



REVIEWS & PREVIEWS

Goodbye KISS

KISS brought its 'Farewell Tour' to Lubbock's United Spirit Arena Wednesday night. After 25 years, the band is calling it quits./1B



LOCAL

4-5A boys golf

Lee fired its best team score in at least eight years and Permian came from behind to leave both teams tied for the district lead after three of four rounds./1C

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Jeannine Lang Hurst, left, was named Elementary Teacher of the Year for 1999-2000 by the Midland Chamber of Commerce at its annual banquet Thursday night. Next to her is Dwight Phillip Edwards, the second-ary teacher honoree. Edwards teaches at Lee High School, Hurst teaches at Bonham Elementary.

Brian Adamcik Reporter-Telegram



Midland Chamber honors top teachers

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

The Midland Chamber of Commerce honored Midland schools' best and brightest, Thursday night with its annual teacher of the year banquet.

"If you can instill something positive on a child's life, that's a reward," said Regina Wilson, last year's elementary teacher of the year.

Honored teachers at Thursday's awards program not only get the reward of influencing children's lives but also the tangible reward of a trip to the Mexican Riviera.

Jeannine Lane Hurst, an ESL (English as a second language) teacher at Bonham

Elementary, was named the Elementary Teacher of the Year for 1999-2000. Dwight Phillip Edwards of Lee High School took home teacher of the year honors at the secondary level.

The teachers received a plaque, a check for \$50 dollars, a gift certificate to Creative Schoolhouse, and two round-trip tickets to and accommodations in Cabo San Lucas.

Bonham Elementary and Lee High School also shared in the rewards. Wal-Mart and Sam's Wholesale Club donated \$500 to each campus. America West Airlines and Great Destinations donated the vacation packages.

Ms. Hurst and Edwards also will represent Midland in the Texas Education Agency's state teacher of the year program,

held in the summer.

Runners-up for teacher of the year were Greathouse Elementary teacher Cyndi Simpson and Julie Newton of Midland High School. Those teachers received a plaque, a clock and a check for \$250.

The chamber also honored a total of 31 teachers for being the 1999-2000 teacher of the year at their campus. Those teachers were chosen by their peers at the campus level. The Midland Independent School District has a total of 1,500 teachers. Teachers from all of Midland's private schools and charter schools also were eligible.

"This is a way to say to teachers, schools and the community how important teaching is. Please see TEACHERS/4A

Stable oil prices key to success, official stresses

Midland's director of finance says city should remain in good shape financially.

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

On the verge of collecting sales tax receipts to pay the debt on the future Scharbauer Sports Complex, Troy Gifford, the city of Midland's director of finance, gave an optimistic reading of recent sales tax receipt numbers at Thursday's Finance and Audit Committee meeting.

Attendees of the meeting included Gifford, Councilmen Don Washburn and Lee Wood, City Manager Rick Menchaca and Assistant City Manager Tommy Hudson.

Gifford presented a chart of three-month moving averages and said the city could remain in good financial shape if oil prices remain "above \$18 or \$19" a barrel.

Oil prices are currently hovering around \$24 a barrel.

"Each of us can make our own assumption about whether it will or will not do that," Gifford said.

Gifford warned against putting too much importance in month-by-month comparisons of sales tax receipts. He said the use of the 3-month moving average chart is something he began doing recently, but said it may be the best tool available in analyzing sales tax receipt trends.

"I feel very comfortable that we turned the corner in the August-to-October time frame and things have been improving ever since," Gifford said. "The graph gives two to three months of heads-up information over what we used to look at. Time will tell if that is a good predictor or not. It's a new tool."

Recognizing March's recent sales tax numbers as being the highest ever, Washburn said he was curious to find out if April would produce similar results. Please see NUMBERS/4A

Sports complex increase takes effect Saturday

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

As of Saturday, many goods purchased within the city of Midland will cost 25 cents more for every \$100 spent, proceeds of which will repay the debt service for bonds used to fund construction of the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

But, Mayor Bobby Burns said, many common items purchased by families — such as food, medicine and automobiles — will not be affected by the sales tax increase.

Despite the increase, Midland's sales tax will still be lower than those in Odessa, El Paso, Dallas and Austin, all of which have 8.25 percent sales tax rates. Midland's new rate will be 8 percent. Lubbock has a 7.875 percent sales tax rate.

Once the sports complex is paid for, the additional sales tax will be eliminated, according to city officials. City Manager Rick Menchaca has predicted the sports complex bonds will be paid off within 15 to 17 years.

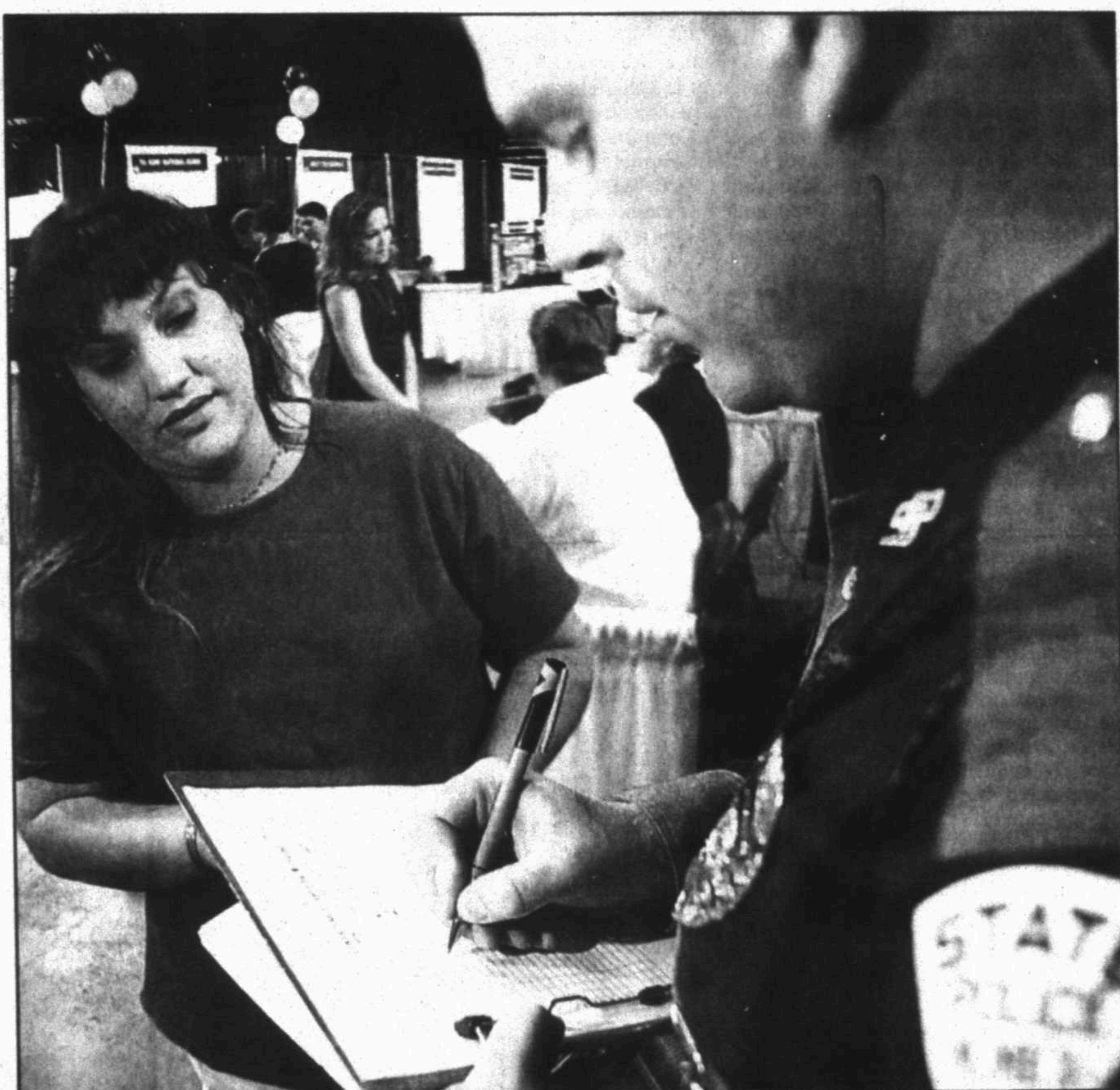
What it'll cost

Beginning Saturday, the sales tax rate within the city of Midland will increase from 7.75 percent to 8 percent.

Here are some examples of how the increase will affect consumers:

- \$1,199 computer will cost an additional \$3.
- \$149.99 piece of luggage will cost an additional 37 cents.
- \$29 pair of pants will cost an additional 7 cents.
- \$79.99 pair of running shoes will cost an additional 20 cents.
- \$19.95 shirt will cost an additional 5 cents.

Please see TAX/4A



No, that's not a ticket Andy Baldridge is writing. The New Mexico state police officer, right, is taking information from Angela Kayler-Herb, an anatomy student at Midland College. MC held its annual job fair Thursday and Baldridge was recruiting potential new officers.

Midland College job fair matches job seekers, employers

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

People networked, advice was dispensed and business cards exchanged as Midland College held its annual Job Fair at Chaparral Center Thursday.

The floor of the center was filled with booths holding recruiters representing everything from the military to state and city agencies, retailers and restaurants, hospitals and non-profit organizations.

"I'm here looking for people who

want to be in business for themselves but not by themselves," said Stuart Jaramillo, managing partner in New York Life Insurance Co.'s Midland office.

He said his office has recorded record profits two years in a row and has almost doubled in size.

In his search for new agents — first-year agents in his office average \$50,000 a year — "At past job fairs, I go away from the booth and stop people who look sharp. I've seen some sharp-looking people today," he said.

As she filled out applications, Lori Brown said she attended the job fair in search of work in the medical field. Formerly employed in the oil industry, she said she is about to graduate from Midland College's Licensed Vocational Nurse program.

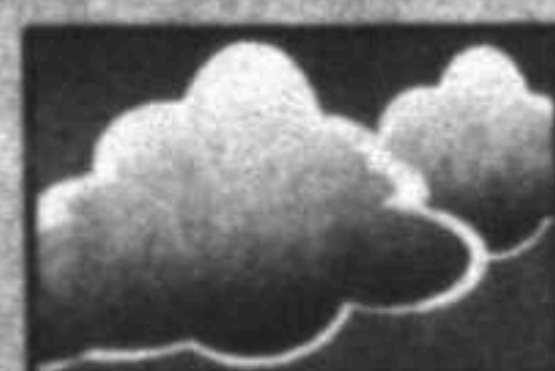
Amy Cura, a 1998 high school graduate who is also about to complete the LVN program, said she came to the fair to look for her first job in the medical field.

Ray Fuchs, management recruiter Please see FAIR/4A

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Elian Gonzales

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Troubled youths find self-esteem in teen academy

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Perhaps it is the caring of others that brings forth positive change in troubled youths.

Or, maybe, it is more than that.

Could it be the deep insight into one's heart and mind that causes an errant child to respect himself or herself?

And does that examination open up the beauty in the world and in others?

"You have to capture a kid's heart before you can change his head," reasoned Midland County Justice of the Peace David Cobos, who was instrumental in setting up the life-changing Midland County Justice Court's Teen Leadership Academy for tormented youths.

For 16 Midland teenagers pretty much hell- Please see ACADEMY/4A



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Justice of the Peace David Cobos hugs 16-year-old Crystal Roles at the Teen Leadership Academy graduation Wednesday night. Crystal is a graduate of the eight week program.

DPS suspends search for boy

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — After eight days of exhausting effort, the search for a missing six-year-old Howard County boy was temporarily halted Thursday night while rescue services wait for the water level in Mustang Draw to recede, officials announced.

"The Department of Public Safety, along with other law enforcement agencies, will no longer maintain an active presence in the search of Dalton Lee Harbour," according to Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper John Barton.

Barton said the search will be resumed at a later date "when we can resume with a more efficient ground search, perhaps a week or two."

Please see SEARCH/4A

OBITUARIES



Joy Hughes

Joy M. Hughes was born December 21, 1909 in Gustine, Texas to Arthur Lee and Maggie (Matthews) Williamson. She married Pratt S. Hughes on August 14, 1929 in O'Donnell, Texas. Mrs. Hughes was the owner and operator of Patio Nursery. She was a member of Dellwood Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hughes died at the home

of her granddaughter, Michele Barnett, on Friday, March 30, 2000.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pratt Hughes in 1982; two sons, Loal L. Hughes and Arthur C. Hughes; a grandson, Paul H. Baumgartner; and a granddaughter, Jerry Lynn Chase. She is survived by her daughter and her husband, Marta and Henry Baumgartner; her sisters, Violet Murray and Lenora Day; her grandchildren, Michele Barnett and her husband, Mark, Larry Hughes, and Glenn Hughes; and seven great-grandchildren which include David, Paul, and Sophia Mae Barnett.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 4:00 p.m. today at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Mike Vestal and Reverend J.P. Jones officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Clayton Hughes, Mark Barnett, Don Murray, Steve Logan, and Ed Murray. Honorary pallbearers are Guy Burchett and Al Holmes.



John Stout

John W. Stout, Sr. was born February 10, 1931 in Chillicothe, Texas to Cecil Calvert and Mary Ella (Loveless) Stout. He was reared and educated in Kermit, Texas. Following graduation from high school, he attended the University of Wyoming on a football scholarship and later he attended North Texas State Uni-

versity. He served in the Air Force for four years. On April 24, 1953, in Greens Bayou, Texas, he married Beverly Adams. He was employed as county treasurer for Winkler County. Mr. Stout was a member of the Kermit Volunteer Fire Department and the Masonic Lodge #1258 in Kermit.

Mr. Stout died at a local hospital on Monday, March 27, 2000.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Stout of Midland; his children and grandchildren, John Stout, Jr. and his sons, Cole and Trent, of Midland, Russell Stout and his daughter, Lexie, of San Antonio, Don Stout and his daughter, Emory, of Midland, and Diann Stout and her daughter, Samantha, of Odessa; and a sister, Vivian Ott.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at First Christian Church with Reverend Russell Smith officiating. Interment followed in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICES

Anne LeSassier

Anne L. LeSassier, 78, died Saturday, March 25, at the residence of Lonie Mitchell.

Graveside services will be 3 p.m. today at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Vogel officiating under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 8, 1921 in Washington, D.C.

She was a medical receptionist for years with Dr. Leikish and Dr. Thurston Dean. She was a member of the Audubon Society.

Survivors include two sons, William LeSassier of New York City and John R. LeSassier of Austin; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, 79702.

Olin Burnham

Olin Burnham, 93, died Thursday, March 30.

Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

He was born Dec. 3, 1906 in Belton.

He lived in San Antonio, working at Kelly Air Force Base; then in San Angelo, as the airplane service manager at Goodfellow Air Base. He was a mechanic for Hubbard Martin Company; an insurance agent for Farmers Insurance Company for 20 years; then an independent insurance agent for nine years, retiring at the age of 85.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Midland. He lived the last few months in Corpus Christi.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Jesse Burnham, Fisher Burnham and Will Burnham; and a sister, Myrtle Burnham.

Survivors include a son, Jiles Burnham of Forney; two daughters, Shirley Doss of Midland and Barbara Stirling of Corpus Christi; 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

Wilbur Townsend

BIG SPRING — Wilbur F. Townsend, 59, died Tuesday, March 28, at a Midland hospital.

Funeral services will be 3:30

p.m. today at the Myers and Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Majors Roy Tolcher and Ron Alexander officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. Visitation with the family will be at 610 S. San Antonio.

He was born July 1, 1940 in Brownfield.

He moved to Big Spring in 1968. He worked at the V.A. Medical Center. He was a member of the Salvation Army Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary Bell (Roberts) and Nathan Emery Townsend.

Survivors include a sister, Frances Mathie of Big Spring; three nieces, a nephew, eight great-nieces and two great-nephews.

CPS to investigate wandering toddler

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

The Midland office of Child Protective Services is asking why a two-year-old boy was found taking a neighborhood walk and crossing busy streets by himself Wednesday morning.

A potential tragedy was averted when a Midland woman on her way to work saw the child crossing Big Spring Street at Cowden Avenue about 10:30 a.m.

The woman stopped her car, halted traffic and put the toddler in the car, believing the boy may have wandered away from a nearby day care center. However, no one at Peppermint Plantation knew the boy. They agreed to momentarily care for him while authorities were called.

The Midland Police Department took a report, but the investigation was turned over to CPS, said Melissa Weaver, public information officer for the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

Ms. Weaver said the mother lives near the day care center and was actively looking for the adventurous toddler, "but he was walking one direction and she was searching in another."

Witnesses said the mother was searching for the child while being observed by day care center personnel, but they decided to wait for authorities before returning the child, said Ms. Weaver.

The child, who is the youngest of several children, was returned to the mother shortly thereafter accompanied by the police and CPS representatives. Ms. Weaver said the return of the child was part of a CPS child safety plan, in which the CPS conveys the seriousness of the situation in writing while the investigation continues.

"It appears the incident was an accident, but even if it was an accident, we may need to look into neglectful supervision," noted Ms. Weaver. "Until we're satisfied the situation is okay, we're going to be involved. If neglectful supervision is found, the incident could result in parenting classes, among other things, but we're not at that point in this case."

Drug dog eulogized for big busts

EAGLE PASS (AP) — Alas, poor Hamlet, they knew him well.

U.S. Customs officials Thursday played "Taps" and gave a 21-gun salute for a drug-sniffing dog named Hamlet who netted more than \$7 million in drugs during his career at the Eagle Pass port of entry.

Among the 4-year-old yellow Labrador retriever's busts were 156 pounds of cocaine and 195

pounds of marijuana.

Hamlet was euthanized after veterinarians recently found an inoperable cancerous tumor near his heart.

The Detroit, Mich.-born dog originally worked helping the disabled, but his temperament seemed better suited to drug work. Hamlet later was donated to the Customs Service.

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Does That Mean God Has Changed His Mind?

Rabbi Charles Kroloff, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, declared this week, "gay and lesbian Jews, and the committed relationships they form with their partners, deserve the recognition and respect due to people created in the image of God." His resolution calls for rabbis in that group to officiate at same gender ceremonies, and he said, "this is a call to all religious denominations."

So, this theologian has decided that men and women who are sexually involved in same sex relations are not committing sin! Does that mean God has changed His mind? Let's review God's laws again. Leviticus 20:13. "If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death." Hear Him again in Romans 1, "therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves." He continues, "for this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature."

Such sexual uncleanness and fornication makes one unfit for heaven. See Galatians 5:19-21. No sir, we're not interested. If you take away from God's word, you can expect hell to come. Revelations 22.

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FORT WORTH — Two days after caused at least \$1 million in damage in Tarrant County, recovery efforts search for victims of shredded homes.

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"It's almost... his arms aroun... this building,"... Mindy Cool.

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Officials say tornado recovery effort will be long and costly

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—Two days after powerful tornadoes caused at least \$450 million in damage in Tarrant County, the massive recovery effort shifted from a search for victims to the salvation of shredded homes and businesses.

The damage estimate was expected to climb as building owners and insurance adjusters gained more access to ravaged areas, said Sandra Ray, a spokeswoman with the Southwestern Insurance Information Service. This estimate covers all areas, including residential areas, that were struck by the tornadoes.

About 12 blocks of downtown Fort Worth remained closed to motorists and most pedestrians, as cleanup crews continued knocking out huge window panes and chunks of concrete hanging precariously from damaged skyscrapers.

Replacing the glass will take six months or more, and demolition of at least one skyscraper and dozens of smaller businesses could take even longer, officials said.

Tarrant County officials said they expected to receive financial aid from the Federal Emergency Management Administration and Small Business Administration.

Gov. George W. Bush declared Tarrant County a disaster area. Federal Emergency Management Agency workers are expected to arrive sometime next week after required paperwork is completed.

"The impact to business is going to be very substantial," said Mayor Kenneth Barr. "Undoubtedly there will be businesses that can't reopen."

Eight major downtown buildings were severely damaged when Tuesday's storm hit the city of 480,000, ripping through downtown just after the evening rush hour. Four people died and a fifth person was presumed dead.

During a press conference Thursday morning, Fort Worth officials said the Cash America International building, one of the structures hardest hit by the tornado, would have to be destroyed.

However, Dan Feehan, Cash America's chief executive officer, said he had not been informed about razing the building.

A preliminary analysis of the building by structural engineers assessed the building as sound, Feehan said. "Our preference was to repair what we have there," he said.

The nine-story, 125,000 square-foot building was insured for \$20 million, Feehan said. Cash America bought it back in 1992 for \$5 million.

Repairs to other downtown buildings will take six months or more, Barr said. Much of the glass used in some of the high-rises has to be specially manufactured.

Among the thousands of displaced workers were about 40 employees at Perkins Aircraft Services, a manufacturer of jetliner windshields.

Owner Jim Perkins said that even though the concrete building and specialized equipment sustained about \$700,000 in damage, he felt lucky that no workers were present when the storm hit, ripping off the roof and smashing windows.

"It's going to take at least two months to get every thing back to normal," he said. "You just have to grin and bear it."

A few blocks away, residents of the Trinity Terrace retirement community surveyed the hopscotch damage to their area from balconies virtually unscathed.

None of the 250 residents, some bedridden, were injured in the storms.

"It's almost like God wrapped his arms around us and said 'Not this building,'" said administrator Mindy Cool.

City crews went door-to-door in residential areas near downtown, removing felled trees and other debris from the Monticello and Linwood areas.

Only a few streets in southeast Arlington were still closed off Thursday, said Arlington Fire Department Lt. Marvin Shafer.

"We've opened up quite a few of the streets where damage wasn't very severe," Shafer said. "The

only areas we still have blocked off are where houses are untenable."

Shafer said 1,000 homes were damaged by Tuesday's storms, with 93 of them damaged so severely they are uninhabitable. Thirty-three businesses were damaged including the Texas Department of Health building, a U.S. Post Office, a Bell Helicopter plant near the airport and a car dealership.

Most of the homes damaged were in a middle-class neighborhood, with houses valued between \$60,000 and \$120,000. Most of the individuals who haven't been allowed back in their homes have chosen to stay with relatives, Shafer said.

A dollar amount on the damage in Arlington was not yet available.

"We're in the recovery phase now," Shafer said. "The emergency is over. But there's a lot of rebuilding left to do."

On Thursday, Frost Bank announced it has set aside \$50 million in bridge loans for victims of the tornadoes. Individuals who qualify for federal assistance are eligible for these loans, which will be awarded to individuals while they wait to receive their federal money. Once the federal money comes in, it will be used to repay the bridge loan.



Pedro Hernandez patches a tornado damaged roof on the west side of Fort Worth, Thursday. A tornado swept through the neighborhood Tuesday evening before hitting the downtown area.

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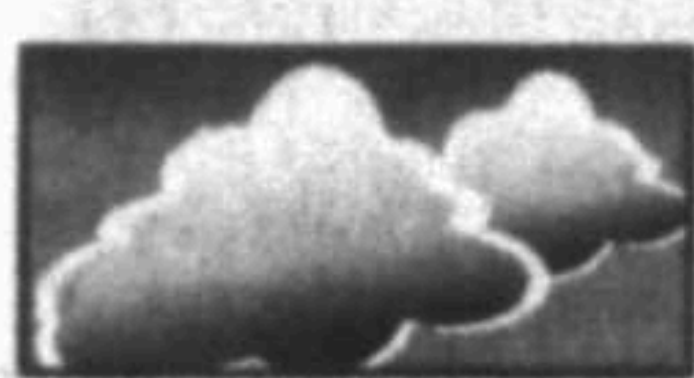
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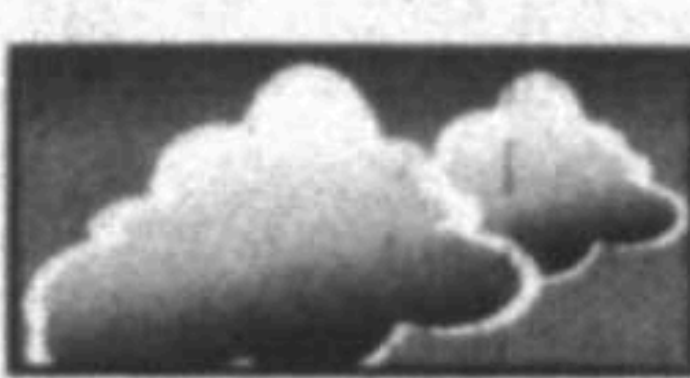
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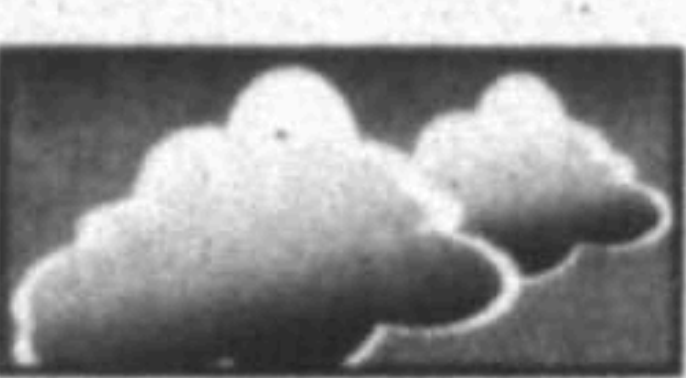
3-day forecast



Today
Mostly cloudy
High 66
Low 50



Saturday
Mostly cloudy
High 67
Low 50



Sunday
Mostly cloudy
High 75
Low 52

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies and breezy conditions with a 40 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. The high will be in the mid 60s. The wind will be from the east at 15-25 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for likely showers with a low near 50. The chance of rain will be 60 percent.

Saturday will be cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms and a high in the mid 60s.

Sunday night will be cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms and a low near 50.

Sunday will be mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms and a high of 70-75.

Monday and Tuesday will be partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, lows in the 40s and highs in the 70s.

After an overnight low of 45, Thursday's high was 71, compared to the record high for that date of 97, set in 1946. The record low of 16 was set in 1931.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Thursday0.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday0.00 in.
Total for month0.67 in.
Total for year1.28 in.
Normal total1.59 in.
(year to date)

Yesterday's temperatures

High71
Low45
Normal high76
Normal low45

Sunrise . . . 6:39 a.m.

Sunset . . . 7:08 p.m.

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours at 6 p.m.

	High	Low	Pcp.
Abilene	58	43	0.00
Amarillo	62	32	0.00
Austin	74	51	0.00
Beaumont	62	43	0.00
Brownsville	83	65	0.00
College Station	73	52	0.00

	High	Low	Pcp.
Corpus Christi	84	65	0.00
Dallas Love Field	60	50	0.00
El Paso	79	45	0.00
Houston Intercontinental	81	58	0.00
Huntsville	72	53	0.00
Lubbock	66	39	1
San Angelo	75	47	0.00
San Antonio	81	55	0.00
Waco	65	49	0.00
Wink	78	47	0.00

TAX: Petitioners want 4b to issue revenue bonds

(From 1A)

Originally, the city had planned to issue \$35 million in bonds.

But, on its first reading in February, council members approved the issuance of \$38.95 million in 30-year bonds.

That decision was met with opposition by some city residents who, citing the "legal notice" of the bond issuance posted in the Reporter-Telegram, said the language implied property taxes would be levied to help pay off the bonds.

City officials maintained that was not the case.

Original plans had the 4b Corporation — a board whose sole purpose is to build the Scharbauer Sports Complex — issuing bonds to pay for the complex.

But, the city chose to issue bonds itself — using the property tax base and water and sewer funds as collateral — to achieve a lower interest rate on the bonds.

Menchaca said that although the property tax was being pledged as collateral there was almost no possibility of it ever being raised to fund sports complex payments. To ensure there would be next-to-no chance of failure to make bond payments, the city pledged very conservative estimates in sales tax revenue — between \$2.8 million and \$3 million annually for the next 30 years — inflation aside, while the actual revenue stream from sales tax receipts to pay off the complex are expected exceed \$3 million each year.

Despite that, a petition drive led by Richard Stovall, Kara Wright

and Trudi Edwards has continued.

Their goal is to achieve 10 percent of the signatures of city of Midland residents who were registered to vote in the last regular municipal election of May, 1998. The petitioners would prefer the 4b Corporation issue revenue bonds, which would not use property taxes or the sewer fund as collateral.

According to records in the Midland County elections office, there were 57,990 registered voters in the city of Midland in May, 1998.

That means any petition to prevent council's issuance of bonds would need 5,799 legitimate signatures.

If the signatures are achieved, then the City Council has two options:

■ Allow the voters to decide if the city or 4b Corporation should issue bonds via a referendum vote; or

■ Divert the bond issuance back to the 4b Corporation which would then issue revenue bonds.

In early March, George H. Willford, senior vice president of First Southwest Company, the city of Midland's financial advisor, submitted tentative estimates showing that \$38.95 million in revenue bonds could end up costing the taxpayers \$7.4 million more in interest.

Menchaca said no revised estimates are available to know how much extra interest would be paid on \$35.9 million in revenue bonds.

TEACHERS: Concern for students among criteria for choosing winners

(From 1A)

ers are," said Marvin Wynn, chairman of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. He added that the program has grown consistently since it began nine years ago.

"It's very important, because teachers give so much and they are the lifeblood of our children's education," added Kim Hatchett, who co-chaired the program, representing the Midland City Council of PTA.

The teachers of the year were chosen from among the 31 based on a number of criteria, including: a concern for students and the capacity to inspire them, the ability and willingness to work cooperatively with colleagues, a drive to initiate activities that improve instruction, an ability to work effectively with different community groups, the desire to stay informed of current education theories and practices, an ability and willingness to make meaningful contributions to education and examples of innovations started in the nominee's classroom.

Campus winners were: Tonia Armstrong, Washington Elementary; Kaye Blackstock, Anson Jones Elementary; Jan Bradshaw, Scharbauer Elementary; Frances Collins, Lamar

Elementary; Johnny Couch, Santa Rita Elementary; Brenda Duncan, Ben Milam Elementary; Dwight Phillip Edwards, Lee High School; Genevieve Gallegos, Crockett Elementary; Leslie Gibbs, Bowie Elementary; and Kathy Hill, South Elementary.

Other campus winners were: Marilyn Hooker, San Jacinto Junior High; Jeannine Lane Hurst, Bonham Elementary; Charlotte Johnson, Travis Elementary; Peggy Konz, St. Ann's Catholic School; Melissa Kubisch, Sam Houston Elementary; Jana Little, West Early Childhood Center; Eduardo Loera, Bunche Early Childhood Center; Lupe Miller, Bush Elementary; Sharon Morgan, Rusk Elementary; Sandy Newsom, Jane Long Elementary; Julie Newton, Midland High School; and Janet Rogers, DeZavala Elementary.

Other campus winners were: Yvonne Salazar, Midland Freshman School; Sylvia Salcido, Burnet Elementary; Judy Sandoval, Goddard Junior High; Cyndi Simpson, Greathouse Elementary; Dawn Stapp, Lee Freshman School; Violet Swift, Parker Elementary; Darlene Thomas, Abell Junior High; Michelle Watkins, Henderson Elementary; and Barbara Young, Emerson Elementary.

ACADEMY: Cobos hugs to show he cares

(From 1A)

bent on trouble, their lives have been remolded and have taken a change in large measure through the eight-week academy.

"We showed them a lot of love and made them accountable for their actions and got their parents involved," Cobos said. "It was a family matter."

Where once there was anger, there is respect — an appreciation for others fueled by respect for themselves.

Preston Del Rio calls it self-esteem. The 14-year-old youth, who was getting into trouble and fights at public school and skipping classes, is among 16 new graduates of the Teen Leadership Academy.

They are in the transition from anger and rebellion to peace and a harmony within themselves.

Preston is making progress.

He had found school "boring" even while "I like the work," he said. "I just didn't like the teachers and the students," who were "cruel, physically and mentally, talking cruel. They knew I wouldn't do anything about it," he said, "because I'm not that kind of guy. I'm not a bully."

Instead of public school, he is now enrolled in Eagle Charter School.

Like the others in the eight-week Teen Leadership Academy, which is for the teen-agers and their parents, Del Rio opted for the academy as an alternative to punishment and getting deeper into the justice system.

"It gives me self-esteem and how to get up in front of a lot of people and speak," Preston said of the program. They encouraged me to do things and say good things about me that made me feel a whole lot better — good compliments."

Preston's mother, Angela Seales, noted that her son has "made a lot of changes" through the academy.

"He has straightened out a lot," she said. "But what we saw in that courtroom (early on) was a lot of kids with a lot of anger and a lot of parents with a lot of pain from their kids," Mrs. Seales recalled.

At age 16, Crystal Roles, too, has begun life anew.

Where once she was street tough and dressed the part, Crystal today "dresses like a lady now. She is a lady," said Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper John Barton, who participates in the program.

"I was mean," Crystal said. "I just don't know (why). I had an assault charge; I broke a girl's ribs. I didn't like anybody. I didn't like the world. I just wanted to do my own thing."

But she began to change. "I got pregnant, right. I couldn't be doing wrong, because I was bringing another child into the world. I had to do right for me and that kid," which, she lamented, she lost in a miscarriage. "I am very sad."

Today, Crystal said that she realizes that "You've got to grow up."

Through the Teen Leadership Academy, "I've got self-esteem now," Crystal said. "I don't hate the world. I like everybody now."

Mrs. Seales noted that there is a "lot of praise in the classes."

"Every time they put somebody down in the class or they put themselves down, they have to say three positive things about themselves or the other person they put down."

Through the classes, the youths can learn "leadership skills, learn to stay out of trouble, learn to be positive, learn to get along with others, or you can pay your fine" and go through the legal system, Mrs. Seales said.

Cobos, who helped start the program with the blessings of the Midland County Commissioners' Court, cares about the youth, Mrs. Seales said.

"He was not easy on them (in court)," she said. "He came down on them. He called them on what they did. He cared a lot."

She recalled an angry youth who "had an attitude" in Cobos' court.

"When Judge Cobos got through talking with him, ... and he went over to that kid and put his arms around that kid, and that kid just wept in his arms," Mrs. Seales said.

Cobos recalled that incident with the 17-year-old youth.

"He had skipped a lot of school, and I was going over his life with him," Cobos recalled.

"He said, 'It doesn't matter, because I'm not going to be alive much longer anyway.'"

"I hug in my court," Cobos said. "I got off the bench in my robe, and I hugged him because I wanted to demonstrate that somebody did care," Cobos said. "We have no business messing with his head unless we have his heart."

The youth is making "some progress," Cobos noted.

While "some judges would just like to weed them (juveniles) out and go home" and "get it over with," Cobos cares about the youths, Mrs.

Seales said. "He spent two hours of his time with Preston over a specific problem at school, afraid that trouble would start, trying to help him."

Now an academy graduate, Camden Robinson, 13, took his option to volunteer for the Teen Leadership Academy program.

"I had done vandalism to my next-door neighbors' truck ... a little prank ... with shaving cream," recalled Camden, an Alamo Junior High School student. "I put it on the windows, and it got smeared, and I was trying to wipe it off with my shirt, and it got even worse."

He got caught.

"I didn't know it was going to turn out to be a big catastrophe."

Camden said that he had been skipping school since "my friends were doing it, and I was kind of like following them and everything because I like to depend on my friends. And I never knew they would turn their backs on me."

Following his court appearance, Camden said that got a tour of the county jail. "I made a choice and said, 'I don't want to make that choice (and wind up in jail).'"

Through the academy, Camden said that he "changed the way I cope with my parents and everything, because we never used to get along. And now, we get along just fine. I've learned ... that our parents care about us more than anything. They would die for us."

Barton said he is "proud of" Camden, who is "one of our future leaders. I consider him part of my family. He already asked me for my daughter's phone number, so ..."

Midland Municipal Court Judge Sharon Hatten noted that youths in the program have "the opportunity to learn life skills that are going to make them productive citizens in this community. You can see it in their faces."

Commissioner Mike Bradford, who is the Commissioners' Court's liaison to Teen Leadership Academy, noted that the workings of the program is key to "that secret ingredient called self-esteem" that is in the "depths of the inside of an individual and brings it to the outside."

The youths "realize they've got a lot of self-worth and a lot of opportunity" in this life," Bradford said. "It (self-esteem) is kind of like your shadow. The only difference is that it operates daylight and dark. Wherever you go, it goes with you. It's always there. You've just got to find it."

FAIR: Liberian native hopes to relocate to Midland

(From 1A)

with Luby's Cafeterias, said he came to help recruit managers for the company's restaurants.

"There's been some interest," he said, adding that the company holds interviews in Midland each month and advertises for restaurant managers every other month.

"We prefer someone with a college degree, even a two-year associate degree, and they must be willing to relocate," he said.

As he sat at a table filling out applications, Moses Darpolor said he came to the job fair because he is looking for a job in the science or health sciences fields.

"I came to meet people, see what they have and what the procedures are to apply," said the native of Liberia, who graduated from Angelo State University in 1999 and currently lives in Pecos. He said he is hoping to relocate to the Midland-Odessa area if he finds a job.

Marilyn Feemster with Snelling Personnel Services said her company likes to come

to job fairs and collect applications for a variety of jobs.

"We're an employment service," she said. "We provide temporaries, light industrial workers, we do professional placement as well."

She said she got quite a big of response from the job fair, observing that her file was full of applications.

"I'll have a lot to do," matching job descriptions with the applicants, she said. "If they match, I'll call them in, or call them in to complete the application process."

Johnnie Mae Scott, who will graduate from Midland College with an associate degree in administration, said she came to the job fair because she wants to own her own variety store and came to get pointers on owning a business.

Tom Knittle, president of Midland Winnelson, said he set up a booth at the job fair because "Our business is based on growth, and the way to grow is by hiring young, aggressive people. We want to bring people into the business and train them to have their own

business, to become president of their own Winnholesale."

He explained that Winnholesale is a network of locally owned operators that are wholesale distributors of plumbing, heating, air conditioning and industrial supplies. Midland Winnelson is the plumbing distributor, he said.

"I came to be seen and find people who want opportunity, who have ambition and drive and willing to learn the industry. It's not a glamorous business, but it's a function of distribution that will continue to exist whether there's an Internet or not."

He said the afternoon was going well and he was able to hand out literature on his company and give passers-by an idea of what his company is about.

Gary Sullenger, workforce development specialist with Texas Workforce Center of Midland, set up a booth to provide information about the center and the many programs it offers job-seekers. He said he also was promoting the new "Hire Texas" program where

job seekers register with the Texas Workforce Commission

online and their resumes will be matched with job requests from participating employers.

Employment, he said, "is picking up slowly but surely. I think we'll be OK, we'll diversify a little. I'm optimistic and the employers I talk to by and large are cautiously optimistic."

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SEARCH: Six-year old is presumed drowned

(From 1A)

He emphasized that they are not abandoning the search completely. The water level will be monitored daily by DPS officers and the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

Harbour is missing and presumed drowned, after the family car was caught up in flood waters March 16 southeast of Big Spring, and he and his sister were swept away in the swirling water.

The body of his sister, Peyton Harbour, age 19 months, was recovered about 7:30 p.m. the same day, just before the search was called off for that evening.

"This decision was made after an assessment of the search and recovery effort, area conditions and consultation with the Harbour family," Barton added. "We will continue to assess and evaluate the conditions of the search area during the upcoming days and will determine what action will be taken in order to resume the search."

Barton said officials consulted with the Harbour family and talked about the difficulty of working in the increasingly swampy conditions of the search area following last week's rain that filled Mustang Draw and contributed to the tragedy in the first place.

"We came to the agreement (to halt the search) until there are changes with the water going down. (The effort) is exhausting most of

our crew," said Barton. "There are so many places in there he could be and some of it is inaccessible. If more of the water goes away, we could bring in more dogs and more personnel."

Dalton, Peyton, and their mother, Cindy Harbour, 43, all of Lomax in southeastern Howard County, were on their way to take Dalton to kindergarten at Elbow Elementary School, when they encountered water on County Road 818 where it crosses Mustang Draw.

Ms. Harbour attempted to cross with the family's 1993 Eagle and began to lose control about half way across. After telling Dalton to get in the back seat with his sister, Ms. Harbour attempted to signal the driver of a vehicle on the other side of the draw when she was swept downstream, according to police reports.

She was able to touch bottom and reach shore about a half-mile away, where she phoned authorities.

The children apparently exited the car before it washed into the draw, but it appears they were swept away as well.

"The Texas Department of Public Safety would like to extend our appreciation

Congressional Democrats urge Census participation, assail GOP for criticism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Worried that Texans are lagging in returning their census forms, Texas Democrats on Capitol Hill urged the state's residents Thursday to fill out the questionnaires and drop them in the mail immediately.

Only two states — Mississippi and Alaska — posted initial response rates worse than Texas' 42 percent figure as of Thursday. Nationally, the initial response rate stood at 49 percent. Census Bureau officials are hoping for a 70 percent mail-in rate.

"It is absolutely critical that people participate in the census and send in their forms," Rep. Martin Frost of Dallas said at a Capitol Hill news conference flanked by Democrats from Texas and elsewhere.

They expressed outrage that Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott and at least two House Republicans have urged constituents to leave blank any questions on the census long form that they feel invade their privacy.

The long form, which contains 53 questions, was sent to one in

six of the country's approximately 115 million households. Lott spokesman John Czwartacki said Lott has received a number of complaints about the form.

House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt and other Democrats chided Lott for critical comments made in the midst of the census gathering.

Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, and others noted that lawmakers first previewed the census questions, which are mandated by Congress or the courts, two years ago.

Democrats and Republicans have clashed repeatedly over the once-a-decade census, largely over the use of a statistical method known as sampling that would adjust raw head count numbers to account for populations with traditionally low response rates, such as minorities and inner-city dwellers.

While Democrats favor sampling, Republicans have opposed its use, fearing it could redraw political lines to their disadvantage.

House Majority Leader Dick

Armey, R-Irving, said his offices have received complaints about the long form. While he termed the questions burdensome, he urged residents to fill the forms out.

The public outcry is "a little amazing, because these forms are essentially the same forms they had 10 years ago," Armey said in an interview, blaming rising cynicism directed at government. And Armey, who is a persistent

critic of President Clinton, laid the blame squarely at the feet of the Clinton White House.

A spokeswoman for Texas Secretary of State Elton Bomer, who was designated the census pointman by Gov. George W. Bush, said the state's low initial response rate can serve as a "wake-up call that we need to return our census questionnaires."

Attorney General settles with soda maker

AUSTIN (AP) — Irving-based JLT Beverages L.P. and Dr Pepper Bottling Co. of Texas have agreed to pay \$500,000 to the state to settle allegations that the company was manufacturing beverages in unsanitary conditions, Attorney General John Cornyn announced Thursday.

JLT Beverages L.P. makes Deja Blue bottled water at the Irving plant of Dr Pepper Bottling Co. of Texas, where soft drinks and other beverages are manufactured. The companies deny involvement in any illegal activities.

The Texas Department of Health referred the companies to the attorney general's office for alleged violations of the Texas Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act between 1997 and 1999.

The state accused the manufacturer of operating in unsanitary, moldy conditions, manufacturing and distributing contaminated bottled water; failing to recall all Deja Blue contaminated water; failing to disclose the source of the water and the name of the manufacturer on the label as required by law; and failing to perform all required bacteriological analysis in late 1997 and 1999.

Terms of the settlement require that the companies maintain records of sanitary conditions for all food and beverage manufacturing, proper labeling and weekly bacterial testing.

The companies have told the state that a recall strategy in place and will be implemented if products are determined to present a

health risk to the public.

JLT Beverage was not listed in Directory Assistance. A mes-

sage left after hours Thursday with Dr Pepper was not immediately returned.



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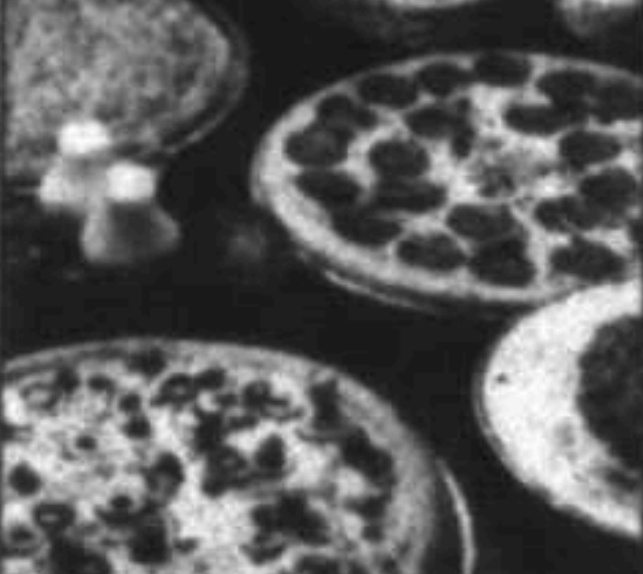
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Mexican official suggests better signs at border

EL PASO (AP) — Two weeks after Mexican soldiers plowed through a border fence and — according to U.S. officials — chased and shot at Border Patrol agents, the Mexican ambassador has proposed improving signs along the entire U.S.-Mexico line.

Mexican authorities contend the soldiers inadvertently crossed the boundary March 14 in the desert west of El Paso. U.S. officials have accepted the explanation, saying markers at each mile would be difficult to see at night and the border in that area otherwise is identified only by a barbed-wire cattle fence.

In a letter to Undersecretary of State Thomas Pickering dated March 28, Mexican Ambassador Jesus Reyes-Heroles suggested that the International Waters and Boundaries Commission consider options such as adding lights or painting markers in fluorescent colors.

Reyes-Heroles said the Mexican government is concerned about a rise in incursions by both U.S. and Mexican agents as more and more patrol the border.

A U.S. State Department official who declined to give his name agreed that posting better signs is a good idea, but said such a project already was underway. He said this month's incursion by the Mexican military has prompted talks between State Department officials and their Mexican counterparts.

Mexican Embassy spokesman Jose Antonio Zabalgaitia said Thursday that officials are continuing to investigate the incursion three miles east of the Santa Teresa, N.M., port of entry.

He reiterated Mexican officials' contention that the crossing was accidental and that it is not

clear that shots were fired. Mexican authorities have said the soldiers were on an anti-drug mission and new to the area.

The Border Patrol released few details immediately after the incident, but internal reports since obtained by The Associated Press describe a tense confrontation in which uniformed agents were chased by soldiers wielding assault rifles.

According to the reports, filed by the agents involved, two were shot at and three others got into brief armed standoffs with the troops.

No one was hurt, and the U.S. agents did not return fire.

The reports say the conflict started when a Mexican Humvee crossed the line around 10 p.m. and sped toward an agent in a marked Ford Expedition. The agent sounded "somewhat distraught" when he announced he thought he was being pursued by Mexican soldiers.

The agent turned on his overhead lights, but the Humvee continued to chase him. The agent led the soldiers toward a barn where backup agents had gathered, and another agent cut in front of the truck.

The two sides pointed guns at each other. After several officers

from the local Sunland Park, N.M., police force showed up, the Mexican captain ordered his soldiers to drop their rifles.

The captain said he thought they were still in Mexico and that they were looking for drug smugglers. The soldiers were taken to a nearby Border Patrol station and detained briefly.

Meanwhile, a second Humvee had crossed the border and begun chasing an agent on horseback.

One report says the driver seemed intent on running the agent down. The agent continued to scream in Spanish that he was a U.S. agent, but the soldiers kept yelling for him to stop.

The agent then saw one of the soldiers aim a gun and fire in his direction. He was not hit, and he managed to elude the troops.

The Humvee then turned and chased another mounted agent before getting stuck in the sand. The soldiers dispersed, and two ducked behind a mesquite bush. The agent shined his flashlight on them, and one soldier fired at him.

Two other soldiers were chasing yet another agent on foot. The agent tripped and fell, and the soldiers came within six feet of him. Another agent approached, and each side yelled for the other to drop their guns and surrender.

Finally, both sides returned to their vehicles. The soldiers managed to get the Humvee out of the sand and drove back across the border.

Had that group been detained, the Border Patrol "would have vigorously pursued prosecution," said Jerry Armstrong, deputy chief for the Border Patrol's El

Paso sector. He said officials sent the first group back to Mexico only after determining that the shooters were already gone.

Armstrong said the decision, which caused an uproar among some agents, was necessary to maintain good relations with Mexico and the safety of the border.

Some agents have expressed concern the troops may have been lured by word of a \$200,000 reward for killing a U.S. agent reportedly offered by a Mexican drug cartel. Also, illegal crossings in the past have prompted allegations that the Mexican military is helping run drugs across the border.



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Cornyn orders seizure of slot machines

AUSTIN (AP) — Authorities Thursday seized 322 illegal eight-liner slot machines and \$102,874 in illegal gambling proceeds from nine Corpus Christi-area locations.

Arrest warrants were also issued for the operators, Attorney General John Cornyn said. Upon conviction, each class A misdemeanor carries a penalty of up to one year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

Machines also were seized from Joker's Wild, Spin to Win, Lady Luck Amusement and Three Cherries. Arrest warrants in those cases were in the process of being served late Thursday, said Andrea Horton, a spokeswoman with the attorney general's office.



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A Roman motorcyclist is fined by a policeman in downtown Rome Thursday for not wearing a helmet. An Italian law that makes riding helmets compulsory — on all motorcycles and scooters — became effective Thursday.

Italians rail against new law requiring helmets

By Vania Grandi
Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Ask Italians why they hate helmets and you get a mouthful. They're ugly, uncomfortable and cumbersome. Plus, they ruin your hairdo, block your vision, prevent you from talking on your cellphone and make you look like Robocop.

But, if it's the law, it must be respected — at least for the first few months.

This is how many Italians greeted the nationwide regulation that went into effect Thursday requiring anyone riding a scooter to wear a helmet. The law is an attempt to cut down on some of the 700 deaths a year in scooter accidents and put Italy in line with its European Union partners in safety regulations.

"If I want to smash my head against a wall I have a right to do it," said

Gabriele Balbo, 21, a political science student engaged in a round of helmet-bashing with friends outside a central Rome library. "The state shouldn't be able to interfere."

"He's just afraid he'll mess up his hair," piped in fellow student Alessio Fletcher.

"Helmets can even make you go bald," said Balbo. "And you can't talk on your cellphone or to your girlfriend sitting behind you because they block your hearing."

The list of complaints goes on and on. But stiff fines for offend-

'If I want to smash my head against a wall I have a right to do it.'

— Gabriele Balbo, helmet basher

were too big a challenge even for the helmet's most bitter opponents Thursday.

Officer Annino Paglia said he had flagged down and fined only two people after a morning watch in traffic-clogged Piazza Venezia, the heart of ancient Rome.

"I've hardly seen anyone without a helmet today," said Paglia, instantly correcting himself when he caught sight of a man without the protective gear. But the offender had an excuse — stitches on his head — and was

let go.

Most of those stopped by Paglia and other officers were foreigners, he said, possibly because they didn't know the law had gone into effect.

When seat belts became compulsory in 1989, Italians were quick to adjust — but just as quick to stop using them. Nowadays, it is rare to see anyone wearing a seat belt or getting fined for not latching up.

Paglia admitted that traffic cops were already so busy trying to direct snarling traffic that little time was left to check for helmets.

In a nation of 57 million people, there are 9 million scooters and motorcycles on the roads. Half a million — more than any other city in Europe — are in Rome. Helmets were already required for motorcyclists.

Holocaust-era bank accounts to be published

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — The Swiss bank regulator on Thursday approved the publication of names on 26,000 Holocaust-era accounts in a final push to find the heirs of victims.

The Swiss Federal Banking Commission said it was following the recommendation of the international panel headed by former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker.

"By publishing the accounts, justice will be done to victims of the Holocaust who during the war held their assets in Swiss banks," said Kurt Hauri, president of the commission.

Hauri said the decision clears the way for rapid implementation of the \$1.25 billion settlement reached two years ago between banks and Jewish organizations and Holocaust claimants in New York under U.S. District Judge Edward Korman.

The New York-based World Jewish Congress reacted cautiously, saying the judge must still decide if the action complies with Volcker's panel.

The panel recommendations came last December after more than two years of combing through all the records it could find on 4.1 million accounts in 254 Swiss banks in operation during World War II while the Nazis controlled neighboring Germany.

The panel compared the names on the accounts with the names of Holocaust victims from lists in Israel and the United States and said it had found 54,000 accounts never before disclosed that might have a link. For public release, it narrowed the figure down to the 26,000 most likely.

The Swiss ruling permits the publication of all 26,000 accounts but lets the banks decide whether to publish closed accounts, which account for another 23,000.

The biggest Swiss banks have said they are willing to publish all their accounts but private banks, which have some 600 accounts, fear clients will worry about the loss of banking secrecy.

Norway increasing oil production in tandem with OPEC

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Norway, the world's second largest oil exporter, said Thursday it is raising its oil production ceiling by 100,000 barrels a day, or 3.2 percent, to help OPEC counter soaring oil prices.

The announcement from the Norwegian Oil Ministry came after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries decided this week to increase its production by about 7 percent, or 1.7 million barrels a day.

But Norway's decision will reverse just half of the 200,000 barrel a day in cuts that it had instituted.

"There is still a need for regulation in the world oil market," said Norwegian Oil Minister Olav Akselsen after the decision was announced. "A total lifting of Norway's production limits could have been seen as negative by other oil producing countries."

Though Norway is not an OPEC member, it joined the cartel's efforts starting in 1998 to counter a world oil glut that sent crude oil prices to 12-year lows.

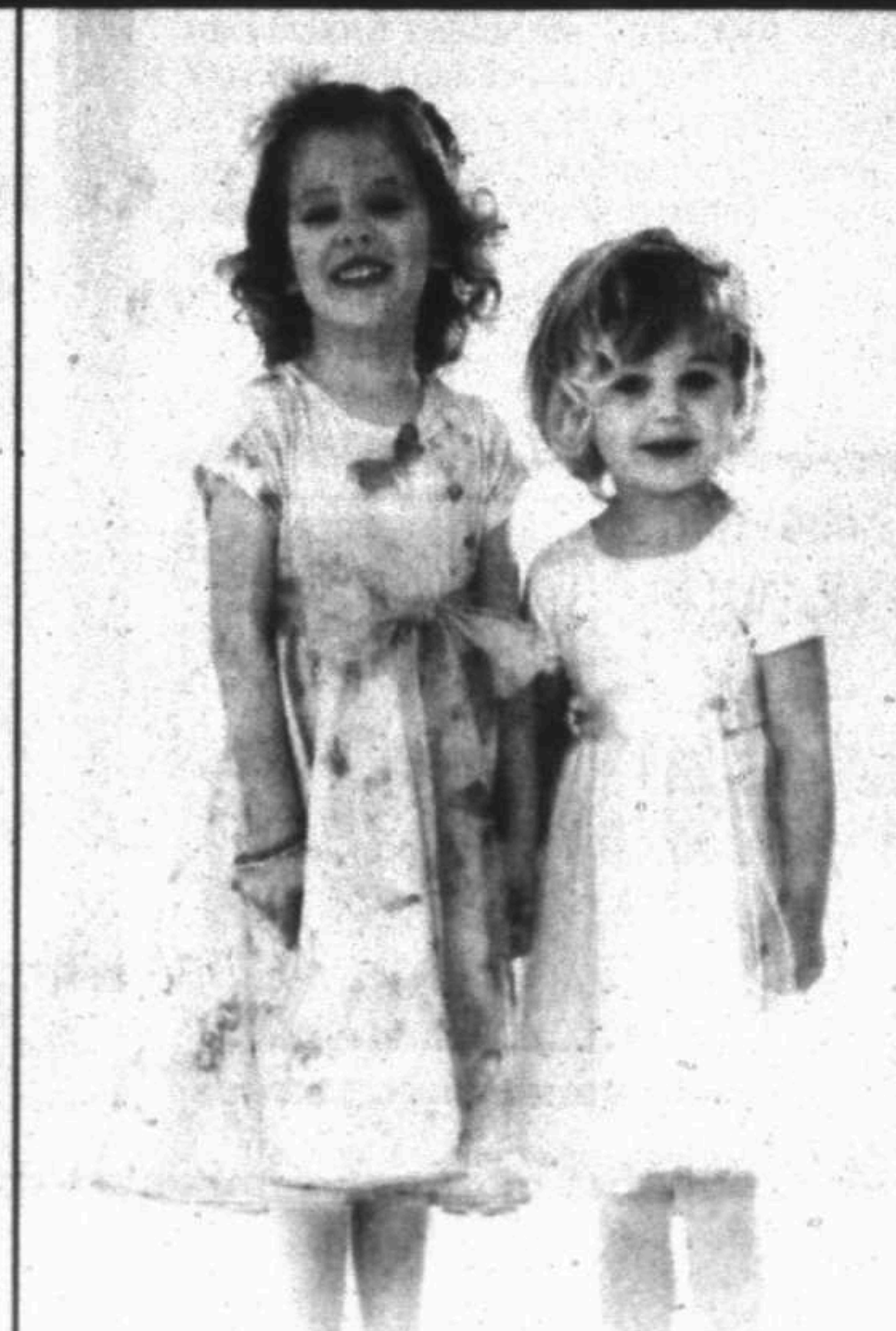
The roughly 5 million barrels per day of crude withheld by OPEC and non-OPEC producers resulted in oil prices that nearly tripled in just over a year, stinging major importers like the United States.

Another non-OPEC oil producer, Mexico, on Wednesday announced it would boost its exports by 150,000 barrels a day starting Saturday. Mexico had cut its exports by 325,000 barrels in cooperation with the cartel.

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Sect leader's estranged wife says husband didn't control cult

KABUMBA, Uganda — Eight years after Joseph Kibwetere abandoned his family to help form a doomsday sect, his faded black-and-white photographs still adorn his wife's home, alongside pictures of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Pope.

They are reminders of happier times, says Therese Kibwetere — before self-described visionary Credonia Mwerinde moved into her home and took over her husband's life.

Joseph Kibwetere, a former school administrator who had a lifelong interest in Catholic visionaries, has been widely touted as the leader of the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God. But his estranged wife said this week it was Mwerinde, not her husband, who controlled the sect, where she was known as "The Programmer."

"Whenever anything was to be done, it was Credonia," she said.

Who orchestrated one of the worst mass murders in recent history became even more pressing Thursday, as authorities unearthed 80 more bodies in a compound linked to the sect. The discovery brought to 724 the number of dead found so far. A fifth property used by the cult has yet to be excavated.

Ugandan authorities were planning this week to ask the international police coordination agency Interpol to issue arrest warrants for Kibwetere, Mwerinde and three others.

Kibwetere, 64, is believed to have perished in the March 17 inferno at the sect's compound in Kahunga, which killed at least 330 sect followers. Mwerinde's whereabouts at the time of the fire are unknown.

On Aug. 24, 1988, Mwerinde claimed to have had a vision of the Virgin Mary in a cave in the southwestern Ugandan village of Ngakishenyi, said her former

common-law husband, Eric Mazima. A week later, she left him.

Mazima challenged her carefully cultivated image as a religious devotee, saying she claimed her visions and turned to religion only after the couple's joint business went bankrupt. Until then, he said, she ran a shop in Kahunga that sold banana beer and a fiery local liquor, and had been regarded as notoriously promiscuous.

"She went to church only once a year," he said Thursday in an interview in Kahunga. "Sundays were days of making business. She was after money."

The leadership of the Ten Commandments Movement was largely a family affair, Mazima said, with relatives of the 48-year-old Mwerinde serving as four of the sect's "12 Apostles."

Four months after leaving her husband, Mwerinde met Kibwetere in Nyamitanga, where he and his wife had gone to hear her testify about her visions.

Juvenal Mugambwa, Kibwetere's son, said Mwerinde told his father the Virgin Mary had directed her to Nyamitanga to find a man called "Kibwetere," who would take them to his home where they would spread her message to the world.

That evening, Kibwetere drove home to Kabumba with his wife, Mwerinde, Mwerinde's sister and two other friends.

Mugambwa described his father as a perfect figurehead in a country where male leadership is deemed necessary for any group's legitimacy. "He had status, he had money and he had a vehicle," Mugambwa said.

Left behind with the pictures on a wall mantle in Therese Kibwetere's home is a framed printed version of what she said was her husband's favorite prayer "Oh Lord God: Help me keep my big mouth shut until I know what I am talking about."



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Prisoners haul out a body Thursday from a mass grave in a garden of a house in Rushojwa, 155 miles southwest of Kampala, Uganda, belonging to a member of the Christian doomsday sect, the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God.

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Abandoned newborn beats the odds in Kosovo

PEC, Yugoslavia (AP) — Back at the Italian military hospital in this western Kosovo city, they call him Lucky — or Fortunato in Italian. It's easy to see why.

Just two days ago, this newborn was left by the side of the road, abandoned and bleeding from his umbilical cord, which had been ripped. By Thursday, he was snuggled in a crib, the

adored child of an entire military contingent, having been rescued by a U.N. police officer from Georgia.

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Four people die in car explosion blamed on rebels

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A powerful truck bomb exploded in a tourist town west of the capital on Thursday, killing four people and injuring at least 14 others, officials said.

Thursday's explosion ripped through the town square in Cachipay, a getaway location for capital residents just 25 miles from Bogota. It was the second fatal car bombing in the area in less than a week.

Officials have blamed both attacks on the country's largest leftist insurgency, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. The rebel group has not claimed responsibility.

Television images showed the town offices in ruins and debris scattered about the square. On the street lay the twisted hulk of the vehicle that exploded, a small truck loaded with soft drinks, according to witnesses interviewed on the scene.

"The FARC is bringing back memories in Colombia of the days of Pablo Escobar," national police operations director Gen. Alfonso Arellano told The Associated Press.

The late former head of the Medellin cocaine cartel, Escobar waged a campaign of bombings and assassinations a decade ago to avoid his extradition to the United States.

Officials blame the FARC for a car bomb that exploded Sunday in Girardot, a major tourist town just to the south. That explosion near a marketplace killed a police cadet and injured 16 bystanders.



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Local effort needed to resist drugs, crime

An internal opinion survey at Midland Police Department named juvenile crime as a major worry for the community. Their findings are actually only a reflection of a problem that is already being addressed by a number of Midland elected officials.

However, that does not discount the concern. More needs to be done. Juvenile crime — both from the standpoint of juvenile criminals and juvenile victims — is a growing problem in Midland and could become much worse if proper attention isn't given to it.

Fortunately for the community, officials like District Attorney Al Schorre, District Judge John Hyde, County Court-at-Law Judge Marvin Moore, Police Chief John Urby and Justice of the Peace David Cobos recognized the growing juvenile crime problem early on and began developing programs such as Teen Court, Teens In Charge, and others that attack the juvenile crime problem through prevention rather than through response.

One of the most highly successful programs has been the DARE program carried out through the schools. Sadly, the program is offered only to students through the sixth grade. It is not offered to students in junior high or high school although. But statistically, according to Lt. Damon Shupp, who directs the Midland Police Department's DARE program, it does the most good when it is carried through the higher grades.

Cost is a concern. DARE tends to be an expensive program, and for the past two years, Midland Independent School District has contributed nothing toward the local effort to combat drug and alcohol use by school students. Yet, it would seem that now is the time that young people need the most concentrated effort to avoid falling prey to drugs or alcohol.

Obviously, what is needed is widespread community support for programs such as DARE that have proven successful, and other programs that help young people resist the lures of drugs, alcohol and crime.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, March 31, the 91st day of 2000. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On March 31, 1889, French engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

On this date:
 In 1492, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain issued an edict expelling Jews from Spanish soil, except those willing to convert to Christianity.

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

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

In 1933, Congress authorized the Civilian Conservation Corps.

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

In 1945, the Tennessee Williams play "The Glass Menagerie" opened on Broadway.

In 1968, President Johnson stunned the country by announcing he would not run for re-election.

In 1976, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that coma patient Karen Anne Quinlan could be disconnected from her respirator. (Quinlan, who remained comatose, died in 1985.)

Ten years ago: Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev warned the defiant Baltic republic of Lithuania to annul its declaration of independence or face "grave consequences." Hundreds of people were injured in rioting in London over Britain's so-called "poll tax."

Five years ago: Mexican-American singer Selena Quintanilla-Perez, 23, was shot to death in Corpus Christi, Texas, by the founder of her fan club. (Yolanda Saldivar was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.)

One year ago: Three U.S. Army soldiers were captured by Serb forces near the Yugoslav-Macedonia border. (Staff Sergeant Andrew Ramirez, Staff Sergeant Christopher Stone and Specialist Steven M. Gonzales were released more than a month later.) Four New York City police officers were charged with murder for killing Amadou Diallo, an unarmed African immigrant, in a hail of bullets. (The officers were later acquitted.)

WILLIAM MURCHISON

Future of tobacco case hinges on 2000 election

Some things the federal government really can't do, much as it wants to, hard as it tries. Or put it this way: Particular segments of the federal government can't just ride off on any high-minded mission they fancy. Case in point: the Food and Drug Administration.

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision last week, in the FDA/tobacco regulation case, will seem to some petty and capricious. What's this? The court says the FDA can't regulate tobacco as an addictive drug? Just a minute: Tobacco is evil (so this line of reasoning goes.) That makes it fair game for regulation.

No, it doesn't, says the Supreme Court, by the slender — a point to which I will return — majority of 5 to 4. The FDA only thought it could regulate tobacco as a drug. Congress hadn't granted the power.

"In this case," wrote Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, on behalf of the majority, "we believe that Congress has clearly precluded the FDA from asserting jurisdiction to regulate tobacco products. Such authority is inconsistent with the intent that Congress has expressed in the (Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act's) overall regulatory scheme" and since then.

To which argument Justice Stephen Breyer responded with language about the FDA's right "to choose remedies consistent with its basic purpose, the overall protection of health." To decide, in other words, what is good for all us lowly cit-

izens, never mind what the duly chosen representatives of the lowly congressmen may have thought or said.

The argument between jurisprudence, O'Connor-style and self-expression, Breyer-style, is ancient and continuing. It breaks out whenever some party to a heated policy dispute cries, in effect, "Fiat iustitia, ruat coelum" — let justice be done though the heavens fall! My idea of justice, you understand (whoever may be speaking on this occasion). As for your idea — phfffft.

Democracy provides the means of arbitrating these disputes. The people's representatives decide such questions. That is, until the thing goes to court, and a faction of judges decides what the people's representatives would have said had they had their heads screwed on.

This didn't happen in the tobacco case, and that's good. However, the immediate point to notice (hardly for the first time since the Clinton administration started populating the court with justices of its own kidney) is the narrowness of the majority. Five to four. Not much of a margin to affirm and support the democratic process.

In every election, different things, different principles, different courses are at stake. Very much at stake in the 2000 election (among, obviously, other things) is the integrity of the federal judiciary.

Judicial restraint has friends on the high court — William Rehnquist, Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and, with a bit less passion, Anthony Kennedy and Sandra O'Connor.

Some justices who should befriend judicial restraint instead attack it — namely, the two GOP-appointed activists, David Souter and John Paul

Stevens. Stephen G. Breyer's and Ruth Bader Ginsburg's moderate activism is about what you would expect, given who appointed the two — Bill Clinton — in hopes of getting the appointments past a Republican-controlled Senate.

Whoever gets elected in 2000 likely gets to determine which way this divided court flops — toward activism, or toward restraint.

No president, liberal or conservative, gets these appointments consistently right. To rehearse recent history, President George H.W. Bush appointed both ultra-restrained and ultra-unrestrained justices — respectively, Thomas and Souter. Go figure.

Similarly, one-man's activism may be another's restraint. Definitions can get nebulous when we're in our Sunday best, trying to make a good impression. Still, the FDA case, if one looks squarely at it, is capable of focusing minds on what's at stake.

The question wasn't: Resolved: Tobacco is a boon to the human race. At stake were means, not ends. Who gets to make these decisions was the question — the people's representatives, or unelected employees of federal agencies?

The present presumption is that George W. Bush would sprinkle the bench with pro-people judges, and that Gore's appointees would be Breyer-esque, at best. As the campaign surges forward, we'd all do well — Republican, Democrat or Independent — to keep our eyes on this huge and heavy ball.

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CHARLEY REESE

It's time to take a vacation from presidential politics

Here it is, not yet April, and George W. Bush and Al Gore have their respective nominations locked up. Lord have mercy on us if we have to listen to them taking potshots at each other for the next seven months.

I plan to take a vacation from presidential politics and not think about it until the end of August or so. After all, I've said about all I can say, which is that Bush is by far a lesser evil than Gore.

A lot of folks, noting the similarity of my views and those of Pat Buchanan, keep asking why I don't support Pat. The answer is that he can't win. He can, however, elect Gore. Buchanan has had two shots at national office and got a good airing of his vie in both of them. He came up short. A majority of Americans disagree with him, or at least disagree with what they believe he stands for.

For some strange reason, many conservatives continue to delude themselves that out there in the mists is a great American conservative majority, thwarted in exercising its will by the dastardly Republican and Democratic parties.

Alas, that is a myth. There is no majority out there. Why do people persist in their belief in it? Do

they not realize what effects have been wrought by 50 years of liberal entertainment, liberal media, liberal politicians and liberal public education?

The fact is that Americans today are, on the whole, dumber than Americans were 50 years ago. They might have credentials up the kazoo, but most are poorly educated and are especially ignorant about political philosophy other than socialism. And far too many are sucking on the government teat.

And yes, on the issues dear to the heart of the international establishment, the candidates of the two major political parties are just about Tweedledee and Tweedledum. Nevertheless, the differences that do exist are very important.

Hey, folks, I learned this the hard way. I was disillusioned with George Bush, the current candidate's father. He broke his promise not to raise taxes, and he seemed too arrogant to bother to explain it, much less apologize for breaking his word. And I didn't like his involving us in the Gulf War.

So I voted for Pat Buchanan, and when he fell, I voted for Jerry Brown, and when he fell, I voted for Bill Clinton. I have bitterly regretted that ever since. What ever faults I thought Bush had, the country would have been a thousand times better off with Bush in office than with Clinton. I'm not going to make that mistake again.

The only reason I can sleep nights is that my vote did not help Clinton get elected. Fortunately, a

majority in Florida, more sensible than I at that time, nullified it, and the state's electoral-college votes went to Bush.

But if the race is close, Buchanan's 5 percent or 6 percent of the vote, which will all come from Bush's side, could be just enough to tip the state toward Gore. And remember, it's a winner-take-all system, so a close second doesn't count.

And think about this: The left knows the difference between Gore and Bush. It is united behind Gore. Does this mean that people on the right who say there are no differences are not as smart as those on the left? One could certainly infer that.

There are plenty of differences. Bush opposes abortion on demand except in the cases of rape, incest or danger to the mother's life. Not complete, but it is a whole lot better than Gore's support for abortion for any reason.

Gore has already said he won't appoint federal judges who are bound by the original intent and meaning of the Constitution. This is a powerful difference.

Bush wants to cut taxes. Gore wants to spend more of your money. Another big difference.

A vote is for choosing leaders, not making statements. Don't waste it.

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JACK ANDERSON AND DOUGLAS COHN

Candidates' secret: Don't take a stand, don't make sense

The New Reality is an art form dedicated to perceived reality, in which the overriding judgment is rendered by the price paid. If the public buys it, it must be good. Success equals victory.

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What follows is a likely scenario for Supreme Court candidates, and we expect to see three of them appointed by the next president:

"Where do you stand on Roe vs. Wade, the issue of abortion?"

"I will not say," the nominee says. "I cannot take a stand on a case that is likely to come before the Court."

"Where do you stand on capital punishment?"

"Oh, that is clearly allowed by the Constitution," the nominee says.

"Where do you stand on Griswold, the right to privacy, judge?"

"Oh, well, of course, I'm for it."

"Where do you stand? Where do you stand? Where do you stand? Questions and answers flow unabated."

But what about Roe vs. Wade?

The candidate does not take a stand on it. So goes the well-coached candidate for a seat on the Supreme Court.

How the poor judge will complain in rehearsals to his handlers:

"But how can I take a stand here and not there? It doesn't make sense. They won't buy it."

"Ah," the handlers say, carting out that old cynical P.T. Barnum maxim: "No one ever went broke underestimating the American public."

"It doesn't have to make sense. That is the beauty of the New Realism. Just remember, the cornerstone of this form is the answer. It is formed only by your answers."

No answer, no form. After all, what could be more constitutionally based than the Fifth Amendment? Or, judge, do you mean to imply that a refusal to answer should be interpreted by your questioners to your detriment?"

"Certainly not," the judge says. "That would be unconstitutional."

"You are right. A judge should be judged by what he or she says, not by what is not said."

So, how do we proceed? You see, it's all a matter of images. Isn't that what art is all about? We have to paint you as a thoughtful, caring person."

"But I am thoughtful and caring," the judge interjects.

"Yes, yes, yes," they say, "but don't overdo it. Just remember, if you were so caring, you would answer their questions. Let's not mix truth with reality, forthrightness with caring."

"But is this intellectually honest?" the judge asks.

"Look, judge, save that sort of thing for the Court. The Senate Judiciary Committee is there to do battle, with the public choosing the victor."

You, and they, are playing to the public. Have you forgotten who they are? What not-so-wonderful pasts several of them have? No, judge, the job here is to win, and you win by creating an illusion."

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Nguyen Vleh Dung, 11, who is suffering from severe cerebral palsy, smiles Thursday as he is fitted into his new wheelchair.

American wheelchairs helping Vietnamese get around again

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Peter Arballo stretched low to reach the shot in the corner, then spun quickly in his wheelchair to race across the tennis court as his students watched with childlike wonder.

Class was in session Thursday, and a whole new world was opening up to a few of Vietnam's handicapped.

"They're so enthusiastic, and they learn so quick," Arballo, who has been in a wheelchair 41 years, said with a grin. "It's very rewarding for me."

As he showed off his shots, a 12-member team of doctors, physical therapists and technicians was fitting people into 700 wheel-

chairs being donated to Vietnam by three U.S.-based charities.

Nguyen Minh Quyen, 51, who lost his legs in a car accident 15 years ago, could barely contain his joy as he learned how to maneuver his new chair over curbs and down slopes.

He has been used to getting around on a crude system of blocks on his hands, but now is looking forward to gliding along with the bicycles and motorbikes that comprise most of the capital's chaotic traffic. His only question: "Where do I get a new wheel if one breaks?"

Eleven-year-old Nguyen Vleh Dung and his mother were also thrilled, despite the painful stretch-

ing that was needed for his twisted body to be fitted into a chair.

"Now he will have more freedom to get out and act like a young kid," Dung's mother said. "We're very happy."

The chairs are the work of Wheels for Humanity, based in North Hollywood, Calif.; Hope Haven Ministries, an Iowa-based Christian charity; the newly formed Wheelchairs for the World; Arballo's Wheelchair Sports International; and Counterpart International, which arranged the shipping.

"We saw the need was very great and wanted to help," said Wheelchairs for Humanity Executive Director David Richard,

whose group brought its first batch of 80 wheelchairs to Danang in 1996. So far, the group has brought in about 1,300 used wheelchairs for victims of everything from traffic accidents to birth defects to land mines left over from the Vietnam War.

The group, which operates in 22 developing countries, and Hope Haven, run by Richard's brother, Mark, accept donations of old wheelchairs and refurbish them with help from inmates at the maximum-security prison in Sioux Falls, S.D., and several Mennonite church groups in Iowa. The chairs are tagged with the name of the donor, who then gets a photo of the recipient.

Hackers haggle with politicians at convention

JERUSALEM (AP) — Hackers from around the world overcame interrogations, censorship and an all-around bad image to hold Israel's first hacker convention, wrapping up the two-day conference Thursday without a glitch.

The 350-strong gathering was the first of its kind since the Yahoo! and e-Bay commercial sites were crippled in February, reminding companies across the globe of the dangers hackers can pose.

On the Net:
Hackers' site at
<http://www.y2hack.com>.

At the request of lawmakers, Israeli police had considered banning the conference, but Attorney General Eliyakim Rubinstein gave the go-ahead.

One of the original hackers, John Draper of Fremont, Calif., said the hackers wanted to put a better face on the practice.

"A hacker is a person who is developing programs to make them better," Draper told The Associated Press. "They aren't the kind of people who break into computer systems. That's a cracker."

Draper, known by the handle "Captain Crunch," helped launch the hacker phenomenon. In 1971, he discovered that a toy whistle from a cereal box reproduced the tone needed to open a free telephone line.

Aware of his fame, Israeli security agents at the Los Angeles airport interrogated Draper for an hour, he said, and thoroughly searched his computer equipment before allowing him on the plane.

"There were many attempts to silence us on this," organizers said in a summary of the gathering, released on their Web site.

Police prevented the organizers from publishing one of the results of the conference: a list of vulnerable Israeli commercial Web sites.

To compile the list, participants played "HackTheseSites" with sites offered up by Israeli companies. The site owners were confident no one could thwart them, but they were wrong.

Thousands flee as Japanese volcano churns, intensifies

DATE, Japan (AP) — A Japanese volcano erupted Friday and spewed hot rocks, gas and ash over the snowy countryside of Japan's northernmost main island. There were no immediate reports of injury.

Experts monitoring seismic activity of the Mount Usu volcano had predicted the eruption and had already evacuated more than 11,000 nearby residents.

Roughly 51,000 people live in this town and two others near the 2,416-foot mountain, 475 miles north of Tokyo.

The eruption came just hours after roads began cracking from growing fissures on the flanks of the snow-capped mountain, early signs of the magma swelling below the earth.

Experts had warned residents that a major eruption could come at any time, though the magnitude of this eruption wasn't immediately clear.

The meteorological agency issued an emergency warning earlier Friday to announce that cracks on the mountain are increasing in number and growing in length, splitting roads in some cases.

Intense earthquake activity went into a fourth day Friday. Thousands of quakes have been registered around the mountain.

On Thursday, observers aboard a military helicopter found that magma had pushed open cracks on the volcano's western slope and near its base Thursday. One fissure on the western slope stretched 100 yards.

Worried that an eruption would melt the snow on the volcano's flanks and cause mudslides, authorities ordered the evacuation of 4,137 homes in this town at the volcano's base and two others — Sobetsu and Abuta.



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Idaho town tries fighting bad publicity

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP) — Embarrassed by the sight of neo-Nazis parading through town at the height of tourist season, city leaders have decided they, too, can use the First Amendment to their advantage.

They are hiring a human rights coordinator with public relations experience whose job will include publicizing all the good and decent things people are doing in Coeur d'Alene.

It's the latest tactic in a battle that has seen locals first try to ignore the white supremacist group Aryan Nations, and then stage counter-demonstrations. The end result was national media coverage showing pictures of swastika-wearing extremists marching down the main street.

"Good deeds and positive activities never garner as much attention as the remarks of a crazy who doesn't represent anybody," said Jonathan Coe of the Coeur d'Alene Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Steve Judy will choose the coordinator, who will work with the news media, advertising agencies and religious groups to develop programs that promote respect for others. The goal is to focus media attention on positive activities, rather than hate march-

es. Among other things, the coordinator will set up a Web site, organize public meetings and answer queries from the media about hate groups.

Money for the full-time post of coordinator was donated by the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard University. Founder Greg Carr is an Idaho native.

Richard Butler, leader of the Aryan Nations, ridiculed the notion of an Aryan-buster. "For white people to have to hire somebody like that because other people want to remain white is interesting," he said.

In Kootenai County, tourism in 1999 accounted for 5,800 jobs paying \$66 million in wages. With the region's timber and mining industries suffering, tourism is a major reason the population of the county leaped from 69,000 in 1990 to 98,000 in 1997. Many of the newcomers are moving into \$500,000 homes springing up all over the area.

At the same time, Idaho has gained a reputation as a hate-group stronghold. A recent report by the Northwest Coalition for Human Dignity identified 11 white supremacist groups in Idaho, 10 of them in the Panhandle. Among them is the Hitler-loving Aryan Nations, which moved

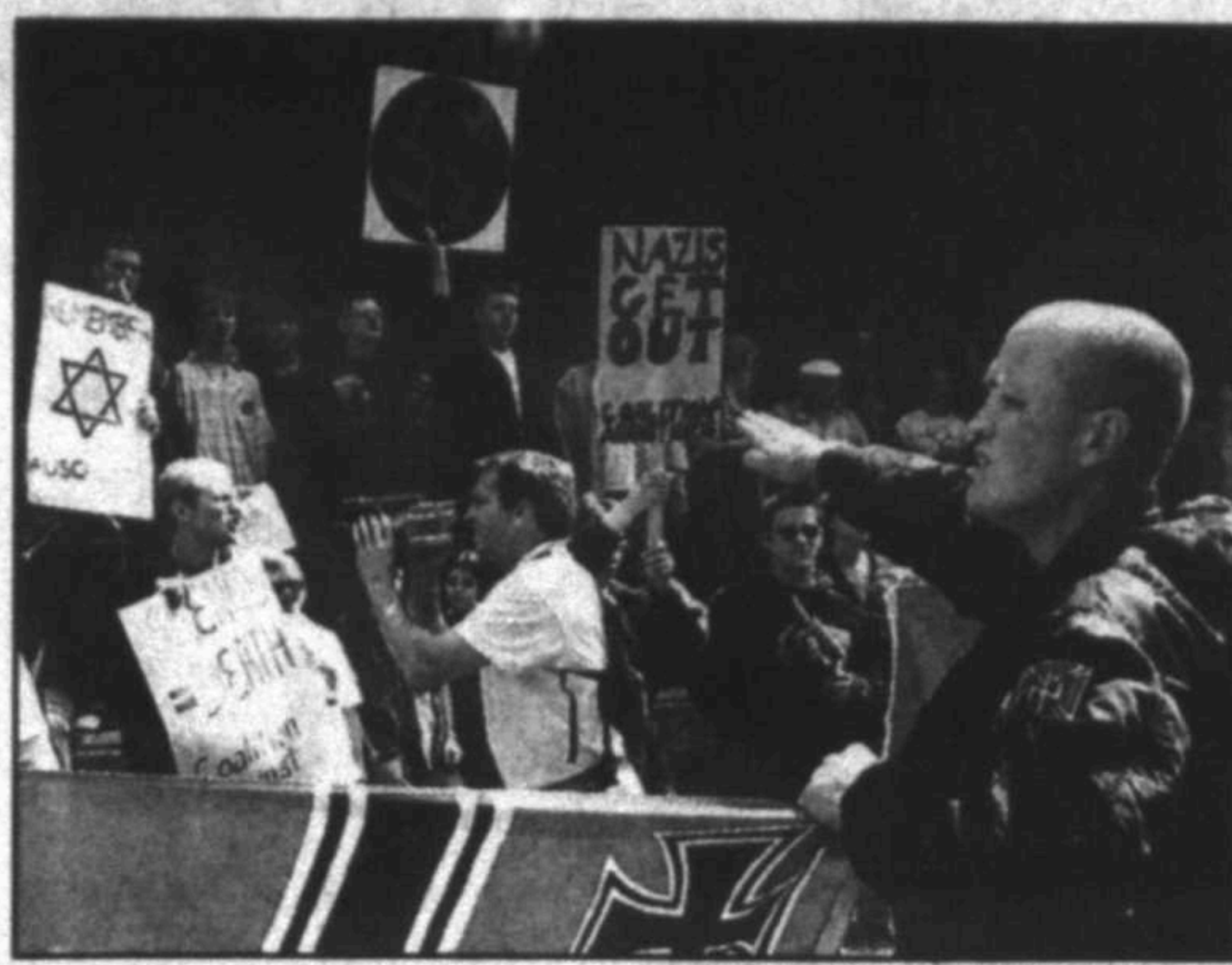
to a ranch in the area in the 1970s and declared it was creating a white homeland.

Civic leaders fear that marches by the Aryan Nations in 1998 and 1999 are scaring away tourists and business opportunities.

A 1998 parade attracted about 90 Aryan Nations supporters and 1,000 counter-demonstrators. Last summer, about 80 white supremacists and 200 opponents scuffled in a park. A week later, after winning a permit on First Amendment grounds with backing from the ACLU, a few Aryan Nations supporters marched down Sherman Avenue to the screams of thousands of protesters.

Last year, resort owner Duane Hagadone donated thousands of dollars for legal advice in a fruitless attempt to draft a law that would ban the Aryans from marching while preserving First Amendment rights.

At the state level, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has proposed spending up to \$100,000 to change Idaho's image as a haven for racists.



AP Photo
A member of the Aryan Nations confronts protesters during a rally in this photo taken July 3, 1999, at the City Park in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Embarrassed by the sight of neo-Nazis parading through town at the height of tourist season, city leaders have decided they, too, can use the First Amendment to their advantage.

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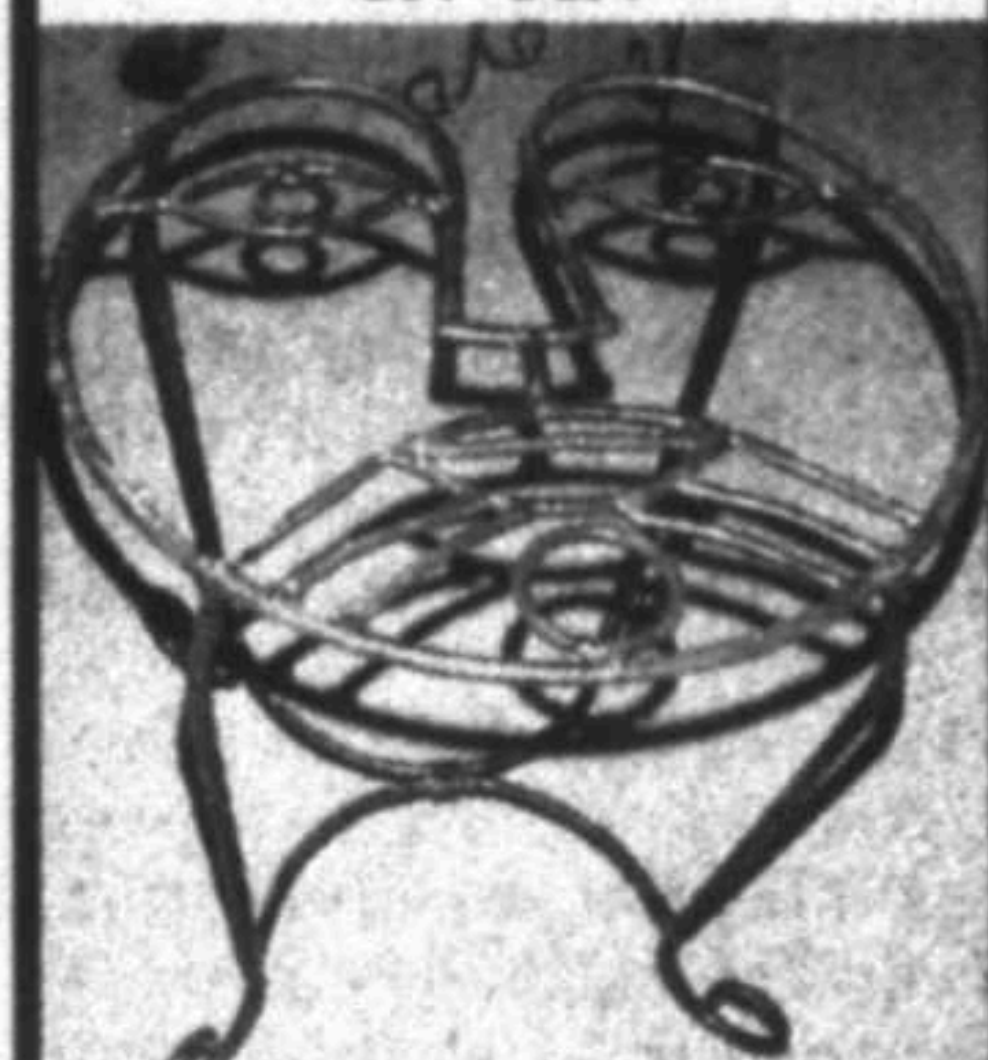


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Then goodbye

KISS treats its fans to unprecedented stage show

By Nancy Adamson
Assistant News Editor

As the flame of desire begins to flicker out, the self-proclaimed "hottest band in the land" has hit the road for a last goodbye.

After 25 years, KISS has decided to call it quits. Original members Gene Simmons, Paul Stanley, Ace Frehley and Peter Criss descended on Lubbock's United Spirit Arena Wednesday night for the first of four Texas shows on their "Farewell Tour" and nearly 13,000 West Texas and Eastern New Mexico fans were on hand to see KISS off.

Opening the show was '80s metal band Skid Row. Sebastian Bach and the band played a short set, and though a few fans managed to work up a warm reception for them, the band was flat and off-key. But Bach and the boys failed to work up much enthusiasm from the bulk of the crowd, so they hurried through their 35-minute set that included the hits "18 and Life," "Youth Gone Wild" and "I Remember You."

The Motor City Madman was the next artist to take the stage and he dazzled the audience. At 51, Ted Nugent proved he still has the chops, both musically and politically, to bring the crowd to a fever pitch.

Between songs, Nugent verbally espoused his right-wing political agenda. He preached on gun control, buying American-made products, and took more than a few jabs at those whose philosophies differ from his, including Attorney General Janet Reno and Sarah Brady, whose husband Jim was shot in the head during John Hinck-

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Some fans are not convinced 'Farewell Tour' will be end

By Georgia Temple

From the first KISS to the last in their 27-year dynasty, the dressed-to-kill shakers of rock 'n' roll blasted their crazy nights and their fans alive with their smashes, trashes and hits.

"Their outward appearance drew me in, and their music kept me," said Midlander Lora Kirkpatrick, who has been a KISS fan since high school.

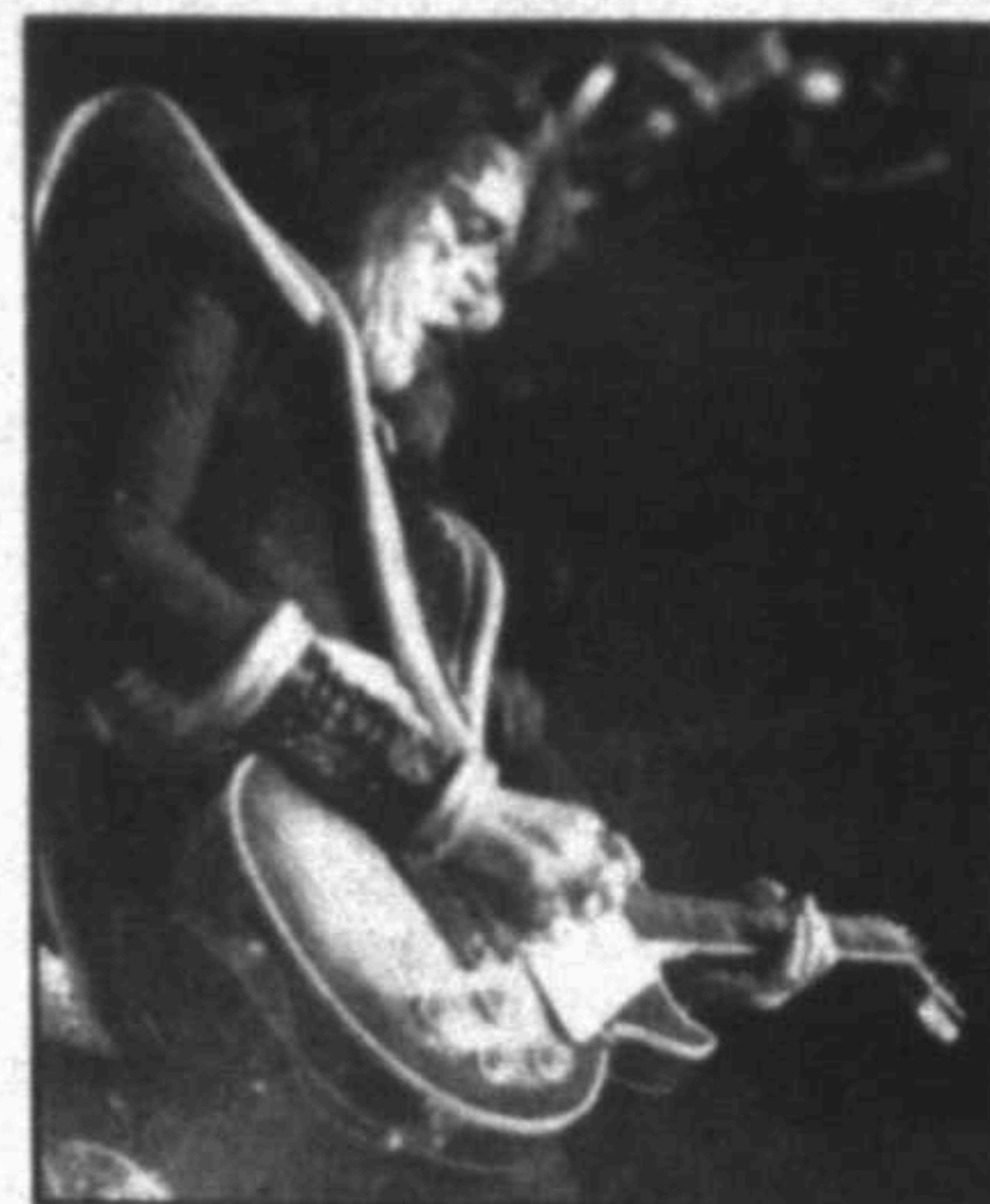
The brainchild of former elementary-school teacher and bass player Gene Simmons and Wicked Lester bandmate Paul Stanley, KISS stormed the stage in 1972 in full theatrical regalia — white pancake makeup with elaborate facial markings, platform boots and outrageous black-and-silver costumes. By 1977, the group — Simmons, Stanley, drummer Peter Criss and guitarist Ace Frehley — had topped the Gallup poll as the most popular act in the United States.

"I liked the 'God Gave Rock 'N' Roll to You' on the Bill and Ted soundtrack," said Elliott Lunson, looking back over the almost three decades of musical history performed by the heavy metal rockers and zeroing in on KISS's cover version of Argent's classic "God Gave Rock 'N' Roll to You II" for the soundtrack of the film "Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey." "I really thought that was cool. It was a very triumphant song, very American. It made you feel good."

Lunson was a fan of KISS's when he was in his early teens. "It was just the bad-boy thing. It was different. They painted their faces. It was kind of intriguing; it was rock 'n' roll."

Although the decades saw various changes in the band members and their stage persona (with and without makeup), the original foursome are together again to rock and roll all night in a months-long Farewell Tour that packed

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At top right, Paul Stanley plays his guitar behind his head during the KISS concert Wednesday night in Lubbock. At top left, Ace Frehley plays a guitar solo. Above, Gene Simmons, from left, Ace Frehley, and Paul Stanley perform during the "Farewell Tour." At left, drummer Peter Criss performs in front of one of three giant monitors.

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U. Frank Williams Jr.

Band has trouble filling platform shoes in movie appearances

By Nancy Adamson
Assistant News Editor

Although KISS is mostly known for lighting up the concert stage, the band and one of its members also has attempted to conquer the silver screen as well.

Aside from concert and music videos, and a cameo appearance in an episode of Fox's "Millennium," KISS has been the subject of two full-length motion pictures — "KISS Meets the Phantom of the Park" and "Detroit Rock City." "KISS Meets the Phantom of the Park" is a 1978 made-for-TV movie. It was produced by animation kings Hanna-Barbera, and it plays like a 1970s Saturday morning cartoon.

Our heroes play a band hired to bring life back to a dying amusement park whose resident inventor has turned mad scientist — no doubt after watching "Westworld" and "Futureworld" one too many times. The dastardly phantom believes his life's work may be ruined by the band's appearance, so he hatches a scheme to turn the boys into robots so they can do his evil bidding.

Horrendous acting, unbelievably cheesy special effects and a plotline so bad Ed Wood would have nixed the pro-

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CONCERT: KISS comes off as almost wholesome

(From 1B)

ley's assassination attempt on President Reagan. Mrs. Brady was a key figure in the passing of the Brady Bill legislation that imposed a waiting period on buying a handgun.

He also boasted that he has lived his entire life "clean and sober," and encouraged the audience to do the same.

But Nugent, donned with an animal tail that was undoubtedly real given his love of hunting, wowed the fans with blistering guitar solos on some of his biggest hits, including "Dog Eat Dog," "Cat Scratch Fever" and "Stranglehold." He was en fuego.

Nugent finished his hour-long set by telling the crowd that if people wanted to live in America, they should speak English.

After a brief intermission, the house lights dimmed and KISS was lowered from the ceiling to the stage on a platform, opening

their set with "Detroit Rock City."

Although critics have been quick to lambaste KISS in the past for their music, few could argue that there is a more energetic, exciting live show than the band presents, and fans were treated to an unprecedented display of theatrics, pyrotechnics, seven-inch platform shoes and showmanship.

There is little doubt KISS owes their longevity to their stage show. The gimmicks they first employed sparked interest but it's the live show that has helped recruit millions into the KISS Army.

At one point during the show, Stanley acknowledged the lack of respect the band has received over the years.

"Twenty-five years ago when we first came out, they said this would never last, but you (the fans) showed them they were wrong."

Fans ranged in age from toddlers to a few in their 50s, and quite a few were sporting the makeup of their favorite member of the band.

One Roswell, N.M. couple held a banner aloft saying they would miss the band. The banner featured alien faces in each corner painted as members of KISS.

The two-hour set featured 20 of the band's most-recognizable songs, and Stanley actually wandered into another band's territory when he played a few chords of "Stairway to Heaven."

All of the KISS live performance staples were presented. Simmons breathed fire, spewed blood and was hoisted into the rafters to sing "God of Thunder." Frehley's solo during "2000 Man" featured smoke billowing from his guitar capped off with fireballs shot at confetti-filled targets. Criss didn't perform his usual drum solo, but he did ascend on a platform to reveal two

green-eyed cats on a banner. And Stanley was hoisted over the audience to a small platform at the back of the arena to perform "Love Gun."

In the evening's most ironic twist, KISS came off as, well, wholesome.

While Bach and Nugent were very liberal with the profanities — the only thing Nugent is ever liberal with — not one member of KISS uttered a single obscenity during their performance.

In the final moments, Stanley and Simmons both said "God bless you all" to the crowd in an unusual gesture from a band some label satanic.

It was an evening of nostalgia and left many with a sense of longing. In a world where far too many rock stars take themselves way too seriously, no one seems poised to pick up the torch KISS seems willing to let burn out.

FILMS: Simmons steals scenes from biggest stars

(From 1B)

duction all add up to just one thing — yep, a cult classic.

"Phantom" is delightfully awful, from Ace Frehley's giggle — a voice-over — to Gene Simmons' roar. Its one redeeming feature is the footage of the band doing what it does best — performing their hits live.

Often overlooked by critics wishing to name the worst film of all time, "Phantom" certainly deserves a spot in the top 20, somewhere between, say, "Santa Claus Conquers the Martians" and "Snow White and the Three Stooges." Alas, "Phantom" has gone out of print and may not be available on your neighborhood video store's shelf for rental. But everything has a price — notably at eBay — and copies are selling for as much as \$70 at the famed Internet auction site.

"Detroit Rock City" is a 1999 comedy about four teen-age boys trying to score tickets — by any means necessary — to a KISS concert. Set in 1978, the film stars Edward Furlong and Shannon Tweed, AKA the ex-Mrs. Gene Simmons. "Detroit Rock City" bears a remarkable resemblance to a 1978 Robert Zemeckis comedy titled "I Wanna Hold Your

Hand," about four teen-age girls trying to score tickets — by any means necessary — to the Beatles' first appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show on Feb. 9, 1964. Hmm.

Both films focus on the road trip required to attain the goal and the hilarity and hijinx that ensues.

While "Detroit Rock City" lacks the originality and depth to its characters "I Wanna Hold Your Hand" does, it is well-worth the rental price. Apparently, Simmons was bitten by the acting bug while filming "Phantom," and has been the only member of KISS to attempt a solo film career.

Though typecast as a bad guy, Simmons has proven very capable of not only sharing the screen, but stealing scenes from some of Hollywood's biggest stars.

In "Runaway," a 1984 movie written and directed by author Michael Crichton, Simmons is bent on taking over the world by using robots and other high-tech devices to perpetrate his evil deeds. Tom Selleck plays the hero cop assigned to bring Simmons in.

Oddly enough, Simmons is probably the only reason to

watch this movie. He relishes his role, and seems to be the only actor who realizes the plot is rather thin, so he plays it with a tongue-in-cheek attitude while his fellow actors stoically bumble toward absurdity with straight faces.

"Wanted: Dead or Alive" is a 1984 film starring Rutger Hauer, who plays the great-grandson of a character played by Steve McQueen in a 1960s TV series with the same title.

That's where the comparisons end, though. Simmons plays an Arab terrorist with no plans for world domination or political recognition. Apparently, his character was just born evil and just likes killing people and blowing stuff up.

Like "Runaway," Simmons is the only reason to watch this film. Probably the best of the films Simmons appears in is 1986's "Trick or Treat." The plot involves a fan bringing his recently demised rock star idol back to life by playing his music backward.

This underrated horror classic was directed by actor Charles Martin Smith, best known for his roles in "Never Cry Wolf" and "The Untouchables." Although

his appearance is all too brief, Simmons leaves an indelible mark, as does fellow heavy metal icon Ozzy Osbourne.

Simmons is cast to appear in the film "Wish You Were Dead," due out later this year.

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TULSA OPERA TOUR OF "MANON" ARRIVES AT MIDLAND CENTER

By Christopher J. Mitchell

Forbidden love. Betrayal. Extravagant costumes. Soaring voices. Powerful emotion. A captive audience.

All are familiar elements of the opera as we know it today. And the Tulsa Opera, with its tour of Massenet's "Manon," did not disappoint its audience at Midland Center Sunday night. Tulsa's General Director Carol I. Crawford and production director Eric Gibson masterfully demonstrated that the power of Massenet's piece shines through even on a practically bare stage. Their production was an abbreviated version of the piece, clocking in at less than two hours from curtain to curtain, but the cuts were well-made and the story was not compromised in the least.

"Manon" is at heart a story of love at first sight that is forced to suffer the tribulations of family tensions. It is not a novel concept, of course, but it is one that endures throughout so much of our best historical examples of the performing arts.

Primarily set in the gentlemen's circles of 18th-century France, the opera introduces us to the hauntingly innocent beauty of the title character whose family wishes to keep her from the ways of the world by shutting her in a convent. However, she encounters the dashing des Grieux en route to the convent, and so begins a roller-

coaster ride of events encompassing both the joy of their love and the obstacles that are thrown in its way. Their ecstasy is shattered rather quickly by Manon's cousin Lescaut, leading the dejected des Grieux to the path of the priesthood and the love of his life to a joyless life of empty luxury. But the love surfaces when next they meet, only to be complicated again by a trumped-up charge of cheating in a card game levied against des Grieux. This affair leads to both Manon's and des Grieux' arrests, and while the latter is released, the former is doomed to languish in a prison cell. In the climactic final scene, des Grieux meets Manon for the last time in her cell, and they protest their love for each other as she dies.

Being a bit of an opera aficionado and thus growing up with the weekly Metropolitan Opera broadcast on NPR, upon learning that the majority of the songs had been translated into English and would be sung as such, I felt more than a bit of trepidation with the thought that the original beauty of the language would be compromised. Not so. The hybrid of primarily English text with the key arias remaining in French was a wonderful device, allowing the audience to experience a healthy dose of the power of the original libretto combined with a primary connection to the story via the words in our language. The characters were well-presented and multi-dimensional thanks to the skillful performances of Laura

Pfortmiller in the title role and Benoit Gendron as the love of her life. While the stage settings were sparse, the costumes certainly were not, as the audience was treated to a sumptuous display of 18th-century-style frock. Instrumentation was limited to a single piano anchored by Ms. Crawford, but it was all that was needed, allowing the voices to soar to the rafters of Midland Center.

The Midland Opera Theater, the host of the production, orchestrated quite a grand evening for all in attendance, providing a delicious dinner banterheaded by Chicken Imperial and a fine Chardonnay with the price of admission. Their efforts will continue with the touring Santa Fe Opera Apprentices who perform Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Allison Fine Arts Center at Midland College.

Christopher J. Mitchell, Ph.D. is the Executive/Artistic Director of the Permian Playhouse in Odessa.

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MIDLANDERS: Band's eccentricity drew many fans

(From 1B)

Lubbock's United Spirit Arena on Wednesday.

When KISS fan Mickey Wayland heard that the legendary rockers were coming to Lubbock, she called another fan and said, "You and I are going to this KISS concert." In the end, neither was able to go because the show sold out before they could buy tickets.

"It's amazing what 'Detroit Rock City' did for KISS," Ms. Wayland said. "It kind of reawakened them, I guess."

In the 1999 New Line Cinema film "Detroit Rock City," the original members of KISS appear in their full 1970s regalia. The sound track features their songs and includes two written for the film, which was co-produced by Simmons.

"It was great," KISS fan Corey Allison said of the film. "I liked it a lot."

The coming-of-age comedy set in 1978 is about a teen garage band called Mystery whose members are fans of KISS. They are determined to go to a KISS concert and buy tickets, but one of the mothers feels KISS is evil and burns the tickets.

Ms. Wayland remembered the times when some parents viewed KISS and the group's music as less than desirable.

"I also liked to listen to them because they were forbidden," said Ms. Wayland. "My parents freaked every time I said anything about KISS."

Since the 1950s, some adults had considered rock 'n' roll to be the devil's music, and KISS seemed to fit in that category. Ms. Wayland remembered the rumor around the group's name.

"Knights in Satan's Service" — I always heard that, but I don't know if that's the case," Ms. Wayland said, adding that teens "are always so melodramatic. And now when I look back on all that stuff, I think that they just had really good music."

Her interest in KISS dates back to her pre-teen years when she and her younger brother, Daniel, discovered a big cardboard box stuffed with albums in their grandmother's storage.

"We were not supposed to be in there," Ms. Wayland said. "A lot of the LP's were warped and melted that storage room was so hot."

"There were lots of Tom Jones LPs, and then toward the back of the box there were four or five KISS albums. This was 1983. And I said, 'I know who these people are. This is KISS, and they are really cool.'"

When KISS came to Odessa's Ector County Coliseum in the 1980s, Ms. Wayland and her friends were in the crowd.

"I must have been 17 or 18, and they performed without their makeup," Ms. Wayland said. "They were not as popular as they had been. Heavy metal was going out and bebop was coming in."

Despite the timing, the concert was, Ms. Wayland said, "Really awesome. They are legendary. A good American rock band. And eccentric, and that's what makes it so cool."

When he was around 8 years old, Darrel Littlefield attended a concert in Virginia.

"I had bad seats, but from what I can remember, it was a good show," said Littlefield. "When I was younger, that's all I listened to — KISS and all that. But as I got older, I didn't really listen to them anymore. My taste now is more the R&B and hip-hop."

Jason Hallmark received his introduction to KISS when he was in the eighth grade and attended a concert in Abilene with his friends.

"I had a little camera and took a bunch of shots," said Hallmark, whose room as a teen-ager was plastered wall-to-wall with posters including those of KISS. "I've still got those pictures now. One is of a big KISS in the background — it was the biggest thing on stage. But you can't make out who's singing."

As far as the rockers' latest concerts are concerned, several expressed regret that they weren't in the audience on Wednesday.

"I was going, but I ended up having to work," said Allison, who acquired KISS Action figures several years ago and has

a couple of KISS posters hanging on his walls. "I've always kind of looked up to them. They paved the way for a lot of the bands that are out today."

"I would love to go, but they sold out before we could get tickets," said Ms. Kirkpatrick, who remembered missing the KISS concert in Odessa some years ago. "They came when I was a senior in high school, and it was on a school night, and my parents would not let me go, so I have never seen them live."

Opinions varied as to whether the "Farewell Tour" really is the last kiss.

"There's a lot of bands that have done farewell tours before and they come back and do some more," Allison said. "I don't really think it's their farewell tour. I'm sure in a couple of years they will do something else."

"That's true," said former guitarist John Kirkpatrick, agreeing that bands have claimed to be making their last tour only to return with yet another one. "But this is like their comeback. I don't think they can top their last exit or their latest entrance — coming back in the style and fashion they did was kind of unique, and I don't think they could do that another time."

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...MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL Society will host its spring seminar 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. April 29 at Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas in Midland. John Philip Colletta, nationally-known genealogist, will conduct the seminar. Topics will include "Using Primary Sources," "Military Pensions and Bounty Land" and "Lesser Used Federal Records."

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DEAR ABBY

Grocery store parking lots aren't safe for kids sitting in carts

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Yesterday at the grocery store, I observed a woman with two young children in the parking lot. While she loaded her groceries and her toddler from the cart into her van, she left the younger child (under a year old) sitting in the cart behind her vehicle.

The scene brought back an incident when my own child was just a year old. I parked the grocery cart at the rear of my small pickup truck and hesitated only a moment before deciding to load my child into the pickup before my purchases. I had taken only three steps when a car pulling out of the parking space directly behind me slammed into my grocery cart hard enough that the cart dented the tailgate of my truck. Customers all over the parking lot heard the impact. Even if my child had not died from the impact, he would have been seriously — and possibly permanently — injured.

During the time that this woman took to load her toddler and groceries, the cart and the baby were out of her line of sight. Someone could have pulled up and taken her child, could have hit the cart, or the cart could have rolled into the path of a car.

Abby, please remind your readers that the most important thing in a grocery cart is your child. Always put the child (or children) in the car first. — DIANE IN SCAPPOOSE, ORE.



Van Buren

DEAR DIANE: When I read your letter, the hairs on my arms stood straight up! In case other parents need this reminder: If a child is a passenger in the grocery cart, the cart should be placed beside the parent's vehicle where it's protected from traffic. And, of course, the child (or children) should be placed first in the vehicle.

DEAR ABBY: The letter regarding calendars depicting almost nude women hanging in businesses frequented by both men and women brought back an incident that I experienced.

I worked in a car radio company and had to regularly visit the garage where the radios were installed. The installers had many calendars in their work areas that offended me, some depicting completely nude women.

I spoke to the owner (a woman) about my feelings and she had the perfect solution. She bought a magazine (Playgirl) that contained photos of completely naked men and tacked a few of the pics up in the garage. The installers had a fit, telling her that the pictures were "obscene." Needless to say, all the girlie pics were down the next day!

By the way, this was 25 years ago, long before there were any laws regarding sexual harassment. — JO IN LARGO, FLA.

DEAR JO: What's good for the gander is good for the goose! I have to wonder at the logic that pictures of nude women are art and pictures of nude men are obscene, since both the subjects were formed by the same creator.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "CONSIDERING DIPLOMACY AS A CAREER": Art Linkletter described diplomacy succinctly: "The art of jumping into troubled water without making a splash."

DEAR ABBY: You gave incorrect information to your readers when you stated that oxygen was extremely flammable and the oxygen should be turned off whenever one smokes.

Oxygen does not burn, Abby. It supports combustion. Users of oxygen have their clothes saturated with oxygen, and this is the source of the danger. Their clothes can go up in flames because of it. That's why the rule is, "No smoking around an oxygen user." — ERNEST R. SCHLACTER, M.D., WICHITA, KAN.

DEAR DR. SCHLACTER: Thank you for correcting my error. I have heard from several readers about it. I have seen signs that read "No smoking near oxygen" and assumed the reason was because it was flammable.

Now I would like to share some of the education I received about oxygen from John P. Skulavik, D.S., respiratory care practitioner and registered respiratory therapist. He is the regional director of environmental, health and safety for Airgas in Lakewood, Calif.

"Oxygen is neither flammable nor combustible; however, it can make an existing fire burn faster. Therefore, it is important that there be at least a 25-foot distance between oxygen and any flames, sparks, heaters or other source of ignition. Oxygen should never be stored in a small closet or confined space as it could create a fire hazard.

"Smoking while using medical oxygen is a very dangerous practice and should never occur, unless one is anxious to be transported via ambulance to the burn unit, and/or checked into the inside of a refrigerator at the coroner's office."

He further explained that workers who use oxygen should never use pressurized oxygen to blow dust or debris off clothing or surfaces because items saturated with oxygen are a disaster waiting to happen.

You've heard the cliché, "If you play with fire, expect to get burned." Well, the same holds true for oxygen. While oxygen is necessary for life, used improperly it can become an instrument of death.

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

FAMILY MATTERS

Teen's behavior upsets family

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: We need your help on a terrible problem we are having with our 16-year-old daughter. She has been in trouble of some kind since she was 12. When she started developing, she was never the same.

First she was defiant and refused to do her homework or study. We finally got her to do just enough to get by, but that was an awful experience.

Then she went to eighth grade and discovered boys. From then on it was just one horror story after the next. She picked boys who were troublemakers and so she became just like them. She started drinking and smoking pot then too.

She made Sundays such a nightmare that we gave up on making her go to church. We took her to see a counselor, but she stopped going when the counselor told her she needed to change her ways.

The next few years were filled with her staying out late, not going where she said, sneaking out of her room, being suspended from school, and on and on.

When I found out from a note that she was having sex, I talked to my husband and we knew we couldn't stop her, so we got her on birth control. That was against what we both believe, but by then she pretty much had us beaten down.

Things just continued on and she failed and had to repeat some classes. She ran away a few times, skipped school regularly and was still hanging around pond scum. I just finally gave up on getting her up in the morning for school when she didn't want to go (but I wouldn't sign for an excused absence).

That's just a short history of our lives with her. This morning she was in the bathroom throwing up for the third day in a row. I asked her if she was pregnant and she said she thought she was. I have an appointment for her to go see a doctor in two weeks to find out.

If she is pregnant, she can't keep the baby. We don't believe in abortion, but she can't take care of herself, much less a baby. My husband and I are scared to death that she will keep it and then we will have to raise it. We are too old and have a son at home to finish raising (he's 13 and the joy of our lives). He's been through too much with his sister to have to lay this on him too.

What can we do to get her to at least give her baby a good home? Can we make her give the baby up for adoption? What can we do to at least keep that baby from living a life like hers? We already feel like such failures we don't want to mess up again. IN A MAJOR DILEMMA

DEAR MAJOR: You and your husband are indeed in a difficult place. As I understand it, you cannot make her give her baby up for adoption. However, you can take some steps to help her make that decision. Contact an adoption agency like the Gladney Center or Buckner and talk to them. They can give you expert advice on how to approach this with your daughter.

Also, legal considerations concerning the

baby's father need to be addressed. You need all the professional help you can get on this.

Babies having and then raising babies usually — although not always — turns out tragically for the babies. The young parents' lack of emotional, developmental and economic maturity to parent and provide for the baby usually does mean that the grandparents will raise the baby. Single, unmarried, uneducated mothers are the "new poor" of the nation.

I advise you and your husband to *not* say anything to your daughter about this until you know for sure that she is pregnant and before you talk to an adoption agency. Given her history, my guess is she will immediately oppose anything you suggest. If she is pregnant, her baby deserves a loving home with loving parents who have the maturity to provide for the baby. I greatly admire and respect those young girls who love their babies so much that they are willing to sacrifice their own feelings for the welfare of their babies.

Talk to your minister about this situation. He or she most likely would be of help to you. Remember, you and your husband did all that you could to help your daughter lead an appropriate life. She chose to not follow your rules and refused to accept the consequences of her disobedience. However, although you love her as your daughter, you still have to love her enough to let her face the consequences of her choices.

You cannot make her do anything. Let us hope and pray that if she is pregnant, she will choose to give her baby up for adoption.

As a final thought, I believe that it is unfair to penalize your son. He deserves the benefits of his appropriate choices, but not the consequences of his sister's inappropriate ones.

THE FOLLOWING TIPS ON "ASSIGNING CHORES TO YOUR CHILD" ARE PRESENTED BY THE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

■ Understand the real goals: Doing chores develops responsibility, independence, self-esteem, confidence and competence — the foundations of emotional health.

■ Start early: The urge to "help mommy" comes almost as soon as a child can walk. But don't push children beyond their skills.

■ Set realistic standards: An adult can do most jobs better than a child. Show them how to do a task, do it with them, then let them try it alone. Resist interference and judgments that might undercut a child's feelings of confidence and self-worth.

■ Don't bribe: The best payment for a job is a smile, a hug or a thank you.

■ Support "outside" work: Yard work, babysitting and delivering newspapers help kids learn to work to other people's standards, as well as teach them independence and responsibility.

■ Don't overdo it: Work is valuable; drudgery isn't.

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

Questions for this column should be addressed to Family Matters, P.O. Box 51638, Midland, 79710-1638.

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PRIME TIME

PRIME TIME CALENDAR

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Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. Call 682-9701. Activities include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards/bowling; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and mineral; 10:15 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. bingo.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. advisory meeting; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. table games.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. adult classes; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.
- Friday: 9 a.m. billiards; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible study.

MIDLAND YMCA

Midland YMCA has many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults. Contact Central YMCA 682-2551. Scheduled activities are:

- Low impact aerobics: 8:15 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.
- Senior water aerobics, 8-8:45 a.m. Monday through Friday.
- Water arthritis classes, 10:15 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Deep water aerobics, 6:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.
- Hydro-fit and water aerobics, 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday.
- Hydro-fit aerobics, 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.
- Lap swim/water walking, 5:30-8 a.m. and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Friday; 6-8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 10 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Saturday; and 1:15-4 p.m. Sunday. **Certified lifeguard is on duty during lap/open swim times and water classes.**

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call 685-7231. Activities include:

- Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. Call 681-7636. Activities for April 3-7 include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:30 a.m. art class; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, cards and dominoes.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. line dancing for fun; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art class and AARP income tax help; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes, ceramics class and exercise; 10 a.m. Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; noon Just One Club; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. prescription help, billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes; 9:30 a.m. country and western dancing and Tall City Dancers; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art for fun, AARP income tax help and defensive driving class (first day); 1 p.m. bridge, cards and dominoes.
- Friday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes; 10 a.m. combined advisory board and membership council meeting; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. defensive driving class (last day); 1 p.m. bridge, cards, dominoes.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 5212 Sinclair. The center is closed for major holidays. Call 522-1221. Weekday schedule includes:

- 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., singing or live music; noon lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.
- Activities include visits from Gospel groups, line dancers and country groups, and golfing.

Skilled nursing services with registered nurse director and certified activity director. Medicaid licensed, with adequate, caring skilled staff and transportation available.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul assists Midland's poor with rent, utilities, food and clothing. Volunteers are needed to work one to four hours each week in the agency's Thrift Store, 701 N. Fort Worth. Store hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Call 687-2343. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at St. Ann's Catholic Church parish office, Texas at M Streets. Call 688-3999 for more information.

COM AQUATICS SENIORS AND THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE

City of Midland Aquatics has programs of water exercise for seniors. The schedule is:

- Monday: 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. seniors shallow; 7:30-11 a.m. water walking; 10:15 a.m. ST deep water; 11-11:45 a.m., noon-12:45 p.m. and 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
- Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. seniors shallow; 7:30-9:30 a.m. water walking; 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. arthritis; 12:15 p.m. ST deep water.
- Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. seniors shallow; 7:30-11:30 a.m. water walking; 10:15 a.m. ST deep water; 11-11:45 a.m., noon-12:45 p.m. and 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
- Thursday: 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. seniors shallow; 7:30-9 a.m. water walking; 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. arthritis; 12:15 p.m. ST deep water.
- Friday: 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. seniors shallow; 7:30-11 a.m. water walking; 10:15 a.m. ST deep water; 11-11:45 a.m., noon-12:45 p.m. and 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
- Saturday: 9-10:30 a.m. water walking.

CITY OF MIDLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Recreation and leisure activities at Hillcrest Manor, Langtry Village and Parker Place are managed by City of Midland Housing Authority and coordinated through Community and Senior Services. The schedule is:

- Tuesday: 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 2 p.m. exercise at Hillcrest Manor; 2:30 p.m. exercise at Langtry Village; 3:30 p.m. senior update.
- Wednesday: 10 a.m. bingo at Parker Place; 2 p.m. bingo at Hillcrest Manor.
- Thursday: 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 2 p.m. exercise at Hillcrest Manor; 2:30 p.m. exercise at Langtry Village; 3 p.m. bingo at Langtry Village.

RSVP

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is recruiting persons 55 years and older to volunteer with non-profit agencies. RSVP will match volunteers' skills and interests to community agencies' needs. The program is sponsored by Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair. Call 689-6693. Current opportunities include:

- United States Probation needs a support staff assistant to help send out verifications, type client contracts, copy pretrial files, do court filing, answer telephone and be a receptionist at the front window. Skills needed are typing, filing and knowledge of Corel 8 on the computer. Training and supervision provided.

■ Midland Rape Crisis Center needs volunteers to be family greeters. Duties include welcoming families, providing information packets, supervising children, serving refreshments to parents and children, assisting forensic interviewers and monitoring play area. Training required.

■ Community and Senior Services needs volunteers to help with Grocery Express program twice a month or as needed. Duties include picking up shopping list from homebound client, shopping and delivering groceries. Volunteers are matched with clients and given orientation.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Programs designed to protect seniors

By Alexandria L. Rose

AARP has issued position papers on anti-telemarketing fraud, regulation of assisted living facilities and a single long-term care agency. This information is significant to the well-being of the senior population.

What AARP reiterates about telemarketing fraud is that it is not just a nuisance, *it is a crime!* A fraudulent telemarketer is just as dangerous as a criminal.

The recent "Fraud, Scams and the Elderly" workshop at Midland College (March 23) gave those in attendance some good hard facts about what is going on. Telemarketing is a very big business, with 3.2 million people employed in the industry. Those people generate more than \$550 billion in revenue annually.

Telemarketers are slick professionals. Give them just a couple of minutes of conversation with a potential victim and they can determine what that person's "hot buttons" are and focus as scam on him or her.

A recent AARP study indicated that two-thirds of these victims cannot discern between legitimate and fraudulent telemarketers. The reported \$40 billion in annual fraud is just the tip of the iceberg, as only one in six victims reports the crime.

Texas has the dubious distinction of being ranked by the National Fraud Information Center as one of the three states with the highest incidences of reported telemarketing fraud.

Therefore, AARP selected Anti-Telemarketing Fraud for its number one priority during the 76th Texas legislative session. The bill nearly passed; however, telemarketers with their lobbyists were very effective.

AARP needs your support for enactment of legislation which will:

- Require telemarketers to be registered and bonded in Texas;
- Require written authorization for

withdrawal of funds from bank accounts or use of credit cards for each transaction;

- Ban the use of courier pick-ups;
- Establish "no-call" lists for those who don't wish to be solicited with penalties for non-compliance.

AARP's position paper on the assisted living industry states that this industry is experiencing the highest growth in long-term care services in the nation. Texas is second in assisted living constructed facilities. While Texas has enacted an Assisted Living law, there are no provisions to assess penalties for failure to comply with standards short of closure of the facility.

A typical assisted living resident is female, age 82 or older, who will pay between \$1800-\$3500 a month, depending upon the level of need. The resident is usually ambulatory, but needs assistance with two or more personal activities, such as bathing, grooming, dressing, eating and taking medications. Due to the broad definition of assisted living, the vast number of Texans living in these facilities and the tremendous growth of the industry, it is up to the Texas lawmakers to protect citizens by insuring that the assisted living facilities provide quality services in safe environments.

Texas took an excellent first step in establishing licensing for minimum standards and monitoring performance under SB93 from the 76th legislative session, SB200, which would have established penalties for failure to comply the the standards, did not pass.

AARP believes that assisted living facilities should be held accountable for all licensing regulations and for established standards of quality care. Required compliance should be enforced after a consultative approach has failed within a reasonable time frame.

There should also be enforceable procedures to apply appropriate penalty to correct problems or shut down a facility if the performance of the assisted living facility continuously falls below standard and/or there is an immediate threat to the health and safety of residents, or if there is fraudulent or negligent behavior by the

provider.

SB374 passed during the 76th legislative session, and is an attempt to navigate away from the maze system that seemed to be in place prior to the passage of this bill. The key provisions of SB374 are:

- Merge all long-term care programs except Mental Health and Mental Retardations community care agencies over four years into the Texas Department of Human Services.

■ Define long-term care services as "the provision of personal and assistance related to health and social services from episodically or over a substantial period to assist individuals of all ages and their families achieve the highest level of functioning possible regardless of the setting in which assistance is given."

■ Establish local entry points for long-term care services through agencies such as the Area Agency on Aging, Independent Living Centers, local government and non-profit organizations.

■ Retain the 28 Area Agencies on Aging system throughout the state.

■ Require coordination, planning, services delivery, consistent and standardized regulations, rate setting process and contract monitoring for long-term care providers and services.

■ Create an Aging Policy Council as a highly visible division whose purpose is to research aging issues and develop policy with a focus on healthy aging for Texas.

Locally, the Permian Basin Area Agency has coordinated an effort to develop a newly designed long-term care access system for this region of 17 counties. Final design will go before a review committee of the Health and Human Services Commission in May.

AARP remains committed to making long-term care available to all Texans who need it. AARP is equally committed to the Area Agency on Aging structure for delivery of services.

Alexandria L. "Alex" Rose is district coordinator for the American Association of Retired Persons.



Rose

Gettysburg guide sees changes, but story is same

Associated Press

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — After nearly 50 years of guiding tourists around the Gettysburg battlefield, 81-year-old James Tate said he still is not tired of telling the same story.

The three days of fighting in July 1863 always starts with the Confederate invasion of the North and ends with the Union army winning the pivotal victory over Confederate Gen. George Pickett.

"I try to make them feel like they are here at the time of the battle," said Tate, the oldest guide at Gettysburg. "You're as much an entertainer or storyteller as a historian."

Tate, a retired IBM and Westinghouse employee, said the average tourist knows a little more about the battle and about the Civil War. But 20 years ago, he said he often had people telling him about a father, grandfather or uncle who fought in the battle.

"It is not as common as it used to be," he said. "But you will get somebody who has read about a particular regiment and had a relative who fought there."

When Tate first put on the military-style olive drab uniform to start guiding — today the guides wear blue — and was issued badge 53, he could pretty much pick his route. Now, things are a lot less free, with one-way streets and lots of traffic.

But the typical battlefield tour still takes about two hours, and he still spends his time clearing up some of the same misconceptions.

"They still ask, 'Where was Grant in the battle?'" he said.

Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant was not at Gettysburg.



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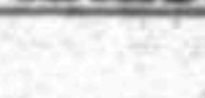
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'Antiques Roadshow' claims that two experts took it for a ride

BOSTON (AP) — On a 1997 segment of public TV's "Antiques Roadshow," a man shows an appraiser a Civil War sword he says he found in his attic. He says he used it to cut watermelon.

The appraiser seems delighted when presented with the weapon and tell the man it is worth \$35,000.

It's exactly the sort of scene viewers of the show have come to love. And it was as fake as a Grecian urn from Sears, the show's producers say.

The sword was indeed valuable. But the producers say the man with the sword was a friend of the appraiser's business partner, and the whole scene — the surprise, the delight, the part about the attic, the watermelon story — was staged.

The producers, WGBH-TV, have now severed ties with the appraiser, George Juno, and his then-business partner, Russ Pritchard.

"It was an extravagant deception" that violated the premise of the show, said Peter McGhee, WGBH vice president of national programs.

On "Antiques Roadshow," ordinary people bring in family heirlooms to learn whether they are junk or treasure. The show is watched by about 14 million people a week, and is going into its fifth year, having become such a phenomenon that it was used as a premise for an episode of TV's "Frasier."

Aging caused by errors in mitosis, researchers say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hair turning gray? Skin wrinkling? Muscles weaker? The inevitable signs of aging may be caused by a failure of quality control in your chromosomes and genes, a new study says.

Dr. Richard A. Lerner and his team at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif. compared the effects of aging on 6,000 genes and found that 61 key genes went through dramatic changes from the age 9 to 90.

It is these changes, he said in an interview, that cause the dramatic symptoms of aging.

"There are checkpoint genes that have to do with quality control in a cell," said Lerner. "These genes decide after a cell divides if it is good enough to live or not."

When the checkpoint genes fail, mistakes in DNA are perpetuated because the flawed cells then make new cells with the same genetic flaws, or worse.

This cascade of genetic goofs can eventually cause a loss of function that may include the typical symptoms of aging.

Thus, said Lerner, it is the "mismanagement" of these checkpoint genes "that is responsible for aging."

Lerner said the study, appearing Friday in the journal *Science*, eventually could lead to finding ways of controlling the aging process. But, for now, the work just gives science a new understanding of why all people suffer from what he called a common disease — aging.



AP Photo
Appraiser George Juno, left, examines a Civil War-era sword in an image from television of an episode of the "Antiques Roadshow" which was broadcast in 1997. WGBH-TV, the public broadcasting station that produces the show, said Wednesday that it has severed ties with Juno after determining the sword's appraisal was staged.

The show is made in cities around the country. Thousands of people show up at each taping and have their items examined by dozens of appraisers. Appraisers who think they have a good story and a good item approach the show's producers about appearing on the air.

McGhee said the station is removing all segments that include Juno and Pritchard from future shows and shows that might be rerun. It will also pull a fund-raising videotape that

includes the sword segment. Viewers who pledged \$75 for the tape can return it for a refund.

"Our objective at this point is to deny them any further benefit from association with the 'Roadshow,'" McGhee said. "I think they thought they were helping the show, but they were wrong."

Juno, contacted at his business in Allentown, Pa., denied doing anything wrong.

"There were no fake interviews. There was never proof," he said. "It was pressure put on the station

by our competitors in an attempt to get us off the show."

Pritchard didn't return messages left at his business in the Philadelphia area.

Appraisers on the show are not paid. But if they get on the show, they gain national publicity.

They also can distribute their business cards in the lobby of the

"Roadshow" site.

Juno and Pritchard have been experts on antique military items for the program and have appeared in less than half of the shows, McGhee said.

The Boston Herald reported Wednesday that the man who brought in the Confederate battle sword was a friend of Pritchard's. What's more, the newspaper

reported, the sword had been borrowed from a client of Juno's.

The episode aired during the show's first season.

Since the second year of the show, appraisers have had to sign agreements specifically forbidding such shenanigans.

However, McGhee said the agreements were not born out of suspicions of the appraisers.

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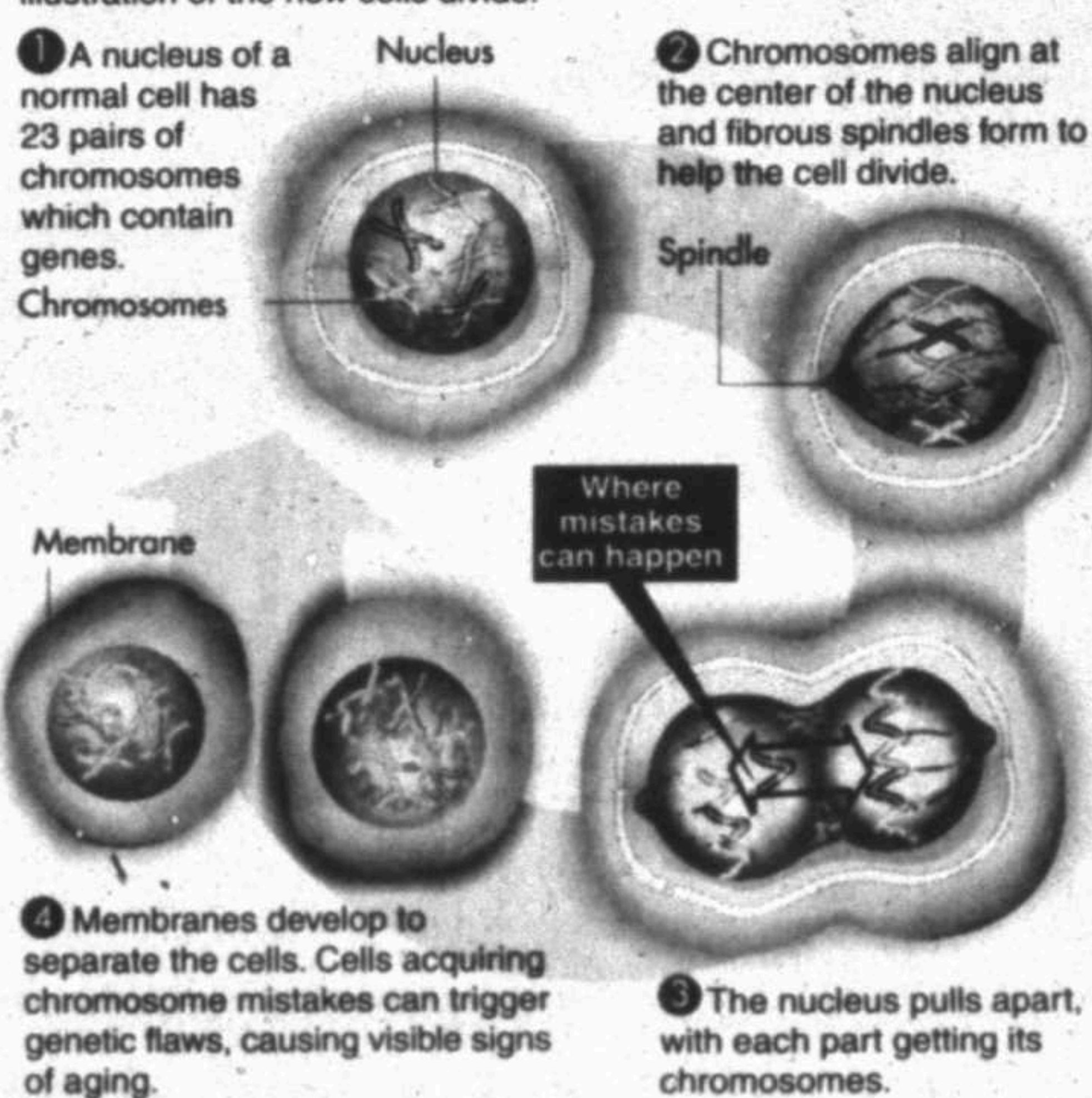
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How cells divide

A new study suggests that aging may be caused by mistakes in the transfer of genes and chromosomes during cell division. Here is an illustration of how cells divide.



Source: Science

Emily Holmes/AP

"This is an extremely interesting piece of work," said Dr. Leonard Guarente, a researcher of aging at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "but it is not a breakthrough."

Guarente said that the study used only laboratory cell lines and that further research is needed to show that the changes found in the laboratory work actually occur in living human beings.

Until that is done, he said, nothing has been proven by the research.

Lerner said the researchers found a consistent pattern of growing impairment in specific genes when comparing the cells of the young, middle-aged and

old.

The impairment found in the progeria cells, he said, closely matched those in the very old.

But Lerner said his study suggests the aging process involves mistakes in the transfer of chromosomes and genes from the old cells to the new cells, and the failure of quality control genes to find and fix these mistakes, or to eliminate the bad cells.

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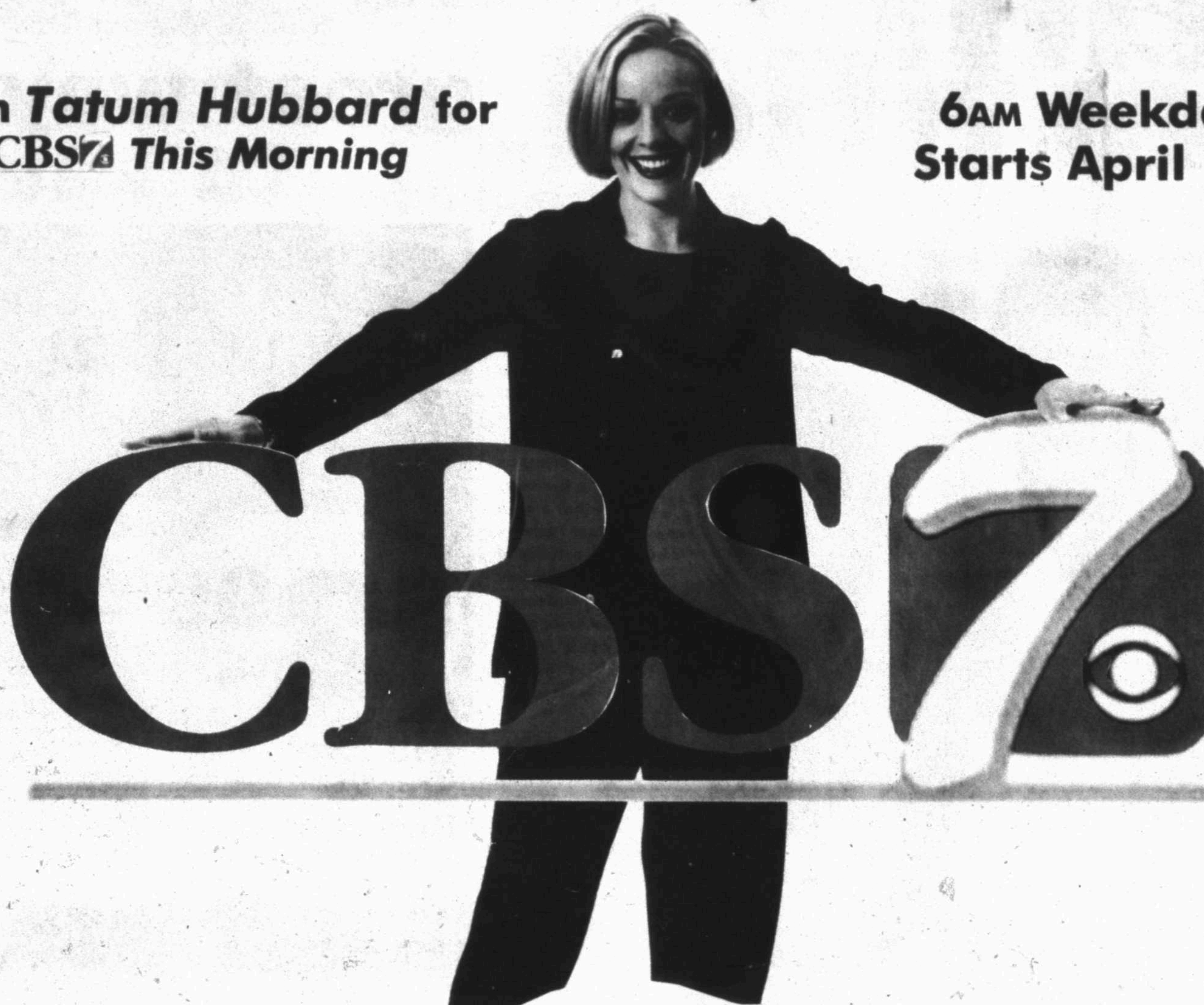
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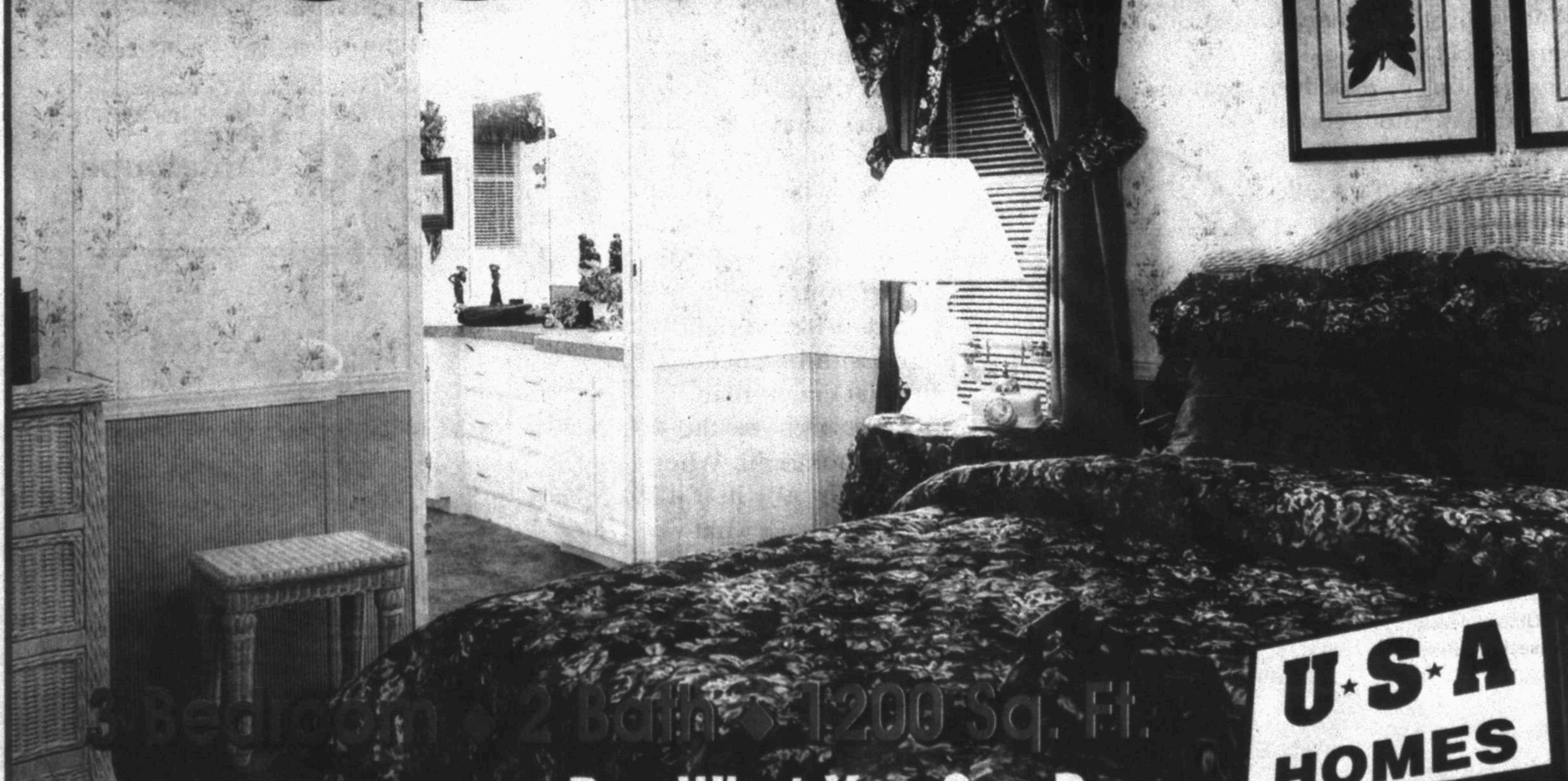
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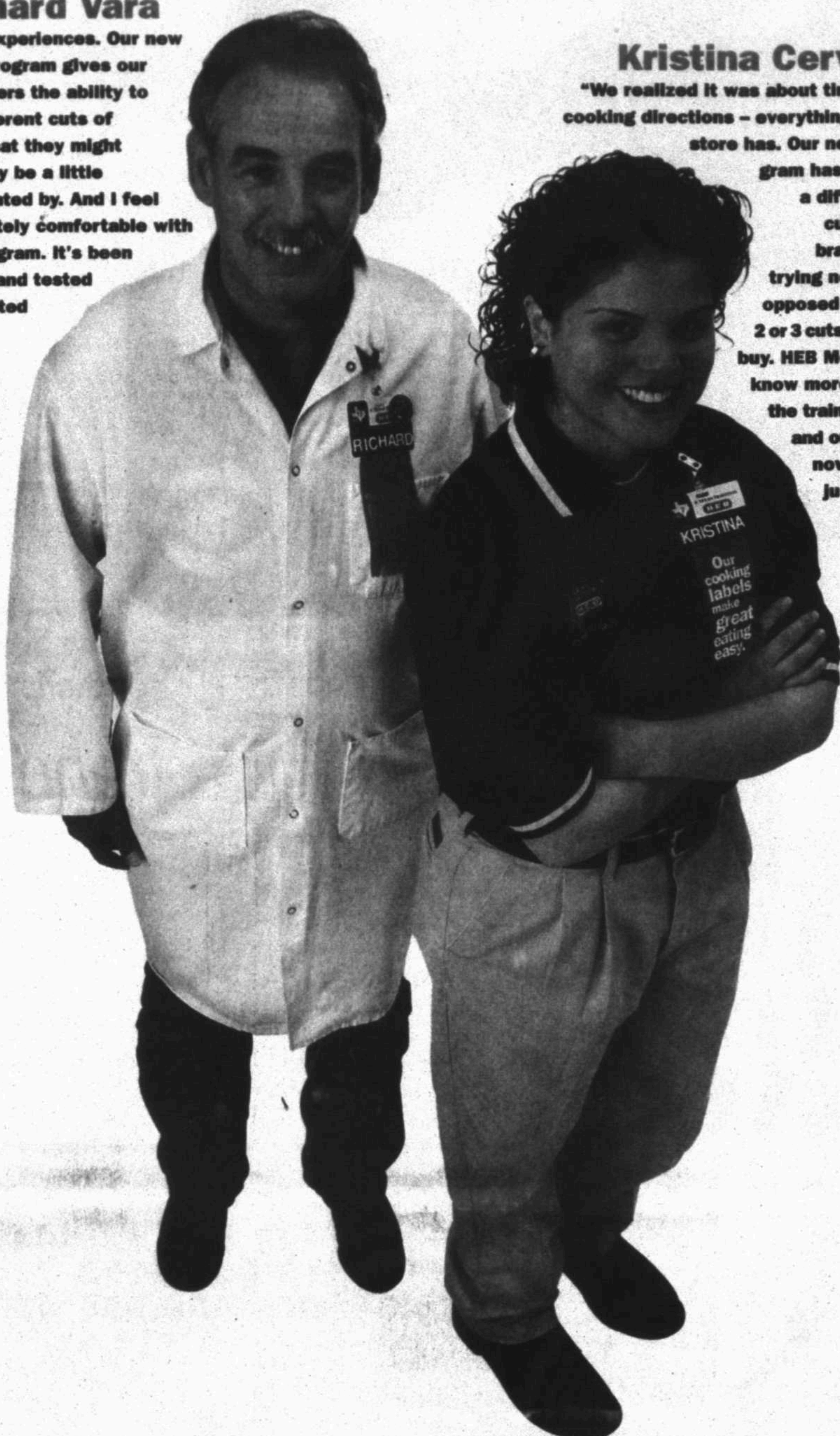
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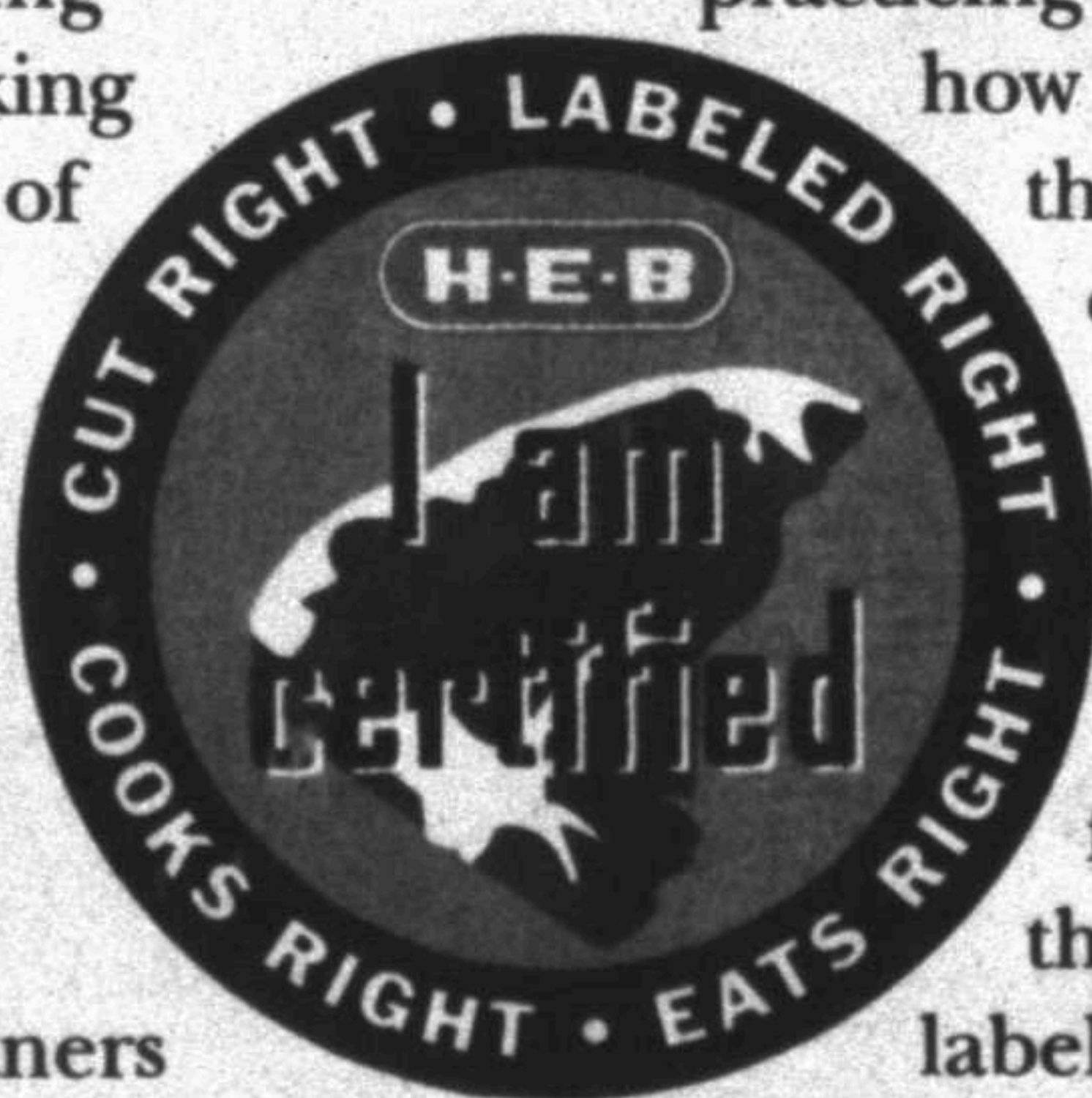


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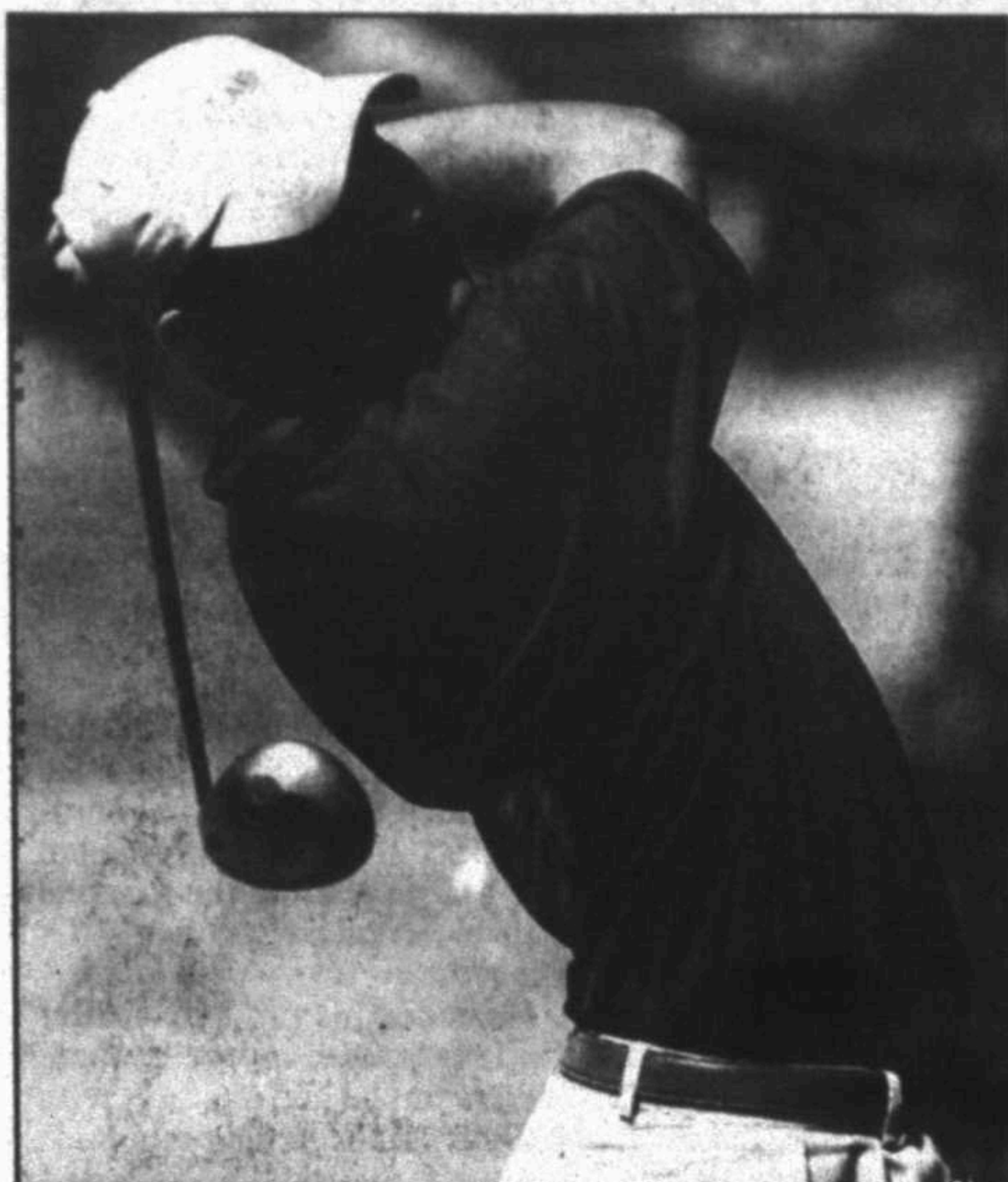
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Lee's Omar Sanchez tees off during the third round of the District 4-5A golf tour at Green Tree Country Club. Sanchez will take a three-stroke lead into next week's final round.

Setting up a showdown: Lee, Permian, Central turn District 4-5A golf into three-team race

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

You can't drive a screaming wedge between the team leaders in the District 4-5A boys golf race.

Thursday at Green Tree Country Club, Midland Lee fired its best team score in at least eight years with an 293 and Odessa Permian came from 13 shots back at the start of the day with a torrid even par 284. That left both teams tied for the district lead at 898 after three of four rounds.

And, oh yes, the 4-5A leader coming into the day, San Angelo Central, managed a 298 and is just one stroke off the pace.

That means these three teams will square off Monday at The Club at Mission Dorado at 8 a.m. Two will head for the Region I tourney in Lubbock on April 25-26 while the one loser will stay at home.

"It's simply unbelievable that after three rounds of golf there is only one stroke difference between the top three teams," said Lee golf coach Bobby

Dunn. "The (Green Tree) course is by far the best course we have played on. We had a perfect day for golf. And we have some great players. You just knew that would add up to some low scores.

"That's the best round of golf we've had in the eight years I've been the coach, and Permian's score was nine strokes better than us. That's some heavy duty golf right there."

Permian's Blake Parks had the only sub-par round of the day with a 70, but teammates Jarryd Foreman and Jeff Hogan both shot at even par. The fourth score to count was a one-over 72 by Chad Hanchev.

Central led Lee by four strokes coming in. The Bobcats still produced a fine round of 298, but lost ground, falling into third, but a close third.

"The final round is going to be exciting," said Central coach Rick Harvey. "It will probably depend on the weather in Odessa Monday. This

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It's a Shootout

The District 4-5A golf tour has turned into a three-horse race. Here are results after the third rounds of the District 4-5A boys golf championship held at Green Tree Country Club. The last round will be held Monday at The Club at Mission Dorado.

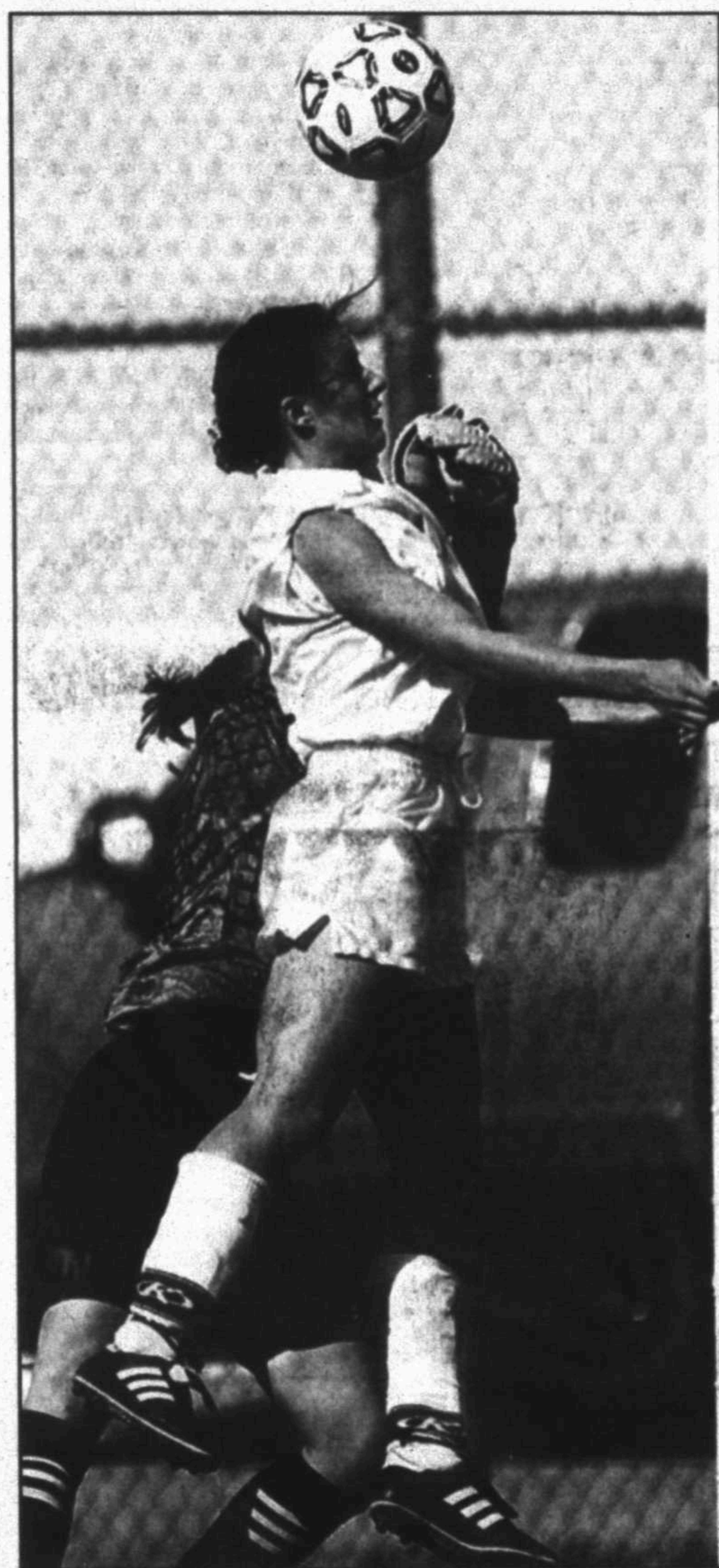
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- Ryan Eastman, SAC .77-72-75-224
- Daniel Campbell, MHS .70-79-77-226
- Chris Washburn, Lee .76-76-75-227
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BATTLE IN BEDFORD: THE REGION I-5A SOCCER TOURNAMENT



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Lee forward Linsey Johnson brushes up against Permian keeper Kourtney Pittman during the second half of the Region I-5A region quarterfinal game at Lee Soccer Field on Tuesday.

Return to Region

Lady Rebels hope to continue trend, take on Marcus for spot in I-5A final

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

BEDFORD — The Midland Lee girls' soccer team has a history of steady improvement over the past three years — from sectional qualifiers in 1997, to regional quarterfinalists in 1998, to regional semifinalists last year.

Today, the Lady Rebels will try to take that next step.

Lee (17-5) meets Flower Mound Marcus (16-3-3) in a regional semifinal playoff game at 1 p.m. at Pennington Field in this Fort Worth suburb. With a win, the Lady Rebels would advance further than any Lee soccer team ever has.

"I have every bit of confidence in the kids and their ability to play," Lee coach Mike Simpson said. "Their attitude is that they're very confident in their ability to play. We'll wait and see what happens, but we're ready to play. We're not going in timid, and we're capable of playing with anybody there."

Senior midfielder Amy Rankin is more direct.

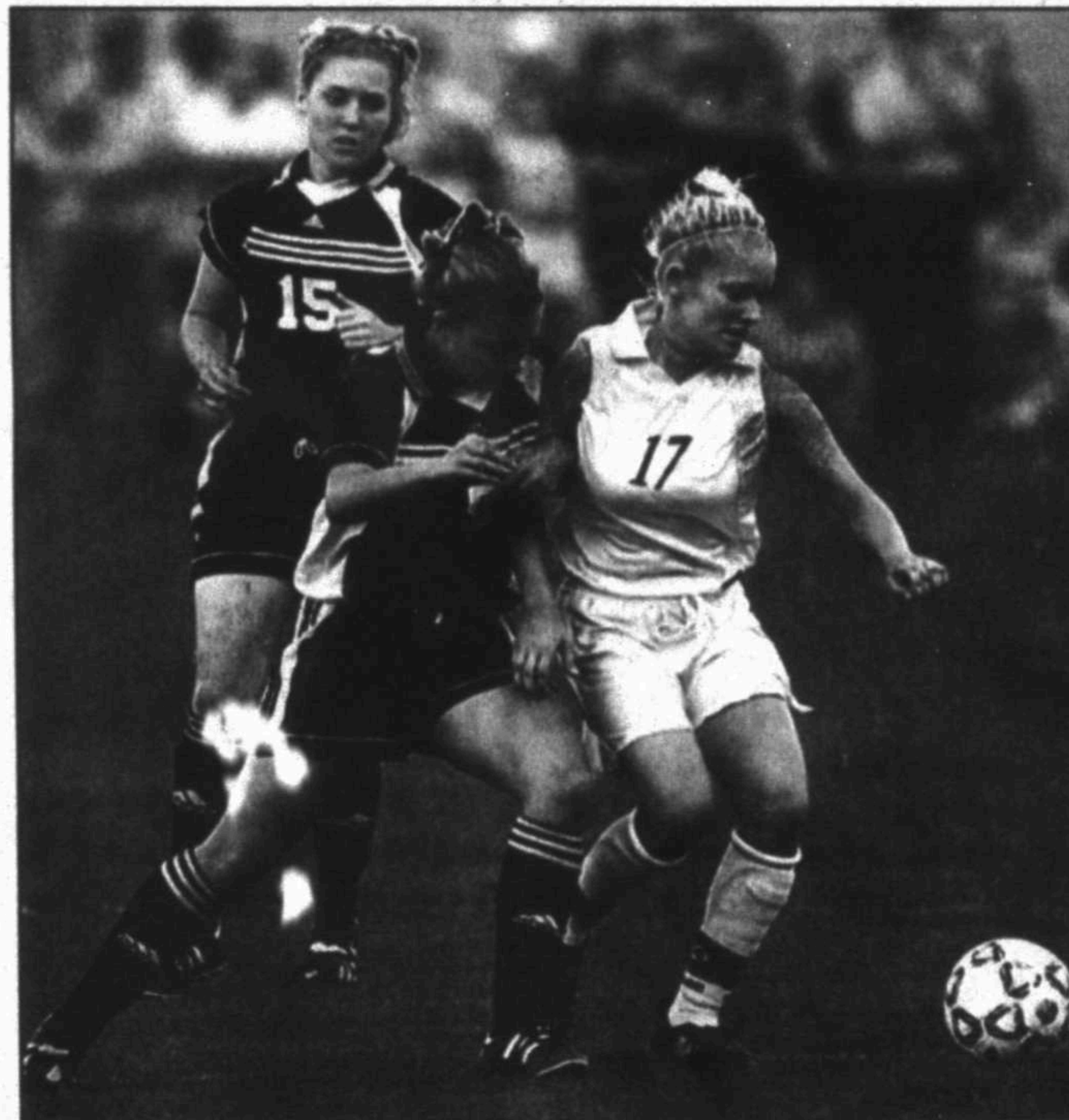
"We want to go one step further," Rankin said. "Hopefully two steps further."

As a senior, Rankin would naturally like to go out with a trip to Austin. But first things first: Marcus is a very good team.

The Marauders, ranked No. 2 in the area by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, come from the same district as Lewisville, the team that knocked Lee out last year in this same round with a 2-1 overtime win. Marcus finished second in District 5-5A, losing one and tying one with Lewisville, which won the district and will play San Angelo Central at 3 p.m. in the other semifinal.

That loss to Lewisville was Marcus' only loss on the field this year. Marcus was forced to forfeit two other games because of use of an ineligible player, who violated district residency rules.

"They're probably as good a team as we played last year," Simpson said, comparing Marcus to Lewisville. "They'll be a very good opponent. They've got a girl named (Sarah) Huffman that is supposed to be an outstanding athlete, and I think that she would be a counterpart to Linsey (Johnson, Lee's leading scorer). I understand that



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Lee's April Rankin (17) battles a Permian player for the ball during the teams' region quarterfinal Tuesday at Lee Soccer Field. Rankin and the rest of the Lady Rebels are in Bedford today, making their second trip to the Region I-5A Tournament. They will play Flower Mound Marcus at 1 p.m. at Pennington Field.

they're a ball control team, they're very physical, and they're very well established defensively."

Huffman and Tara Smith are Marcus' leading scorers, both with 18 goals. Huffman is one of five sophomores who start for Marcus, and she also has 16 assists to go with her 18 goals in only 19 games — she missed part of district play with an injury which has now healed. Another sophomore, Carrie Berend, has 12 goals in only nine games; she joined the soccer team only after basketball season was over.

Each of those three girls scored a goal in a 3-1 regional quarterfinal win over Arlington Martin on Tuesday. However, the

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Today's Games

**Region I-5A Tournament
At Pennington Field,
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Girls Semifinals
Midland Lee (17-5) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (16-3-3), 1 p.m.
San Angelo Central (17-8) vs. Lewisville (20-2-2), 3 p.m.

Boys Semifinals
Abilene High (19-4-1) vs. Arlington Martin (21-4), 5 p.m.
El Paso Hanks (22-4) vs. McKinney (20-2), 7 p.m.

4-5A at Region

Teams from Midland's soccer district which have competed at the Region I-5A Tournament:

GIRLS
Abilene Cooper, 1997
Midland Lee, 1999
Midland Lee, 2000
San Angelo Central, 2000

BOYS
San Angelo Central, 1993
Abilene High, 1994
Midland High, 1994
Odessa Permian, 1995
San Angelo Central, 1999
Abilene High, 2000

Lady Chaps host tourney, get ready for stretch run

Staff Report

The Midland College softball team is about to embark on the final stretch of its Western Junior College Athletic Conference season. Before the Lady Chaps do, they host the Midland College Softball Invitational.

The round-robin tournament starts at 9 a.m. today at the Bill Williams Softball Complex. Hill College, Howard and El Paso Community College will be here for the tournament.

MC plays games at 10:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.

Midland College's second-year softball coach Tommy Ramos said that the tournament is for the WJCAC teams to get at least five games in before resuming conference play April 14-15.

The Lady Chaps come in with a 29-11 record and Ramos feels good about his team's play so far.

"I think we're better than last year," Ramos said. "I think we're smarter at the plate and much more aggressive."

MC has a 5-3 record in conference and in a good position to take one of the two playoff spots out of the conference.

"It's going to be tough. It's just a shame that one of us has to stay home," Ramos said.

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Jackalopes' Season Ends

Game Score
Amarillo 4, Jacks 2.
Series Score
Rattlers win 2-0.
Game 2 Note
Odessa Jackalope star Paul Vincent did not play Thursday. He was told not to go on the trip by coach Don McKee.
Game 2 Note Part II
The Jacks, minus Vincent, only got two of 49 shots past Lubbock goaltender Neil Savory.

Lubbock wins game, series against Jacks

Staff Report

AMARILLO — If you blinked, you might have missed the fact that the Odessa Jackalopes were in the Western Professional Hockey League playoffs for the second year in a row.

Just like last season, the playoff run was short as the Jacks fell to the Lubbock Cotton Kings, 4-2, here Thursday night, losing two games in the best-of-three playoffs.

The Cotton Kings, a first year entry in the WPHL, advance to the second round against either Corpus Christi or El Paso, who are tied at 1-1 in their first round series.

Lubbock couldn't even put an end to this short series on its home ice since the Lub-

bock Coliseum was previously booked this week. So, it took its show to Amarillo for its "home" game against the Jacks.

A smallish crowd 1,024 was on hand for the neutral site game.

Lubbock defeated Odessa, 6-2, in Odessa on Tuesday in the first game.

This game proved to be over early since the Cotton Kings took a 4-2 lead in the second period on a goal by Mark Green with 34 seconds left in the period. Odessa had tied the game at 1-1 on a Rick Girhiny goal, but Lubbock answered with two goals to put it away.

Kyle Reeves gave the Cotton Kings a

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Jason Leffler of Long Beach, Calif., crosses the finish line to finish a qualifying lap for the NASCAR Busch Grand National Albertson's 300 at the Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth on Thursday. Leffler was fastest qualifier at 184.451 mph.

Labonte brothers return to Texas looking for TMS win

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH — Bobby and Terry Labonte come home this weekend, the former leading the NASCAR Winston Cup driver standings, the latter trying to win for the first time since last year's race at Texas Motor Speedway.

The brothers, Texas natives who now live closer to the NASCAR hub in North Carolina, have had success at the Fort Worth track. They are the only drivers to finish in the top 10 of all three Winston Cup races there.

In this weekend's DirecTV 500, Bobby Labonte tries to continue his fast Winston Cup start. He has five top-10 finishes in six races, including a victory at Rockingham, N.C., in February.

Terry Labonte wants to build on his best finish of the season, fifth last weekend at Bristol, Tenn. His first top five of the season pushed him up three spots to ninth in the driver standings.

And he'd like to repeat the scene of a year ago, when he passed Dale Jarrett on the 323rd of 334 laps and went on to win his 21st Winston Cup race.

"When I passed him, I saw everybody in the stands stand up," Terry Labonte said. "Most of the time when you're racing, you don't notice the people in the stands. I noticed them there. The

Driver Standings

1. Bobby Labonte, 944; 2. Ward Burton, 903; 3. Mark Martin, 900; 4. Dale Jarrett, 826; 5. Dale Earnhardt, 813; 6. Rusty Wallace, 773; 7. Ricky Rudd, 758; 8. Jeff Burton, 759; 9. Terry Labonte, 731; 10. Jeff Gordon, 721; 11. Bill Elliott, 718; 12. Tony Stewart, 700; 13. Jeremy Mayfield, 693; 14. Sterling Marlin, 684; 15. Chad Little, 681; 16. Johnny Benson, 664; 17. Ken Schrader, 653; 18. Matt Kenseth, 637; 19. Mike Skinner, 630; 20. Davey Hamilton, 609.

NASCAR Winners

The NASCAR Winston Cup schedule, winners in parentheses, and driver point standings:
Feb. 20 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Dale Jarrett); Feb. 27 — Dura Lubefast 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Bobby Labonte); March 5 — Castrol 500, Las Vegas, (Jeff Burton); March 12 — Cracker Barrel 500, Hampton, Ga. (Dale Earnhardt); March 19 — Mobil 1 400, Darlington, S.C. (Ward Burton); March 26 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Rusty Wallace); West Four Races
April 2 — DirecTV 500, Fort Worth, Texas; April 9 — Goody's 500, Martinsville, Va.; April 16 — DieHard 500, Talladega, Ala.; April 30 — NAPA Auto Parts 500, Fontana, Calif.

whole place was standing up cheering. It was pretty exciting."

Texas Motor Speedway could provide a boost for Terry Labonte, who has just five top-10 finishes in 34 races since his last victory. Last year, he failed to finish in the top 10 in the standings for the first time since 1993.

"Some drivers have certain tracks they like and tracks where they get around well. Texas is one

of those tracks for Terry. I don't know why," said Gary Dehart, his crew chief. "If a driver likes a track, part of your battle is won for you already."

Familiarity and success are probably the reasons Terry Labonte likes Texas Motor Speedway, where this week he will be making a NASCAR-record 643rd consecutive start. Before his 1999 victory, he finished sixth in 1998 and fourth in the inaugural race in 1997.

The Labonte brothers tested at the track when it was new and were there for testing again last year.

"Every time we've been there, we've run well," Terry Labonte said. "It's a good place to run well at. They've made some great improvements, and it's a good track. It's pretty special to go down there and run good."

Terry Labonte was 44th in qualifying Thursday for this weekend's Busch race at Texas Motor Speedway, and will try again Friday to get into the 36-car field. Bobby Labonte will join him for Winston Cup qualifying.

Racing in their home state creates a crazier-than-usual schedule.

"Yeah, it's the same thing, but it is a little crazy," Bobby Labonte said. "They do have me running around quite a bit. So it is busier, but it's not bad."

Fort Worth tornado creates no problems for Speedway

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH — With thousands of campers already on the grounds and preparations underway for two NASCAR races this weekend, Texas Motor Speedway officials keep a cautious eye on Tuesday's storm as it approached, but missed them.

"If you didn't believe in God, you should have been here Tuesday. You could see it coming, and it split ... it went north and south of us," Eddie Gossage, the track's general manager, said Thursday. "I definitely believe God played a role in that because there were thousands of people in the campground."

While only a little bit of rain fell at Texas Motor Speedway during the Tuesday evening storm, a tornado went through downtown Fort Worth about 15 miles south and did at least \$450 million damage. At least one more tornado went through Arlington and Grand Prairie, heavily damaging houses and leaving some people homeless. Four people

were killed and a fifth person is presumed dead.

There were no ill-effects at the track, where more than 200,000 people are expected for Sunday's NASCAR Winston Cup race, the DIRECTV 500. More than half of that total are likely to be at Saturday's Busch race.

Even though some areas of downtown Fort Worth remained closed to the public, Gossage said he doesn't believe attendance will be affected.

"The people that by and large are coming have tickets and are coming from all over the world," Gossage said.

Gossage didn't know how many people were staying at hotels in the downtown area, but a couple of hotels were trying to relocate people if necessary, he said.

Thousands of race fans sleep at the track in mobile homes, trailers or tents. Many of them were already in place Tuesday, and were warned by track security personnel of the approaching storm.

bride doesn't remember it.

"They are the brides right now. Remember everything that's happening, keep a smile on your face, take great pictures and when it's time to say, 'I do,' get to work."

Beating UConn is quite a task, but Portland and Penn State are not new to upsets. The Lady Lions have knocked off third-seeded Iowa State and top-seeded Louisiana Tech on their way to Philadelphia. Before this year, they'd upset 17 opponents ranked ahead of them in Portland's 19 seasons.

"I haven't read too much about the matchups as far as UConn and Tennessee goes," Garner said. "I know we're not going to let them get there easily."

Portland, who coached St. Joseph's in the 1970s, brought her team to the old Fieldhouse on 54th and City Line for practice Wednesday. Afterward, the Lady Lions convened at Garner's house. The point guard who was born in Philly and is a cousin of former Philadelphia running back Charlie Garner.

Though Portland has the relaxed demeanor of a winner — she won three straight national titles playing for Cathy Rush at Immaculata — her players could be show-

ing some of the classic signs of "First Timers Syndrome."

UConn holds another advantage, having beaten Penn State 87-74 in December.

Houston's Drexler resigns

By C. Bryson Hull
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Clyde Drexler ended a two-year stint as coach of the Houston basketball team Thursday, returning to private life after an all-star career as an NBA player.

Drexler said he made a difficult choice between basketball and parenting.

"It could not get any harder. You just can't do both," he said. "Because coaching is a challenge, it makes you want to come back. But if you do, you know you're going to be negligent in other areas."

"I don't want my kids to grow up and not have an active part in their upbringing, and that's what it comes down to," Drexler said.

Drexler acknowledged he has thought about leaving almost since he started coaching almost immediately after his retirement from the NBA.

"Because of the time that it takes in the coaching profession, in the first week I was thinking, 'Boy, this is going to be a little bit more difficult than I

thought,'" Drexler said. "But in an effort to try to help out and get it back, I hung in there, stuck with it and did as well as I could."

Drexler came to Houston in 1998, hoping to take the school back to the basketball prominence it enjoyed in the early 1980s when Drexler was a member of the famed Phi Slama Jama teams that went to the Final Four three straight years. Drexler was a member of the first two of those teams.

In two seasons, Drexler's teams had records of 10-17 and 9-22.

Chet Gladchuk, Houston's athletic director, said he couldn't blame Drexler for leaving.

"He jump-started some things we asked him to do," Gladchuk said, crediting Drexler with bringing alumni back to the campus and improving recruiting.

"We were very competitive this past year," he added. "We've taken a giant step forward. We had a great recruiting class this year. What we've got to do now is capitalize on that and make sure it moves forward."

Gladchuk said it was too soon to comment on who might replace Drexler.

Houston loses five seniors, including point guard Gee Gervin.

Drexler leaves behind an outstanding recruiting class led by forward-center Alton Ford of Houston-Milby. Ford was last season's Greater Houston high school player of the year and will give the Cougars a much-needed big man.

Drexler played most of his 15-year pro career with Portland. He was traded to Houston in February 1995 and was instrumental that year in leading the Rockets to their second consecutive NBA title.

He ended his pro career after the 1998 season as one of three players in league history with 20,000 points, 6,000 rebounds and 6,000 assists.

Catchings earns top honor

■ AP also names Connecticut's Geno Auriemma as its top coach.

By Chuck Schoffner
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Tamika Catchings succeeded with her skill on the court, Geno Auriemma with his work on the sideline. Both have their teams in the NCAA Final Four and they were honored Thursday as The Associated Press player and coach of the year in women's basketball.

Catchings has led Tennessee to a 32-3 record with her solid and often brilliant all-around play and kept the player of the year award in the Lady Vols' court for the third straight season.

Former teammate Chamique Holdsworth won in 1998 and 1999.

Auriemma, who has turned Connecticut into one of the nation's strongest and most visible programs, received the coach of the year award for the third time. His team is 34-1 and was ranked No. 1 all season.

"Awards come to a team," Auriemma said. "If you play for a great team or you're part of a great team, you get an award. I'm sure it's more of an honor for Tamika to play with her team, just like it's more of an honor for me to coach ours."

"Somebody has to step up and receive the awards, but it wouldn't happen without a great team."

In a vote of AP member newspapers and broad-

cast outlets nationwide, Catchings edged Connecticut's Svetlana Abrosimova 19-16. UConn's Shea Ralph was third with 12 votes. Auriemma received 22 votes, four more than Oklahoma's Sherri Coale.

Catchings, a 6-foot-1 junior, has been collecting awards throughout her Tennessee career. She is a second-team AP All-American as a freshman, when Tennessee won the national championship, and earned first-team honors the past two years. This year, she was the leading vote-getter.

On a team with outstanding balance, Catchings leads the Lady Vols in scoring (15.7), rebounding (7.9) and steals (2.8) and is second in assists. She's a fierce defender and as she proved against Texas Tech in the Midwest Regional final, she plays even when hurt.

Catchings sprained her right ankle in the first half, returned seven minutes later with it heavily taped and finished with 16 rebounds, six assists and three steals as the Lady Vols won 57-44.

Auriemma's team has swept through the season with the best record in the country. The Huskies' only loss was by one point at home to Tennessee and that was after they had won at Tennessee.

In his 15th season at UConn, Auriemma is 391-95 with three previous Four Final appearances and a national championship in 1995. He also was the AP coach of the year in 1995 and '97. Through it all, he has found there's always something to learn.

Defense should be on display as Tennessee battles Rutgers

By Chuck Schoffner
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Nothing will come cheaply when Rutgers faces Tennessee at the NCAA Final Four. The way these two play defense, every shot, every point will be earned.

Rutgers is the one with the reputation for defense. The Scarlet Knights use a suffocating matchup zone, born of coach Vivian Stringer's long association with John Chaney at Cheney State, and they play it ferociously.

But Tennessee (32-3), which meets Rutgers (26-7) in the national semifinals Friday night, also plays some mean defense. In fact — and this might be hard for the Scarlet Knights to believe — Tennessee's defensive numbers in the NCAA tournament are even better than Rutgers'.

"We take great pride in our defense," said Tennessee's Tamika Catchings, the national player of the year. "We know that's how you're going to win. Out of six days a week that we practice, we spend five days on defense. That's how much defense means to this team."

It certainly means a lot to Rutgers, which doesn't have the offensive prowess of Tennessee. The Scarlet Knights shift their zone so quickly and play the passing angles so well that it's almost like facing

a man-to-man. An opponent is never free of a defender.

Georgia had so much trouble figuring out how to attack it in the West Regional final that the Lady Bulldogs scored only seven points in the first 15:55. Rutgers won 59-51 to earn its first Final Four trip.

In four NCAA games, Rutgers has allowed an average of 51.3 points and held opponents to 35 percent shooting. Thirteen teams never got out of the 40s against

the Scarlet Knights this season and that includes top-ranked Connecticut in one of its three victories over Rutgers.

Tennessee, seeking its seventh national championship, also has stifled its NCAA tournament foes, holding them to 49.5 points a game and 34 percent shooting. That defense was critical in the Midwest Regional final against Texas Tech. The Lady Vols shot only 33 percent but won 57-44.

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By The Associated Press

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Philadelphia 44 29 62.0 0

New York 31 40 43.8 13

Washington 25 47 34.7 20

Central Division

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Indiana 47 24 66.2 0

Toronto 40 31 56.3 7

Charlotte 39 31 55.7 7

Atlanta 26 45 36.6 21

Chicago 14 51 18.9 33

Western Division

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Utah 48 22 68.6 0

San Antonio 44 27 62.0 1

Dallas 31 40 43.8 13

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Houston 27 45 38.2 19

Vancouver 19 51 27.1 29

Pacific Division

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Friday's Games

Agbayani's grand slam lifts Mets

By Ben Walker
AP Baseball Writer

TOKYO — Because of Benny Agbayani, the New York Mets are taking back more than kimonos, Pokemon cards and pearls from Japan. Agbayani, ticketed for the minors in 10 days, made the most of his only at-bat at the Tokyo Dome. He lined a pinch-hit grand slam in the 11th inning Thursday night and the Mets beat the Chicago Cubs 5-1 for a season-opening split.

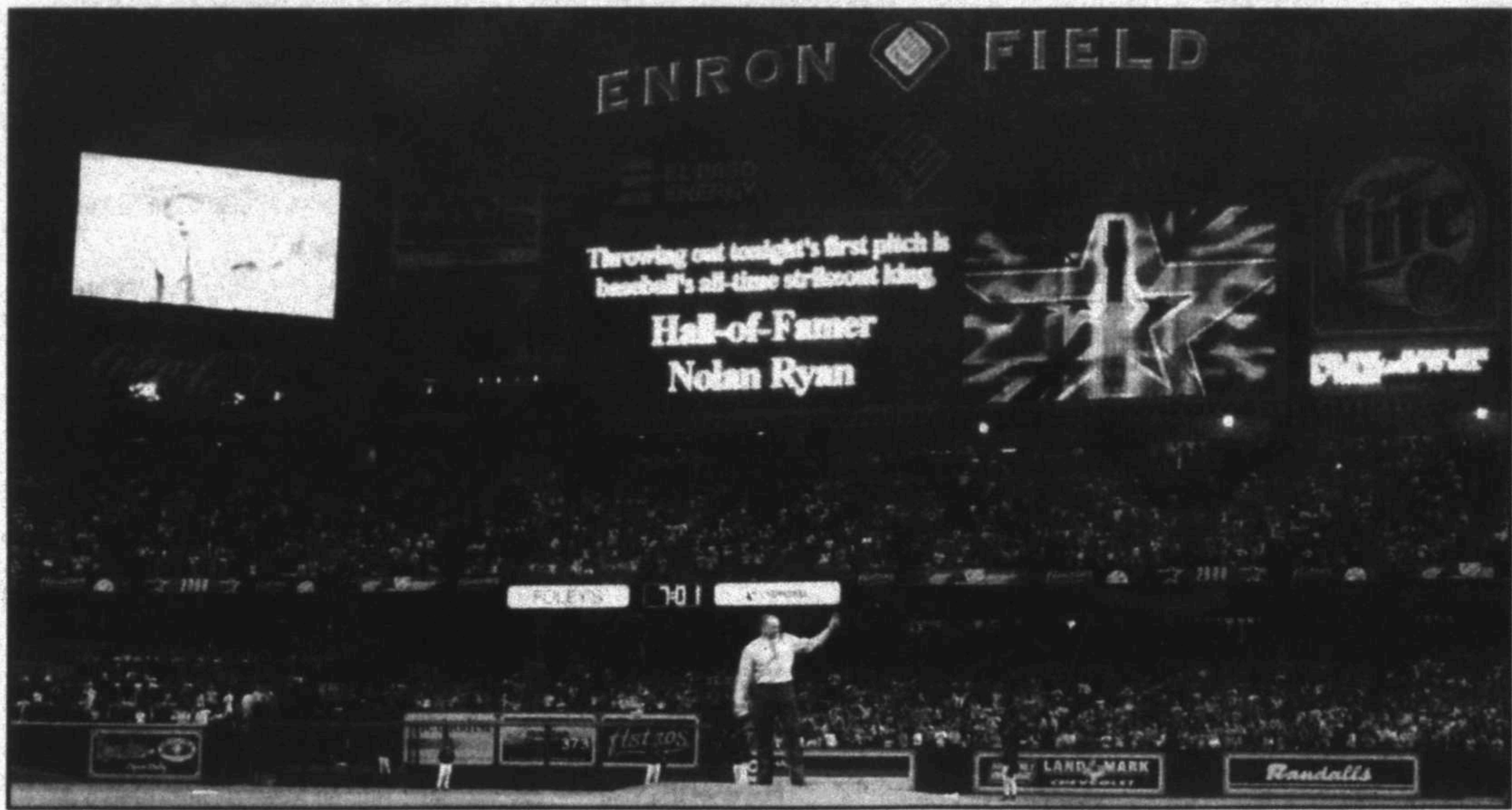
"I'm glad he was here today, that's for sure," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said. "Benny's a big boy, and baseball's a game that's not always fair."

In Japan, home runs that end the game are called "sayonara" shots. Because he connected with two outs in the top half of the inning, Agbayani's blow did not qualify for that title, not that it mattered to him.

An hour later, the park was being prepared for Friday night's opener between the Tokyo

Yomiuri Giants and Hiroshima Carp. The major league baseball logo behind home plate was being scraped off — a crew of 14 working with wire brushes needed four hours to do it.

The glow of success of this two-game series, however, was bound to last a lot longer. It might even encourage other international trips, albeit ones without Mark McGwire, whose opposition led to the St. Louis Cardinals turning down this tour.



Nolan Ryan acknowledges the crowd before throwing out the first ceremonial pitch at the new Enron Field before the inaugural exhibition game between the Houston Astros and New York Yankees Thursday night in Houston.

Astros, Yanks open Enron

By Mark Babineck
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Fans cheered when Enron Field's doors officially opened Thursday afternoon. Their mood only got better upon first inspection of the sunny grass field of the Houston Astros' new home.

"You know, I kind of have a lump in my throat," said longtime fan Wade Upton. "This really shows Houston is back. State of the art, top of the world. That's how it should be."

Upton's brother, Dave, got his 53rd birthday celebration off to a memorable start when Astros outfielder Julio Lugo tossed a practice ball up to his perch on the balcony that juts over the left-center field warning track.

The New York Yankees, who played the first game in the Astrodome 35 years ago, were on hand to open Houston's new stadium in an exhibition game. The Astros won 6-5.

The 40,624 fans who attended Houston's first outdoor major-

Enron Park Firsts

Though it was an exhibition, the Houston Astros and New York Yankees provided a night of firsts for Enron Field, the new retractable-roof ballpark in downtown Houston. Among them:

- First pitch—Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan.
- First live pitch—Dwight Gooden, Houston, ball low.
- First batter—Houston native Chuck Knoblauch, New York.
- First out—Derek Jeter, New York, grounder to pitcher.
- First hit—Jeff Bagwell, Houston, single in first.
- First run—Craig Biggio, Houston, third trying.
- First batting practice home run—Chris Holt, Houston pitcher.
- First live home run—Flicky Leode, New York, solo to right field in sixth.

league game in 36 years were greeted by sunshine, mild temperatures and low humidity one day after Houston endured the kind of shirt-soaking mugginess that inspired the Astrodome a generation before.

Many fans entered through the refurbished Union Station building, the city's primary train depot

until falling into disrepair in the 1970s. Some immediately flocked to the seats set 315 feet down the left-field line, which Ken Caminiti was busy peppering with batting practice homers.

"This is the best ballpark Houston ever had," veteran Astros fan Mike Maher said as he and others in the Crawford Street boxes stretched for souvenir balls.

Traffic in this historically blighted northeast corner of downtown was under control by mid-afternoon even as rush hour and incoming baseball fans converged.

For Jose Saldana, co-owner of Mexican restaurant Habanero Blue two blocks east, the thought of at least 81 home dates a year brought a smile as he surveyed his three-month-old eatery.

"Out of 40,000 people, if I get 200 of them I'm happy," Saldana said.

Typical of the area that includes the third-largest county jail system in the country, there are more bail bondsmen than restaurants within two blocks.

Though an upscale high-rise housing development soon will sprout just beyond center field, some of the nearest residents to the park currently are homeless men at the Star of Hope mission, just a couple of Jeff Bagwell homers up the street.

"They need to hire some of these people," off-and-on shelter dweller Leo Sentera said. "They need to put some of these people back to work."

Sentera said police rarely hassled anyone camping out in this section of town until this year, dispersing them to shelters or less-visible campsites, such as under nearby U.S. Highway 59.

"We feel kind of bad that they moved us aside, but I understand that it's all about money," said Melvin Jones, who said he has spent many a night sleeping on nearby La Branch street.

Yet, both Sentera and Jones, wearing a circa-1990 Astros batting practice jersey, say they welcome the stadium.

"This area needed it," Sentera said.



Midland High's Daniel Campbell follows through on a tee shot during the third round of the District 4-5A golf tour at Green Tree Country Club on Thursday. Campbell is tied for seventh place in the medalist standings.

DISTRICT 4-5A GOLF

Thursday's results from the third of four rounds in the District 4-5A boys golf championship held at Green Tree Country Club.

Team Standings

1. (Tie) Midland Lee, 310-295-293-898; 3. San Angelo Central, 304-297-298-899; 4. Abilene Cooper, 316-294-303-913; 5. Midland High, 311-310-308-929; 6. Odessa Permian II, 320-313-313-951; 7. Midland High II, 323-331-312-966; 8. Odessa High, 323-334-316-973; 9. Abilene Cooper II, 322-326-340-988; 10. San Angelo Central II, 330-321-328-979; 11. Abilene High, 334-329-332-995; 12. Midland Lee II, 326-342-339-1007; 13. Abilene High II, 346-336-352-1034; 14. Odessa High II, 362-362-354-1078.

Medalist Race

(Top 10 Make All-District)

1. Omar Sanchez, Lee, 78-66-71-215; 2. Chad Hanchey, Permian, 70-76-71-220; 3. Matthew Smith, Cooper, 76-72-71-218; 4. Jay Foreman, Permian, 73-76-71-220; 5. Zach Drennan, San Angelo, 78-73-72-223; 6. Jason Chesser, San Angelo, 73-79-74-225; 7. (Tie) Ryan Eastman, San Angelo, 77-72-75-224; and Daniel Campbell, Midland High, 70-79-77-228; 9. (Tie) Chris Washburn, Lee, 78-76-75-227; and Austin Ingram, Cooper, 77-73-77-227.

Medalist Race

Midland Lee: Omar Sanchez, 78-66-71-215; Daniel Pender, 78-79-72-229; Chris Washburn, 76-76-75-227; Justin Smith, 78-77-79-234; Tommy Fioretti, 80-76-75-231.

Midland High II: Jon Cotton, 84-83-82-249; Chase Yador, 78-85-85-248; Anthony Moreno, 81-86-88-265; Chad Wheeler, 84-85-84-263.

Midland High: Jason Lindgren, 82-74-75-231; Daniel Campbell, 70-79-77-228; Zach Caution, 78-83-79-240; Micah Malouf, 81-78-77-236; Blake Braun, 82-79-81-242.

Midland High II: Justin Scott, 77-79-79-235; Connor Ewing, 81-80-75-238; Ryan Slack, 80-78-74-245; Trey Allen, 92-79-85-256; Alan McGuire, 83-86-80-249. Medalists: Robert Ramos, 86-86-84-255; Lane Brannum, 85-84-80-249.

Odessa Permian: Blake Parks, 78-81-70-229; Jarryd Foreman, 73-76-71-220; Chad Hanchey, 70-76-72-218; Jeff Hogan, 83-77-71-231; Matt Lloyd, 76-82-81-239.

Odessa Permian II: Brian Milson, 89-77-82-248; Jay Arick, 81-80-81-242; Jeff Murray, 77-79-73-229; Brett Felker, 86-76-77-239; Willie Justis, 83. Medalists: Tyler Barcona, 79-87-84-250; Johnny Kidd, 82-84-77-243.

San Angelo Central: Jason Chesser, 73-78-74-225; Zach Drennan, 78-73-72-223; Ryan Albert, 82-77-77-236; Chad Spruell, 76-75-85-236; Ryan Eastman, 77-72-75-224.

San Angelo Central II: Moritz Rappell, 87-82-84-253; Josh Tanner, 85-77-83-245; Jarrod Tanner, 78-80-74-232; Trey Johnson, 80-80-87-257; Stephen Elder, 88-82-88-258. Medalists: Will Harper, 100; Eric Russell, 84.

Abilene Cooper: Michael Watson, 81-80-78-239; Matthew Smith, 76-72-71-219; Drew Vamer, 82-77-77-236; Britt Shamock, 85-72-82-239; Austin Ingram, 77-73-77-227.

Abilene Cooper II: Andrew Wallace, 77-84-86-246; Chad Keese, 80-81-86-247; Justin Mendoza, 84-81-88-253; Nick Atkinson, 81-82-85-248. Medalists: Chase Hutto, 89; Brandon Simpkins, 91.

Odessa High: Jamie Luna, 79-81-73-233; Kyle Davis, 85-83-252; Houston Bright, 79-83-80-242; Jordan Evans, 81-87-83-251; Eric Hudson, 81-81-80-252.

Odessa High II: Warren Graves, 84-88-83-251; Boone Cowan, 95-92-91-278; Aaron Wood, 105-88-91-294; Eli Kidd, 87-84-97-278; Roger Lassiter, 98-88-89-278. Medalists: Dustin Unger, 99-112-106-317; Ryan Holliman, 100.

Abilene High: Kyle Moore, 81-87-84-252; Isaiah Martinez, 84-77-87-248; Chris Perkins, 86-84-83-253; Adam Calderon, 87-81-82-250; Spencer Day, 84-72-83-239.

Abilene High II: Jarrod McCollum, 94-85-84-263; Kevin Ching, 90; Aaron Lashley, 88-81-89-268; Aaron Reddell, 87-88-90-265; Bryan Levette, 104-88-89-281. Medalists: Aaron Clark, 95-84-82-281; Jay Tippen, 95.

GOLF: Rebels' Sanchez holds 3-stroke advantage

(From 1C)

should really be a fun round." Lee countered with an even-par 71 from junior Omar Sanchez, who now leads the medalist race by three strokes, 215-218, over Permian's Hanchey.

Sanchez, who shot the tour's best round with a 66 in Abilene last week, started the Green Tree day with an eagle on No. 1, dropping a shot from 80 yards away.

"I struggled some after the quick start," Sanchez said, "but I finished OK. I feel good about going into the last round. What you want to do is give yourself a chance to win (the medalist title) on the last day. I've done that."

Lee was greatly aided by a one-over-par 72 from Daniel Pender while Chris Washburn and Tommy Fioretti both carded 75s. Pender's 72, however, brought a smile to Dunn's face when that score came in.

"That really helped," said Dunn, who knew that Sanchez was having a big round.

Midland High is 31 strokes off the pace and probably out of the region running, but the Bulldogs put together a nice round of 308 Monday. Jason Lindgren, playing at No. 1 for MHS, led the way with a 75 while Daniel Campbell and Micah Malouf came in at 77.

Campbell's three-round total of 226 is in a tie for seventh place overall. Campbell could still earn a region medalist berth with a good round Monday. He would have to improve by one place and hope there is not more than one player on a non-region qualifying team ahead of him. A good round could take care of that.

So, there is plenty of pressure waiting in the cooker come Monday in Odessa. There will be some elated winners and some heart-broken losers.

Ahearn leads field at Senior Tradition

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Put the corporate outings on hold. Jim Ahearn is on a roll.

Ahearn, whose success at top-dollar golf camps far outweighs his success as a tour pro, is close to catching up. He shot a 7-under-par 65 Thursday for a one-stroke lead over Tom Kite and Walter Morgan in the first round of the Tradition.

Only a handful of others were close as the Cochise Course at Desert Mountain, set up for the first Senior PGA major of the season, played tougher than Ahearn could remember.

"If you drive it in the rough here, you've got problems," said the resident of nearby Paradise Valley. "They've got some thick rough. They had to be spending some money on fertilizer here."

Larry Nelson was alone in fourth at 68, with Jay Sigel, Bob Dickson, and Vicente Fernandez at 69.

Kite had the second-best round of his rookie season, but the course took a toll of other noted players.

Four-time Tradition winner

Jack Nicklaus, who designed the course, was eight shots off the pace in a group that also included two-time Tradition champion Gil Morgan, defending champion Graham Marsh and Senior rookie Lanny Wadkins.

Bruce Fleisher, the only player to win two titles this year, shot 74, and Hale Irwin, who won 21 times in three previous seasons, continued his 2000 struggles with a 4-over 76.

While others were making headlines, Ahearn toiled in obscurity on the PGA Tour during the 1970s, never finishing higher than ninth in 60 tournaments.

He went to work as the head pro at the Des Moines Golf and Country Club in 1980 and five years later founded Executive Golf Ltd., overseeing 100-guest golf weekends for clients like Ford and Lincoln-Mercury.

But Ahearn kept his eye on the senior tour, and played in 16 events last year after he turned 50 in February. He picked his spots between golf outings, won the Canada Senior Open and finished with \$478,963 as one of the tour's success stories.

LOCAL SPORTS

Ranchland downs GTCC

The Ranchland Hills Country Club ladies downed Green Tree Country Club, 74.9-75.8 in a challenge golf match Thursday at the RHCC course.

Ranchland's Jo Dickson won low gross honors with a 77 while Green Tree's Letitia Collins posted an 82.

In the net competition, Green Tree's Evelyn Davis had a 69 while Ranchland's Pebble Corbell had a 70.

Midlanders advance

COLLEGE STATION — At the qualifiers round, Midland's 4.0 Senior Men's Doubles Team advanced to the Sectional tournament that will be held in Sep-

tember.

The team defeated teams from Waco, College Station and Laredo.

If the Midland team wins the sectional title, it would then advance to the national tournament.

Playing for Midland were Don Ewalt, Charles Hopkins, Bill Mills, Toai Nguyen, Leo Proctor, John Seay, Mark Thomas and Miguel Bustilloz.

Netters earn rankings

Tennis players from both Midland High and Midland Lee earned Region 1-5A mid-season tennis rankings this week.

In boys singles, Lee's Trent Broach was ranked at No. 5 while Midland High's Marcus Valdez was at No. 7.

In boys doubles, Lee's Kris

Padella and Marshall Viney carry a No. 4 ranking.

In girls singles, MHS' Dana Giles is No. 8 while teammate Drew Brannum is No. 10. No Midlanders were ranked in girls doubles.

Local netter gets scholarship

Wendy Navarrete, a Midland Freshman student, has been awarded a Van Der Meer Tennis camp scholarship for this summer to a camp of her choice.

Van Der Meer operates a tennis university at Hilton Head, S.C., where he also operates the Shipyard Racket Club.

Navarrete was informed of the scholarship by a letter this week. She has yet to choose between camps at Hilton Head Island, S.C.; Sweet Briar College, Va.; or Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

N.Y.

Navarrete started playing tennis in Luis Valdez's "Reach Out Tennis" USTA program after her sixth grade year.

She then became involved with the local Big Tootsie Tennis/Volunteer program, which she has been active for three years. Navarrete also competes in USTA's Tennis 1-2-3 program and is a member of the Midland Freshman tennis team.

In one year, Navarrete has won consolation in mixed doubles, second place in women's doubles and has placed first and third in singles.

Raiders take 2nd

HOBBS, N.M. — Midland's 10-under girls competitive basketball team, The Raiders, took second place here over the weekend in the Hobbs Boys and Girls Club NIKE Tournament.

JACKS: Controversy dogs hockey team

(From 1C)

2-1 lead in the second period and Mike Legg put Lubbock up 3-1 moments later. Odessa's John Bossio scored midway through the second to close to within 3-2, but Green ended the period with a goal for the final margin. That was it, however, for both teams.

The teams were scoreless in the third period. It was the last game as a Jack for Girhiny, who has been a three-year standout in Odessa.

The star of the game had to be Lubbock

goalie Neil Savory, who stopped 47 of 49 shots by the Jackalopes.

Last year, San Angelo's Outlaws eliminated Odessa in the first round, 2-1. The Jacks couldn't find a playoff win this year against the talented Cotton Kings.

Controversy dogged the Jackalopes until the very end. First, Don McKee was selected to replace two-year Jacks' coach Joe Clark. Then in the end, McKee has his own controversy before this final game when he didn't allow the team's leading scorer, Paul Vincent, not

to make the trip to Amarillo with the team.

Vincent, obviously bitter over the decision, said on Wednesday that he didn't think he would be back with the team next year, especially if McKee is back again.

It is uncertain just what the trouble was between McKee and Vincent. Vincent didn't stick with his move to the International League and was probably disappointed anyway for having to be back in Odessa. At any rate, it looks like the two are not of the same mind.

Tournament Schedule

Here is the schedule for the Midland College Softball Invitational to be played at the Bill Williams Softball Complex Field D.

Today
9 a.m. El Paso C.C. vs. Howard College; 10:45 a.m. Hill vs. Midland College; 12:30 p.m. El Paso vs. Midland College; 2:15 p.m. Hill vs. Howard College; 3:45 p.m. Howard vs. Midland College; 5:30 p.m. El Paso vs. Hill

Saturday
9 a.m. El Paso C.C. vs. Hill; 10:45 a.m. Howard vs. El Paso; 12:30 p.m. Midland vs. Hill; 2:15 p.m. Hill vs. Howard; 3:45 p.m. Midland vs. Howard

SOFTBALL: MC takes break from WJCAC play

(From 1C)

Ramos said El Paso is still the favorite to win the WJCAC as the Lady Tejanas are led by all-conference and all-region pitcher Valerie Woods.

This tournament should be a good test to see how deep MC is this year. Pitcher/infielder Andrea

Rodriguez (right forearm) and outfielder Julie Stanford (shoulder) might be out for this tournament. Utility player Nicole Martinez has also been under the weather but might be available for this weekend.

"We only have 13 players on the team and with three of them out, we're going to find out how

deep we are," Ramos said. "But since we have a couple of weeks before resuming conference this might be a good time for them to take this time off."

The Lady Chaps resume WJCAC play on April 14-15 when they host El Paso for a four-game series.

SOCCER: Lady Rebs return to region semis

(From 1C)

performance of Marcus' defense in the Martin game may be the most notable thing about that game. Martin, the Star-Telegram's No. 3 team, entered the game having scored 17 goals in its previous two playoff games, against Richland and Copperas Cove. Against Marcus on Tuesday, Martin got off only one shot in the entire first half.

So Marcus may be the best test yet for Lee's high-scoring junior tandem of Johnson (36 goals, 11 assists) and Raffi Belizaire (18 goals, 15 assists).

There will be plenty of obstacles for the Lady Rebels to overcome besides their opponent. There's the five-hour drive — although Lee made the drive Thursday. There's also Pennington Field, which can hold a large crowd, and the field itself has artificial turf and a crown (for drainage). The field isn't designed for soccer, but that's the hand Lee is dealt.

"You can be intimidated," Rankin said. "Driving that far, and seeing those teams, and you play on a stadium field instead of our little grass field — but the thing is, that should get them (the Lee players) more pumped up."

Simpson said that nerves probably didn't affect his Lady Rebels last year against Lewisville.

"I don't think it was nerves," he said. "It may have been early in the game, but that wasn't the biggest factor. It was our first experience (at regionals), but

even larger than that was playing on turf.

"The nerves will be there anyway: it's a big game," Simpson said. "The nerves may play a part when the whistle (first) blows, but it doesn't take long to get into the game."

Nerves may affect the Marauders, since they'll be playing in the school's first Region I-5A Tournament since 1994. The Marauders also have some experience playing on artificial turf — road games at Lewisville and at Eules Trinity, which plays at Pennington. But Marcus doesn't quite have the advantage that Lewisville had last year; Lewisville plays all its home games on artificial turf.

Simpson expects the Lady Rebels to adapt better this year — to the turf and to all the distractions. "Coming off last year's regional semifinal game, it's not new," Simpson said. "The experience for us last year was brand new, we were in new territory. But this year we've been there before."

The Lady Rebels have a chance to go somewhere they've never been before. They showed the explorer's spirit Tuesday, when they erased a 3-1 lead by Odessa Permian and won 4-3.

"I said, 'I'll be darned if this is going to be my last game,'" Rankin said of the Permian game. "The seniors were motivated. We're not ready for our last game yet."

They may still not be ready.

Woods will return

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Admitting that he was torn in both directions, Arizona's 7-foot-1 center Loren Woods announced Thursday that he would not leave school for the NBA and would return for his senior season.

"By me coming back, I'll definitely be a better player," Woods said, "but I think I'll also be a better person. By me growing up and maturing in a year, it will be a huge difference than if I would have gone to that level this year — emotionally, handling things on and off the court. I'll definitely be more mature after another year."

Woods' decision means that all seven players who played regularly for the Wildcats will return from a team that shared the Pac-10 championship and was the No. 1 seed in the West in the NCAA tournament.

"If we're not preseason No. 1,

then there's something wrong with the polls," said Woods' teammate, Richard Jefferson, who briefly toyed with the idea of turning pro but decided to return next season.

In addition to the returning players from this season, Arizona will have the services of tough power forward Eugene Edgersen, who sat out a year to get his teaching degree, as well as whatever freshmen recruits coach Lute Olson can get.

Woods led the Wildcats in scoring at 15.6 points per game, and was one of the most prolific shot blockers in the country. He tied an NCAA record with 14 blocks against Oregon. But he missed the final seven games because of a compressed disc in his lower back. The injury would have prevented him from participating in any full-scale tryouts for NBA teams.

Wake Forest wins NIT

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wake Forest players hugged at center court, their midseason struggles a distant memory as they celebrated the NIT championship.

Robert O'Kelley, the tournament MVP, made five 3-pointers and finished with 19 points to lead Wake Forest to a 71-61 victory over Notre Dame in the final of the National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden on Thursday night.

Craig Dawson added 13 points and Darius Songaila 12 for the Demon Deacons (22-14), who won their first NIT final in the first game between the schools.

Notre Dame's Troy Murphy finished with 20 points on 8-for-16 shooting, but was mostly held in check, getting most of his points

late. David Graves added 17.

Wake Forest, which lost nine of 13 games midway through the season and saw its postseason hopes quickly fading, ended the season by winning eight of its last nine games.

None was bigger than this one. Wake Forest played throughout with energy and determination, looking much better than it did in its semifinal victory over North Carolina State on Tuesday night when it had 23 turnovers.

The Demon Deacons beat Vanderbilt, New Mexico, defending NIT champion California and North Carolina State to reach the final for the first time.

The Demon Deacons nursed big leads throughout, then stopped the Irish's final comeback attempt.

Report: Indiana's AD latest to feel coach Knight's wrath

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — First, players and referees felt the wrath of Bob Knight. Now, it's his athletic director.

Indiana AD Clarence Doninger said he was physically threatened by the basketball coach during a recent shouting match and reported it to school administrators. The Indianapolis Star said Thursday.

The disagreement came after the Hoosiers' 82-71 loss to Ohio State Feb. 19 and ended with a mutual friend separating Knight and Doninger, the newspaper said, quoting an anonymous source.

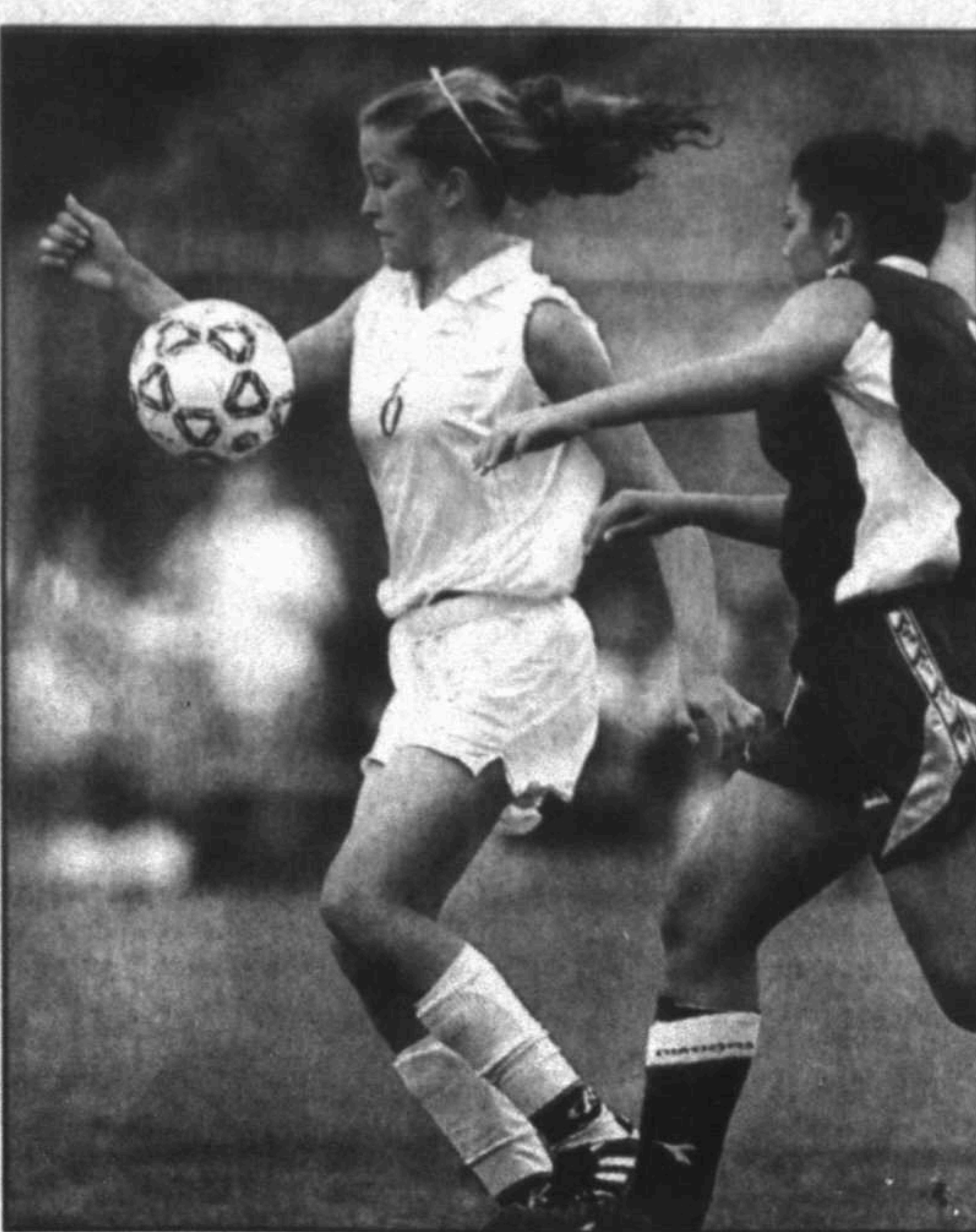
Doninger considered the problem serious enough to report to a university vice president. The Star said. School president Myles Brand reported it to university trustees, but

no other action was taken.

A university spokesman downplayed the significance of the shouting match Thursday, but acknowledged that an investigation into a former player's claims that Knight had choked him in practice might expand to examine other matters.

"They had a shouting match," Christopher Simpson, an aide to Brand, said. "It was a painful loss and you have two very competitive officials who raised their voices afterwards."

Last week, Brand appointed two university trustees to investigate Neil Reed's claims that Knight had choked him during practice. Brand ordered the trustees to report back within 90 days.



Lee's Barbara (left) tries to settle the ball during the Lady Rebels' game with El Paso Del Valle. The Rebels have advanced to the Region I-5A tournament, which will be played this weekend.

REGION I-5A SOCCER

Boys

CLASS 5A
Region I
BI-DISTRICT
El Paso Socorro 4, El Paso Andres 1
Ablene High, bye.
Midland High 4, Lubbock Monterey 2.
El Paso Del Valle, bye.
Flower Mound Marcus 5, Irving High 0.
Temple, bye.
Arlington Martin 2, Killeen 0.
Hurst L.D. Bell, bye.
El Paso Hanks 6, El Paso Coronado 0
Amarillo High, bye.
Amarillo Tascosa 1, Odessa Permian 0.
El Paso Franklin, bye.
Fort Worth Richland 3, Carrollton Smith 2.
Duncanville, bye.
Mansfield 3, Copperas Cove 2.
McKinney, bye.

AREA ROUND
Ablene High (18-4) 1, El Paso Socorro 1.
El Paso Del Valle (20-3) 4, Midland High 1.
Temple (17-1) 3, Flower Mound Marcus 2.
Arlington Martin (20-4) 2, Hurst L.D. Bell 1.
El Paso Hanks (21-4) 2, Amarillo High 0.
Amarillo Tascosa (11-7) 1, El Paso Franklin 1.
Richland (18-3) 3, 1, Duncanville 0.
McKinney (17-2) 4, Mansfield 1.

REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS
Ablene High 1, El Paso Del Valle 0.
Arlington Martin 3, Temple 2, 2OT.
El Paso Hanks 4, Amarillo Tascosa 0.
McKinney 2, Richland 1, OT.

REGION I-5A TOURNAMENT
at Pennington Field, Bedford
Today's Semifinals

Ablene High (19-4) 1 vs. Arlington Martin (21-4), 5 p.m.
El Paso Hanks (22-4) vs. McKinney (20-2), 7 p.m.

Saturday's Finals
Semifinals winners, 3 p.m.

Girls

CLASS 5A
Region I
BI-DISTRICT
El Paso Bel Air 1, El Paso Irvin 0
Odessa Permian, bye.
Midland Lee 8, Lubbock Coronado 1.
El Paso Del Valle, bye.
Flower Mound Marcus 4, Eules Trinity 0.
Temple, bye.
Arlington Martin 12, Copperas Cove 0.
Fort Worth Richland, bye.
El Paso Franklin 2, El Paso Eastwood 0.
Amarillo High, bye.
San Angelo Central 4, Lubbock Monterey 0.
El Paso Coronado, bye.
The Colony 1, Fort Worth Paschal 0.
Mansfield, bye.
Duncanville 8, Leander 1.
Lewisville, bye.

AREA ROUND
Odessa Permian (20-3) 3, El Paso Bel Air 1.
Midland Lee (16-5) 8, El Paso Del Valle 0.
Flower Mound Marcus (15-3) 5.
Arlington Martin (17-5) 5, Richland 1.
Amarillo High (18-2) 1, El Paso Franklin 0.
San Angelo Central (16-8) 1, El Paso Coronado 0.
Mansfield (17-3) 3, The Colony 2.
OT.

Lewisville (19-1) 2, 4, Duncanville 0.
REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS
Midland Lee 4, Odessa Permian 3.
Flower Mound Marcus 3, Arlington Martin 1.
San Angelo Central 1, Amarillo High 0.

REGION I-5A TOURNAMENT
at Pennington Field, Bedford
Today's Semifinals

Midland Lee (17-5) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (16-3), 1 p.m.
San Angelo Central (17-8) vs. Lewisville (20-2), 3 p.m.

Saturday's Finals
Semifinals winners, 1 p.m.

FINAL PREVIEW

By Jim O'Connell

AP Basketball Writer

Wisconsin

Record: 22-13.

Seed: No. 8.

Road to Indianapolis: Beat No. 9 Fresno State 66-56; beat No. 1 Arizona 66-59; beat No. 4 LSU 61-48; beat No. 6 Purdue 64-60.

Last Final Four: 1941.

Hot player: Jon Bryant was selected as the MVP of the West Regional after averaging 16.8 points while shooting 50 percent from the field (23-for-46) and 3-point range (18-for-36). The 6-foot-2 senior tied the school record with seven 3s in the NCAA opener against Fresno State and his 18 in the four tournament games would be the fourth-highest mark on the team for the entire season. He averaged 31.5 minutes in the tournament after playing a total of 62 minutes in the previous four games.

The positive: The Badgers have won 11 of their last 14 games, allowing 60 or more points only four times in that stretch. The scoring has picked up as Wisconsin averaged 64.3 points per game in the tournament, a mark it surpassed only nine times in the regular season.

The negative: All three losses in the impressive season-ending run have been to Michigan State by a total of 31 points. Even though the offense has picked up in the tournament, the Badgers still didn't shoot 50 percent in any of the four games.

Michigan State

Record: 30-7.

Seed: No. 1.

Road to Indianapolis: Beat No. 16 Valparaiso 65-38; beat No. 8 Utah 73-61; beat No. 4 Syracuse 75-58; beat No. 2 Iowa State 75-64.

Last Final Four: 1999.

Hot player: Mateen Cleaves missed the first 13 games of the season with a stress fracture in his right foot. His last 13 games have shown how much he means to the Spartans as he has averaged 14.2 points, 7.4 assists and 1.4 steals while shooting 44 percent from the field (84-for-144) and 42 percent from 3-point range (23-for-55). In the tournament he has averaged 14.0 points and 5.4 assists.

The positive: The Spartans are the lone No. 1 seed to reach the Final Four and this is their second straight trip. Their 3-0 record over Wisconsin should boost confidence and no team has scored more than 65 points against them since the game before their nine-game winning streak began.

The negative: Michigan State has been so solid that even its negative has become a positive. The Spartans have fallen behind in each of their last two games by at least eight points in the second half but closed the win over Syracuse with a 17-0 run and ended the victory over Iowa State with a 23-5 run.

North Carolina

Record: 22-13.

Seed: No. 8.

Road to Indianapolis: Beat No. 9

Missouri 84-70; beat No. 1 Stanford 84-65; beat No. 4 Tennessee 74-69; beat No. 7 Tulsa 59-55.

Last Final Four: 1998.

Hot player: Freshman Joseph Forte enters the Final Four with 80 points, tied for the most in the tournament with Iowa State's Marcus Fizer. His scoring has increased in each tournament game from 13 in the opener against Missouri to a career-high 28 in the regional final against Tulsa. The 6-4 guard has also grabbed 26 rebounds in the four NCAA games and is 14-for-16 from the free throw line.

The positive: The Tar Heels' four-game winning streak is their longest of the season. This is their sixth Final Four appearance since 1991, two more than the next highest, Duke and Kentucky. History is also on North Carolina's side: no other school has made more appearances in the tournament than its 34 — the last 26 in a row. It has been to 15 Final Fours, tied for the record with UCLA. Brendan Haywood, Ed Cota and Max Owens were all on the 1998 Final Four team.

This Final Four has similarities to Indy's others

By Jim O'Connell

AP Basketball Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The Final Four's fourth visit to the heart of basketball country comes 20 years after the first.

Two decades later, not much has changed. In 1980, two teams from the Big Ten — Iowa and Purdue — made it to Indianapolis. In 2000, two teams from the Big Ten — Michigan State and Wisconsin — made it to Indianapolis.

In 1980, two of the teams that made the national semifinals — Iowa and UCLA — were unranked. It didn't happen again until now, with Wisconsin and North Carolina reaching the Final Four despite not being in the final regular-season poll.

The 1980 Final Four was held in Market Square Arena, a building that awaits the wrecker's ball since the Pacers moved into Conseco Fieldhouse. This will be the third Final Four held in the RCA Dome and each had North Carolina as one of the teams.

UCLA reached the Final Four as a No. 8 seed in 1980, one of only two teams to do that until this year when North Carolina and Wisconsin got to the last weekend of the season.

On Saturday, Michigan State, the only top seed to reach the Final Four, plays Wisconsin, with Florida, a fifth seed, facing North Carolina in the second game. The winners play Monday night for the national championship.

Michigan State (30-7), the only conference champion still playing, has won nine straight games and has two wins against Wisconsin in that streak.

The Badgers (22-13) are 0-3 against the Spartans this season, the only losses in their last 14 games. Their tournament run includes wins over top-seeded Arizona and LSU.

"I'd rather be playing someone else," Wisconsin coach Dick Bennett said. "People have tried to make a case for the fact we have lost to them three times; so that means it should be

a little better. On the other hand, we don't know if we can beat them."

Michigan State got this far last season, losing to Duke in the semifinal, the Spartans' first Final Four appearance since winning it all in 1979 with Magic Johnson.

"The things I learned from last season, unfortunately, are not going to help on the court, the hotels, getting around, the practice times," Spartans coach Tom Izzo said. "Do I think it's going to be an incredible difference? Unfortunately, no. I wish I could say that it was. But yet, I think it's got to help a little bit."

Florida coach Billy Donovan makes history this weekend by becoming the sixth person to coach and play in a Final Four. He was a guard at Providence in 1987.

The Gators (28-7) play a full-court style that wears down opponents. Their impressive run to the Final Four includes victories over fourth-seeded Illinois, top-ranked Duke and third-seeded Oklahoma State.

Despite seven sophomores and freshmen in the 10-man rotation, Florida has played like a veteran team.

"As each game has gone by for our younger guys, they have had a much, much better awareness of what they can and cannot get away with at this level," said the 34-year-old Donovan, the youngest of the Final Four coaches by far. "There's been a tremendous improvement from the first day of practice to now. So I think for a lot of these kids they really aren't freshmen and sophomores."

North Carolina coach Bill Guthridge is in his second Final Four in just three seasons, but the Tar Heels (22-13) did it this time as an underdog. The NCAA tournament run included a win over top-seeded Stanford and a regional final victory over Tulsa.

"As far as us being an underdog, it has been different this year," Guthridge said. "It's kind of fun right now, but I hope that we haven't been the underdog all the time, because if you are the underdog, you haven't succeeded very well."

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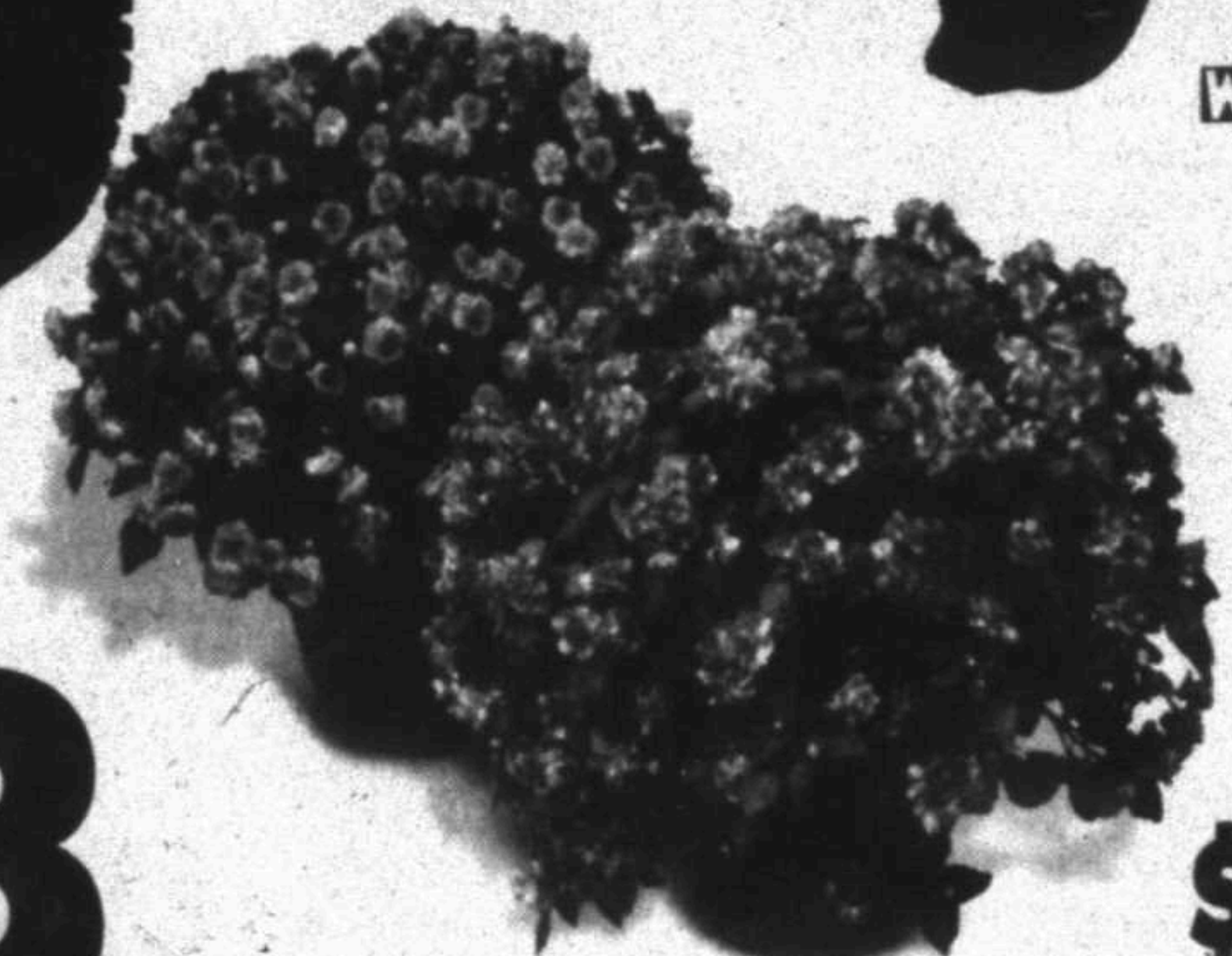
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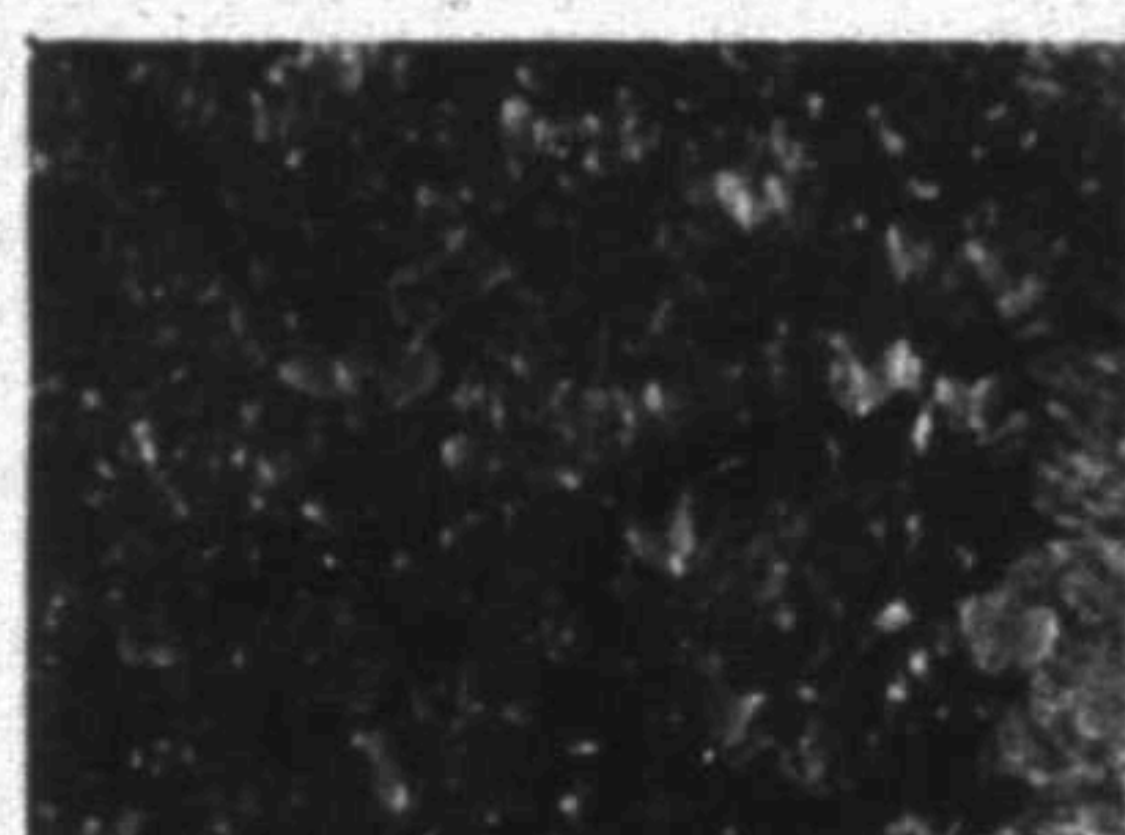
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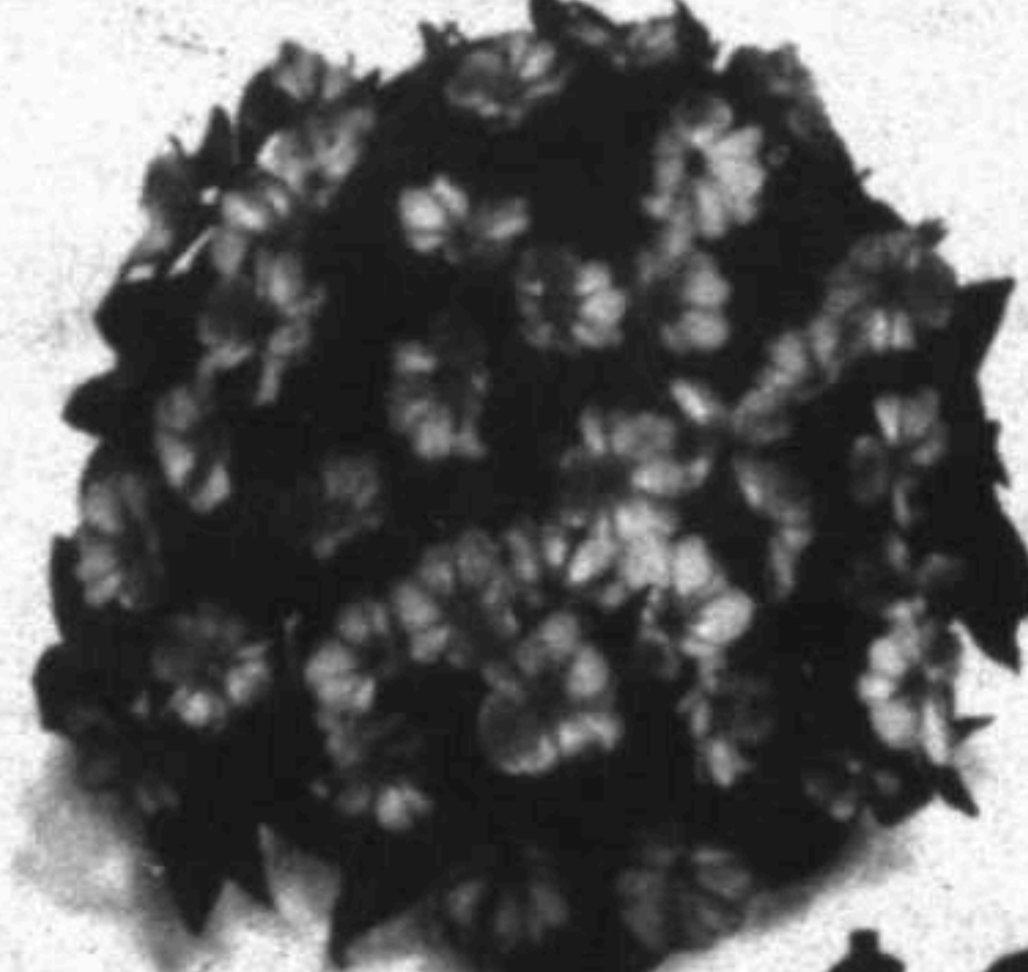
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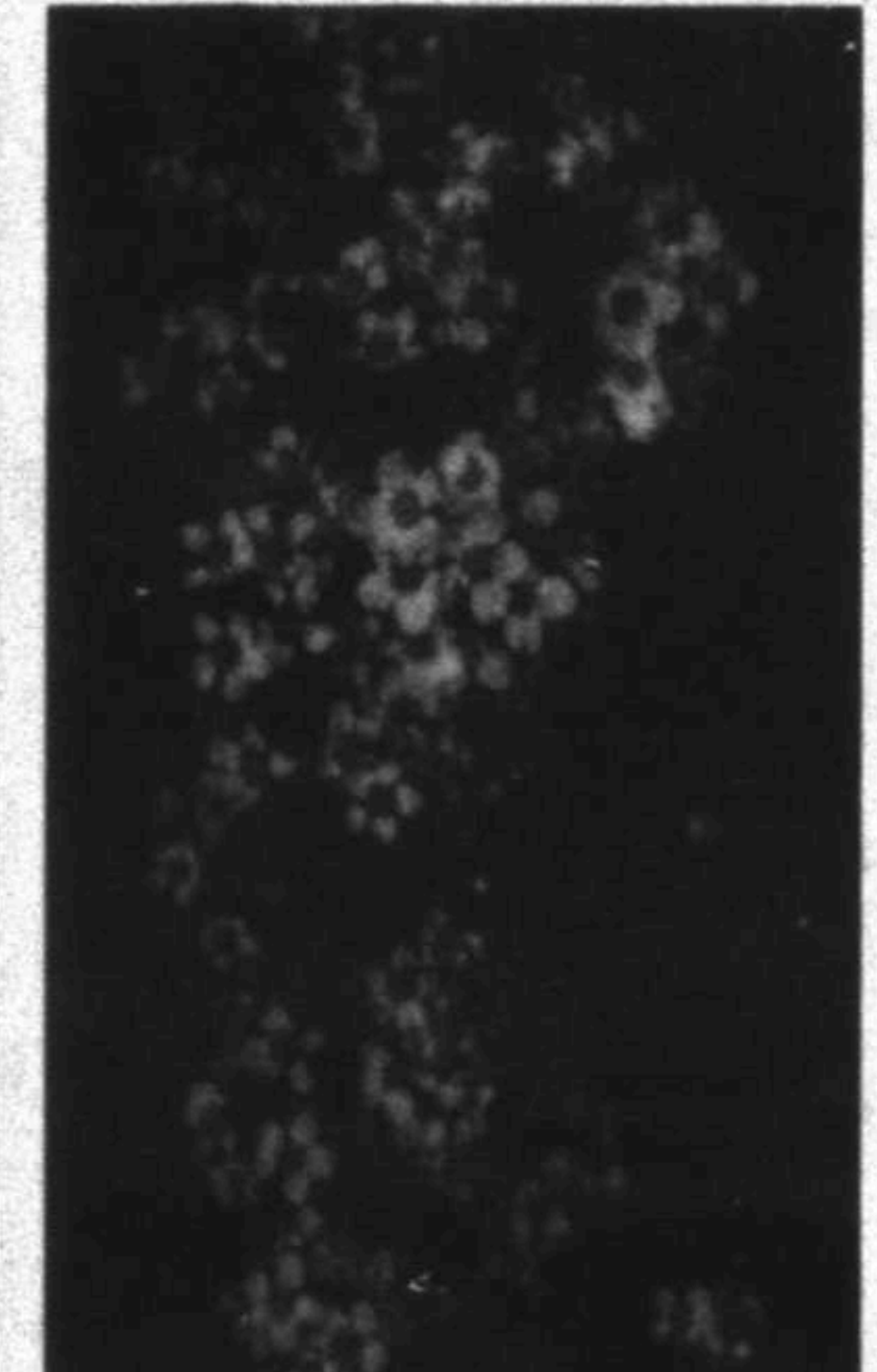


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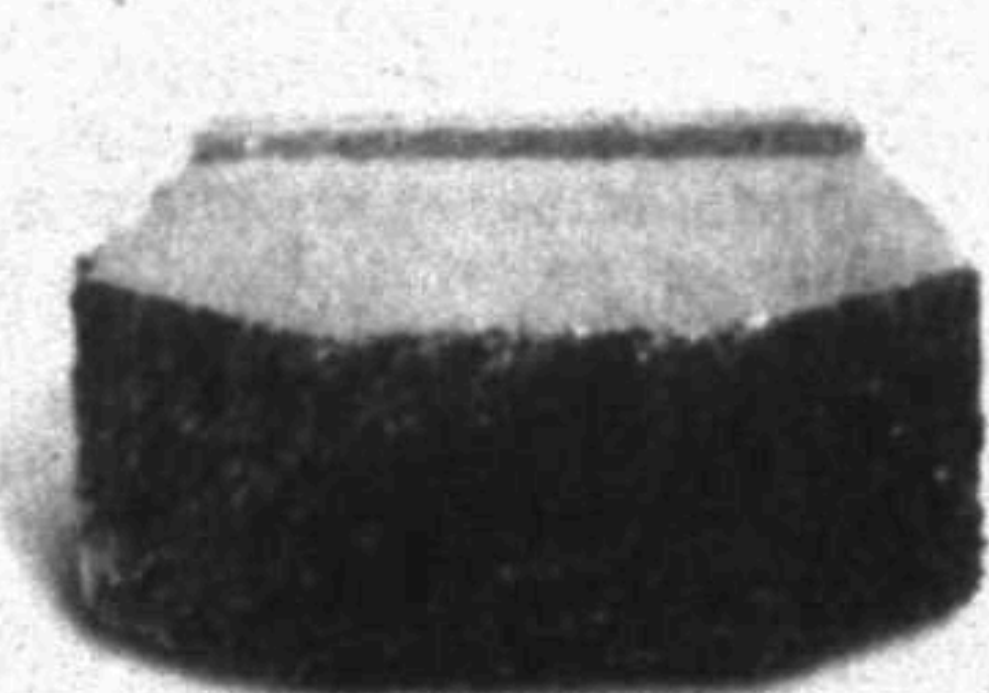
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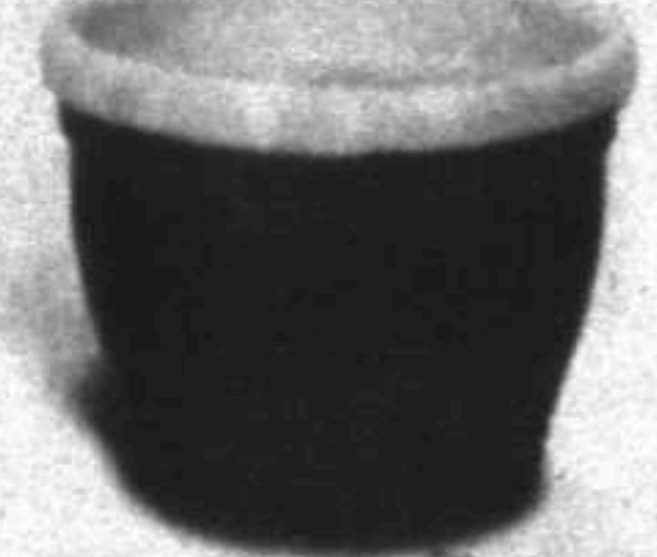
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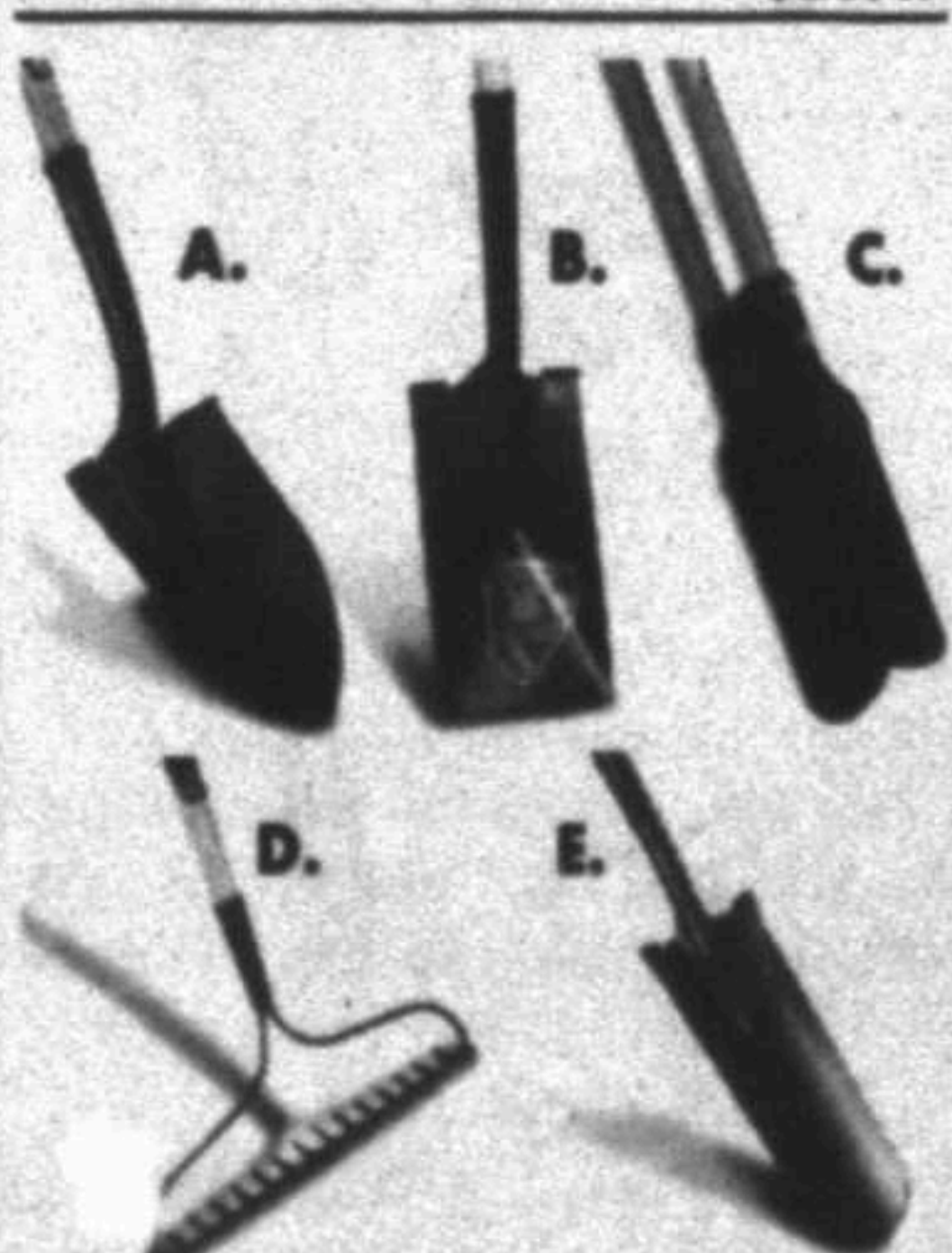
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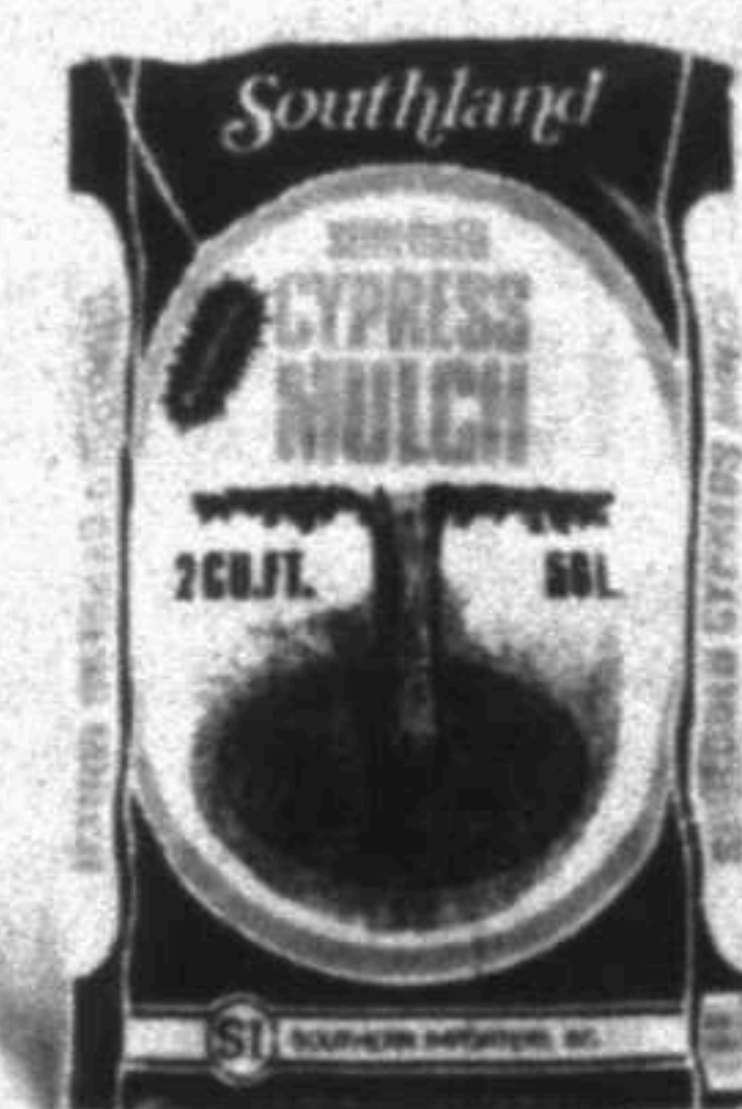
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Gas prices fall

Gasoline futures prices fell sharply Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, curbing a rebound by crude oil from a slide earlier this week that was tied to planned increases in oil production by OPEC.

In other markets, grain and soybean futures prices were higher on declining expectation of weekend rain.

Gasoline's weakness was due to heavy selling by speculators, who had expected prices to move higher. They bailed out of the expiring April contracts and bought into the May contract, according to analyst Phil Flynn of Alaron Trading Corp.

Adding to the pressure on gasoline was the belief in the market that imports of gasoline will increase in coming weeks.

As expected, Norway, the world's second largest oil exporter, announced Thursday it is increasing its oil production ceiling by 100,000 barrels a day, or 3.2 percent, to help OPEC counter soaring oil prices. That means the new ceiling for Norway's production is 3.3 million barrels per day.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries decided earlier this week to increase its production by about 7 percent, or 1.7 million barrels a day. Mexico also is increasing oil production.

Light sweet crude for may delivery was 25 cents higher at \$26.89 a barrel; April heating oil was 0.97 cent lower at 73.48 cents a gallon; April unleaded gasoline was 1.90 cents lower at 89.40 cents a gallon; May natural gas was 3.5 cents lower at \$2.873 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Dollar mixed

LONDON (AP) — The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading today. Gold prices were lower.

The euro was quoted at 95.89 cents in late European trading, up from 95.30 cents on Wednesday. Later, in mid-day trading in New York, the euro traded at 95.96 cents.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Wednesday, included 105.40 Japanese yen, down from 105.54; 1.5933 Swiss francs, down from 1.6710; 1.4560 Canadian dollars, up from 1.4554.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.5933, up from \$1.5877.

In midday trading in New York, the dollar bought 105.46 yen, and the pound was worth \$1.5918.

Based on euro rates, the dollar is worth 2.0382 German marks, down from 2.0519; 6.8393 French francs, down from 6.8816; 2.2977 Dutch guilders, down from 2.3129; 2018.84 Italian lire, down from 2,031.34.

Gold down

Gold dealers in London fixed a recommended price of \$275.30 bid per troy ounce, down from \$279.10 on Wednesday. In Zurich, the bid price was \$275.00, down from \$278.55. Gold fell \$1.60 in Hong Kong to close at \$277.45.

Silver closed in London at \$4.90 bid per troy ounce, down from \$5.01.

Texas day trader arrested for posting phony warning

NEW YORK (AP) — A Houston man was arrested Thursday on charges that he violated securities laws by posting a phony press release on the Internet that caused the stock of Lucent Technologies to plunge in value.

Manhattan prosecutors accused Fred Moldofsky, 43, of causing the value of the stock in the world's top manufacturer of communications equipment to fall as much as 3.6 percent, from \$62.62 to \$60.37. That trimmed the value of the company on Wall Street by \$7.1 billion.

Moldofsky appeared Thursday in U.S. District Court in Houston, where Assistant U.S. Attorney George Tallichet requested Moldofsky be held without bail as a flight risk. Moldofsky agreed to remain in custody until a bail hearing in Manhattan.

A federal defender assigned to represent Moldofsky in Houston did not

immediately return a telephone message.

A criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan charged Moldofsky with securities fraud. It alleged that he posted the phony earnings warning on March 22 in the form of a press release and, on the same day, traded 6,000 shares of the company's stock.

It said he tried to hide his fraud by using phony names and addresses on the Internet.

If convicted, Moldofsky could face up to 10 years in prison and a fine of \$1 million, or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime.

Moldofsky was held in Houston for an initial court appearance.

"This case is the latest example of our commitment to the speedy investigation and prosecution of those who choose to use the Internet as the medium through which to commit securities fraud," said

U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White.

"Those who seek to deceive the investing public should be forewarned that the Internet provides no anonymity and offers no insulation from law enforcement," she said in a statement.

The bogus Internet release alleged that the former division of AT&T expected its operating results for its second fiscal quarter of 2000 to be lower than analysts' estimates.

The announcement was made at a time when companies typically issue any warnings about their earnings prior to the release of their actual earnings reports.

In January, the Murray Hill, N.J., company actually had warned that its earnings would fall short of expectations, causing analysts to slash estimates and pushing down the value of the company's stock.

In court papers, U.S. Postal Inspector

Thomas F.X. Feeney said the phony posting was made on an electronic bulletin board attached to the Internet website titled "Yahoo? Finance."

Feeney said a Yahoo user identified as "hot like wasabe" posted a message at 6:57 p.m. captioned, "LUCENT RELEASES EARNINGS WARNING! DAMN!"

Attached to the message was the phony news release, Feeney said.

Between March 22 and March 23, a user identifying himself with a screen name that mimicked the name of someone who regularly gives stock advice on the Internet posted messages such as "LUCENT Warns!" "We're all doomed tomorrow!" and "LUCENT WARNS! I'm going to cut my throat." Each of the messages, he said, allowed readers to connect to the bogus news release.

Yahoo to open discussion on Internet privacy

New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Yahoo Inc. on Thursday notified the Securities and Exchange Commission that it was voluntarily cooperating with an inquiry by the Federal Trade Commission into how Internet sites gather personal information.

Yahoo officials played down the inclusion of the information in the annual report, stating that the company was just being "extremely conservative in legal documents" and that it took its privacy policies seriously.

But financial analysts said the disclosure underscored a larger, and more profound, point. In deciding that the FTC inquiry was material enough to include in an SEC filing, Yahoo has also indicated how important the mining of demographic data on one hand and concerns about consumer privacy on the other can be to an Internet company's bottom line.

The disclosure also underscored the FTC's emergence as the primary regulator of e-commerce. In recent months, it has begun inquiries into the Web practices of several companies, most notably the data-gathering practices of DoubleClick Inc., and it has wielded considerable authority over the gathering of data about minors online.

Diane Hunt, a Yahoo spokeswoman, said the discussions with the FTC had "nothing to do with advertising profiling." However, she declined to elaborate on the nature of the disclosures.

David Medine, the associate director for financial practices for the FTC, declined to acknowledge that an inquiry was under way.

Several companies, however, acknowledged having been contacted by the commission after the release of a survey in February by the nonprofit California HealthCare Foundation, which concluded that while 19 of the top 21 health sites had privacy policies, many did not live up to promises not to share personal information with third parties.

The survey included not only major health-care-only sites, like Healthon/WebMD, but also so-called portals like Yahoo and Excite, which offer numerous services, including health-related content.

Richard M. Smith, an Internet security expert and one of the researchers on the survey, said a common problem on sites was that visitors did not know how many companies might have access to their personal data. For example, a visitor might fill out a health care survey on one site, but the data could be processed by a third-party contractor, making the information more widely available than had been disclosed.

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Tim Hastrup attaches a battery charger to his General Motors EV1 electric car, while his wife, Vibeke, prepares to back out of their Granite Bay, Calif., home, in her Honda EV Plus electric car. The couple may be among an growing number of Californians who drive the pollution-free electric vehicles. The state may require that up to 10 percent of new cars marketed in California be zero polluting.

Justice department okays Hearst deal

New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department gave the go-ahead Thursday for the Hearst Corporation to acquire the San Francisco Chronicle and sell the Hearst-owned San Francisco Examiner.

But in a separate ruling, a federal judge in San Francisco temporarily blocked the deal pending a hearing on April 13.

The decision removed a major obstacle to the transaction that was announced last August when the family that owned Chronicle agreed to sell to Hearst.

At the time, Hearst said it would try to sell The Examiner, published in the afternoon. If a buyer weren't found, Hearst said it would merge the newspaper with the Chronicle and publish a single newspaper, named the San Francisco Chronicle, in the morning.

Because both newspapers are partners in a 1965 joint operating agreement

administered by the Justice Department as an exception to federal antitrust laws, the department had to give its approval to the plan.

Justice Department approval came after Hearst agreed to sell The Examiner to members of the Fang family, publishers of the thrice-weekly free newspaper, The Independent. The department announcement said the sale of the Examiner "has resolved the department's antitrust concerns relating" to Hearst's plan to buy the Chronicle.

According to court papers, Hearst has agreed to provide the Fangs with a \$66 million subsidy over three years to publish the Examiner as a morning paper. The Fangs agreed to purchase The Examiner's name, archives, subscriber list, examiner.com Web site, computers, office furniture, delivery trucks and newsracks. The staff, buildings and printing presses were not included.

Ted Fang, publisher of The Independent, has said The Examiner would publish as a daily newspaper sold through home subscriptions and newsracks. After a four-month transition period, Fang said he plans to switch the Examiner into the morning field and compete directly with the Chronicle.

Meanwhile, U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker in San Francisco issued a temporary restraining order against the deal, saying that serious questions had been raised about the "viability of The Examiner" as an independent newspaper.

The judge is to reconsider the case in two weeks.

The action came in response to a request by Clint Reilly, an unsuccessful candidate for mayor, who argued that the Fang-owned Examiner would not have sufficient resources to survive in a battle against the Hearst-owned Chronicle.

LifeSavers keeping pineapple after all

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — LifeSaver's basic Five Flavor roll will stay just the way it is after all — complete with pineapple.

The company, a division of Parsippany-based Nabisco Inc., had toyed with the idea of dropping it from the Five Flavor roll, which for 65 years has been the same: lime, lemon, cherry, orange and pineapple.

But a wave of telephone and Internet votes from customers indicated that most people thought the idea was, well, unholley.

"There are a lot of pineapple aficionados out there," said Jim Goldman, LifeSaver's president. "That's what they want, so that's what we're going to give them."

He said company research indicated that pineapple was the least popular of the Five Flavor roll. Executives thought adding strawberry or watermelon would boost sales and please palates. So they set up special telephone lines and an Internet site to let people decide whether to deep-six pineapple.

More than a million votes were cast, and

Goldman says there's no evidence they all came from just one die-hard pineapple disciple. Pineapple tallied 54 percent of the vote, whipping watermelon (25 percent) and strawberry (21 percent).

To celebrate pineapple's reprieve, the company is hiding special pineapple-only rolls among shipments of Five Flavor. Those who get one will win its weight in gold, a prize Goldman said could be worth as much as \$4,000.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Index funds vs. actively managed funds

Q: For the average investor, are you in favor of an index fund or an actively managed fund? Why?

A: I think both types of funds can play a valuable role in an investor's portfolio. I find that many investors who are bright and like to figure and analyze how things work spend far too much time debating and trying to pick the best funds for the future. Instead, they should be focused on the asset allocation decision and continually feeding new money into decent funds.

I like index funds because there are no surprises in terms of underperforming the relevant market average. They also are generally tax-friendly, which is important for nonretirement-account investing. Actively managed funds offer an investor the opportunity of outperforming, but with that comes the real risk of under performing.

Actively managed funds might post higher returns in an up market and not

drop as much in a bear market. Investors would like to believe that an active fund manager can see a crash coming and move into cash. In reality, such market timing rarely works in the long haul, and the best active managers outperform thanks to stock selection, not market timing.

Q: I have a rollover IRA that allows me to move money between stocks and mutual funds. During the past year, I have enjoyed a significant increase in the value of the IRA without making any contributions. Do I claim these capital gains each year or wait until retirement when it's time to cash in the IRA?

A: One of the wonderful attributes of



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retirement accounts such as an IRA is that the returns on your investments can continue to grow and compound sheltered from taxation. You won't pay income tax on those investment earnings until they are withdrawn, presumably in retirement when most people are in a lower tax bracket than during their working years.

Some employees don't roll over money from an employer's retirement account into their own when leaving a job, so they not only get socked with income tax but also early withdrawal penalties. An exception: Should you withdraw up to \$10,000 for a first-home purchase, you'll owe current income tax at the time of withdrawal but can avoid the early withdrawal penalties.

Q: I am 40 with two children. Is it better to take my tax hit on investments now while my kids are my only deductions, or later in retirement? I am making \$180,000 a year.

A: If you're talking about selling investments now at a profit, so long as

those investments have been held for more than one year, the maximum tax rate that applies on such long-term capital gains is 20 percent, far less than the 39.6 percent maximum tax rate which applies to ordinary income.

If the fundamentals of the investment have changed and holding it is no longer attractive, having to pay 20 percent of your profit in taxes isn't such a bad thing. The only way to completely avoid tax on investment profits is to hold the investment until your passing, at which point the capital gain is eliminated for tax purposes.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March 31, 2000: You adore your friends, but they often surprise you. Try not to tie your financial security into your social life or combine business with pleasure. You're highly idealistic, and you see people in the best light possible. If you are single, you could confuse friendship with love, and then experience a let-down. Unrealistic expectations can set you up for disappointment. If attached, you might need to work through disagreements about money and long-term goals. Summer communication gets much better. **AQUARIUS** is unpredictable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** You wake up on the wrong side of the bed today, or you might decide that others are misdirected. Rethink a decision. Be more sure of yourself. You act in ways that, to many, are upsetting, but this abruptness can also be your strong suit. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Obligations could have you feeling out of sorts. Be realistic about work, bosses and just how much you can absorb. Outside pressure could also put you in a sour mood. Try another approach. Be more spontaneous. Consider creating a situation in which you have more freedom. Tonight: A must-show.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Listen to another's opinions, even if you don't agree. Take advantage of a special opportunity that comes your way. News from a distance could be surprising, at

best. Don't let your frustration take over and get out of control. Tonight: Do something different. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) *** Listen to a partner, even though confusion marks his thinking. The unexpected occurs with an associate. Anger pops out when you are trying to get a lot accomplished and another interferes. Go with fun and spontaneity. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** You might feel like someone has lit a fuse under you, and despite your efforts, you can't seem to get certain matters under control. Someone you give a lot of power to or whom you care a lot for creates uproar. Make choices for you, not for others. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Listen to feedback, but recognize that you could be frustrated or confused by your inability to put a plan into action. Think carefully before you encounter problems. What another perceives as difficult might not be for you. Use new technology. Tonight: Get an easy start on the weekend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** What you think is acceptable could enrage another. Talk through a problem, rather than battling it out. Your ability to understand is limited because of an angry tone. Lighten up. Think about what needs to be changed. Tonight: Flirt the night away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Your sensitivity makes a big difference to another. You deal with situations differently than you have in the past. Another's anger and words could reflect some of your

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

own feelings. Be honest with yourself about where changes are needed. Tonight: Stay close to home. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Use your energy where it counts. Don't let a work-related matter be postponed. Move a meeting or social event instead. You get a lot done once you are focused. Call the doctor or dentist. Is it time for a checkup? Schedule meetings later. Tonight: Join friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Your finances could suffer from an unnecessary risk. Be sensitive to a child or loved one, but be willing to say no if need be. You could find that a lot is out of control. Your will and knowledge merge and can help you deal with an immediate problem. Tonight: Not all treats need to be expensive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** A tiff in the morning could have you out of sorts. Clear your energy; take a walk or make some fun plans. You draw positive energy once you let go. Another is clearly attracted to your charisma. Think about an expense. Tonight: A force to behold.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** News could jolt you, but before you react, check in with yourself and see what is going on. Take some time to center. You know what works for you. Don't compromise. Stay steady. Clear up a misunderstanding in the next few days. Tonight: Vanish while you are ahead.

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Marshall Miles of San Bernardino, Calif., is not only a great player, but is one of this country's most innovative theoreticians. This hand is one of his creations.

Suppose you reach a contract of four hearts on an auction such as the above. With a void, even in a suit partner has bid, a no-trump contract is unappealing, especially holding such a good five-card major. After the lead of a diamond you can count nine tricks if the trumps break 3-3 or if the jack is doubleton. What is your best shot for 10 tricks? Believe it or not, despite having only a doubleton 9-8

A Wonderful Creation

of trumps on the table, your percentage play is for a dummy reversal! Ruff the opening lead, then use your two aces and two kings in dummy as entries to ruff four more diamonds. That needs a little luck (a defender might be able to discard a black card during the ruffing process and ruff away one of your winners), but it is still considerably better than any other line, which would all have to start

with having a 3-3 trump split. Dummy's black-suit winners and five diamond ruffs in hand bring your total to nine tricks, and the board's 9-8 of hearts are equals with the jack. You will score one more trump trick by force to fulfill your game.

It takes some sort of deviant mind to compose a problem like this. By the way, did we mention that Miles' occupation is district attorney?



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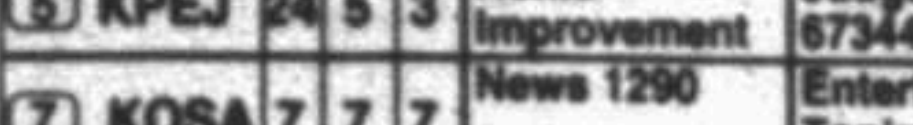


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Eastwood's burger joint will reopen

GENEVA — Celebrity Buddhist **Richard Gere** says the Chinese government is wooing countries with an economic "carrot" to avoid international criticism over its treatment of the Tibetan people.

He said the world's most populous country was using its market muscle to persuade nations to block calls for action in the 53-nation U.N. Human Rights Commission.

"The Chinese have been very clever. This carrot they have been holding out is enormous," Gere told reporters Thursday.

Gere said China should not be allowed to join the World Trade Organization until it had improved its record.

The Chinese government maintains that Tibet is part of China.

NEW DELHI, India — **Paul McCartney** says he was deeply upset by the abuse of Indian cattle in the interna-

In a letter last week to Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the former Beattie urged him to fight the corruption

The skins of these animals end up in stores in New York

The prime minister's office had no comment.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — **Dolly Parton** will be the host of the Academy of Country Music Awards show.

The May 3 ceremony in Universal City, Calif., to be broadcast live on CBS, has not used a host the past two years. Producers said Thursday the no-host format allowed for more

"Very few people have the ability to host this kind of show," said ACM Awards spokesman Paul Shefrin. "There are only a few people in the world. When you have a

are very few Billy Crystals in the world. When we found out Dolly might want to do it, we decided to make the change."

The nominees for the top award of best entertainer are Tim McGraw; his wife, Faith Hill; the Dixie Chicks; Sawyer Brown and Shania Twain.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
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Estate of Ruth Hudgins
Attention: Kim Todd, Legal
Protection Specialist
2525 N. Grandview, Suite
100, Odessa, Texas 79761

ORDINANCE NO. 7927

An Ordinance establishing Yield Right of Way Signs at various locations within the City of Midland, Texas; requiring and authorizing the posting of appropriate signs at said intersections; containing a Cumulative Clause; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty or fine of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00); and ordering publication

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AGENDA ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APRIL 13, 2000

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Midland, Texas, on Thursday, April 13, 2000, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 300 N. Main Street, beginning at 3:00 P.M., to consider the following:

1. BD-00-004 Consider a request by Heritage Properties for a Special Exception to appeal the amount of outdoor display, storage and sales on .9 acre tract in SE/4 of Section 5, Block X, H.P. Hilliard Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas, located on the north side of W. Loop 250 North approximately 900 feet west of its intersection with Midkiff Road, addressed as 3404 W. Loop 250 North.

2. BD-00-005 Consider a request by David H. Arrington for a Variance from the City Code concerning the front yard setbacks and fence height requirements on Lots 1 and 7 and all of Lot 8, Lawson Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas, located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Golf Course Road and N. "D" Street, addressed as 1801 N. "D" Street.

3. BD-00-006 Consider a request by Regino Ramirez for a Special Exception to the City Code concerning the fence height requirements on Lots 4-6, Block: 16, Belmont Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas, located on the northeast corner of the intersection of S. Main Street and Francis Avenue, addressed as 511 S. Main Street.

4. BD-00-007 Consider a request by Homero Galindo for a Special Exception to the City Code concerning the fence height requirements on Lots 6-7, Block: Sun Garden Village Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas, located on the south side of Spruce Avenue approximately 300' east of its intersection with N. Lamesa Road, addressed as 1110 and 1112 E. Spruce Avenue.

5. Consideration of the minutes of March 23, 2000 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting.

6. Discuss any implications of today's request on future applications.

7. Adjourn.

NOTE:
The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

David L. Wayland
Building Official, AIA
City of Midland

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TAA PETITION AMENDED CERTIFICATION

All Workers of the ARCO Permian, an Operating Unit of Atlantic Richfield Company, a Delaware Corporation, Headquartered in Midland, Texas and operating at various locations in Texas, who became totally or partially separated from employment due to a lack of work on or after November 19, 1998 are eligible under petition number TA-W-37, 124 to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance. The petition was amended on March 24, 2000, and will expire, January 5, 2002. Workers should contact the nearest Texas Workforce Commission office for assistance in filing for the following services: weekly trade readjustment allowance, job placement, employment counseling, vocational training, and financial assistance for job search and job relocation.

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ORDINANCE NO. 7925

Ordinance amending Title V, "Business Regulations", Chapter 6, "Taxicabs", containing a Cumulative Clause; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty or fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00); and ordering publication

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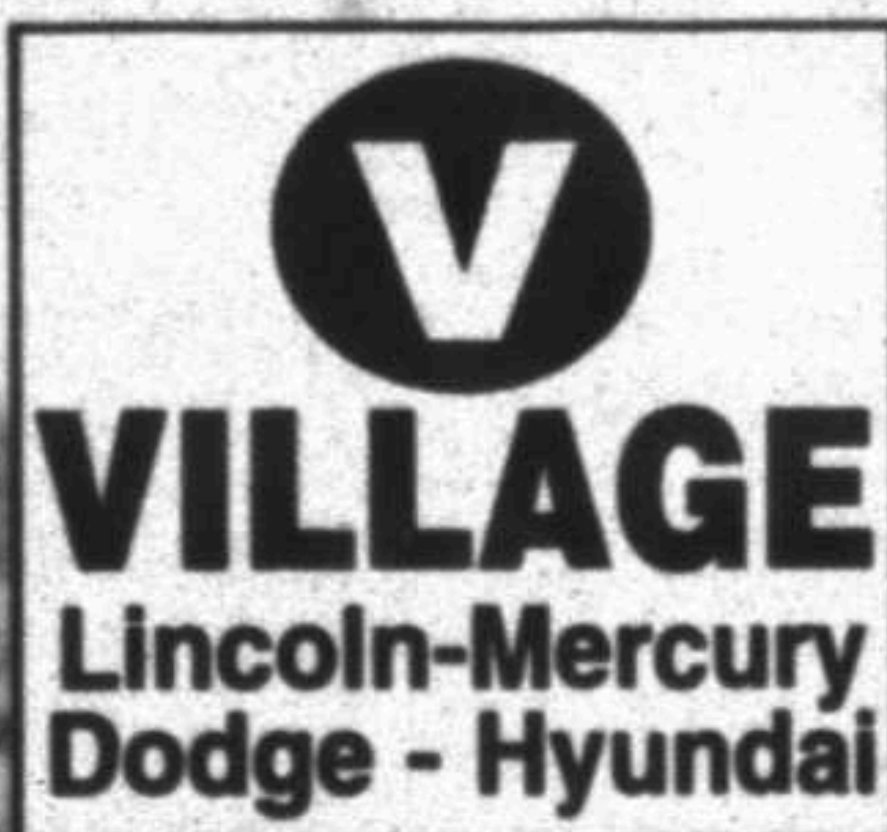
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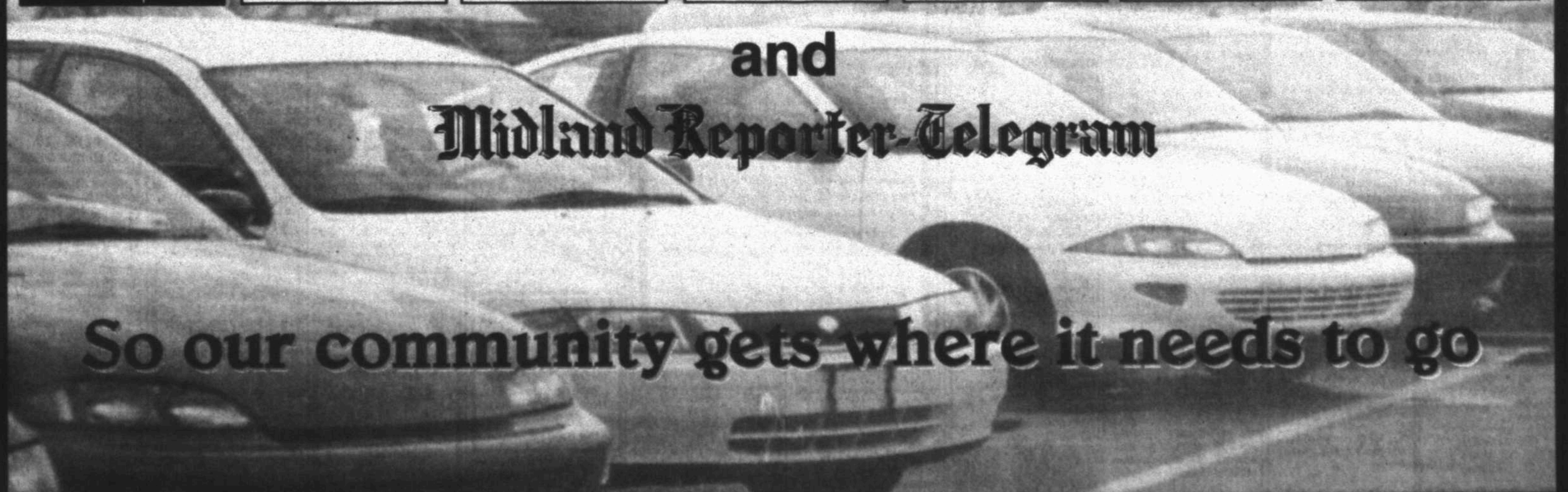


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Mike Pipes, W.M.
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The Policy Advisory Committee of the Midland-Odessa Regional Transportation Study (MORTS) will meet in the offices of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission at 2910 LaForce Boulevard, Midland International Airport at 8:30 AM, Friday, April 7, 2000 to conduct the following business:

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Consider the minutes of the previous meeting (January 21, 2000).
3. Transit Feasibility Study Update presentation (LKC Representatives).
4. Discuss proposed revisions to the 2000-2002 Transportation Improvement Program and consider the recommendation of the Steering Committee concerning approving the revisions.
5. Discuss proposed revisions to the 2000-2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and consider the Steering Committee's recommendation regarding adoption of the revisions.
6. Hear status report pertaining to significant projects.
7. Schedule a meeting in July principally to review and consider adopting the proposed 2001 Unified Planning Work Program.
8. Note the following public meetings that have been scheduled:

Transit Feasibility Study Update Midland
Monday, April 17, 2000
11:00 AM - Midland Center - 105 North Main
5:30 PM, Midland Community Center, Schorbauer Drive and Butternut Lane

Odessa
Tuesday, April 18, 2000
11:00 AM - City Council Chambers, 5th Floor, City Hall, 411 West 8th Street
6:00 PM, Southside Senior Center, 900 South Dixie Boulevard

State Highway 349 Reliever Route
6:00 PM, Monday, April 24, 2000
Center for Energy and Economic Diversification (CEED)
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9. Consider old business
10. Consider new business
11. Adjourn

For additional information, please contact Mr. Jerry Tschauer at 915/563-1061.

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Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

ORDINANCE NO. 7928
An Ordinance changing the Zoning Classification amending Chapter One, Title XI, of the City Code of Midland, Texas, by permitting the property described in Section One which is presently zoned LR-2 Local Retail District to be used as PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center; providing for such use to be subject to certain special conditions and restrictions as set out herein; containing a Cumulative Clause; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty or fine of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00); and ordering publication

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW HEARING
Midland Emergency Communication District Board of Managers hereby gives notice of a Public Review Hearing in accordance with Chapter 772 of the Health and Safety Code, Subchapter D, 772.319. Every three years the District shall solicit public comments and hold a Public Review Hearing on the continuation of the District and the 9-1-1 Emergency Service Fee. This meeting is scheduled Tuesday, April 18, 2000, 7:30 a.m., at the Midland Hilton, Midland, Texas.

Kenneth A. Peeler,
Chairman, Board of Managers of Midland Emergency Communication District

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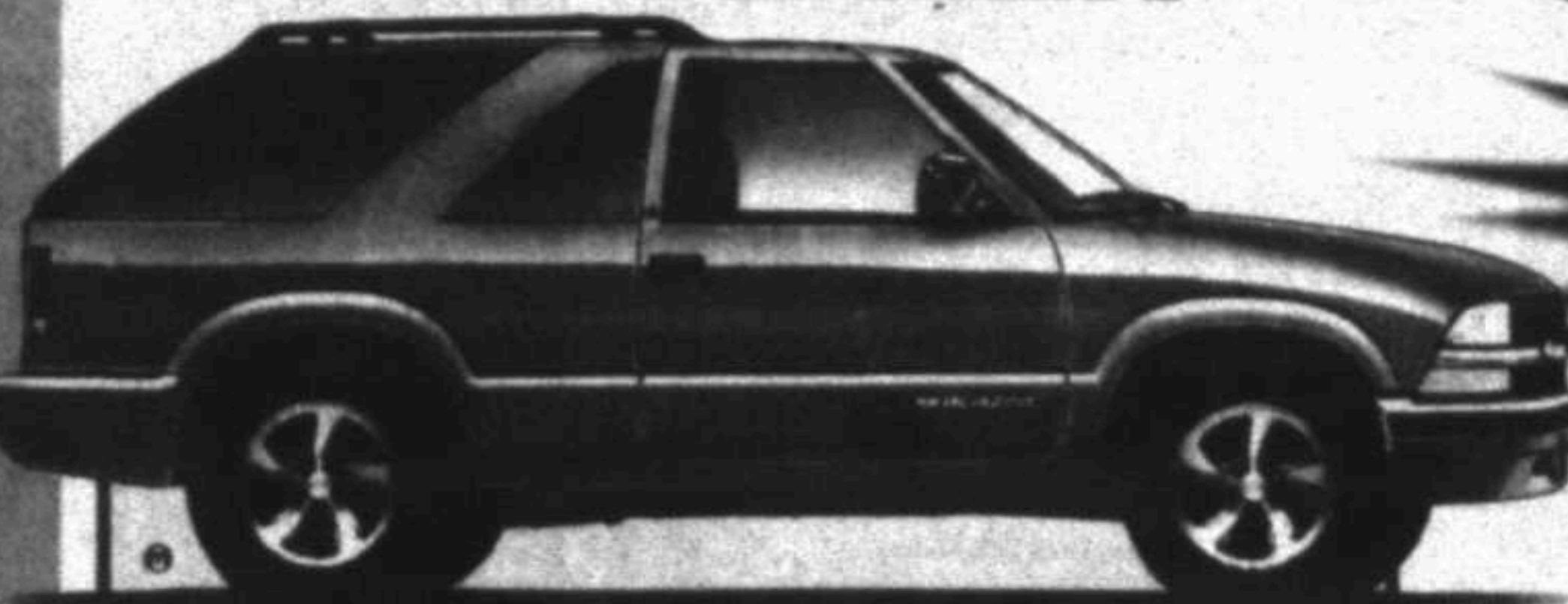
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★ NEW TODAY
MAINTENANCE PERSON
Needed full time. Apply in person at Super 8 Motel, 1000 West I-20, Midland. No phone calls.

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MAP DRAFTER-Entry Level-some knowledge of AutoCAD and well spotted beneficial. Excellent free hand lettering essential. For appointment call 683-2777, ext. 18. Fax 682-1633.

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MERCHANDISER
TASC
The Service Division of Bush Furniture is seeking Part-Time Merchandising specialist for the greater Midland and surrounding areas. Must have strong communication skills and detail oriented. Reliable transportation, ability to lift 50+ pounds and assemble displays. Must pass drug screen and drivers records checks. Day hours only. Up to \$10.00 hourly DOE. Fax resume to:
636-447-7116
or call
1-800-491-2874
ext #170. E.O.E.

★ NEW TODAY
CHILD CARE needs a full time cook. Please call 689-6309 or apply at 1007 Austin.

★ NEW TODAY
CAB DRIVER. Must be courteous, dependable, good driving record. Retired or students welcome, male or female. Call 685-7070.

★ NEW TODAY
CAR SALES Person for special finance department. Credit Resources at Music City Mall. 915/552-5363.

★ NEW TODAY
COURT ADVOCATES
Court Advocates (CASA) Volunteers needed to advocate for abused children in Midland, Big Spring, Stanton, Garden City. No degree advanced education needed, training provided. Background check required! Contact Voices for Children (915)570-1084.

★ NEW TODAY
KEY HOLDER POSITION
Available at local shoe store. Exciting career opportunity available now. Retail experience preferred. Competitive benefits package. Apply in person at the Shoe Department, Midland Park Mall. EOE M/F.

★ NEW TODAY
LOCAL TRUCK DRIVER
needed. Competitive hourly wage plus benefits. Must have CDL Class A with good driving record. Apply in person at 100 St. Peter, Stanton or call 756-2888.

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Pam, Jennifer, Nancy, Emily & Rick are available to help you with all of your advertising needs.

Temporary Full Time Days For Special Sports Ticket Promotion (Approximately 3 months work).
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10601 W. County Road 127 (off 1788)

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★ NEW TODAY
NAIL TECH. Our busy salon is losing only nail tech- clients waiting for professional friendly person. 697-5597 697-7384, 699-7629.

★ NEW TODAY
NEEDED IMMEDIATELY
Experienced linemen for field work. Must be able to pass drug testing and have a valid driver's license. Company benefits include paid insurance and paid vacation. Salary DOE. Apply at EM & C. 6501 S. FM 1788, Midland or send resume to P.O. Box 60448, Midland, 79711. Fax resume to: 915/561-5218.

★ NEW TODAY
NOW ACCEPTING applications for Waitstaff. Must be experienced and neat. Apply in person, Cattleman's Steak House, 3300 N. Big Spring.

★ NEW TODAY
PHONE HELP. will train in phone sales. Full time, year round. 697-1166.

★ NEW TODAY
PINOCCHIOS PIZZA
now is hiring for all positions. Great work environment. Flexible hours. Must be 18 to apply. Please apply in person 3303 N. Midkiff.

★ NEW TODAY
SUBSTANCE ABUSE Counselor- start \$2,128/month. Residential A/D treatment center. Must be LCDC. Performs A/D assessment and evaluation, and prepares individual treatment plan. Conducts individual/group sessions. Exciting career opportunity available now. Retail experience preferred. Competitive benefits package. Apply in person at the Shoe Department, Midland Park Mall. EOE M/F.

311 Medical Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital, Sweetwater, Texas, an 85 bed J.C.A.H.O. accredited facility is currently seeking a full-time RDMS Registered or Registry eligible Ultrasound Technologist-ARRT a plus. Must have previous experience in Vascular Carotid Doppler, and Echocardiogram. We offer a progressive Radiology Department, excellent benefit and salary package and friendly atmosphere. Interested candidates should contact Personnel at 915-235-1701 ext. 222 or send resume to PO BOX 690, Sweetwater, Texas 79556 EOE.

311 Medical Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

DALLAS CIVIL ENGINEERING Firm seeks a full-time Civil Engineer. Minimum 5 years of experience. Fax resume to: 214-361-0204.

DATA ENTRY Clerk for small office. Duties include answering the telephone, A/R, A/P, and G/L. Experience in Peachtree Please contact John Henry at 915-694-9988.

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

EXPERIENCED Custom Framing needed. Full or part time. Salary negotiable. Apply in person at 3102 W. Cuthbert.

FAMILIES TOGETHER Consultant- Two Positions Available- One Bilingual Required. Bachelor's Degree in a related field working with children and families required. Reimbursed travel within a 17 county area serving families in their home. Salary \$1,900 monthly. E.O.E. Call for application or pick up at High Sky Children's Ranch, Families Together, 8701 W. County Road 60, Midland 79707. (915)520-8370.

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

LEGAL ASSISTANT/ SECRETARY: seeking person who has Civil Litigation experience, primarily in the area of personal injury, who can handle a heavy workload for fast growing firm. Computer skills, organized, bilingual and communication skills a must. Non-smoking environment. Salary DOE. Send resumes to: 403 N. Spring St., Suite C, Midland, TX 79705.

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

FULL TIME Medical billing clerk for single employee office in Midland. Medical Manager required. Send resume: Personnel, PMB #325 5804 Babcock Rd. San Antonio, TX 78240, email debag@aol.com.

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

IMMEDIATE openings for EMTs. Basic, intermediate and paramedic. Full, part time or PRN. Day, evening or night shifts. Texas West Ambulance, 689-0531.

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

IMMEDIATE POSITION for full time nurse, RN or LVN. Medical office experience necessary. Excellent salary and benefit package. Must be self starter and team player. Send resume to: Box J-5038, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

MD NEEDED immediately for part-time, on call position, nights, weekends in Midland, TX. Guaranteed income. Call 1-800-493-7222 or fax CV to 713-953-1925.

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

MED TECH AMBULANCE is currently accepting applications for Midland Office, EMT, EMTI, Paramedics. Full, Part time and PRN. Great flexible hours, friendly working environment. Must have Texas certification, good driving record, and be at least 21 years of age. 580-5202.

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

NURSE WANTED for cardiac cath lab. Cath lab experience preferred. Please send resumes to PO Box 4186, Midland, TX 79704.

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

PEDIATRIC R.N. An R.N. who is experienced with pediatric patients is needed to work evenings, nights, weekends, and be able to take on-call if needed. LVN's will be considered. Please contact Deirda, at Infusion Plus before 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday at 570-7587.

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

PHYSICAL THERAPY Outpatient clinic is looking for P.T. Aide to work Part-time (flexible hours). Apply in person. Send Physical Therapy, 4500 West Illinois Suite 306, from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. Monday Through Friday.

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

QUALITY NURSING SERVICES: RN's starting out at \$26.00 per hour. LVN's starting out at \$19.00 per hour. 3106 N. Big Spring, Suite #103. Call 682-7122 or 570-1021.

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

TERRACE WEST Nursing Center, has current openings for CNA's. If interested, please apply in person at 2800 North Midland Drive, Midland, Texas.

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

TRINITY HAVEN HEALTHCARE Needs Qualified Dependable Full-Time CNA's & LVN's Good starting pay New Pay Incentive LSW Part-Time Family Owned & Operated Pleasant clean work environment Apply in person 3203 Sage St. 683-5403.

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Account Executives Team Up With The World's Leader in Computer Training. New Horizons Computer Learning Centers. Earning potential unlimited. Send resume to: AE's, P.O. Box 4786, Midland, TX 79704 or email james.roye@newhorizons.com

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

PERSONAL LINES Customer Service Representative. Need experience in Aster or Echo rating systems. Benefits offered. Send resume to: Box R-1022, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

★ DP PERSONNEL ★ Temp & Perm Positions Benefits & Bonuses Available 682-0033 or 570-0197

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

Global Personnel Network Positions Local & Worldwide 686-6360.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING CONSULTANT

The person we are looking for will love working with computers & learning new skills; love (even more) talking to people on the phone, have excellent spelling & typing skills; have the ability to learn quickly & retain information learned; be committed to quality & be able to pay attention to fine details; possess the ability to care about & respect our customers; and be able to constructively handle stress on a daily basis.

In return, you'll be given...all the training you need to be successful; skills that you can take with you for your future, lots of hard work sprinkled with fun & laughter; an opportunity to grow in a professional environment where your skills & dedication to quality are valued; a chance to go home each day knowing that you've made a difference in someone's life.

We would prefer applicants with at least 3+ years experience in an office setting but "go-getters" of all experience levels are encouraged to apply. This position is for 40 hours per week, with a varied schedule (most days are from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday-Friday, but you will be scheduled to work 10:30 am to 7:30 pm approximately 2 times per week. Also, 1 or 2 Saturdays per month, from 7:30 am to approximately 2 pm.) Pay is based on an hourly wage of \$6.25 plus a generous commission plan that rewards you for your speed, productivity & accuracy.

If you possess the skills listed above and are looking for a challenge, fax your resume to: **Brandt at 682-6999 or Stop by 201 E. Illinois or E-mail us at mrtclassified@mrt.com**

Only selected applicants will be called for an interview. No phone calls please.

OUTREACH VICTIMS Advocate: The Odessa office of Safe Place has a full-time opening for an Outreach Victim's Advocate. Requires a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, Psychology, Social Work or one of the Behavioral Sciences or equivalent experience in a related work field. Extensive same day travel, bilingual preferred. Must possess excellent interpersonal skills, ability to work independently and an understanding of and willingness to work with legal systems. Fax to 915-552-7470 or mail to: P.O. Box 2942, Midland, Texas 79702 (Attn: Tina Martin) by April 25, 2000.

RESERVOIR ENGINEER: Yates Petroleum Corporation, a very active oil and gas producer, is seeking a reservoir engineer for a position in Artesia, New Mexico. The successful candidate will have a B.S. degree in Engineering, and three or more years experience in the oil and gas industry. We offer competitive salaries and benefits, challenging work and an opportunity to be a part of a growing oil and gas company. Send resumes to: Yates Petroleum Corporation, Attn: Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 97, Artesia, New Mexico 88211-0097.

WELL-SITE GEOLOGISTS: SITE GEOLOGISTS needed. Call 830-460-8471 or 210-413-9185 (cell).

314 Clerical Help Wanted

Spring into a New Job with TEMPORARY RESOURCES

Clerical Experience needed now! 684-0527

→NEW TODAY←

BOOKKEEPER/ CLERK Needed for apartment management company. Please apply in person at 5010 West Loop 250 North or Call 684-1349 for more information.

→NEW TODAY←

FULL CHARGE Bookkeeping/ Accounting for small oil and gas company. Responsibilities include general ledger, accounts payable, bill of exchange, revenue entry, deposits, cash accounts, financial statements and other financial reporting. Position requires an organized, self-motivated individual who can take charge with little supervision. Some oil and gas experience is necessary. Please send resume and salary requirements to: Box P-6032, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

→NEW TODAY←

MIDLAND BASED Oil Senior Revenue Accounting position with an experienced individual. All applicants must possess through knowledge of Questa accounting software plus working familiarity with Quickbooks and Quicken. Fax resumes to 915-682-4139.

→NEW TODAY←

Help Wanted

Box Holder, P.O. Box 10689 Midland, TX 79702

We will arrange an interview. It is important that we are both happy with the opportunity to work together.

KELLY IS YOUR JOB CONNECTION... To Quality Job! Call Kelly Services 689-9801

OFFICE MANAGER/ Receptionist. Answers phones, general office duties, manages computer data bases, record keeping, monthly statistics and reports. Bilingual a plus. Monday through Friday 9 to 5. Submit resume to: Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 3389, Midland, Texas 79702.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT/ Administrative Assistant: Safe Place has an opening for Program Administrative Assistant with at least three years experience and proven skills in computer knowledge (Windows 95/98, database, very organized, reliable, self-starter, maintaining strict confidentiality. Fax resume to: 570-5315 or mail to: Box 2942, Midland, Texas 79702, to be received by April 10, 2000.

→NEW TODAY←

SALES REP Needed \$75,000 + per year. 915-522-1218.

→NEW TODAY←

SALES DEMONSTRATORS Part-time needed at local wholesale clubs in your area. Good hourly pay. Paid training, no experience necessary. Call 1-800-469-7897 ext 222.

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Guys & Gals

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Apply in person at Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Tuesday at 6:00 pm Meeting will last 1 hour.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SALESPERSON

Needed for electrical wholesale distributor Position requires good knowledge of telecommunications materials, electrical materials, and previous sales experience. Must have ability to develop customer relations, increase sales value and develop new accounts. Good communications skills, good organization skills, and excellent work ethics are required. Must have high school diploma or GED. Applications taken between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday at Zimco Electric, 850 West University, Odessa, TX. Equal Opportunity employer, M/F.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

Pool Company, an industry leader in oil field services, is accepting applications for the following position:

SENIOR SAFETY & TRAINING SPECIALIST

This position will be responsible for safety & training functions in four to five areas throughout West Texas. Applicants must have experience in well servicing & oil field trucking industries & knowledge of OSHA, DOT, RRC, EPA & API regulations and practices as well as experience in safety training, accident investigation & loss control.

A Bachelor's Degree in safety management or a related discipline is required; however, work experience in the industry in the industry may be substituted for educational requirements.

Pool Company offers an excellent wage and benefits package including medical and dental insurance, paid vacation, and other benefits.

Forward resumes to:

Pool Company
Post Office Box 60910
Midland, TX 79711

POOL COMPANY TEXAS
An Equal Opportunity Employer (M/F/D/V)

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

A dynamic and rapidly expanding public oil and gas company located in Midland, Texas is seeking a

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DIVISION ORDER ANALYST

Candidates should have a minimum of 5 years of land administration experience and be proficient in all phases of division order work (preparing and processing division orders, reviewing title opinions and curative documents, analyzing conveyance documents, splitting burdens, managing ownership records, etc.). Applicants must have effective communication skills, excellent PC skills, strong analytical and organizational skills, be a self-starter and work with minimal supervision. We offer competitive compensation, an excellent benefit package and a smoke free environment.

Please send resume to:

Attention: Land Department
P.O. Box 10629
Midland, TX 79702

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

WANTED IMMEDIATELY: Oil and gas Landmen to work in New Mexico and West Texas. Send resumes to: Box J-5040, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

WANTED: EXPERIENCED Pushers. Apply at Rusty's Oil Field Service Co., Inc., Stanton, 915-756-2821.

316 Sales Help Wanted

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320 Skilled Trades

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

BUILDER WANTED to build precast buildings and do general lot work. Must have own carpentry tools. Truck preferred. Apply at Morgan Portable Buildings & Spas, 12000 W. Hwy. 80 E. (1/4 mile east of Hero's Water World).

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

CABLE ONE seeks to fill 1 position of field technician in its Odessa operation. Previous experience in cable television or related field is required. Must possess good communication, technical & public relation skills along with a desire to learn & advance in the company. Valid driver's license & pre-employment physical required. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. Apply to: Plant Manager, P.O. Box 33, Odessa, TX 79706.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICIAN, Pipelitter. Electrical needed now for out of state work. Earn up to \$2,000 weekly with OT. Hotel paid. Call now (877)377-8649.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

WELDER NEEDED with 3-5 years oil field experience. Salary DOE. Reply to: Box J-5039, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

ATTENTION READERS

Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card or bank information.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

THE GIFT SHOP "To Warm Your Heart" Great client list and growth potential. Priced to sell. Owner has other interests. Call 520-3181.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

STUCK ON 20 until April 20th. \$120 deposit, \$20 application fee, 1 bedroom, \$220/ month, 2 bedroom, \$320/ month. First come- first served. 520-3238.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

1 BEDROOM, Living room. No bills paid, \$250 monthly, \$100 deposit. Call 682-0155.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

PATIO TOWNHOUSES, 1710 N "A" Apt about a free months rent. 1 Bedroom apartments & 2 bedroom townhomes. Gas & Water paid. Now open Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm 682-4783.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

ONE BEDROOM, one bath, 616 square feet, washer, dryer, fireplace, ceiling fans. \$250 up. Call for Special. 689-8115.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

PINEHURST: OVERSIZED 1 & 2 bedroom, free cable, blinds, laundry on premises. \$200/ \$260. 661-3999.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

WHISPERING OAKS: Exceptionally nice two bedroom, two bath, 2nd, 3rd bedrooms, covered parking, free laundry facility. Lots of closet space. \$450 per month. Located in beautiful quiet Whispering Oaks. 1804 North Midland Drive, 694-4001.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

LAS COLINAS, Midland's foremost townhouses, 1, 2 & 3 bedrooms, \$495 to \$895. Open 3-6 pm except Tuesday. 697-8770.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

TWO BEDROOM, one bath apartment, large parking and patio area, water and gas paid, \$319 monthly. See at 3200 Sage, apartment #7. Call 550-3245 after 5 pm.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

GOLDEN PARK Duplexes- 3100 Kansas. 2 Bedrooms \$199 Move in Special. 520-0133.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

TWO BEDROOM Townhouse, almost new carpet, huge closets, 1 3/4 bath, two covered parking. 687-4855.

UTI DRILLING

The leading contract drilling company in the Permian Basin is seeking experienced candidates for the following positions:

Drillers • Derrickmen • Motormen • Floormen

Complete benefit package including: Health Insurance, Paid Vacation & 401K plan.

Qualified applicants should apply in person at: 640 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79702 Pre-employment drug screen required

Equal Opportunity Employer

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

WANTED: Licensed Service Plumbers & HVAC Service Technicians. If you are interested in working for a growing and stable company that has been in business for over 65 years, offering good benefits, including health insurance, 401K retirement, paid vacation, continuing education, guaranteed 40 hours work week and top wages, please apply at Armstrong Mechanical, 710 East 40th, Lubbock, TX or mail your resume to P.O. Box 3430, Lubbock, TX 79452 EOE

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

400 Auctions

AUCTION- May 6th, 2000. Trucks, vans, pickups, cars, boats, RV's, construction equipment, oil field tools, assorted miscellaneous. Now accepting consignments. Harway Auctioneers. License #7753 561-9929.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

600 For Rent

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

IN HOME CARE provides care for almost any situation at affordable rates. For more information or questions, call (915)570-4475.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

CERTIFIED NURSE Aide. Will do patient care in home or hospital, 20 years experience. References available. Please call Joann 686-0779, call 683-0075.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

340 Child Care Needed

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

NANNY NEEDED: Starting part time moving to full time. Must have references and previous work history. 684-7007, leave message.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

BABY SITTER Needed Monday Wednesday & Friday 12:30 pm- 4:30 pm. Call 699-5111.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

NEEDED: One care giver for day care. Penny's Early Learning Center. Call 699-1313.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

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341 Child Care Providers

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

CHILD CARE in my home a lot of one on one attention and TLC. Six Years experience. References available. 522-2921.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

REGISTERED/ CPR Certified. Child care in my home. One opening available. Clean environment. Loop 250 & Hwy 80 area. 563-1910.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

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350 Business Opportunities

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→NEW TODAY←

FOR SALE: Sign Engraving company. Equipment, inventory, supplies. \$5,000. 697-3919 before 5 pm.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

MAILBOXES ETC. Franchises for sale. Call 1-877-MBE-SALE. www.mbe.com

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

LOCAL VENDING Route for sale. Machines already placed. Great part-time job for anyone. Call 689-3143.

MARTY'S MARKETPLACE

Leading you to the best bargains in Midland and the area!

Do you need to get rid of some of your extra goodies around the house? Don't want to spend a lot of cash?

*Marty's Weekday Special

3 Line Ad
1 Item Priced \$300 or Less
Monday through Thursday ONLY
\$4.00
Call or Fax Classifieds today to schedule your special Marketplace ad!

682-6222

Fax 682-6999

*Private Party merchandise ads only. 1 item per ad.
Price must be in ad to qualify.
Other restrictions may apply, ask consultant for details.

410 Miscellaneous Sales
USED New Hermes engraving machine. Oval circle matt cutter, dry mount press, metal shear, large paper cutter, computer printers and setup bench. Call 570-8144.
INVENTORY REDUCTION: Bargain! Full-sized spa/hot tubs \$59.00 a month. Delivery/financing available. 915-563-3108.
WHEEL CHAIR: Very good condition, \$100 firm. Only used a few times. 699-1245.
NORDIC TRACK: Excellent condition, \$175. Please call 686-8374 for more information.
8 POUND OREK: vacuum cleaner. Like new-one year guarantee, \$129.95. Call 520-6464.

410 Miscellaneous Sales
TIRE OF... Being out of energy? Feeling stressed? We got what it takes! Free samples. 915-580-1349.
MUST SELL: this week's slight damage 14'x32' garage/workshop. Will deliver. 915-563-3108.
BINGO: American Legion, 501 Airport Road, Friday nights, games start at 8. Food, refreshments. 682-5511.
BY OWNER: "Garden of Devotion" Lot 467, 4 spaces, \$1,400 each. Resilient Cemetery. Call 606-794-5024.

★ BIBLE TALK: "What is the Nature of the Church We Read about in the Bible #57". 915-520-0361. Free recorded message.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

AIRLINE TICKETS (2): 1 Way/round trip to anywhere in the US. \$129 each way. 877-599-1929.
CUSTOM BUILT: Trailer mounted bar-b-que pit with two butane burners. \$1,200. Call 694-9974.

KING SIZE 12 drawer: Waterbed. \$225; queen size Serta set. \$100; swing set. \$30. 699-4319.

LIRIOPE: 6" pot, \$1.50 each; Aloe Vera plants. Call 694-7539 to order.

DARK COLORED: dining table, \$75. Sofa, \$75. 16 Kenmore frost-free refrigerator, \$100. GE Washer, \$35. 4315 Harlowe.

415 Miscellaneous Sales
SOUTHWEST: Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 682-5409.

420 Good Things to Eat
GREENHOUSE: Grown non-hybrid tomatoes. Ready to plant. \$1.22 and \$3. Call 687-8223.

432 Household Furniture
SIMMONS: Sofa for sale, navy with pastel stitching, very good condition, \$200. 699-1303.

BRAND NEW: leather sofa & love seat set, tan color, great value. \$1,300 or best offer. 683-3078.

DINING ROOM SET: 6 chairs, beautiful southwest print, hutch, \$1,200. Call 520-7151 leave message.

DARK ROSE: colored medical chair. \$100. 694-8149.

DINETTE SET: glass top, 4 chairs, 4 cushioned mauve chairs. \$100. Excellent condition. 699-0348.

FREE REMOVAL: of your unwanted appliances. Sales & Service 550-6540.

Find It! Buy It! Sell It!
682-6222

432 Household Furniture

SOFA SLEEPER: full size, brown/tan plaid. Mattress in great shape. Call 694-5102 after 5pm.

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