals: San Angelo: Lofton 3, OHS: Brown.

Edgar earns honor

Former Midland High star Brad Edgar was named to the 1989 Scholar Squad published in California Football magazine recently.

Edgar, an offensive lineman for the Golden Bears, carries a 3.1 grade point average in mechanical engineering.

Local woman shoots first-ever hole-in-one

From Staff Reports

Hazel Harbert shot a hole-in-one on the 107-yard sixth hole Tuesday at Green Tree Country Club. She used a nine-iron on her first ace.

Doris Schultz witnessed the feat.

MHS

(Continued from Page 1C)

Bulldog in double figures.

Mitch Royals, one of the league's premier players who leads everyone with a 23-point scoring average, had only 19 points. But the 19 is a little deceiving since he had only 11 points before MHS went to its bench, which allowed Royals to hit four of four shots in the final four minutes of play. Royals was only five of 14 until the final burst.

And Cooper got little help elsewhere as Mike Thompson was the only other Cougar in double figures with 12 points. No other player had more than six points.

MHS reached a season milestone by winning for the 20th time against only nine losses.

So now it's on to San Angelo. MHS could almost ink its name into the playoff books with this road victory. The Bobcats should also arrive in an angry mood. It should make for quite a night in 4-5A.

In junior varsity action, the Bulbups continued its torrid domination of the 4-5A JV field with a 74-47 win over Cooper.

The Bulbups are unbeaten in district play and own a gaudy 25-1 mark for the season. Paul Zarate led the way with 24 points.

Mike Eric Johnson had 12, John ng and Steve Canon each hit 10 points. Cooper was led by 10 points from Jason Beadle.

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Chaps win early tilts at Rolex

From Staff Reports

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Midland College proved why it has the nation's top-ranked junior college tennis teams here yesterday. The Chaparrals advanced to the women's singles finals and the men's and women's doubles quarterfinals at the Rolex National Indoor Small College Intercollegiate Tennis Championships.

Freshman Janneke Garos won both her matches to advance into today's finals for the women's singles. She had a 50-minute romp over Kim Ponis of Northern Colorado University, 6-0 6-2. But her semifinal match against Jasmina Tonejc of Centenary College was a struggle. Garos took the first set 6-1 but gave up four match points during a second set tiebreaker. Tonejc won the tiebreaker 9-7. Garos got a service break in the third game of the final set and served out for the win, 6-1 6-7 6-4.

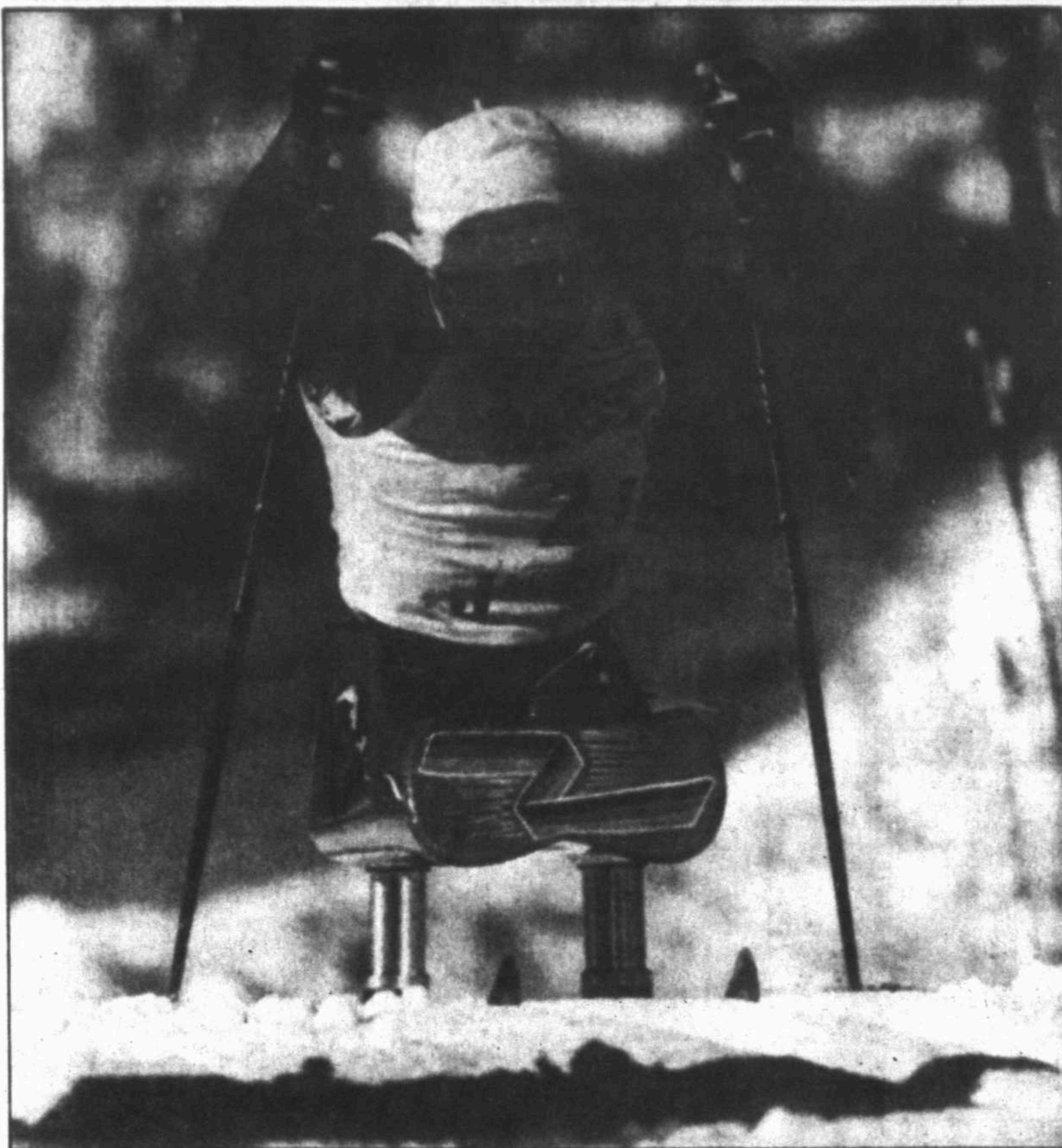
After a short break, Garos was back out on the court with her partner Sharla Barone for the first round of the women's doubles. The Chaparrals barely breathed hard in whipping Meghan O'Sullivan and Louise Seiber of Wheaton College 6-0 6-2.

In the men's doubles, it was MC's Amine Kadiri and Mohamed Ridaoui over Larry Gewer and Scott Flippin-Reed of Washington College. In a rather lackadaisical match, the Chaparrals had to turn up their intensity in the final set for a 6-3 3-6 6-2 victory. The Midland duo won the last three games of the match to get the win.

The Rolex Small College Indoor tournament, being played at the 98th Street Racquet Club and hosted by the University of Minnesota, brings in regional tournament winners representing NAIA, junior college, and NCAA Division II and III schools.

Midland College, currently ranked number one in both men's and women's junior college teams by the Volvo ITCA, has never won a Rolex Small College title.

Garos, however, goes up against an experienced Rolex veteran in Edna Olivarez from California State-Los Angeles. Olivarez was a semifinalist here in 1987 and reached the finals in 1988. Garos and Barone face a tough team from the Air Force Academy, Monica Davis and Angela Moore, in their semifinal.



Up he goes

Michael Weymann of East Germany climbs up hill during the sit-ski relay event at the 5th World Nordic Disabled Championships in Jackson, N.H.

Official praises Ware judgment

AUSTIN (AP) — Secretary of State George Bush said a record \$10,000 fine against a Nebraska-based sports marketing firm should serve as a warning to athlete agents.

"If you mess with Texas athletes, you are going to pay the price. Any type of illegal recruiting activities will not be tolerated, period," Bush said Tuesday.

TEAM America paid a \$10,000 fine for allegedly contacting 1989 Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware, quarterback at Houston.

In December, Bayoud said he would fine TEAM America and its agent, former Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers of Nebraska, \$10,000 each for contacting Ware.

He said Rodgers had been acting as an agent for Team America, a Lincoln, Neb.-based firm, and because of that he wasn't fining Rodgers separately.

State law requires that player

agents be registered with the secretary of state. It prohibits agents from making contact with a player who has college eligibility remaining. Ware has one year of eligibility remaining.

Bayoud said the fine is the largest imposed since passage of the athlete agent law in 1987. He said the fine also is the largest ever assessed in the United States for such a violation.

Bayoud contended that Rodgers and TEAM America had failed to

register as athlete agents in Texas, illegally contacted Ware, and offered gifts, cash and other inducements to Joyce Ware, Andre's mother, to lure Ware into signing a professional services contract.

"I want to make clear it crystal clear that Johnny Rodgers has not been cleared of wrongdoing by this agreement," Bayoud said.

Kingdom gets award honoring Jesse Owens

NEW YORK (AP) — A stamp honoring the late Jesse Owens was unveiled, and appropriately Roger Kingdom, who has stamped himself as the greatest high hurdler in history, was on hand for the ceremony.

Kingdom was at the famed Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Tuesday to receive the 1990 Jesse Owens International Trophy Award. It is named in honor of the famed track and field star, who won four gold medals in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, destroying Adolf Hitler's theory of Aryan superiority.

Kingdom, 27, the 1984 and 1988 Olympic gold medalist in the 110-meter high hurdles, is far from achieving the immortality of Owens, but a victory in the 1992 Barcelona Games could help him move toward that position.

"I want to be the first person to win three consecutive (Olympic) golds in the hurdles," he said.

Besides Kingdom, only two others, both Americans, have won two in a

Track

row — the late Lee Calhoun in the high hurdles in 1966 and 1968, and Glenn Davis in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles, also in 1966 and 1968. One other hurdler has won twice, but not successively — Edwin Moses in the 400 hurdles in 1976 and 1984.

In addition to the Olympic golds, Kingdom, the world's top-ranked high hurdler in 1989, has an NCAA championship, three national titles, the Pan American Games gold medal, a World Cup crown, a world indoor championship and the 110-meter hurdles world record, 12.92 seconds, set last year. He also owns a wind-aided 12.87 clocking, the fastest under any conditions.

After the '92 Games, Kingdom has another goal — to compete in the decathlon.

ABC threatens to sue over Irish defection

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC Sports says it won't give up Notre Dame football without a fight.

The network, even while it was meeting with the College Football Association, said Tuesday that it was considering legal action against Notre Dame, NBC and the CFA.

Stephen J. Solomon, senior vice president of ABC Sports, accused NBC and Notre Dame of interfering with ABC's \$210 million, five-year deal with the CFA that begins in 1991. And he said top CFA officials had made misrepresentations to ABC.

Solomon said the network would not pay the full amount of money due in the contract unless Notre Dame home games were included. Both NBC and Notre Dame defended their actions, with NBC stating Tuesday: "We acted fairly in this situation."

Chuck Neinas, the CFA's executive director, met Tuesday with ABC offi-

TV Sports

cials to discuss the situation, which threatens the existence of the CFA television package.

Dave Ogren, the CFA's assistant executive director for television, said in a telephone interview from Boulder, Colo.: "While we are familiar with the steps they might take against Notre Dame and NBC Sports, I don't think there's been any indication that ABC will pursue anything like that (legal action) against us."

"Now that Notre Dame unilaterally pulled out of the package, we're trying to work it out so that there are 63 schools involved instead of 64," Ogren said.

Notre Dame and NBC agreed Monday to a five-year contract for the Fighting Irish's home games, beginning in 1991.

WOMEN'S SINGLES
Quarterfinals: Janneke Garos (Midland) def. Kim Ponis (Northern Colorado) 6-0 6-2; Jasmina Tonejc (Centenary) def. Shaile Mima (Atlantic Christian) 6-1 6-2; Karyn Cooper (Wellesley) def. Catherine Pearson (Frazier) 6-2 7-5; Edna Olivarez (Cal State-Los Angeles) def. Amy McGee (Sustavus Adolphus) 7-6 6-0.
Semifinals: Garos def. Tonejc 6-1 6-7 6-4; Olivarez def. Cooper 6-0 6-2.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES
Quarterfinals: Garos-Barone (Midland) def. O'Sullivan-Seiber (Wheaton) 6-0 6-2; Davis-Moore (Air Force) def. Davis-Tinnell (Pace JC) 7-6 6-3; Swing-Heron (Cal Poly-Pomona) def. Cuggiani-Mitterhammer (Pace) 6-2 6-0; 6-4; 6-2; Davis-Moore (Pace) def. Eppens-Jacobson (Southwest State) 6-1 6-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES
Quarterfinals: Kadiri-Ridaoui (Midland) def. Gewer-Flippin-Reed (Washington College) 6-3 3-6 6-2; Shappa-Kibande (UC-Rivera) def. Balle-Russell (Abraham Baldwin JC) 6-4 6-1; Berryman-Havrikenko (Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo) def. Shanks-Reis (Sustavus Adolphus) 6-4 6-2; Lides-Santisteban (Anderson JC) def. Jones-Littlefield (Southwest Baptist) 7-6 6-3.

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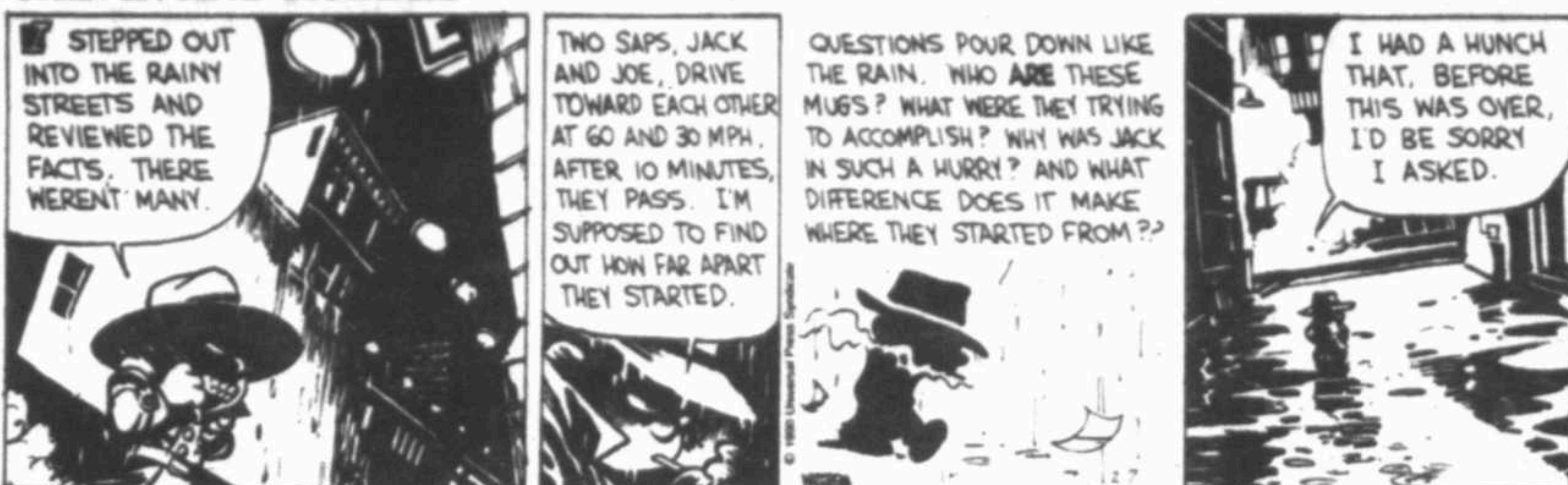
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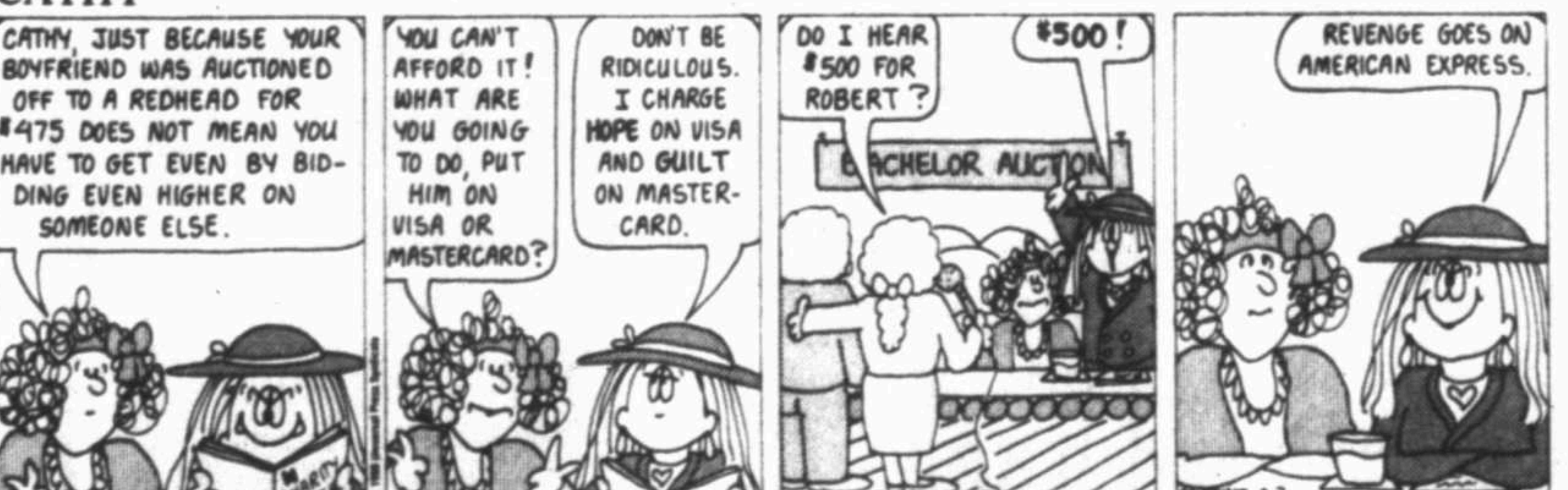
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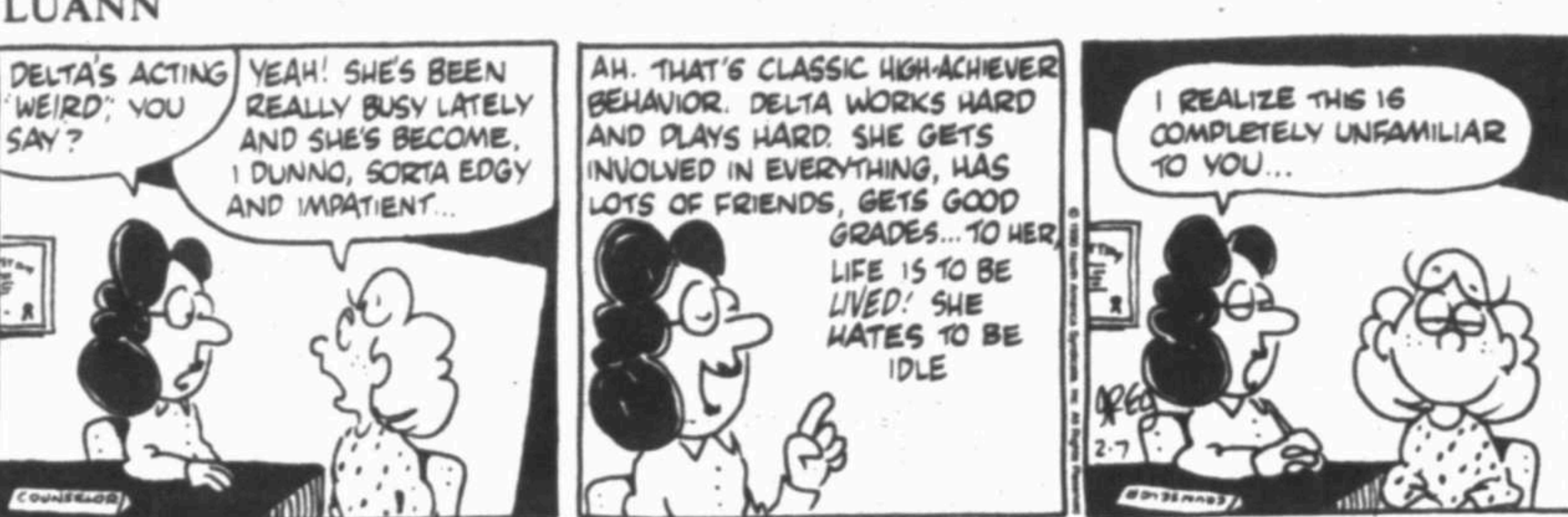
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your horoscope

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1990

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Greater success and happiness will be yours if you deal with things moment to moment. Focus on creative ventures to boost your earnings. Summer may find you shifting career gears. July and August could be a transitional period. Fresh starts and new faces are featured. A vacation romance could end in friendship. Consult your doctor before making radical changes in your lifestyle. Family unity will be easier to achieve in December.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: science fiction writer Jules Verne, actors Jack Lemmon and James Dean, comedian Robert Klein.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a temporary job if you cannot find the full-time position you want. You could learn something. Joining clubs helps you make contacts. Speaking a foreign language comes in handy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A hobby could turn into a real money-maker. Seek experts' advice. A change of lifestyle will give you greater energy. Straighten out a personnel problem as quickly as possible. Romance could prove baffling.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Indulge a love for travel and make money, too! Visit an old friend who can furnish you with the names of contacts or new business leads. Offer this person a finder's fee.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Friends will pitch in if you run out of steam. Dwelling on a disappointment or sorrowful occurrence could distract you from work. Be more philosophical. Better days lie just ahead!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Something or someone could stop you from carrying out your plans. Hot words and hasty actions can spell trouble. Take a deep breath and curb your anger. Work is excellent therapy for "the blues."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): One of your plans could succeed far beyond your fondest dreams. Strike a bargain in order to obtain your heart's desire. An excellent evening for romance and happy pastimes. Stroll down Memory Lane.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You need to be more prudent than usual in your financial dealings this month. Someone may attempt to pull the wool over your eyes. A lack of sleep could undermine your health.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Look your best today. Your loved ones make great claims on your time and energy. They need to learn new values. This is no time to gamble with your money or emotions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Concentrate on building stronger relationships. Do not antagonize those you will need on your team. Business entertainment will pay off handsomely. Ask the bank to raise your credit line.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are moving into position to make a remarkable comeback at work. Follow your heart. Something you have held in reserve should be released. Financial worries subside. Keep your car in good repair.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take advantage of an unusual opportunity. Be more affectionate. Time is on your side where a parent-child conflict is concerned. Strengthen a promising alliance. Spend more evenings with your family.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus on your long-term goals. A computer helps bring important records up to date. A child or friend needs extra encouragement. Try to arrange your work schedule to suit your family better.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

THIRD-HAND LOW!

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ A 10 9	♥ 7	♠ K Q 8 3	♥ A 9 8 2
♦ A Q 6 5 2	♣ 10 9 8 4	♦ J 8 3 2	♣ A 9 8 2
WEST	♠ Q 5 4	♠ J 8 3 2	♠ A 9 8 2
♥ Q J 6 5	♥ 7 4	♥ A 9 8 2	♥ 10 6 5
♦ 10 9 8 4	♦ K 7 6	♦ K 7 6	♦ K 10 4 3
SOUTH	♠ K 7 6	♠ K 10 4 3	♠ A J 9 2
♥ K 10 4 3	♥ A J 9 2	♥ K J	♥ K J

The bidding:		West	
North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 NT	Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♠. The advantage of playing in a suit contract over no trump is you can significantly increase the number of tricks you have by ruffing. On this hand, trumping one loser was all that would have been needed for six diamonds to succeed.

Unfortunately, when this hand was played in a rubber bridge game the bidding got out of hand. South's initial response is a strange action, as was North's three no trump, and South's four no trump was not intended as Blackwood, although it was taken as such. South misjudged in electing to play no trump rather than six diamonds.

West led a club, and declarer quickly ran nine tricks in the minor suits. Both defenders had discarding problems which they solved perfectly. West discarded the 5 ♠ of hearts and East 2 ♠ of hearts and 2 ♠ of spades. This was the position:

NORTH		EAST	
♠ A 10 9	♥ 6	♠ Q 5 4	♥ J 8
♦ 6	♣ —	♦ J	♣ A 9
WEST	♠ Q 5 4	♠ J 8	♠ A 9
♥ J	♥ A 9	♥ A 9	♥ A 9
♦ —	♦ —	♦ —	♦ —
SOUTH	♠ K 7	♠ K 10	♠ K 10
♥ K 10	♥ K 10	♥ K 10	♥ K 10
♦ —	♦ —	♦ —	♦ —

Declarer led a heart from the table and misguessed by inserting the ten, losing to East's jack. Back came a low spade and when dum-

my's nine was played East followed low. Declarer had a choice of ways to go down after the nine held. Cashing the ace of spades would leave dummy with a spade loser; if declarer came to hand with the king of spades, the king of hearts would have to be conceded.

Note that if East covers the nine of spades, the contract makes. Declarer takes the king and plays for split honors by finessing the ten.

For information about Charles Goren's newsletter for bridge players, write Goren Bridge Letter, P.O. Box 4426, Orlando, Fla. 32802-4426.

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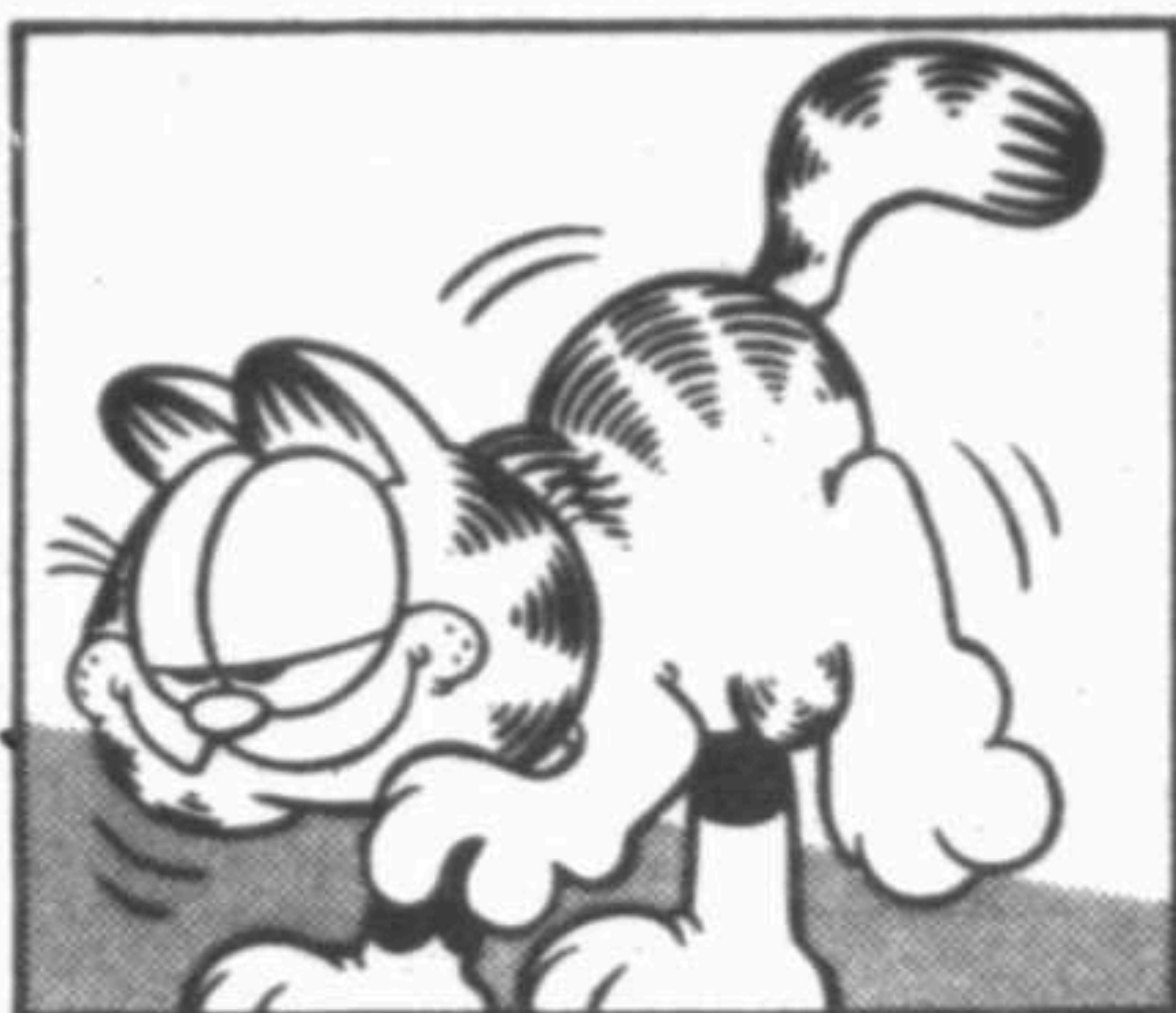
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"WHAT DOES FATHER NATURE DO?"

THE FAR SIDE



The parenting advantages of dentists

FAMILY CIRCUS



"I don't think hair spray will keep him from melting."

PEOPLE

'Little people' line 'an out and out lie'

NEW YORK (AP) — Billionaire tax evader Leona Helmsley has denied ever telling a housekeeper "only the little people pay taxes," and predicts she will not go to prison because "I've done nothing."

In her first interview since her August conviction, Helmsley told "A Current Affair" that the quote was "an out and out lie."

"This is the most ludicrous, ridiculous thing that ever happened to me in my entire life. ... We paid a fortune in taxes and I sat down with a housekeeper, and I said, 'Do you know that only the little people pay taxes?'" she said, her voice rising mockingly.

"This is nonsense," she told interviewer Cindy Adams, adding, "Then I'm the little people. I'm the one paying the taxes. We paid \$344 million. ... I really don't know where it came from. But it didn't come from this mouth."

The interview was taped at her Central Park South apartment on Jan. 29. It will be broadcast nationally tonight and Thursday on the Fox network.

Helmsley, who was convicted of evading more than \$1.2 million in federal taxes between 1983 and 1985, was sentenced to four years in prison and ordered to pay a \$7.1 million fine and \$1.7 million in back taxes. She is free on \$25 million bail, pending an appeal.

Several times during the interview, Helmsley tried to keep her voice from cracking when talking about the trial and dabbed her nose with a tissue when asked about her lawyer's assertion in court that she was a "tough bitch."

She said she may have cultivated that image by being tough on her employees.

Since her trial, she said, she and her husband, Harry, "don't go anywhere," but added that when they do reporters are always nearby.



Helmsley

Idol, with blond spiked hair, tight leather garb and curled lip, personifies the bad boy rock 'n' roll image. He is best known for his 1984 album "Rebel Yell," which produced hit songs including the title track, "Eyes Without a Face."

Idol is one of many Hollywood and Malibu entertainment personalities known for riding motorcycles, often without helmets. Among them were actors Gary Busey, who has recovered from severe head injuries sustained in a December 1988 crash, and James Caan, who suffered broken ribs and a broken collar bone two months later.

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Robert J. "Bob" Lee, who advertised his Big Texan Steak Ranch with a promise for a free meal to anyone who could eat a 72-ounce steak dinner, has died of a heart attack.

Lee, 60, died Sunday while vacationing in Hawaii. The huge restaurant on Interstate 40 in eastern Amarillo advertises on billboards as far east as Springfield, Mo., and as far west as the New Mexico-Arizona border. It is best known for offering a free 72-ounce steak for anyone able to eat the entire thing — and all the accompanying side dishes — within an hour.

Lee hired cowboys on horses to flag down motorists on I-40 and urge them to visit the restaurant. The marketing scheme won several awards, including the Most Valuable Promotion Award by the National Restaurant Association in 1983.

A fire destroyed half the building in 1976, and about 100 employees pitched in to build an even bigger restaurant, with an adjoining motel and Texas-shaped swimming pool.

Funeral services are Friday in Amarillo.



Lee

LONDON (AP) — John Merivale, who played English gentlemen with stiff upper lips in such movies as "A Night to Remember," "King Rat" and "Arabesque" in the 1950s and '60s, died Tuesday, his family said. He was 72.

LONDON (AP) — Prince Charles appealed to architects and planners to minimize their use of tropical hardwoods, whose harvest is one cause of rampant deforestation.

"The sands of time in the tropical hour glass are running out fast and we can't turn it upside down and watch the sands run out again," Charles said Tuesday in a speech to the Royal Botanical Gardens.

Charles criticized the International Tropical Timber Organization for making no mention of the rights and needs of the forest-dwellers in its articles of agreement, and said new mechanisms are needed to protect rainforest regions.

"This is clearly a massive challenge, but it seems to be that we cannot simply go on talking about the need to protect the world's rain forests and not create the kind of institutions and mechanisms which will actually make that possible," Charles said.

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves are hiring Jim Varney, who plays the homespun character Ernest P. Worrell, to do television ads promoting the National League club in hopes of boosting attendance.

Varney, star of the movies "Ernest Goes to Camp" and "Ernest Saves Christmas," is a veteran of more than 9,000 television commercials.

The Braves were last in attendance in the major leagues the last two seasons, drawing 948,089 in 1988 and 984,930 last year.



Merivale

NEW YORK (AP) — Guitar virtuoso Eric Clapton is planning a six-week U.S. tour that will bring the British rocker to 27 cities in the spring.

It will be Clapton's first U.S. tour since 1987, although he appeared with the Rolling Stones several times during their just-completed "Steel Wheels" tour.

Clapton's groups of the 1960s and early '70s included Cream, Blind Faith and Derek and the Dominoes. Unlike other megastars on the road in the past year, his tour will not have a corporate sponsor, publicist Mitch Zamarin said Tuesday.

The tour opens in Atlanta on March 28, then heads up the East Coast before moving to the West Coast, and then ending May 5 in San Francisco.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rock singer Billy Idol had just completed an album called "Charmed Life" when he ran a stop sign and crashed his motorcycle into a car, suffering serious leg and arm fractures, authorities said.

Idol, 34, was not wearing a helmet during Tuesday morning's crash on his Harley-Davidson, police said. He was listed in serious but stable condition at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center today after seven hours of surgery, a hospital spokesman said.

The car's 31-year-old driver, whose name was not released, was not injured.

SCRAM-LETS WORD GAME

THAT DAILY PUZZLER Edited by CLAY R. POLLAN

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

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2. PRINT NUMBERED LETTERS IN SQUARES

3. UNSCRAMBLE FOR ANSWER

SCRAM-LETS ANSWERS

1. "Why," stormed the woman, "does everyone else get a warning and I get a ticket? Is it my face?" "No," smiles the cop, "it's your foot!"

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Evening TV Schedule

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 1990

	KMID Cable 3	KOSA Cable 8	KTPX Cable 9	KPEJ Cable 14	FAM Cable 4	WTBS Cable 7	SIN Cable 10	WGN Cable 11	ESPN Cable 12	KOCV Cable 13	HSE Cable 20
4:00	Donahue	Growing Pains	Trial by Jury	Chip 'n' Dale	Batman	Addams F.	Cristina	Chip 'n' Dale	Pulling Series	Sq. 1 TV	Championship
4:30	Cosby Show	Jeopardy!	News	Highway to	Hardcastle	B. Hillbillies	Los Ninos	Charles	Speedway Am.	Sesame Street	Body By Janis
5:00	ABC News	CBS News	News	Highway to	Hardcastle	B. Hillbillies	Los Ninos	Charles	Speedway Am.	Sesame Street	Body By Janis
6:00	News	News	News	Mama	Scarecrow	Jeffersons	Rubi	A & C	College Bas-	Psychology	Ed Randall
6:30	Wheel-Fortune	News	News	Current Affair	Scarecrow	Jeffersons	Rubi	A & C	College Bas-	Psychology	Ed Randall
7:00	Growing Pains	Grand Slam	News	Current Affair	Scarecrow	Jeffersons	Rubi	A & C	College Bas-	Psychology	Ed Randall
7:30	Head of Class	Grand Slam	News	Current Affair	Scarecrow	Jeffersons	Rubi	A & C	College Bas-	Psychology	Ed Randall
8:00	Doogie H.	Jake and the	Night Court	Movie: "Monte"	"Won"	Maria	ketball: For-	College Bas-	College Bas-	Texas Guber-	ketball: Texas
8:30	Anything-Lo	the Fatman	Dear John	Movie: "Monte"	"Won"	Maria	ketball: For-	College Bas-	College Bas-	Texas Guber-	ketball: Texas
9:00	China Beach	Wiseguy	Quantum Leap	Walsh	700 Club	"Cita con Amor"	Noticiero	Paul	Caro. St. at N.	Caro. St. at N.	Caro. St. at N.
9:30	News	News	News	Love Connec.	Hardcastle	Movie: "West-	Aqui Esta	Off the Wire	Motorweek	graphic	ketball: East-
10:00	Cheers	News	News	Love Connec.	Hardcastle	Movie: "West-	Aqui Esta	Off the Wire	Motorweek	graphic	ketball: East-
10:30	Ent. Tonight	Pat Sajak	David Letter-	"The Postman"	"Fight Against	Women"	"Blues	Road Race	PGA Golf:	Marketing	at Ball State
11:00	Nightline	David Letter-	"The Postman"	"Fight Against	Women"	"Blues	Road Race	PGA Golf:	Marketing	Psychology	at Ball State
11:30	Hard Copy	Night Heat	man Bob Costas	"Always Rings	"Twice"	Tell Them	Assasinos de la	Young Phila-	Long Drive	Lighter Side	Sign-Off
12:00	News	Night Heat	man Bob Costas	"Always Rings	"Twice"	Tell Them	Assasinos de la	Young Phila-	Long Drive	Lighter Side	Sign-Off
	SHOWTIME Cable 5	TMC Cable 17	DISNEY Cable 18	MAX Cable 21	HBO Cable 22	TNN Cable 23	USA Cable 24	NICK Cable 25	A&E Cable 26	TBN Cable 31	TURNER Cable 37
4:00	"Planes and	Kids Inc.	light Zone-	Movie: "King	American Ma-	Dance Party	Can't on TV	Praise the	Praise the	Praise the	East Berlin"
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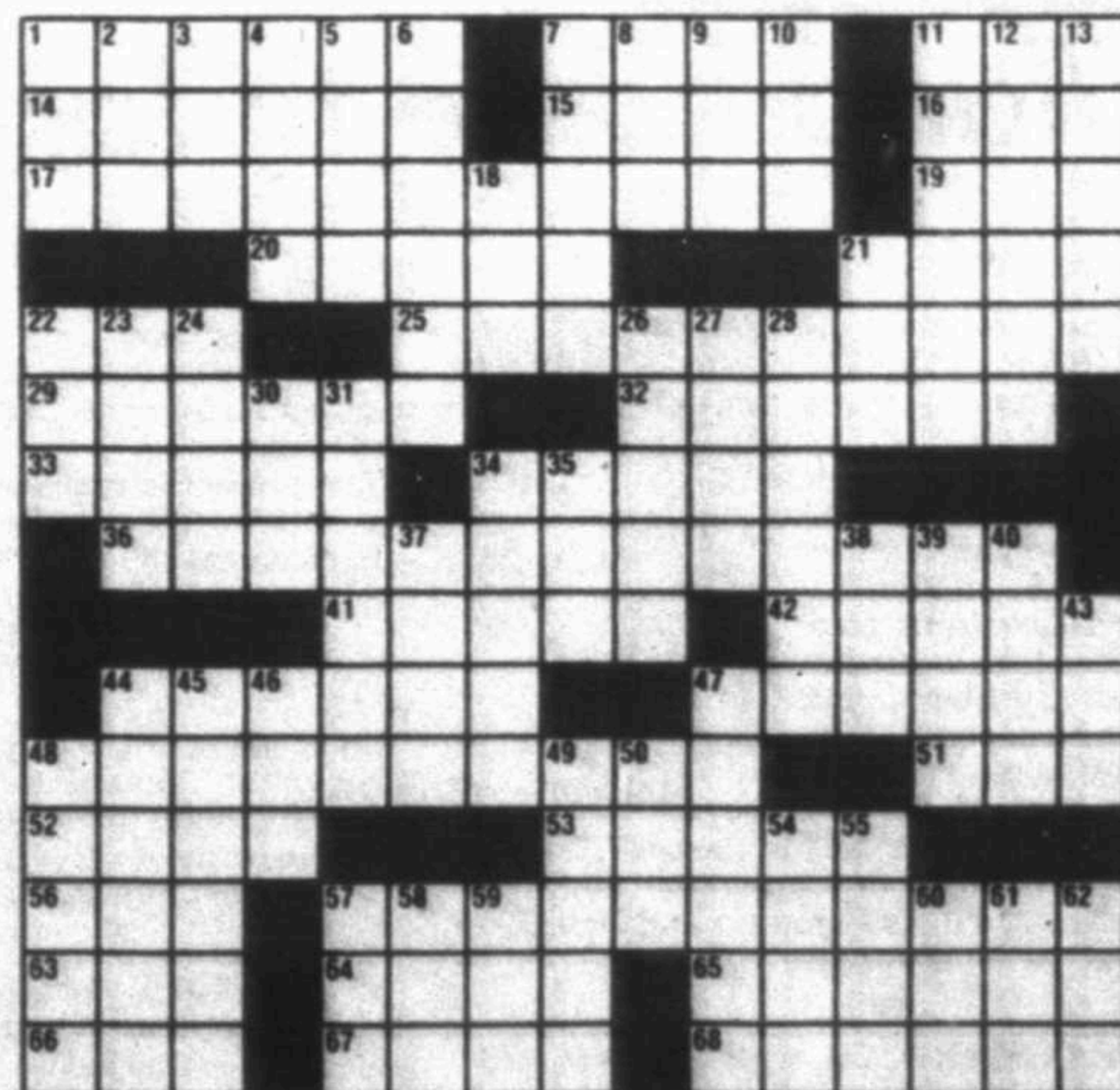
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- TV call letters
- Spicy cuisine
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- Seaver's stat
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- Anthony or Elmo
- Labyrinth
- Go astray
- Composed
- Emulated Mr. Chips
- Of a desert haven
- Cruising
- Athlete
- Hotheaded
- Loamy deposit
- Seabreeze
- Entertainer Vic
- St. Francis' town
- Garrulous
- Alias, for short
- Sheik of Araby?
- Inner courtyards
- Purpose
- Sympathetic
- Genes carrier: Abbr.
- Helm position
- Transportation acronym
- Phoebus
- Society buds
- Optical — (beams)

- Like a wet hen
- Carson City state
- Bold
- Did wickerwork
- Yoko
- Li'l Abner's Daisy
- Posting at JFK
- Squealers
- Make haste
- Rises ominously
- Orchestral instrument
- Chemical compounds
- Graphic beginning
- "Saratoga" was her last movie
- Dutch painter Jan
- Footlike part
- Singer Tennille
- Thing in court
- Lamb's "Essays of —"
- Secretary, e.g.
- Aunt, to Pedro
- Fats of "Blueberry Hill"
- Beast
- Dept. head
- "I have —" M.L. King Jr.
- Actors' plums
- Fonteyn and Markova
- Ordinal suffix
- Camera
- Part of BA
- Bundle of "dough"
- Porter
- CSA soldier
- Three in Torino
- Musical sense
- Ship slips: Abbr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Oil prices expected to stay up

Russian supplies create higher demand

N.Y. Times News Service

HOUSTON — Fewer oil shipments from the Soviet Union to Eastern Europe have led to higher demand for oil from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

That should keep world prices above \$18 a barrel this year, the head of OPEC said Tuesday.

Analysts have said that oil output in the Soviet Union, the world's largest oil producer, has declined by

about 800,000 barrels a day, to about 11.5 million a day, in the last two years.

Subroto, the former oil minister of Indonesia and the chief spokesman for OPEC, was in Houston to speak at a conference of oil industry executives sponsored by Cambridge Energy Research Associates, a consulting firm based in Cambridge, Mass.

He said that with worldwide oil demand rising faster, and the prospect of increased demand from growing economies in Eastern Europe within a few years, OPEC believes it must raise \$80 billion to finance more production within five years.

The analysts estimate that OPEC produced more than 23 million barrels a day last month, or a million

barrels more than the daily ceiling of 22 million barrels that took effect on Jan. 1.

The United Arab Emirates is the only nation producing far more than its quota, the analysts said.

Subroto said total production capacity within OPEC should be increased by as much as five million barrels a day, or by nearly 20 percent, by the mid-1990's.

Some OPEC nations have operated at full capacity in recent years, and they risk losing billions in future revenues if they do not expand oil-export capacity soon.

The production capacity of OPEC is estimated at nearly 27 million barrels a day.

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Subroto

GM, Chrysler 'mesh' in joint venture



Gerald Greenwald, vice chairman Chrysler Motors Corp., David Zimmer president of New Venture Inc. and William Hoglund vice president of General Motors shake on an agreement to form a joint venture.

By FREDERICK STANDISH
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — The first joint manufacturing agreement between two of the nation's Big Three automakers began like "the mating of porcupines," a Chrysler official said.

Chrysler Corp. and General Motors Corp. announced the formation Tuesday of New Venture Gear Inc., a Troy, Mich.-based company operating two plants in New York state and Indiana.

Big Three automakers have been involved in joint research projects before, but never a manufacturing business.

"It began as if it were the mating of two porcupines," Chrysler Vice Chairman Gerald Greenwald said at a news conference. "The agreement begins a new era for the American automobile industry."

Greenwald and GM Executive Vice President William Hoglund said no other joint venture between the two automakers or with Ford Motor Co. was in the works.

"It has taken some time to bring us this far," Greenwald said.

Each of the Big Three has joint vehicle manufacturing agreements with other automakers, mainly Japanese. The GM-Chrysler transmission proposal sailed through federal antitrust review, prompting some critics to complain that the government

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Windecker computers debuts PC

By JULIE JEROME
Business/Oil Writer

A Midland computer store has become the first in the nation to introduce a new line of personal computers.

Hewlett-Packard's latest personal computer product was introduced on Tuesday, and Windecker Computers was selected as the first HP dealer to participate in the event.

Called the Hewlett-Packard Vectra 486/Extended Industry Standard Architecture (EISA), the machine is a high-end 32-bit personal computer designed for power applications. Some of those applications include network file servers and computer aided design (CAD) graphics.

HP worked with eight other computer firms (called the Gang of Nine) to produce the 486, according to Glenn Kramer of Classic Configurations, who was

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Bank profits to remain low

N.Y. Times News Service

Although bank profits are expected to improve in 1990 from the depressed level of last year, bankers and analysts see little chance that they will rebound to the record level of 1988.

The banking industry began the year with familiar concerns: that problems with bad real estate loans will continue and that a weak economy will cause more loans to go sour while limiting new lending to businesses and to consumers.

Because losses on large banks' loans to developing countries will be far less than in 1987 and 1988, the industry as a whole is expected to earn more this year than last.

But even among the regional banks, whose consumer banking businesses continue to generate steady profits, analysts wonder whether earnings will rebound to equal the \$25.1 billion in profits in 1988.

Investors are discouraged enough about the industry's prospects that prices of most banks' shares have fallen by 30 percent or more since October.

"There is a long worry list, and without a doubt the pressure is on banks in 1990," said James J. McDermott, an executive vice president at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Inc., a securities firm that specializes in banks.

Thomas Hanley, a managing director at Salomon Brothers Inc., said this year would be difficult "because



growth in loan volume is definitely going to slow, and further deterioration in the quality of bank loans is

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BUSINESS SCENE

Midland home to largest Furr's Cafeteria

By MELLA McEWEN

Midland can now boast the biggest FURR'S CAFETERIA in the nation, company officials say.

The store gained the honor after months of extensive remodeling and expansion at a cost of nearly \$1 million.

With the renovations complete, the cafeteria, located at Midkiff and Cuthbert, will hold a grand reopening Friday at 10:30 a.m. complete with ribbon-cutting.

Special guests will be Mayor Carroll Thomas, the Midland Chamber of Commerce and Don Fritz, president of Furr's Cafeteria and Don Dodson, regional director for the company.



McEwen

KPMG PEAT MARWICK, with offices in Midland and nine other Texas cities, has contracted with the State of Texas to develop a uniform statewide accounting system.

Philip Barnes, southwest regional director, government services, explained that the state has approximately 250 individual state agencies, ranging from large agencies such as the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation with 29,000 employees to agencies with two or three employees.

"They operate on different accounting systems, so it's hard to measure and compare their performance."

The project is expected to take two years and generate total fees to Peat Marwick of \$6 million. Barnes said the skeleton of the system is based on the company's Uniform Statewide Accounting System, or USAS, and the company will be collecting information to better customize the USAS.

Since many of the state agencies have locations throughout Texas, Peat Marwick offices across Texas will most likely be asked to help support the conversion to the new system at agency offices in their towns, he added.

U R UNIQUE, located in the Fairmont Park shopping center, Midland Drive and Wadley, has added a new service.

Owner Mickey Trimble has established a fashion brokering service for Midlanders who like to paint or decorate T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets or jumpers and would like to sell them.

She will represent them in the Lubbock fashion market, and at the Dallas Apparel Mart, where she has three brokers, making at least 10

markets a year.

Cost is \$25 annually plus a percentage of sales for representation.

"I see this as a good opportunity to expand my lines, and for them to get their lines shown," she explained.

ATC/CLAYDESTA has announced the signing of an agreement with Financial Interchange Inc., operator of the PULSE Switch, a regional electronic funds transfer network, to provide digital fiber long distance data transmission services for 32 PULSE processors or data processing centers located throughout Texas and the United States.

The one-year contract is valued at more than \$200,000.

The contract with Financial Interchange adds to ATC's growing list of clients in the financial transactions arena, including two similar ATM networks, HONOR in Florida and AVAIL in Georgia. In addition, ATC provides network services to more than 160 Texas banks including two of Texas' largest, NCNB in Dallas and Bank One, Texas.

Mella McEwen is a business/oil writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

MARKETS

Crude futures begin decline

From Staff and Wire Reports

Futures prices for West Texas Intermediate Crude dropped this morning 25 cents from Tuesday's close to \$22.26 per barrel.

On Tuesday, energy futures prices finished mixed in choppy trading as the market awaited the latest inventory statistics from the American Petroleum Institute.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, the March contract for West Texas Intermediate, the key grade of U.S. crude oil, rose 12 cents to end at \$22.51 a barrel. The contract traded in a 42-cent range during the session after falling 63 cents on Monday. Crude contracts for later delivery were fairly narrowly mixed.

Petroleum Corp., lowered its posted price for West Texas Intermediate Crude this morning to \$21.50, from the previous \$22 per barrel price.

Among refined products traded on the exchange, the March contract for regular unleaded gasoline fell 0.52 cent to 61.88 cents a gallon, after a 1.82-cent loss on Monday. The contract had traded as high as 62.80 cents during the session. The April contract lost 1.08 cents to 62.62 cents a gallon and May was down 0.72 to 65.67 cents.

No. 2 heating oil for March delivery, which tumbled 2.31 cents in the previous session, edged up 0.24 cent to 56.19 cents a gallon.

CRUDE OIL

SPOT MARKET

W.T. INTERMEDIATE

■ Mid-morning Quote \$22.26
■ Tuesday's Close \$22.51
■ Previous Close \$22.40
■ One Year Ago \$17.70

W.T. SOUR

■ Tuesday's Close \$19.79
■ Previous Close \$19.65
■ One Year Ago \$16.58

SOURCE: NYMEX

POSTED PRICE

■ This Week \$21.50
■ Previous Week \$22.00
■ One Year Ago \$16.75

Later contract months were down slightly.

Analysts said prices fluctuated in a relatively wide range throughout the session, with crude oil breaking through the \$22.37 technical level on the downside. The market later turned higher but stalled as investors turned cautious ahead of the weekly inventory report by the API, a trade association representing mainly large oil refiners.

Politics affect money markets

LONDON (AP) — The dollar was mixed in quiet trading early today, as European markets awaited the outcome of the Soviet Union's Communist Party Central Committee meeting, dealers said.

Gold prices fell. Foreign currency dealers predicted the dollar would come under pressure as soon as attention shifted from political factors to economic ones.

"As soon as (Soviet President Mikhail) Gorbachev demonstrates he has the internal situation under control, the dollar reverts to its economic context," said a trader in Milan, Italy.

"In the economic context we have inferior interest rates against the (West German) mark, limited economic growth and inflation not really under control."

In Tokyo, where trading ends as Europe's business day begins, the dollar rose 0.20 yen to a closing 145.10 yen. Later, in London, it was quoted at a higher rate of 145.35 yen.

In London, the dollar fell against the British pound. It cost \$1.7022 to buy one pound, compared with \$1.7015 late Tuesday.

Gold opened in London at a bid price of \$419.50 a troy ounce, down from \$420.85 bid late Tuesday. At midmorning, the city's major bullion dealers fixed a recommended price of \$419.90.

In Zurich, the bid price was \$419.90, down from \$420.75 bid late Tuesday.

Gold in Hong Kong fell \$1.72 to close at a bid \$417.75.

Silver fell in London to a bid price of \$5.29 a troy ounce, down from Tuesday's \$5.31.

EXCHANGE RATES

■ 1.6750 West German marks
■ 1.4798 Swiss francs
■ 5.6422 French francs
■ 1.8710 Dutch guilders
■ 1,234.00 Italian lire
■ 1.1892 Canadian dollars

Market slumps in sluggish trading

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market slumped in sluggish trading Tuesday, weighed down by worries that this week's government borrowing binge will drive interest rates higher.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, which had risen 19.82 points on Monday, lost 16.21 points to close at 2,606.31. The market's best-known indicator had been down 25 points with about two hours left in the session.

Declining issues outnumbered gainers by about 3 to 2 in nationwide trading of New York Stock Exchange-listed stocks, with 578 up, 909 down and 499 unchanged.

Volume on the floor of the Big Board came to 134.07 million shares, only slightly ahead of the 130.95 million shares traded on Monday in the slowest session to date in the new year.

Nationwide, consolidated volume in NYSE-listed issues, including trades in those stocks on regional exchanges and in the over-the-counter market, totaled 163.44 million shares.

Stocks had made some gains in the four sessions leading up to Tuesday's trading after sinking for most of the month of January.

MARKET IN BRIEF

NYSE issues consolidated trading February 6, 1990

Volume in shares
163,437,680

Issues traded
1,986

Up
578

Unchanged
499

Down
909

NYSE Index
182.33 Down 1.02

S&P Composite
329.68 Down 2.17

Dow Jones Industrials
2,606.31 Down 16.21

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

OPEC slashes production, but not enough

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — OPEC slashed oil production last month but not enough to meet its promised goal, according to new estimates. The International Energy Agency said Tuesday in its Monthly Oil Market Report that the 13 OPEC nations produced about 23.3 million barrels of crude oil a day in January. That was about 700,000 barrels below December's peak levels but still well above the 22-million-barrel limit OPEC pledged late last year.

Pan Am considers airline "combinations"

NEW YORK (AP) — The board of financially sagging Pan Am Corp. still is considering possible combinations with several airlines but made no decisions at its latest meeting, sources said. The airline's board of directors met Tuesday amid speculation that it was ready to disclose a deal, possibly with Northwest Airlines, but finished for the day with no announcements.

Pilots reject Icahn's concession offers

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The pilots of Trans World Airlines Inc. said they would not accept Chairman Carl Icahn's request for \$80 million in further wage and benefit concessions and asked their boss to stop seeking the cuts.

The response Tuesday comes a day after Icahn said he would buy new jetliners and expand the moneylosing carrier's operations if the 3,500 TWA pilots accepted the concessions.

"We've given him \$500 million over five years and that's enough. He hasn't used it properly and there's no point to giving him another penny," said Kent Scott, chairman of TWA's pilot union's master executive council.

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NEW YORK (AP)—Monday national prices for American		Stock Exchange Issues	Stocks Last Chg.	Price	10	12	14	8	—
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Alcoa		10	67.64	38 1/2	+				
Amphl	.10	10	29.22	13 1/2	+				
Amr	3.30	10	1	8 1/2	+				
AsEl			89	5 1/2	+				
Amvch	44		282	3 1/2	+				
Amgal	.07 1/2	19	6	2 1/2	+				
Admet			140	7	+				
Atari			140	7	+				
AtloCA			1	167	2 1/2	+			
BAT	In.35	12	99.56	12 1/2	+				
BEL	1.30	12	1	8 1/2	+				
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ComDef		13	126	18 1/2	+				
CCfCo	.05 1/2	146	20	14	+				
Chobn			43	1	+				
ComEd			3	1 1/2	+				
ComSt			12	2 1/2	+				
Corpn	.05 1/2	119	9	1	+				
Cross	1.24	14	14	29 1/2	+				
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Glanfng			1	14	42 1/2	+			
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IngCo			1	80	31	51 1/2			
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Jewell			27	16 1/2	+				
Kirby			16	17	7				
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MarinC			2	274	3 1/2	+			
Maron			5	134	28 1/2	+			
Medl			44	166	70 1/2	+			
Merr			32	26	9 1/2	+			
Nether			13	64	5 1/2	+			

LIFE

Sweet

By CAROL CUTLER
Copley News Service

It seems that just
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In recent years fine restaurants is sure to be bo want to impress vations had better advance.

All this emphasis

Make 1990 the year of the real qualities. Let's return to truffles appreciated for the cause it is reminding from Tiffany.

Chocolates, dancing don't have simply have them together a group or not. Romance cease with the them to your home dancing, but as bring a dessert.

To avoid duplication selection with each other, perhaps, angel food ready have three olate truffles won

Cook

By CAROL DEE SCHUSTER

NEW YORK (The Chocolatier magazine) pages to the chocolate.

"Glorious Chocolate" by Carol Dee Schuster, \$29.95) and the editor brings the best of types into one collection. The cookbook includes a chapter on the chocolatier's popular recipes.

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VENTURE

(Continued from Page 8C)

wasn't taking a strong enough role in regulating big business.

Chrysler will own 64 percent and GM will own the rest of New Venture Gear, which will have its headquarters in Troy. The new company will operate plants in Muncie, Ind., and Syracuse, N.Y., and make manual transmissions and components.

The Muncie plant now is operated by GM's Hydra-matic Division and the Syracuse factory is run by Chrysler's Acustar subsidiary. Combined, the factories employ about 3,100 people.

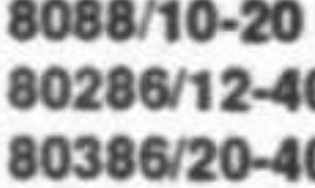
The Muncie plant has been operating at about 40 percent capacity recently and was in danger of closing, putting its 1,100 employees out of work, said Tom Zimmer, general manager of GM's Hydra-matic Division.

The Syracuse plant was working at full capacity. Officials said New Venture Gear was formed to fill out the Muncie plant's capacity and ease the pressure on the Syracuse plant. No layoffs are expected because of the joint venture.

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Sweetest celebrations are homemade

By CAROL CUTLER
Copley News Service

It seems that just about every holiday except Groundhog Day is being celebrated more and more. Remember when Mom used to be served breakfast in bed on Mother's Day and that was about it?

The grown-ups' celebration of Halloween has just about eclipsed the old-fashioned costume parade of the youngsters. Columbus Day, of course, is one big sale-shopping extravaganza.

Then there is the sweetest holiday of all — Valentine's Day. In the long-ago age of innocence, a box of simple chocolates and a bunch of flowers were considered endearing tokens of affection. No more. The chocolates now are expected to be of the finest imported variety. Flowers had better be in the form of some lavish arrangement full of exotic flowers. Oh, yes, champagne flows.

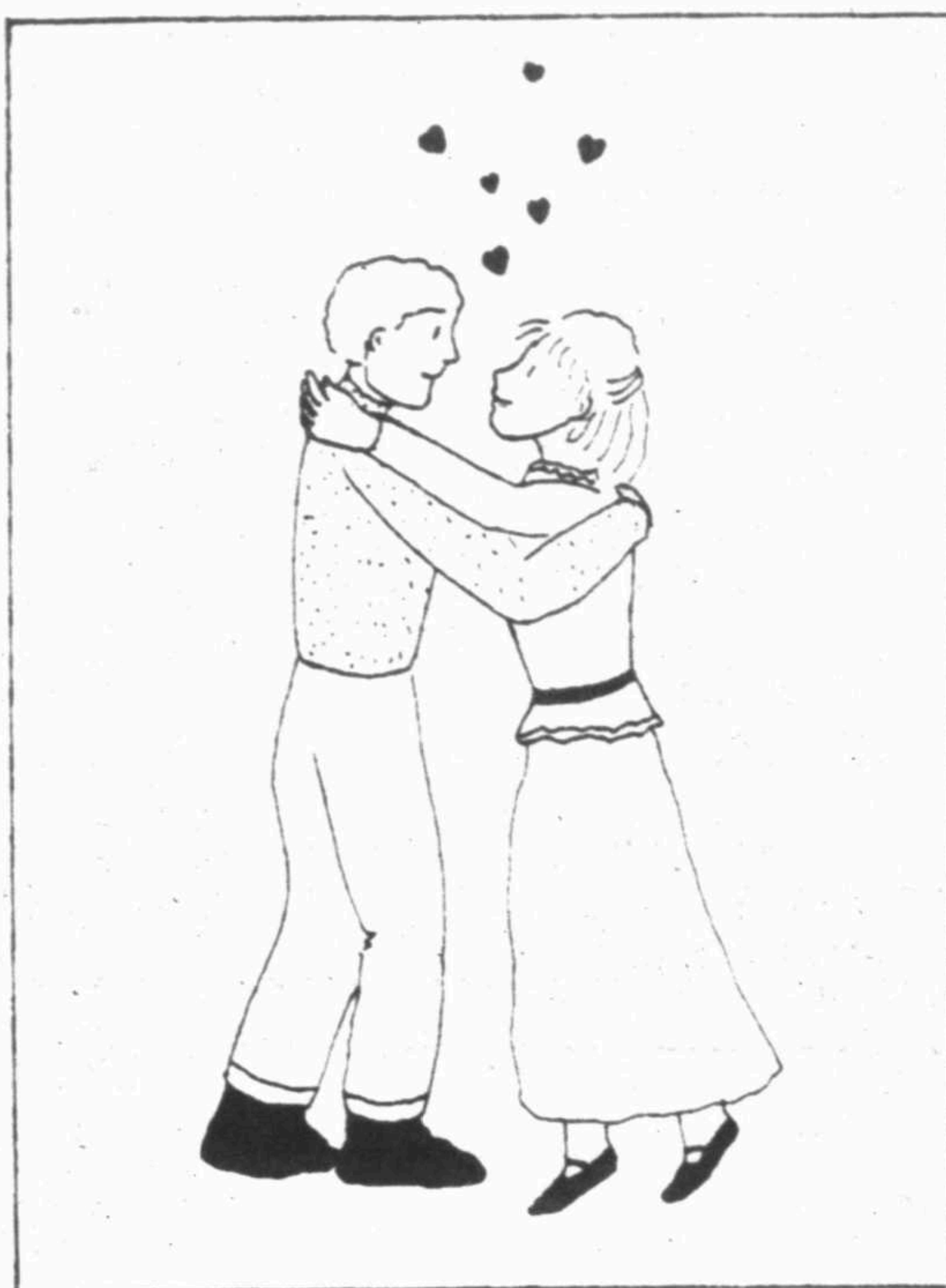
In recent years, dinners a deux in fine restaurants have been the rage. And any sort with music for dancing is sure to be booked solid. If you want to impress your lady fair, reservations had better be made long in advance.

All this emphasis on luxury spending seems to detract from the romantic core of the day. Money isn't supposed to buy true love, is it?

Make 1990 the year to get back to the real qualities of Valentine's Day. Let's return to true affection that is appreciated for itself and not because it is reinforced with a box from Tiffany.

Chocolates, flowers, sweets and dancing don't have to be forsaken, simply have them all at home. Put together a group of couples, married or not. Romance, after all, does not cease with the ceremony. Invite them to your home for dessert and dancing, but ask each couple to bring a dessert.

To avoid duplication, discuss the selection with each one and suggest, perhaps, angel food cake if you already have three cheesecakes. Chocolate truffles would provide a major



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indulgence. They can easily be made at home following recipes from dessert, candy or chocolate books. Time-Life Books' "Candy" volume in "The Good Cook" series has no less than 11 variations on this delicious theme.

One dessert that should not be overlooked is Coeur a la Creme (creamy cheese heart) served with

fresh strawberries or raspberries.

Traditionally, the dessert is molded in individual heart-shaped molds available at kitchen specialty shops. Other shapes can be used, but that loses a lot of the effect. Whatever mold is used, it must have drainage holes. If the small ceramic or straw molds are not available, use a heart-

shape aluminum foil cake pan and punch about a dozen holes in the bottom.

A participant also can provide the floral centerpiece for the dessert table. It can either be ordered from a florist or arranged at home. Remember that professional bouquets are not always the best; often they are too perfect. Something as simple as a variety of pale posies spilling out of a pretty woven basket can have a lot more charm.

Music to dance by is no problem at all with all the wonderful melodies available on compact discs. When making the selection, take a tip from disc jockeys and plan the mood of the evening.

Generally, slow music begins the evening, and every 15 minutes or so the beat picks up. Don't go overboard, though. This is Valentine's Day, and a little cheek-to-cheek dancing is far more suitable than competitive acrobatics.

COEUR A LA CREME (Creamy Cheese Heart)

1/2 pound farmer or cottage cheese
1 cup heavy cream, lightly whipped
2 tablespoons superfine sugar
2 egg whites, stiffly beaten
Fresh strawberries or raspberries
Optional: 1 cup light cream

Yields four 4-ounce cheese hearts or one 3-cup mold.

Press cheese through fine-mesh nylon or stainless-steel sieve and blend with whipped cream. Stir in 1 tablespoon sugar at a time until dissolved. Thoroughly fold in 1/2 egg whites, then gently fold in rest.

Use muslin or cheesecloth to line 4 individual heart-shaped molds or 3-cup mold with drainage holes. Spoon mixture into mold and fold muslin or cheesecloth over top. Stand mold in deep dish and place in refrigerator overnight. The mold is even better if allowed to drain for 2 days.

Just before serving, unmold firm cheese onto platter. Arrange fresh berries around mold and, if desired, pour light cream over it.

Valentine's Day gifts begin with chocolate

NEW YORK (AP) — When you think of Valentine's Day, think hearts and chocolate.

Justin Parks of Godiva Chocolatier, says Americans will spend one-half billion dollars on chocolate Valentine's Day gifts — with almost half purchased by women.

You can also celebrate with gifts of food. Here are some suggestions for Valentine's Day baking:

NICK MALGIERI'S HAZELNUT TART

1 cup all-purpose flour
3 tablespoons cocoa
1/4 cup sugar
Pinch of salt
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
4 tablespoons butter, chilled
1 egg
CHOCOLATE-HAZELNUT FILLING:
2 cups whole hazelnuts
6 tablespoons butter
1/4 cup cocoa
1 cup dark corn syrup
1/4 cup sugar
3 eggs
Pinch of salt
2 tablespoons dark rum (optional)

To mix the dough, sift the dry ingredients together to combine them and eliminate any lumps. Rub in the butter and moisten with the egg and about 1 teaspoon water, if needed, as for sweet pastry dough. Shape into a disk, wrap and refrigerate.

For the filling, place the hazelnuts on a baking pan and toast at 350 degrees for about 10 minutes or until the skin is loose and comes off easily. Rub the hazelnuts in a towel to remove the skins. Pick the hazelnuts from the flakes of skin, rubbing any to which the skin still adheres to loose it. Chop the hazelnuts coarsely, with a knife or food processor.

Melt the butter in a small saucepan and sift in the cocoa. Stir until smooth.

Combine the corn syrup and sugar in a small saucepan. Bring to a full rolling boil over medium heat. Remove from heat and stir in the cocoa-butter mixture.

Beat the eggs and salt with the rum. Gradually beat in the cocoa mixture, taking care not to overbeat.

To assemble the tart, roll the dough on a floured surface to a disk 1/4-inch thick. Line an 11-inch, removable-bottom tart pan with the dough, trimming away the excess. Stir the chopped hazelnuts into the filling and pour the filling into the pan. Bake at 350 degrees F about 40 minutes, until the filling is set and the crust is baked through. Keep the tart loosely covered at room temperature. Makes one 10-inch tart. (Recipe from: Nick Malgieri, pastry chef, Peter Kump's Cooking School, New York City)

FUDGE MICROWAVE BROWNIE PIE

2 eggs
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup cocoa
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup chopped macadamia nuts (optional)
Raspberry Sauce (recipe below)
Frozen vanilla yogurt

Line a 9-inch microwave-safe pie plate with plastic wrap. In a small mixer bowl beat eggs; blend in sugar, butter and vanilla. Combine flour, cocoa and salt; stir in egg mixture. Stir in nuts, if desired. Pour batter into prepared pan. Microwave on medium (50 percent power) for 6 minutes. Rotate one-quarter turn. Microwave on high (100 percent) 2 to 4 minutes or until top begins to dry; moist spots will remain around edges. Place plate on counter top. Cover with foil; let stand, covered, until completely cool. Cut into wedges; serve with frozen yogurt and raspberry sauce. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Raspberry sauce: In food processor bowl or blender container, puree one 10-ounce package of frozen raspberries in light syrup, thawed. Strain through a fine sieve; discard seeds. Makes about 1 cup sauce. (Recipe from: Hershey's Cocoa)

Cookbook devoted to all things chocolate

By CAROL DEEGAN

NEW YORK (AP) — Since 1984, Chocolatier magazine has devoted its pages to the celebration of chocolate.

"Glorious Chocolate" (Simon & Schuster, \$29.95) by Mary Goodbody and the editors of Chocolatier, brings the best of the magazine's recipes into one chocolate cookbook. The cookbook contains 11 chapters, including a chapter featuring Chocolatier's popular "Masterpiece" recipes.

With this cookbook, you will learn how chocolate is made; the different kinds of chocolate; how to select and store chocolate; the techniques for preparing chocolate.

Choose from chocolate cakes, chocolate pies and tarts, chocolate candies — and more. As in the magazine, each recipe is preceded by a

box that alerts the home cook to the yield, degree of difficulty, preparation time and special equipment requirements.

MOCHA MACADAMIA NUT CHOCOLATE CHUNK COOKIES
Preparation time: 15 minutes plus chilling and baking times
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons instant espresso coffee powder
1 teaspoon boiling water
8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
6 tablespoons packed dark brown sugar
6 tablespoons granulated sugar
1 large egg, at room temperature

1 teaspoon vanilla extract
12 ounces mocha or semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
3/4 cup macadamia nuts, coarsely chopped and rinsed if salted

In a small bowl, stir together flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt. In a small cup, stir together the espresso coffee powder and water until dissolved. In a large bowl, using a wooden spoon, beat together the butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar until creamy. Beat in the egg, espresso mixture and vanilla. Stir in the flour mixture and then the chocolate and nuts. Cover the surface of the dough with plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm, about 4 hours or overnight.

Position one rack in the top third and another rack in the bottom third of the oven and preheat to 325 degrees. Lightly coat two baking sheets

with vegetable shortening. Using 2 tablespoons of the dough for each cookie, shape the dough into balls and put them on the baking sheets, leaving about 2 inches between the cookies. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes or until the cookies spring back when very lightly touched. Do not overbake or the cookies will dry out.

Cool the cookies on their baking sheets for 2 minutes. Transfer the cookies to paper towels for another 2 minutes and then to wire racks to cool completely. Repeat the baking procedure with the remaining dough, using cool baking sheets and coating them with additional vegetable shortening for each batch. Store the cookies in an airtight container.

Note: To remove salt from the macadamia nuts, put them in a strainer and rinse under cool running water. Pat the nuts dry with paper towels before chopping.

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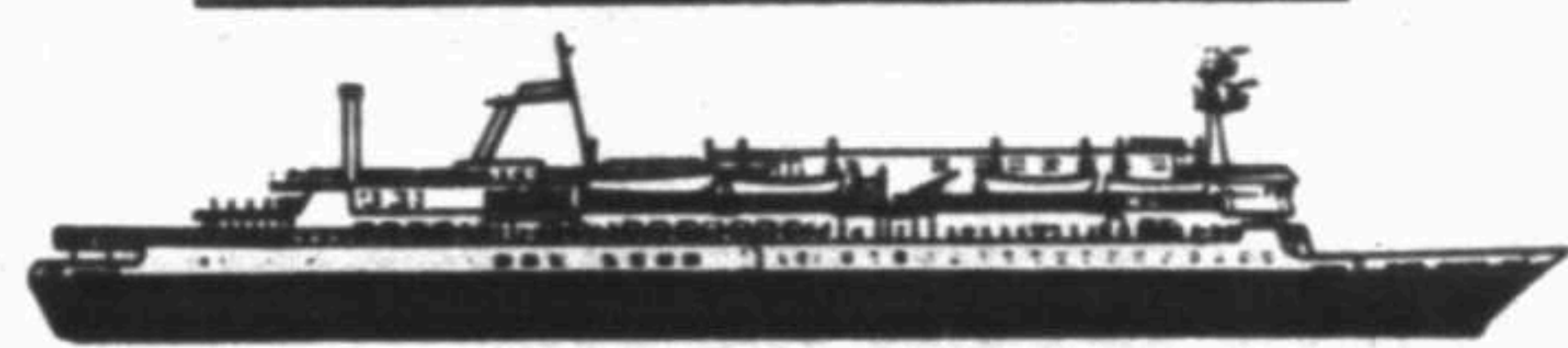
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Hospice of Midland will offer an intensive 10-part volunteer training program in March. Eight evening classes will be taught on consecutive Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-10 p.m. March 5-28. Eight morning classes (a repeat of the evening classes) will be taught 9 a.m.-noon consecutive Tuesdays and Thursdays March 6-29. All sessions will be taught at Hospice House, 911 W. Texas St.

Special sessions will be offered noon-1 p.m. March 21 (including a brown bag lunch) at Hospice House, and 7 p.m. May 1 at the Allison Cancer Center in Midland Memorial Hospital.

Parking for day-time classes is limited to the parking lot across the street north from Hospice House.

Subjects to be covered will include the philosophy and spirit of hospice care, physiological and nutritional aspects of terminal illness, communicating with a patient and family members, facing mortality, the child and death, working with the elderly and coping with the grieving process.

There is no fee for the course and no obligation to become a Hospice volunteer. For information or registration call 682-2855.

...RONALD McDONALD House of the Permian Basin will have its annual telethon 3:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday on KMD-TV Channel 2. The pledge line number is 561-5700. Donations — which may consist of time, money or supplies — may be made by calling the organization prior to the telethon at (915) 333-4403.

The Ronald McDonald House, 620 S. Grant in Odessa, serves as a residence for families from other cities who have children in Midland or Odessa hospitals.

Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and volunteers are needed from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. daily.

For information or items on the organizations wish list call (915) 333-4403.

...BOARD OF SANTA Rita Club's Petroleum Museum will host a Valentine tea 2-4 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Museum. All active members will be honored.

Museum volunteers may work in the gift shop, docenting school tours, school out-reach programs, the archives and library. For membership information call 694-7267.

...AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of University Women will meet 2 p.m. Sunday in Midland Community Theatre II. Janet Pollard, local soloist and thespian, will perform the Tony Award winning one-woman play "Shirley Valentine." Any woman with a baccalaureate degree is eligible for membership in the organization. For information call 689-6993.

...MIDLAND EDUCATORS Association and TSTA District XVIII will host a public forum on the upcoming special session of the legislature 7 p.m. Feb. 15 in Midland College's Fine Arts Auditorium. The focus of the talk will be on restructuring of the public school financing system.

Speakers will be Dr. Albert Cortez with the Intercultural Developmental Research Association and Bill Hudson, Midland's representative to the State Board of Education.

There is no charge and the public is invited to attend.

...ALLIANCE FOR THE Mentally Ill, an advocacy and support group for family and friends of the mentally ill, will meet 7:30 p.m. Monday in Midland Memorial Hospital's Allison Cancer Center Conference Room. For information call 682-9578 or 684-6709.

...CHI OMEGA ALUMNAE will meet for a Valentine luncheon noon Tuesday at 3307 Woodhaven. For information call 694-5407 or 685-1077.

...ALPHA DELTA PI Alumnae will host a couple's party 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Gili's on Garfield. All area alumnae are invited to attend.

...MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL'S 61st Annual Catoico Coronation will be 7 p.m. Saturday in the MHS Auditorium. Catoico Dance will be from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. in Midland Civic Center. Former Catoico queens will be honored.

...SANTA RITA Elementary School's PTA will meet 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13 in the school's cafeteria. Dr. Maurer will open the program, followed by the first grade classes presenting their program at 7 p.m.

...MIDLAND RETIRED Teachers will meet 2 p.m. Friday at the Sibley Learning Center, 3300 W. Neely. Burr Williams, naturalist, will present the "Outdoor Education" program.

...ODESSA SYMPHONY Guild will sponsor its annual Symphony Ball 8 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Holiday Inn Centre. Dean Scott will provide the entertainment and introduce the Senior Belles and Beaus. For information call 563-0921.

...APPLICATION DEADLINE for the Miss Texas U.S. Teen Pageant is Saturday. Young women 13-19 may enter. The state winner will receive a cash scholarship, a tuition scholarship, an all expense paid trip to the national pageant including airfare, color portrait, crown, banner, trophy and gifts. Awards will also be given in leadership, scholarship, friendship and photogenic categories.

The Texas pageant will be staged in Dallas at the Hyatt Regency DFW. Judging will be based on poise, personality, and school and community involvement.

For information call (205) 745-6875.

DEAR ABBY

Two wives at family events result in one wife too many

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I am in a pickle with my mother. My first wife and I were divorced 13 years ago. I remarried eight years later. My former wife remains close to my family — especially my mother.

My mother has continually invited my former wife to family get-togethers — Christmas dinner, Thanksgiving, etc. — when she knows full well that I, my current wife and our children will be there. This has been a problem since my divorce.

I have talked to my mother and ex-wife about this, and they refuse to budge.

My current wife is very uncomfortable in that situation, so I declined Mother's Thanksgiving and Christmas invitations for 1989.

Abby, I must remain firmly loyal to my wife and considerate of her feelings or my marriage vows are meaningless. She is, after all, my life-long partner now, and has done nothing to warrant the cold shoulder she receives at these family get-togethers.

Am I taking the most appropriate stance since diplomacy has failed? My mother's nose is still out of joint. — HAD IT IN FLORIDA

DEAR HAD IT: I'm sorry about your mother's nose. I'm all for family unity, but if your wife risks pneumonia by the reception she gets at your family get-togethers, she has every right to avoid them. And so have you.

Fiber-rich figs favorite flavor

NEW YORK (AP) — The average American eats just 3 ounces of dried figs each year, yet the fig is one of America's favorite flavors. According to the California Fig Advisory Board, Nabisco's Fig Newton is the fourth largest-selling cookie in the United States.

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DEAR ABBY: My son recently married his "live-in" girlfriend. It was a very private wedding with only their attendants. They sent no invitations or announcements. The reception following the ceremony was a quiet family dinner.

I am very hurt because not one friend or relative who has known my son since he was a boy sent a present. I gave expensive presents for their children's second, and even third marriages. Am I wrong for feeling this way? — HURT IN VERMONT

DEAR HURT: You need never apologize for your feelings — only your actions.

Since no announcements or invitations to attend the wedding were issued, your friends and relatives may have felt ignored. (Rare is the person who, upon learning that a friend or relative has recently married, will rush out and buy a gift.)

Apparently those to whom you sent gifts for their second and third marriages felt no obligation to reciprocate, since there were no festivities to attend.

DEAR ABBY: I am married with two teen-age sons. My husband's business requires a great deal of travel — sometimes overseas.

When I tell people that "Jim" is in Japan, Germany or Hong Kong, they ask, "Why didn't you go with him?" Abby, I can't just dump the boys with friends every time Jim goes to a

foreign country. Teen-age boys are involved in so many activities, and I have my own commitments, including a part-time teaching job. Furthermore, although Jim's travel expenses are paid for by the company, mine would not be. (Would any of these people like to pay my air fare?)

Abby, I hope you find my letter worth printing. Having a traveling husband is lonely enough without having to respond to this thoughtless question. (By the way, folks, how about having us over for dinner sometime?)

I'm sure other wives of traveling husbands have been asked the same question. — HOME ALONE A LOT

DEAR HOME ALONE: The "why didn't you go with him" question is asked by well-meaning but thoughtless people. Perhaps after this hits print, many will think before they speak. (Me included.)

DEAR ABBY: I would like to see this poem in your column:

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Fugu fanatics flirting with fate?

By TOVA NAVARRA
Copley News Service

NEW YORK — Signs on restaurant doors may eventually read: "No bare feet, no tank tops, no suicidal tendencies."

True, people eat hardtack without worrying about breaking a few teeth.

They toss down raw oysters and clams never fearing hepatitis.

But why would anyone of sound mind take a chance on fugu, the death-wish fish imported from Japan, when you can live — literally — without it?

The fugu controversy centers on tetrodotoxin, a lethal chemical found in fugu liver, ovaries and intestines.

There is no antidote for tetrodotoxin, said to be 500 times more potent than potassium cyanide. And, unlike snake venom, it is a non-protein poison with an extremely complex molecular structure.

Chefs who prepare the fish must attend at least one seminar given by the Fugu Buyers Association, and the Japanese government stamped a non-toxic guarantee on the pounds of flesh that touched base for the first time in New York, and America, last year.

THE FATEFUL food is available at seven New York restaurants and is as pricey as a pirate's treasure.

Matsuda Hideo, an owner of the Kyoto Restaurant in the Avenel section of suburban Woodbridge Township, has eaten fugu many times in his 40 years, likes it and doesn't worry about it.

"It tastes light and healthy," said Hideo, originally of Kyoto, Japan. "Everyone likes it in Japan, but it costs \$70 to \$100 for a small dish of it."

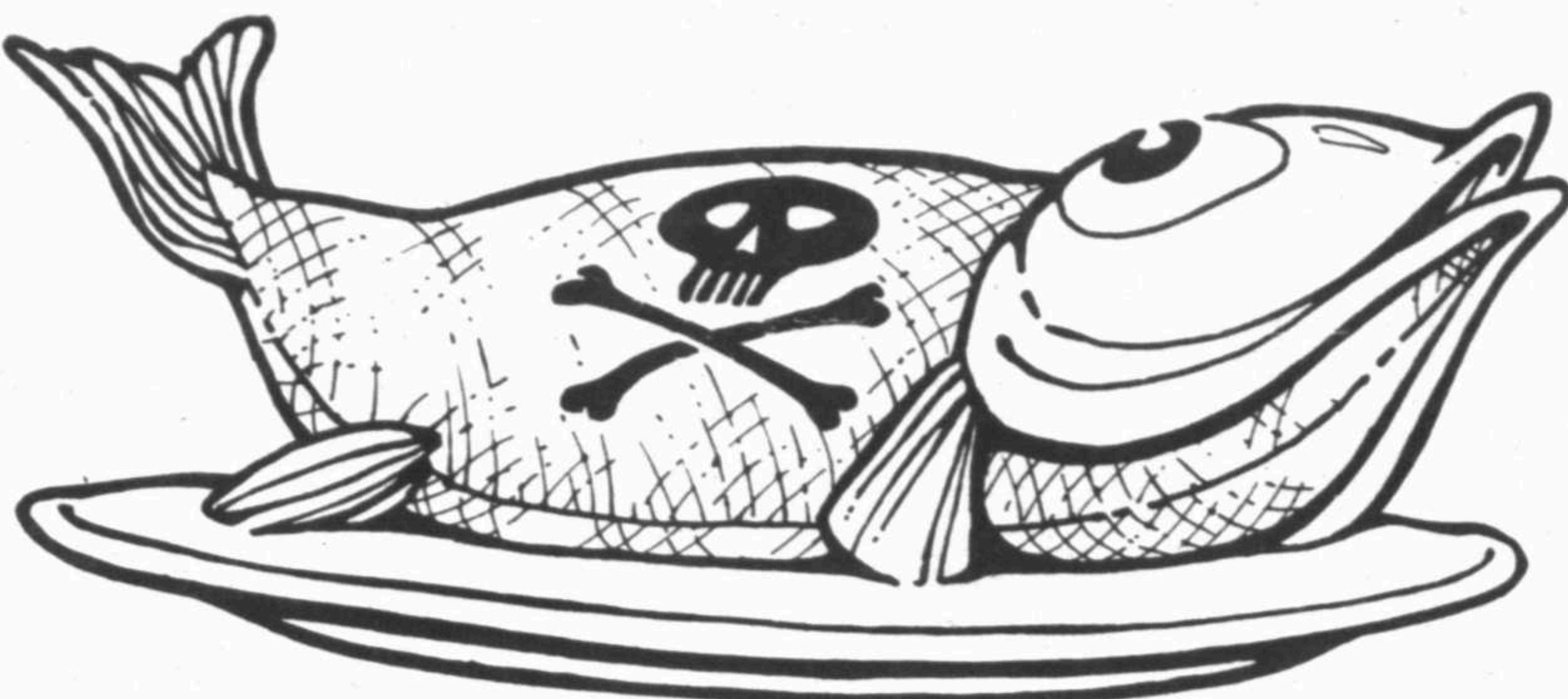
Despite the poison parts — "blood and guts," Hideo said — he thinks more people should try it; they would enjoy it, either sashimi-style or boiled. However, Hideo added that if fugu were available, he might not serve it at his restaurant because it's too expensive, needs special preparation and is hard to keep fresh. To be imported safely, fugu is frozen.

"In Japan, fugu is never frozen," he said.

The glamour of fugu, whether or not on ice in New York, rests on its Lucrezia Borgia reputation. Hideo suspects fugu is more an enchantment in the second-largest city in the world than in Japan because "women like poison," he said as he tried to suppress a giggle. Ah, romance!

According to Toyokazu Mukai, sushi chef at Kobe Japanese Restaurant in nearby Howell Township, fugu's romance and danger seem overrated.

"Once in a blue moon, the toxin can go from the liver to other parts," Mukai said in Japanese to an interpreter, "and there are many kinds of fugu, including certain ones you can't eat at all. But if you prepare it (and he has) the right way, there's no problem."



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When asked what is so delectable about fugu, the young chef broke into a big smile and said in English, "It tastes good!"

Then in Japanese, he claimed it has its own special taste, cannot be compared with any other fish and pooh-poohed the idea that death by fugu in Japan could even remotely be considered an honor.

ONE OF those who did die from the experience was Japanese actor Mitsugoro Bando, who ate four fugu livers in Kyoto's Masa restaurant in January 1975.

Bando's death shocked the country. He was so famous an actor that he had been listed as a national treasure by the government. The blowfish market deflated drastically for a brief spell.

Basho, a Japanese poet in the 1600s, wrote the haiku (unrhymed verse): "Yesterday, fugu and soup. Today, I still breathe. Great fortune!"

Known also as puffer, blowfish, maki-maki, globefish — the family Tetradontidae, class osteichthyes — fugu has poisoned 646 people in Japan and killed 179 between 1974 and 1983. In light of the huge population and nine-year span, the statistic doesn't sound too formidable.

Chris Lecos, spokesman for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, said, "Deaths occur among locals and inexperienced handlers who catch it and serve it without any further care. Fugu's not something you pluck from the ocean and serve."

Nonetheless, the Imperial Household Agency had forbidden the late Emperor Hirohito to eat it, and his son, Emperor Akihito, also has been required to give it up, just in case. For intrepid, trendy or devil-may-care diners, however, a fugu sashimi platter goes for \$35 to \$60, fugu hors d'oeuvres for \$50 and a six-course fugu dinner for \$160 (all prices per person) at Restaurant Nippon.

IN JAPAN, where eating out may be hazardous not only to your health but also to your pocketbook, a lone gourmet would pay more than \$360

for the same meal.

"I don't think the market for fugu here is that big," said Bruce Eckart, owner and chef of Toshiro Japanese Restaurant in suburban Brick Township. "In New York, people live more on the edge. But why are humans attracted to dangerous things? Because the human spirit needs excitement."

Edward Newman, owner and chef at Fumi Japanese Restaurant in nearby Seaside Heights, described eating fugu as playing Russian roulette "for the thrill of it."

"Fugu is a luxury item," he said, "and I don't think it would be worth serving here. There's not much of a call for it."

In any case, the FDA has lifted a standing ban on fugu, of which more than 7,000 tons are reported consumed in Japan. Why approve now?

Lecos said the FDA and the Japanese Ministry of Health and Welfare came to an agreement on fugu as a matter of Japanese honor.

"Because this particular fish has strong ethnic and cultural appeal to the Japanese, they wanted to provide the servicing of this product to those of this country, an ethnically mixed nation," he said.

"For many years, the FDA had prevented the entry of this fish into the country because of tetrodotoxin. With unrestricted entry, there'd be no adequate way to sample and assure the safety of fugu. And a single fish could contain the poison."

"You're not going to call it the death-wish fish, are you?"

ONLY THE tiger puffer fish is allowed, Lecos said, and the Japanese government has certified its safety.

"The puffer fish shipped to the United States must be processed and prepared by certified and licensed specialists in Japan," he said, "and has to be packaged in a very specific way. Further, a shipment can only enter John F. Kennedy International Airport, and the FDA must be notified so we can meet the shipment and check the certification papers."

He added that shipments could be made two or three times a year be-

tween September and March — fugu "season" when the levels of poison are lower than in summer. The FDA also has required that fugu-handlers must have 10 years' experience, as opposed to three years required in Japan.

"Fugu is considered a delicacy and sort of an art form," Lecos said. "It all seems to pique a lot of curiosity among Americans."

Mary Snyder, assistant to the director of the FDA's Division of Regulatory Guidance, said that the FDA did not jump blindly into a decision on fugu.

"The request came in at least four years ago and, at that time, we said absolutely not," Snyder said. "Here we're dealing with one of the most toxic natural poisons on the face of the earth and our job is to protect the public health. But the Japanese came back and said people eat fugu in Japan and don't die. They claimed the only people who die are those who eat uncertified puffer, catch it themselves or are suicidal."

"To eat it is macho — like eating Rocky Mountain oysters (bull testicles)," she said. "It's part of their culture; Nobuyoshi Kuraoka, the Nippon Restaurant owner in New York, wanted to serve his country's highest level of cuisine to his customers and without serving fugu, he was not able to do this. He also wanted to introduce fugu to this country as a point of honor. He'd do anything, spare no expense, adhere to any rules imposed upon him."

"So we painfully went through all the translated Japanese documents," Snyder said. "Interestingly, their fishing board wasn't even interested in promoting this because they say there's not enough puffer to go around in Japan."

"By the time fugu gets here, it would have to be injected with poison to be toxic," she said. "There's nothing toxic left. Like anything, of course, somebody could screw up along the way, but we have taken every reasonable, and a few unreasonable, precautions to see that this doesn't happen."

Oysters sent for Valentine's Day

NEW YORK (AP) — For Valentine's Day, one's thoughts turn to flowers, fine chocolates, silk and lace. But what about oysters?

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"Men traditionally send women a dozen long-stem roses or a box of chocolates for Valentine's Day," says Sandra Soehngen, co-owner of Starfish Enterprises. "Oysters are a great way to surprise a man."

Soehngen says there are dozens of oyster species throughout North America, primarily found in beds off the Pacific Northwest and Northeast-Mid-Atlantic coasts. Each has its own subtle taste based on the consistency, salinity and temperatures of the local waters.

How do you tell if oysters are fresh? "Healthy, fresh oysters should have firmly closed shells," Soehngen says. "If an oyster has its 'mouth' open, tap the shell. If it closes, it's all right to eat. Otherwise, discard it."

Freshly shucked oysters should also have a fresh, "sea breeze" aroma and a clear, slightly milky juice surrounding the meat, she says.

Starfish Enterprise sells oysters, smoked salmon, clams, lobster, shrimp, caviar and other assorted fish. All mail-order selections are commercially cold-packed in reusable containers. Starfish recommends refrigerating the fish upon receipt and, for full flavor, to consume it within 2 days after arrival.

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Some seasonings can be substituted for others

By MARIAN BURROS
N.Y. Times News Service

When novice cooks look at a recipe and see an ingredient they cannot easily obtain or do not like, they go on to another recipe. Experienced cooks look at the same recipe and think about what they can substitute.

Several ingredients in this menu can be replaced with impunity. Although fresh basil is available in many places, even at this time of year, other herbs may be easier to find.

Stores are more likely to stock fresh chives than other herbs, and they are an acceptable substitute. But marjoram, oregano, thyme, savory, dill or cilantro will do as well as the basil and even better than the chives.

Mashed potatoes are a nice com-

panion for many other vegetables, not just rutabagas. For the less adventuresome, carrots are a good substitute; for the more adventuresome, fennel is excellent.

In any case, to save the number of pots in use, cut the accompanying vegetable in a size that will permit it to cook about as long as the potatoes.

Should you have no other use for buttermilk, instead of buying a carton of the fresh, buy buttermilk powder and reconstitute just the amount you need. The rest will keep for years.

SALMON "SANDWICH"
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 large onion, chopped
4 tablespoons chopped walnuts
¾ cup toasted bread cubes
2 small, ripe plum tomatoes, chopped
2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

2 center-cut salmon fillets, each weighing 8 or 9 ounces

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Heat oil in skillet and add onion. Saute until it begins to soften. Then stir in walnuts and continue to saute until onion begins to brown.

Stir in bread cubes and tomatoes and cook, stirring occasionally until bread cubes begin to soften and tomatoes release some of their juices.

Stir in basil and vinegar and remove from heat.

Arrange one salmon fillet on foil-lined pan, skin side down; top with stuffing mixture and pat down. Top with second fillet, skin side up. (The stuffing will hang out over the edges, but don't worry. Just serve it with the fish.) Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until top fillet is cooked through but is still moist.

MASHED POTATOES AND RUTABAGA

¾ to 1 pound rutabaga, peeled and cut into ¾-inch cubes

1 pound potatoes, peeled and cut into one-inch cubes

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

¼ to ½ cup buttermilk

½ teaspoon nutmeg

Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

In a pot large enough to hold the rutabaga and potatoes, cook the rutabaga in enough water to cover both rutabaga and potatoes. Cover the pot. After 10 minutes, add the potatoes and continue cooking, covered, until both vegetables are done, about 10 to 15 minutes. Drain.

In food processor or with hand potato masher, puree potatoes and rutabaga with remaining ingredients.

Poaching low-fat way to cook fish

By NANCY BYAL
Associated Press

Catch your family's fancy with this low-fat Italian-style fish and pasta entree. Cod, a firm, delicately flavored saltwater fish, is naturally low in fat. And when you poach fish, there's no fat added in cooking.

POACHED ITALIAN COD
1 pound fresh or frozen cod fillets
¾ cup water
2 teaspoons cornstarch
2 large tomatoes, chopped
1 onion, cut into wedges
1 small green pepper, cut into thin strips
¼ cup dry white wine
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon snipped fresh basil or ¼ teaspoon dried basil, crushed
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
¼ cup sliced, pitted ripe olives
2 cups hot cooked pasta
Grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

Thaw fish, if frozen. Cut into 1-inch pieces. Stir together water and cornstarch; set aside. In a large skillet over medium heat combine tomatoes, onion, green pepper, wine, garlic, basil, salt and pepper. Cook, covered, about 5 minutes or until onion and green pepper are tender, stirring occasionally.

Add fish to the skillet. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer gently for 4 to 6 minutes per ½-inch thickness of fish or until fish just flakes with a fork. Stir cornstarch mixture; add to skillet. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir 2 minutes more. Stir in olives. Serve immediately over hot cooked pasta. Pass Parmesan cheese.

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