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Retired Secret Service Officer Lewis C. Fox leaves federal court in Washington, Thursday after appearing before a grand jury investigating an alleged affair between President Clinton and former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. A former member of the uniformed division, Fox did not testify, but may be called to do so later. Fox's lawyer said that his client did not see President Clinton alone with Ms. Lewinsky. Story page 4B
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Cuban prisoners

VATICAN CITY — Cuba announced Thursday it was releasing dozens of prisoners in response to Vatican appeals, giving Pope John Paul II the first major concrete success of his historic pilgrimage last month to the communist island. Those released include some dissidents, whose plight was underlined by the pope's dramatic plea in Cuba. Story page 6A

Hispanic births up

WASHINGTON — Latino fertility rates rose dramatically in the early 1990s to the point where in 1995, Hispanic women gave birth to one in every five babies in the United States, according to a federal health study released Thursday. Story page 9A

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Aides say ousting Saddam a goal

Russia's ambassador to the United Nations Sergey Lavrov folds his copy of the Russian newspaper Izvestia outside the Security Council Thursday. In Moscow, Russia's defense minister criticized U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen about America's "rigid and uncompromising" stand on Iraq. Russia's reaction on page 5A.



AP Photo

■ Although targeting foreign leaders for assassination is illegal, U.S. officials say attack would strike targets that could weaken Saddam's grip on power. And Pentagon has developed 'bunker buster' bomb.

By Stewart M. Powell
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — Clinton administration officials broadened the goals of threatened U.S. air strikes against Iraq Thursday to include measures designed to cripple Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and hasten his ouster.

Officials said the threatened U.S. military operation would strike targets that could weaken Saddam's grip on power, such as leadership bunkers, elite Republi-

can Guard forces, presidential palaces and hideaways used by Saddam's cadre of supporters.

The broadening of U.S. goals was a response to demands in Congress for a long-term plan to topple Saddam. The administration also was trying to raise the stakes for the Iraqi leader in an effort to persuade him to permit resumption of U.N. weapons inspections.

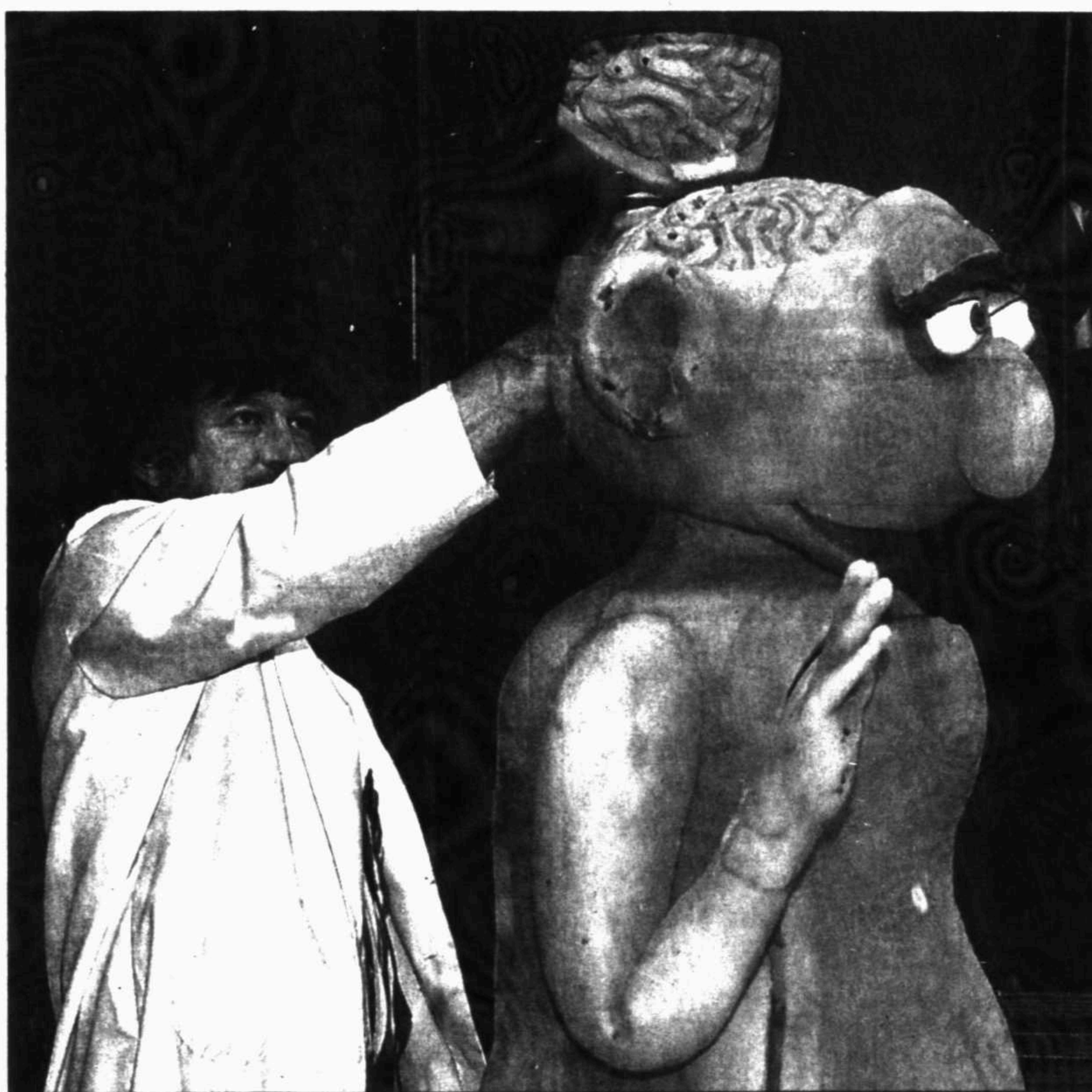
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White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry, asked if the Clinton administration hopes that U.S.-led military action would lead to Saddam's removal, replied: "Though desirable, that would not be the stated purpose of any military action, if and when the president has to exercise those options."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright also stressed the administration's preference for Saddam's ouster.

Please see IRAQ/4A

Picking A.D.A.M.'s brain



Bill Peters with Mobile Ed Productions Inc. of Michigan, with the help of A.D.A.M. — Anatomically Detailed Automated Mannequin — talked to Santa Rita Elementary School students Thursday about the human body. Here Peters uses a mirror to show off A.D.A.M.'s brain.

Robot teaches a whole new body of knowledge

It's not often a robot has a chance to teach biology. Students at Trinity School and Midland Independent School District's Santa Rita Elementary recently learned about the marvels of the human body with the help of a special robot.

A.D.A.M. — Anatomically Detailed Automated Mannequin — a 6-foot-tall robot, is a detailed road map of the human body, including its skeletal, muscular, respiratory and nervous systems.

Mobile Ed Productions Inc., a company out of Redford, Mich., provided the robot and performer Bill Peters. Peters played the mad scientist Dr. "G.I.

Feelgood" and demonstrated the robot.

The robot's eyes light up when part of his arm is opened to show muscles and bones. Smoke comes out of his ears when the robot is "angry."

Peters said A.D.A.M. provides hands-on activities that teach children about human biology.

"We take out the organs. We do the systems of the body," Peters said. "I believe it is (hands-on) and we do it in such a way to make it entertaining and educational."

Peters and A.D.A.M. visited Trinity on Tuesday.

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Story by Richard Enos

Photo by Curt Wilcott

UTPB board OKs visual arts facility

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

ODESSA — University of Texas of the Permian Basin officials announced Thursday that the UT system has approved a \$3.1 million arts facility that will provide modern studios and classrooms for future visual arts students.

The UT Board of Regents approved the 27,830-square-foot Visual Arts Studios facility during their regular meeting Thursday. Groundbreaking could take place as soon as May with completion scheduled for summer 1999.

The facility comes as part of \$25.8 million in bonds that the Texas Legislature

approved in 1997 for the art building, a library/lecture building and energy plant retrofits.

The art complex will accommodate a two-dimensional studio for printmaking, painting, drawing and a three-dimensional studio for ceramics, sculpture, woodworking, and metal fabrication.

Teri Brooks, UTPB public information officer, said the building will be the first major campus construction project in 25 years.

The arts building comes as part of a master plan by officials to create a true campus community at UTPB, she said.

Please see ART/3A

Christian comedian inspires 'good, clean fun'

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writer

J.J. Jasper wakes up millions of people every morning. When the alarm sounds, suspecting souls lie in wait for his gentle, Christian humor and morning schtick as the American Family Radio Network's morning drive announcer.

What do the L.A.P.D. and the Green Bay Packers have in common? Neither one of them can stop a Bronco.

Jasper, heard locally on WAFR (89.5 FM), has parlayed this type of family-

oriented radio-style humor into a bit of a Christian comedy coup, now playing upward of 250 weekend stage gigs a year for churches and other groups anxious for humor void of anything blue.

Saturday night, Jasper stops in Midland, performing in a community-wide concert of Christian comedy at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Show time is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

If at first you don't succeed, so much for skydiving.

Jasper noted that even the Bible calls for laughter in everyday life. "A

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Fayed lawyer tells investigator about white Fiat

PARIS (AP) — The father of Princess Diana's late companion wants the judge investigating the couple's death in a car crash to examine a damaged white Fiat Uno to see if it could have been the vehicle believed to be involved in the crash, a judicial source said Thursday.

Investigators believe the Mercedes in which Diana and Dodi Fayed were riding on Aug. 31 may have struck a white Fiat Uno before slamming into a pillar in a Paris traffic tunnel. Diana, Fayed and their driver were killed; Fayed's bodyguard survived.

Police have searched for months, unsuccessfully, for a car of that model that could have been involved in the crash.

A lawyer for Mohamed Al Fayed,

Dodi's father, sent a letter to investigating judge Herre Stephan on Wednesday saying a damaged white Fiat Uno was sold to a Paris-area garage in January, the judicial source said on condition of anonymity.

Lawyer Georges Kiejman, citing the work of a private investigator hired by Al Fayed, asked Stephan to determine who owned the car at the time of the crash and the exact date the car was sold. He also wants Stephan to look into why extensive bodywork was done on the car just before it was sold, the source said.

In the letter, Kiejman also expressed astonishment that the former owner of the vehicle was never questioned by investigators.

Al Fayed, as a civil party to the investigation, has access to the

investigators' case file.

When asked by The Associated Press about the letter, Al Fayed's investigator, Pierre Ottavio, a former chief of Paris' prestigious Criminal Brigade police unit, would only say, "Things are moving along." Al Fayed's spokesman in London could not be reached for comment.

Investigators have focused their attention on the high speed at which Diana's car was traveling and the drunken state of the driver, Henri Paul. They believe the car may have glanced off the Fiat before crashing.

Meanwhile, a former girlfriend of Dodi Fayed has told investigators that Paul's willingness to drive despite his drunken state could have come from fear of Fayed, a source close to the investigation

said.

Paul was the assistant chief of security at the Ritz Hotel, which is owned by the Fayed family. Diana and Dodi Fayed ate there before the accident.

Kelly Fisher, an American model who sued Dodi Fayed for allegedly jilting her, was interviewed by the judge investigating the accident on Jan. 30.

"More than the problem with the paparazzi, there was overall the behavior of Dodi and his attitude regarding employees who were obliged to do what he said because otherwise they were fired," she told the judge, the source said.

Bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones said it was Fayed who asked Paul to return to the Ritz to drive the couple.

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Frustrated Arafat threatens to 'cross out' peace agreements

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Frustrated by Israel's refusal to cede more West Bank land, Yasser Arafat threatened Thursday to "cross out" the peace agreements and unleash a new uprising against Israel.

In a fiery speech coinciding with Israel's 50th anniversary celebrations, the Palestinian leader also reiterated he would declare a Palestinian state in parts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip next year if the deadlock in negotiations continues.

"I have the right," he told reporters later.

Israel warned such a move not only violates the U.S.-brokered peace accords but would spell the end of the peace process.

Meanwhile, fresh clashes erupted in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In the divided town of Hebron, dozens of Palestinian high school students threw stones at Israeli soldiers manning a checkpoint, and troops fired rubber bullets in response.

In Gaza, Palestinian police tried to tear down a fence erected by Jewish settlers in a land dispute outside the Newe Dekalim settlement. A scuffle broke out between Palestinian police and Israeli troops, and one Israeli soldier was slightly hurt by a rifle butt swung by a Palestinian policeman, the Israeli army said.

Palestinian police briefly trained their weapons on Israeli soldiers, but left the area after commanders intervened.

Such instances of Israeli and Palestinian soldiers threatening one another with weapons have been on the rise in recent weeks, but so far the two sides have stopped short of firing on each other.

The latest violence and mutual recriminations come at a time when the peace talks are on hold, partly because of deep divisions and partly because of the crisis in

Iraq. Israeli and Palestinian negotiators held talks with U.S. officials in Washington earlier this week, but made no progress.

The Palestinian negotiators, who returned Thursday, arrived at Arafat's Ramallah headquarters to brief him as the Palestinian leader was speaking to a group of journalists and U.N. officials.

Waving toward the negotiators, Arafat told his visitors: "They achieved nothing. Nothing, nothing!"

Earlier, in Washington, chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat called U.S. proposals unrealistic.

Reflecting the Palestinians' frustrations, Arafat delivered a speech Thursday filled with references to revolution and martyrdom — and barely a word on peacemaking.

Threatening to renew the Palestinian uprising against Israel, he said of the peace process: "If we need to, we will cross it out and begin all over."

The Palestinian leader said he was willing to die to see Jerusalem in Palestinian hands, and vowed that once the May 1999 deadline for a final peace treaty with Israel had passed, nothing would stop him from declaring a state in the West Bank and Gaza.

Those who didn't like that — meaning Israel — "can drink from the sea of Gaza and the Dead Sea," he said.

Negotiations on a permanent peace agreement have not even begun, and it is unlikely they will in the near future because the two sides remain deadlocked over how to carry out interim accords — including a phased Israeli troop pullback in the West Bank.

Israel warned Arafat on Thursday not to make a unilateral declaration of statehood. "Declaring a state is not just a violation of the Oslo (peace) agreements, but scuttling them," said Netanyahu adviser David Bar-Illan.

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Passengers claim seat-belt sign off

TOKYO (AP) — Most passengers aboard a United Airlines flight that took a deadly plunge when it hit turbulence over the Pacific said the seat-belt sign was off at the time of the accident, NHK television reported Wednesday.

Of 360 passengers aboard the flight, which killed one person and injured more than 100, almost 240 passengers said the seat-belt signs were not on before the accident, NHK said.

Quoting the Transport Ministry's aircraft accident investigation committee, NHK also reported 270 passengers did not remember an announcement recommending that seat belts be fastened before the plane hit turbulence.

Sudden turbulence hit the jet as it was flying over the Pacific on Dec. 28, hurling some passengers into the ceiling and overhead luggage compartments. A 32-year-old woman died of a head injury.

The flight returned to Tokyo instead of continuing to its destination, Honolulu.

The ministry is still processing the results of the survey, and no decision has been made as to whether the results will be released to the public, spokesman Toshio Murayama said Thursday.

The survey polled 358 people, or nearly 96 percent of the passengers on board, about the seat-belt issue, he said, without elaborating.

United Airlines has said the seat-belt sign was turned on after the plane hit slight turbulence and announcements were made in English and Japanese alerting passengers to buckle up before severe shaking started.

In Washington, the National Transportation Safety Board has said information from the flight recorder showed the plane was severely buffeted by turbulence, but actually dropped much less than first thought — 100 feet, rather than an initial estimate of 1,000 feet.

U.S. aviation authorities have primary jurisdiction over the investigation because the American-owned jet encountered turbulence in international air space outside of Japan.

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JASPER: Laughs harder to get without shock, says comedian

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merry heart doeth good like medicine," Jasper quoted from Proverbs. "And I think we take ourselves too seriously. We have taxes to pay, children to raise, we have to go to work every day. There are some times when you just need to let your hair down. What's so very important to me is it's good, clean fun."

Before he burst onto the scene as the "Tonight Show" host, Jay Leno once said that those comedians who made people laugh without the use of coarse language were the most talented. Comedy has still chosen to go the course of the easy laugh, attempting to shock people off their night club bar stools.

"Absolutely it's more difficult to make people laugh" without resorting to shock tactics, said Jasper, who lives in Tupelo, Miss. "I think today the (intention) is to try to shock you. I'm real disappointed in that. Instead of being creative and professional, a lot of comedians go for the prurient interests of the audience. The old masters like Red Skelton, they had to have a storyline, a punch line. Comedy was — and still is — an art form."

Although the scandal surrounding President Clinton has become regular fodder on the late night comedy circuit, Jasper says he can think of nothing to say about the subject in a family atmosphere.

"I've been staying away from that," he said. "It's very hard to go down that road very far and stay family-friendly. But he'll keep the joke writers fed and clothed for many a month now."

Jasper, who several years ago lived in Abilene for a brief time, was recently offered a full-time

comedy show in Branson, Mo., the Midwestern center of family entertainment, but turned it down. He instead prefers his steady radio show and his opportunity to travel the country on weekends.

"I heard someone say once that laughter is the brush that sweeps away the cobwebs of our lives," Jasper said. "You try to impart values, teach integrity and honor to your children, but

it's those embarrassing, funny things that happen that 20 years from now will stay with our children. What Super Bowl commercials do we remember? The ones that make us laugh. There's so much stress in today's world that when you can laugh it's a welcome relief."

Jasper likens himself to a Christian Jeff Foxworthy, but also agrees that having to apply the prefix "Christian" to what he does is a sad statement on society.

"I think it's an indictment about where we are as Americans," Jasper said. "Billy Graham once said something about the slippery slope we're on as far as our morals go. Look at TV. Twenty-five years ago, Lucille Ball really dropped some jaws just for saying the word 'pregnant' on TV. When you and I were kids, we'd watch a cou-

ple of hours of 'Wagon Train,' 'Father Knows Best' and 'Andy Griffith.' Today, 'The Three Stooges' and 'Andy Griffith' ... they still make you howl. What was wrong with a couple of hours of 'The Rifleman?' If you look at television and how it's digressed, it's a sad commentary on how we've lowered our standards."

Jasper says today's comedians, Jerry Seinfeld, Bill Cosby and Leno, make him laugh, but he admits that sometimes they cross the line of what he considers good taste.

Jasper delivers not only family-oriented, Christian-based humor to the people, but he also gives a guarantee to those who pay \$5 a ticket to watch him perform.

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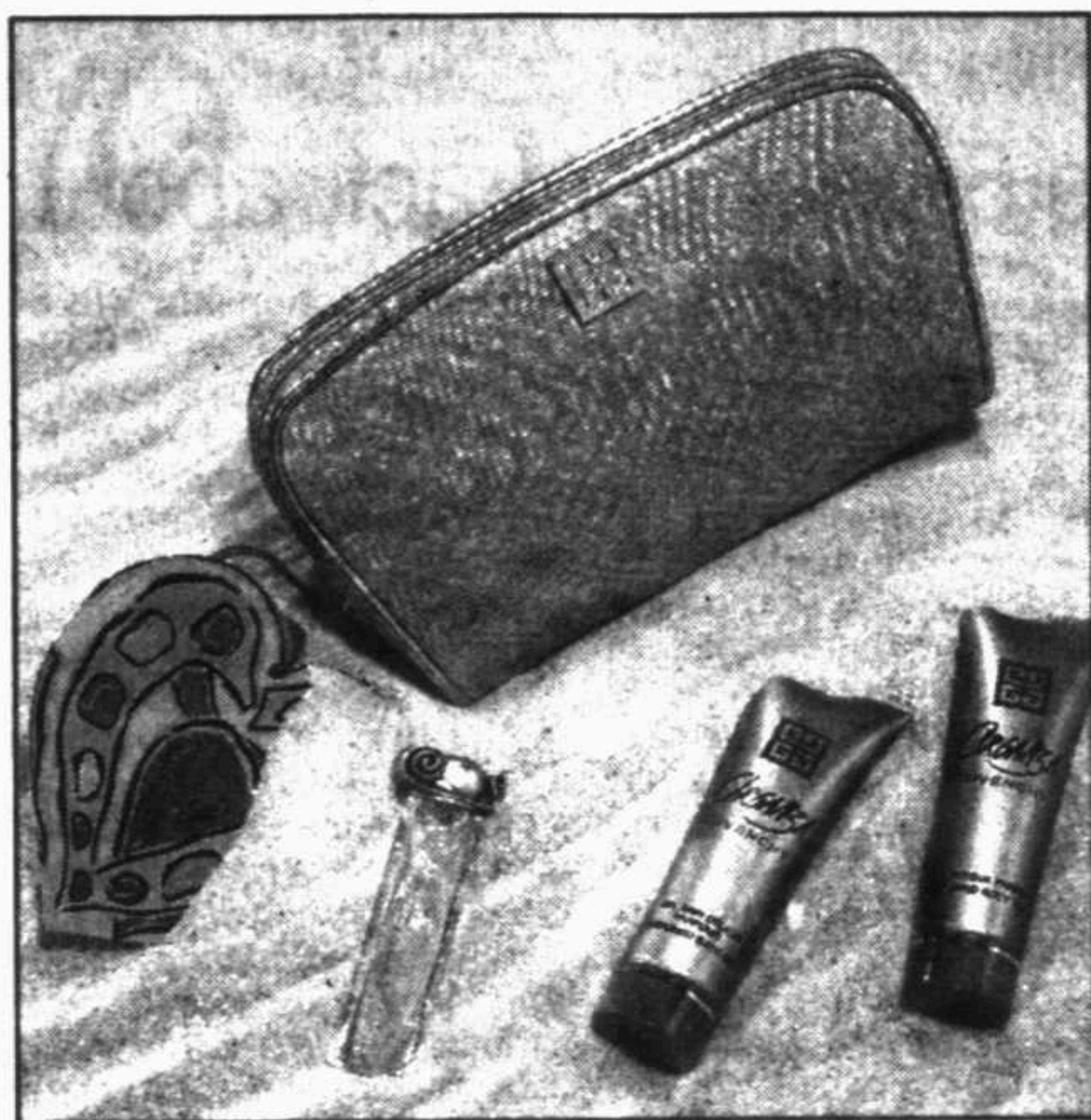
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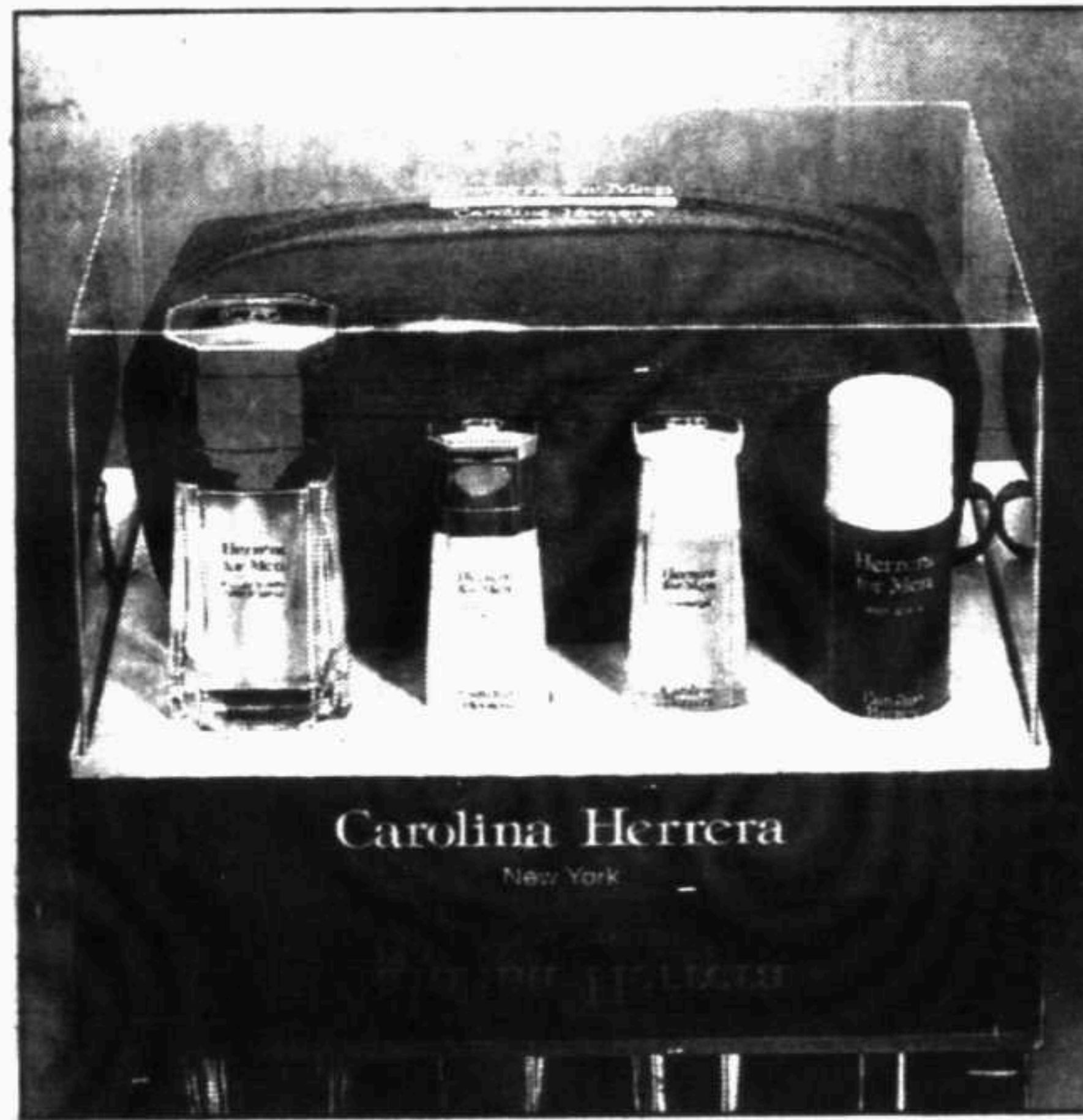
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ART: Professor hopes facility will attract students

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"It's going to give us a traditional campus feel. This is just the next step," she said.

Pam Price, area coordinator for the UTPB arts department, said the new facility will mean a state-of-the-art home for students taking art classes. This spring about 150 are taking art classes.

"We will have a facility that has been built with the arts in mind, so that we will have proper ventilation and space and lighting for studio areas," Ms. Price said. "We'll get some new equipment and some of it will be built in."

Ms. Price said that currently arts classes like printmaking, painting, drawing and graphic design are held in the school's old physical plant building. The building was meant to be temporary and has poor ventilation that is not effective at removing dust and paint fumes.

The art professor added that she hopes the facility will bring in new art students.

"My hope is that this will make students ... who want to study art want to come here," she said. "Students will have a place where they can work. I'm really proud of our program and our students."

Ms. Brooks said university officials believe the new facility will promote UTPB's image.

"Anytime that we have the support of the Legislature and the board of regents to enhance our facilities it's a boost to the university," she said. "It solidifies our university in the region and reminds people of what we have to offer."

The new building will be on the north side of the campus, near the gymnasium. The architectural firms F&S of Dallas and Rhotenberry Wellen Architects of Midland are designing the new art studios.

The UTPB Mesa Building and gymnasium were the last major construction projects on campus in 1974.

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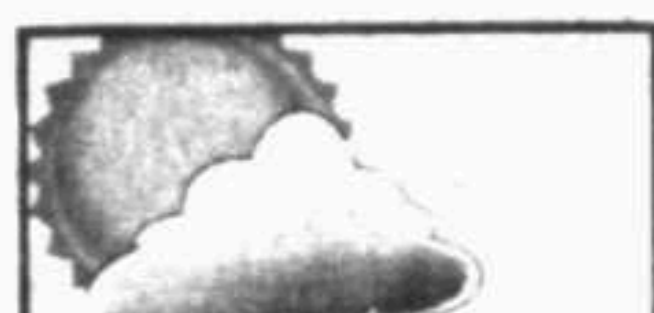
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Sunday
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Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies. The high will be near 60 with winds from the south to southwest at 5 to 15 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for cloudy skies with a low between 35 and 40.

Saturday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a high between 60 and 65.

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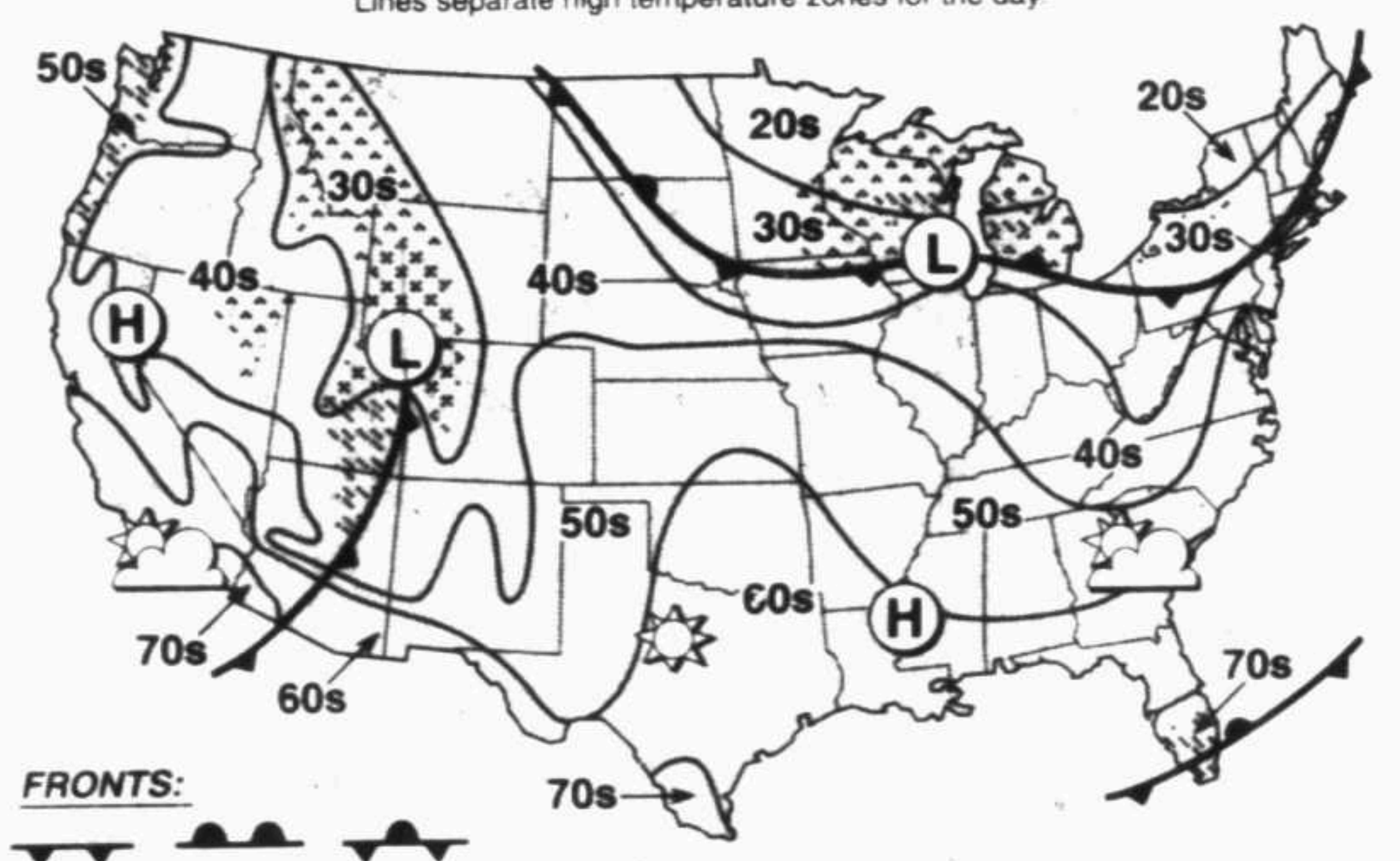
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Sunrise: 7:33 a.m. Sunset: 6:33 p.m.

National forecast

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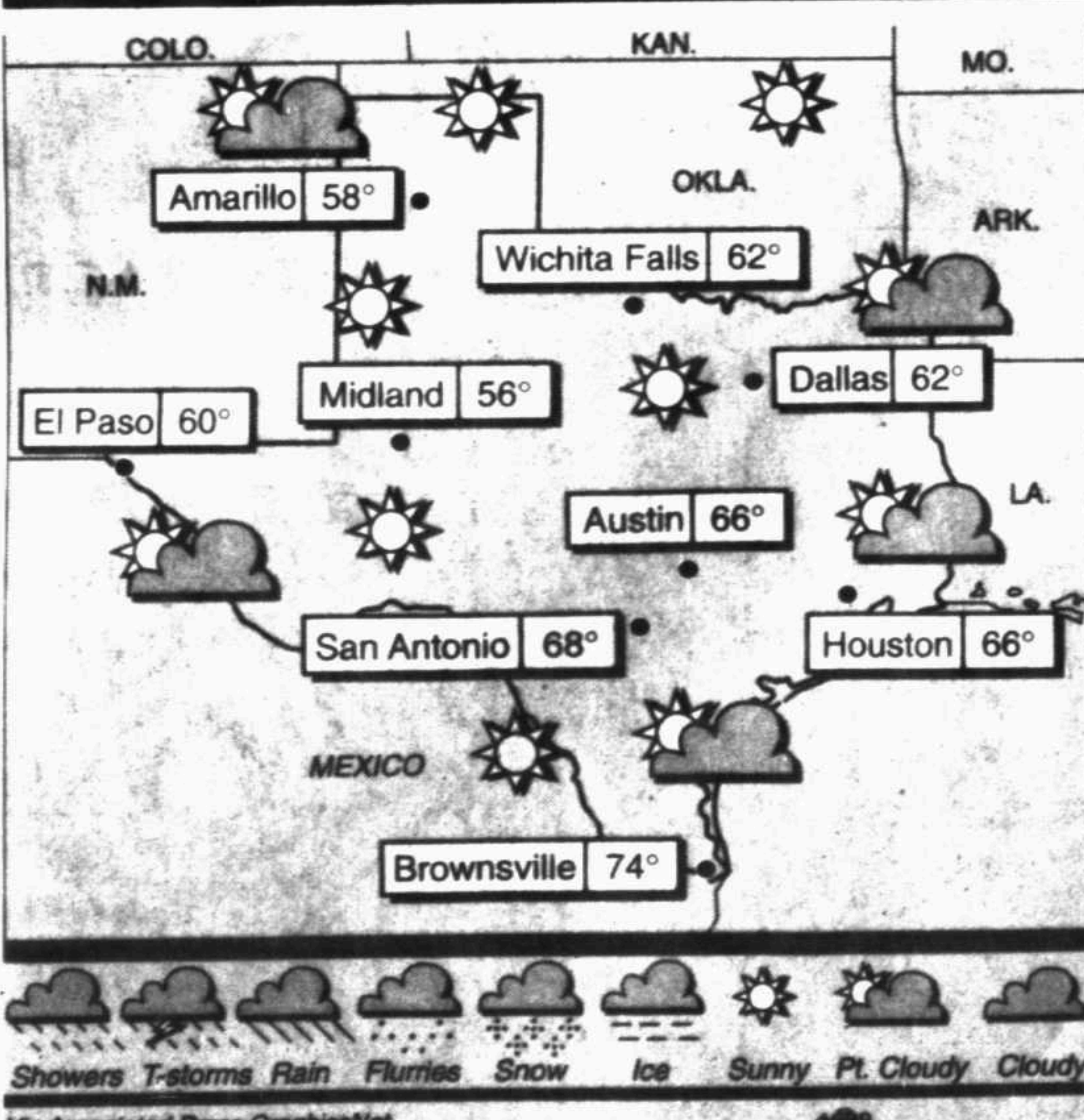
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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:35 p.m. EST

City	High	Low	Precip	Wind	Clouds
Albany, N.Y.	45	37	70	city	
Albuquerque	48	31	city		
Anchorage	28	27	city		
Annapolis	45	40	city		
Atlanta	55	42	city		
Atlantic City	55	48	78	city	
Baltimore	49	49	55	city	
Bellingham	49	28	city		
Birmingham	58	42	city		
Bismarck	41	24	city		
Boston	47	33	city		
Bozeman	50	37	79	city	
Buffalo	42	42	30	city	
Burlington, Vt.	39	19	city		
Casper	67	52	city		
Charleston, S.C.	41	41	18	city	
Charlotte, N.C.	52	45	city		
Cheyenne	42	13	city		
Chicago	39	35	08	city	
Cincinnati	42	39	08	city	
Cleveland	38	38	27	city	
Columbia, S.C.	62	46	city		
Columbus, Ohio	43	39	28	city	
Concord, N.H.	36	43	city		
Dayton	43	39	15	city	
Denver	44	18	city		
Des Moines	39	24	city		
Detroit	38	35	08	city	
Duluth	28	17	city		
Evansville	43	39	05	city	
Fairbanks	6	8	city		
Fargo	25	19	city		
Flagstaff	43	14	city		
Grand Rapids	35	34	27	city	
Great Falls	46	29	city		
Greensboro, N.C.	57	42	20	city	
Hartford, Conn.	52	41	90	city	
Helena	44	20	city		
Honolulu	80	78	city		
Indianapolis	39	38	city		
Jackson, Miss.	60	34	city		
Jacksonville	69	48	city		
Janeau	46	33	city		
Kansas City	47	29	city		
Las Vegas	59	40	city		
Little Rock	54	35	city		
Los Angeles	63	52	city		
Louisville	42	40	city		
Memphis	47	41	city		
Miami Beach	81	63	city		
Minneapolis	37	31	07	city	
Missoula	43	33	12	city	
Nashville	43	40	02	city	
New Orleans	63	42	city		
New York City	54	44	96	city	
Norfolk, Va.	62	54	51	city	
North Platte	52	14	city		
Oakland	47	34	city		
Oklahoma City	48	24	city		
Omaha	48	24	city		
Orlando	75	62	city		
Philadelphia	54	48	48	city	
Phoenix	67	46	city		
Pittsburgh	40	39	11	city	
Portland, Maine	46	37	95	city	
Portland, Ore.	57	45	03	city	
Providence	52	41	13	city	
Raleigh-Durham	61	46	02	city	
Rapid City	51	22	city		
Reno	43	28	city		
Richmond	61	48	09	city	
Sacramento	52	47	02	city	
St. Louis	42	36	02	city	
Salt Lake City	46	29	city		
San Diego	67	54	02	city	
San Francisco	56	50	22	city	
San Juan, P.R.	80	71	city		
Santa Fe	46	20	city		
Sioux Falls	31	31	08	city	
Seattle	53	44	60	city	
Shreveport	64	36	city		
Sioux Falls	51	17	city		
Spokane	42	35	19	city	
Syracuse	44	35	31	city	
Tampa-St. Petersburg	69	59	39	city	
Topeka	48	32	city		
Tucson	66	39	city		
Tulsa	47	32	city		
Washington, D.C.	58	47	31	city	

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT

City	High	Low	Pcp
Abilene	56	40	
Alice	46	32	0.24
Amarillo	44	32	0.24
Arlington	57	37	0.02
Austin bergstrom	66	35	0.08
Austin Mueller	65	44	0.03
Beaumont	66	41	
Brownsville	77	50	
Burnet	60	45	0.19
Childress	44	39	0.70
College Station	68	42	
Comstock	67	37	
Corpus Christi	78	48	
Cotulla	62	40	
Dallas	73	48	0.41
Dalhart	48	33	
Del Rio	72	47	
Denton	52	38	0.10
El Paso	56	38	0.01
Fort Stockton	80	44	
Fort Worth	53	38	0.01
Galveston	63	49	
Hartlingen	77	48	
Henderson	67	44	
Houston Hobby	67	44	
Houston Intercontinental	68	39	0.01
Huntsville	68	41	
Junction	63	33	
Kingsville	75	49	
Laredo	79	50	0.31
Lubbock	41	33	
Lufkin	69	36	
Marfa	57	25	
McAllen	79	53	
Midland	65	46	
Mineral Wells	53	39	0.25
Nat� Corpus	71	53	
New Braunfels	66	46	0.21
Odessa	65	46	
Paris	54	36	
Rockport	68	54	
Rockwall	65	36	
San Angelo	45	35	
San Antonio	64	41	
Terrell	59	36	

IRAQ: New bomb is designed to penetrate buried bunkers

(From 1A)

telling a congressional committee: "There is no question in our minds that Iraq would be better off without Saddam Hussein."

Albright added: "We look forward to working with the post-Saddam regime. We need to talk more about what happens afterwards."

Neither McCurry nor Albright specified how Saddam should be ousted.

Targeting foreign leaders for assassination is illegal under an executive order signed by President Gerald Ford in 1976.

But senior military leaders can fall victim to attacks on command posts. The Pentagon has developed a 5,000-pound "bunker buster" bomb since the end of the Persian Gulf War that is designed to penetrate buried concrete bunkers.

Meanwhile, President Clinton huddled with senior national security advisers and conducted telephone summitry with leaders in Spain and New Zealand. A hurriedly scheduled address at the National Press Club on Friday by National Security Adviser Samuel "Sandy" Berger is expected to give further clues about administration thinking about the Iraqi situation.

The latest standoff was provoked by Saddam's refusal to per-

mit U.N. weapons inspectors to examine Iraqi presidential palaces. The inspectors are looking for evidence of biological, chemical or nuclear weapons. The United States has threatened to attack Iraq unless the inspectors regain "unfettered and unconditional access" to all sites.

McCurry emphasized that a "change of leadership" in Iraq would be "in the best interests of the Iraqi people," adding: "Our ability to achieve that kind of change depends on decisions that are made in Iraq by the Iraqi people."

McCurry said the U.S. effort to enforce Iraqi compliance with U.N. Security Council resolutions is designed in part to undermine Saddam.

"Full compliance with all aspects of U.N. Security Council resolutions in our view would be inconsistent with Saddam Hussein's continued tenure in office" because compliance would require him to "acknowledge the legitimate political and individual rights of Iraqi people he has long repressed," McCurry explained.

Albright, seeking congressional support for possible military action, told the House Foreign Relations Committee that the threatened U.S. offensive would involve "not pinpricks but substantial strikes that will reduce

Saddam's capacity to threaten Iraq's neighbors and the world."

A second wave of attacks would be launched as well, "should Saddam ever seek to reconstitute his nuclear, chemical or biological weapons or the missiles to deliver them," Albright said.

House Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y., and the panel's senior Democrat, Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., urged both diplomatic and military means to do more than "reduce" Iraq's capability to build and deploy poison gas and germ warfare weapons.

Gilman said the administration should "lay the foundation for a long-term struggle against the Iraqi regime led by Iraqis."

Hamilton said Democrats and Republicans alike would "like to see (Saddam) removed."

The committee leaders urged the administration to expand broadcasts by Radio Free Iraq; lift crippling economic sanctions in liberated enclaves; impose a country-wide prohibition on movement of Iraqi warplanes, military equipment and personnel; give diplomatic recognition to an Iraqi exile government; and free frozen Iraqi assets to underwrite anti-Saddam factions.

The Clinton administration remains "interested in supporting" the Iraqi opposition "in effec-

tive ways in the future," Albright said.

Efforts to indict Saddam as a war criminal warrant "looking into," she said, in response to lawmakers' questions.

Albright touted allied-enforced "no-fly" and "no-drive" zones inside Iraq that limit the movements of Iraqi warplanes and ground forces, but declined to discuss the "advantages or disadvantages of extending" the zones to provide protected enclaves for Saddam's opponents.

Albright suggested that U.S. efforts alone could not eliminate Saddam, noting that Saddam wasn't eliminated in the 1991 Persian Gulf War despite the presence of more than 500,000 U.S. troops in the region.

The comments by McCurry and Albright followed remarks by Marine Gen. Anthony Zini, the U.S. commander in the Persian Gulf, who said U.S.-led attacks would strike targets "that obviously allow him to stay in power" in addition to poison gas, germ warfare and command and control sites.

Zini, who had been traveling in the region with Defense Secretary William Cohen, said that the target list would include Iraq's military leadership, the elite Republican Guards and Iraqi intelligence facilities.

COACH: Gailey gets 5-year contract, about \$500,000 per year

(From 1A)

thing that happened," said quarterback Troy Aikman. "I think Chan can put his stamp on the team and give it a sense of direction. I like what I've heard him say."

Jones gave a laundry list of things he liked about Gailey. Some of the highlights were previous head coaching experience, albeit at small colleges and in the World League, and the fact he's a former quarterback.

Jones also liked the fact that Gailey has spent 10 years as an NFL assistant. Four of those teams reached the Super Bowl and seven were division winners, with only one losing season.

This past season, his play-calling helped the Steelers reach the AFC championship game, although some of his decisions were criticized for the 24-21 loss to Denver.

"With each stop along the coaching road, he's made a very vivid and lasting impression," Jones said.

Gailey, 46, was given a five-year contract. His salary was expected to be about \$500,000 per year — the same amount Donahue was offered.

"This is the beginning of the dream," Gailey said. "Another part of that dream... is that we get to stand on that podium some late January afternoon and have a hand on that Lombardi Trophy...."

The end of the dream, the final dream, will be that... we're champions with class, dignity and character. That's what I'm about."

Gailey said he was eager to begin retooling a team that crumbled to a 6-10 record last year under Barry Switzer, who announced his resignation Jan. 9.

"I plan to work hard and get the guys organized to play," Gailey said. "I don't plan to run around here with a whip, but I'm focused on what has to be done. The goal is to win the Super Bowl and I'm fortunate to get a nucleus of players to get that done."

Gailey said he wasn't going to be a puppet for Jones.

"Our relationship will be good, don't worry about it," Gailey said.

Denver quarterback John Elway, who worked with Gailey when he was offensive coordinator for the Broncos, said the Cowboys have a treat coming.

"The Cowboys are going to be delighted with him," Elway said. "Troy is going to enjoy working with him as I did during his days here in Denver. He is a great coach and a quality person. I think you'll see he is going to be one of the great coaches of this league."

Winning with Elway is one thing. But being successful with Neil O'Donnell, then helping turn Kordell Stewart into an NFL success at quarterback shows that he can adapt his coaching style to his talent.

Gailey will try doing that again in Dallas, as he proclaimed himself in charge of the offense. Jones called him a "highly innovative, creative mind on the offensive side of the ball."

Wide receiver Michael Irvin, who had been a vocal backer of

Lewis, said: "I'm totally excited about Gailey. We needed somebody with a creative head for the game. The way Pittsburgh plays says a lot about his ability."

Irvin said he backed Lewis because "he deserves to be head coach. I thought it was important to let Jerry know that."

Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher said: "I'm happy for Chan. People will find out soon enough that he is a good coach. We all were no-names at one time."

In fact, none of the four coaches in Dallas history had ever been NFL head coaches. Tom Landry went on to win two Super Bowls, Jimmy Johnson won two and Switzer won one.

However, the Cowboys are coming off their worst season since going 1-15 in 1989. They ended a five-year run atop the NFC East and missed the playoffs for the first time in seven years.

"I am very focused about what has to be done," Gailey said, "and where we have to go."

ROBOT: Children took A.D.A.M. apart to learn about the body

(From 1A)

Mary McFadden, lower school principal, said the mobile education shows captivate the children.

"They were so excited about everything and they really enjoyed their presentation," she said. "Children came out smiling."

Ben Williams, Jane Sullivan and Candace Williams were among many at Trinity who met the robot and took him apart to learn about the human body.

Ben, a third-grader, said A.D.A.M. was a laugh a minute.

"He was funny," he said. "You could take his head off and see all of the body parts. You could take off his arm and see the muscles."

Jane, a fourth-grader, said the robot had realistic lungs.

"I like the lungs, how it has this little air pocket, but they're really small and look like cotton stuff," she said. "They showed the lungs when people smoke. I was like 'ew.'"

Candace, a fifth-grader, said she liked how the robot demonstrated the left and right sides of the brain and how the nervous system works.

"It showed you how if you wanted to squeeze somebody's hand, the message goes to the

brain. And he showed us how long it takes to get to the brain," she said.

Over at Santa Rita, children were at various learning stations in a classroom learning about their heartbeat and their pulse rate, courtesy of Peters.

Lynn Lynch, administrative intern at the school, said the mobile stations are an effective way to capture the children's attention and make learning exciting.

Fifth-graders N'kia Wynne, Blair Wellen and Aaron Flores said they learned about where the different organs are located.

N'kia said she liked the removable organs. "I think he was pretty cool because you can take off his body parts," she said. "I liked his small and large intestine. He (A.D.A.M.) said they (the intestines) eat the food that (people) can't eat."

Blair said the robot kept her entertained.

"He said 'I need some people to come up and dance,'" she said. "I didn't get to dance. I liked that the left side of the brain (controls) the right part of your body."

Aaron said he had more than a few laughs. "I like at the end where he had heartburn and smoke came out of his ears and he burped," he said. "It was kind of gross — funny. Every time Dr. Feelgood would talk, he would interrupt."



Bill Peters with Mobile Ed Productions Inc. of Michigan jokes around with children at Santa Rita Elementary with Mr. Bones. Peters was speaking about the skeletal system.

Peters will continue his tour in the Southwest, later taking A.D.A.M. to New Mexico and Arizona.

VETO: Clinton says he thinks high court will overturn ruling

(From 1A)

ing his 1992 presidential campaign, said the law has worked well, saving taxpayers more than \$1 billion. "Although I am disappointed with today's ruling, it is my belief that ultimately, the line-item veto will be ruled constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court," he said.

Numerous congressional proponents of the power also predicted ultimate victory — either at the Supreme Court or in a renewed effort to pass a new version, perhaps as a constitutional amendment. The measure in question was a law, not a constitutional amendment, because proponents could not muster the two-thirds majority needed to change the Constitution.

"We'll fight and win," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

But others conceded that if there is a next time, there might be less enthusiasm for the power. The approaching age of budget surpluses has made deficit reduction less urgent, and many lawmakers were unhappy last year when Clinton used the power to kill projects in their home districts.

European unity hit hard by Iraqi crisis

By Bernard D. Kaplan
Hearst Newspapers

PARIS — The missiles have yet to be launched, but Europe's drive toward political union is already a casualty of the prospective Iraqi conflict.

The 15-nation European Union hasn't even made a pretense of speaking with a single voice on the issue of using force against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein if he fails to comply with United Nations directives over the search for illegal weapons' sites in his country.

Britain has staunchly joined the United States in preparing for air strikes if Saddam does not bow soon to diplomatic pressure.

The French say Iraq must obey the United Nations but have made clear they will neither approve nor take part in armed action as they did in the 1991 Persian Gulf War against Iraq.

After a long silence, Germany's Chancellor Helmut Kohl declared last week that the Bonn government would give political and logistical support to America if shooting starts.

Italy took advantage of Russian President Boris Yeltsin's visit this week to endorse Moscow's so far unsuccessful endeavor to devise a compromise solution that would avert conflict.

European reactions to the crisis have been so diverse that the EU's executive branch in Brussels, usually avid to get involved in international crises in order to demonstrate that Europe exists, has kept an unusually low profile. No EU representatives have flown off to Baghdad to make an attempt, however unavailing, to resolve the situation, although that's what they did in the run-up to the 1991 hostilities.

When Tony Blair won power in May, the British prime minister quickly declared that his Labor government, unlike its Tory predecessor, would collaborate closely with its European partners in striving for political integration.

But when a renewed clash with Saddam began to shape up three months ago, Blair immediately announced his backing for President Clinton's policy of employing force if all else failed. Although Britain currently holds

the European Union's rotating presidency, Blair has ignored the widespread misgivings of his European partners against sending naval and air units to the

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Persian Gulf for a possible attack at America's side.

The London government's actions have, in the words of French analyst Regis Benoit "reinforced the view of other EU members that the British will always side with the Americans, no matter what. ... The result will be to reduce still further Britain's influence in Europe."

However, the two chief architects of European unity, Germany and France, are not seeing eye to eye on Iraq, either.

From the start of the present confrontation with Saddam, French officials emphasized there was no question of getting involved in a military attack which, they insisted, would solve nothing. Since then, France has followed its own agenda. This has consisted of seeking some kind of diplomatic arrangement based on relaxing economic sanctions against Iraq while displaying distrust of Washington's sincerity in claiming it too wants a peaceful outcome.

The French have long assumed that, in steering clear of an armed attack, they had the support of their most essential European partner, Germany.

They were shocked to discover that, when in a crunch, Kohl decided it was more important to maintain good relations with the United States than to avoid ruffling France's sensitive feathers.

The German chancellor's belated declaration of backing for America in an assault on Iraq is largely symbolic. No German forces will be sent to the Gulf, although German air bases will be available for transshipping U.S. supplies and troops.

Nevertheless, the gesture is significant in that it shows even Kohl, often dubbed the father of Europe's political integration, knows there are times when his European interests must be sacrificed in order to maintain Germany's abiding transatlantic ties.

Russian defense minister scolds U.S. on Iraq

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's defense minister accused the United States Thursday of being "uncompromising" in dealing with Iraq and rushing to military strikes before diplomatic avenues are exhausted. Defense Secretary William Cohen termed Russia's "so-called compromises" unlikely to end the standoff with Saddam Hussein.

Russian Defense Minister Igor Sergeev, in an unusually strong rebuke at the opening of talks during Cohen's first visit to Moscow, also warned that a U.S. military strike against Iraq would harm the two countries' post-Cold War

military cooperation.

Cohen calmly took notes during Sergeev's 10-minute lecture, as several aides sat motionless with stunned looks on their faces. Normally at such appearances, both sides exchange pleasantries for the cameras.

"Does the uncompromising and tough stand over the situation in Iraq help to strengthen stability in the world? ... Is America ready for all the possible consequences?" Sergeev quizzed Cohen, speaking through a translator. "Force can conquer all, but its victory is short-lived," the defense minister added, noting

that he was quoting Abraham Lincoln on his birthday.

"For a military man, it is the worst thing to be late, but it's also bad to hurry too much while assessing the situation," said Sergeev, who said he had first put on the military uniform at age 17.

Cohen, a former Maine senator who has not served in the military, asked to respond. He noted that Sergeev's comments had been captured by the Russian and foreign news media. Even so, Russian security guards pushed reporters from the room before Cohen could finish speaking.

"One should make haste slowly and that is precisely what President Clinton has done for the past several months in the face of Saddam Hussein's tactics of delay, deception and trickery," Cohen said, launching into a vigorous defense of the administration's position.

He said the issue was not one of American rigidity, but Iraqi intransigence. Every country that he has visited, including Russia, on his weeklong swing through Europe and the Persian Gulf has said U.N. inspectors must be allowed into presidential sites in Iraq, the secretary said.

U.N. advises vacationing staff not to return to Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The United Nations advised relief workers on leave from jobs in Iraq on Thursday not to return because of concerns over a possible U.S. military strike. Their absence will further hamper efforts to aid Iraqis suffering under international sanctions.

The decision affecting about one-quarter of the U.N.'s relief staff in Iraq is part of a contingency plan being drafted as diplomatic efforts to end the standoff over weapons inspections appear to falter.

The aid workers work separately from the arms inspectors trying to ensure that Iraq has destroyed its weapons of mass destruction.

The move to reduce the U.N. presence in Baghdad followed the rejection of Iraq's latest overture to resolve the crisis. Iraq offered to open eight presidential complexes for two months to new weapons inspectors selected by the U.N. secretary-general — concessions the country's foreign minister described as the "red lines" that "Baghdad cannot cross."

Foreign Minister Saeed al-Sah

haf called the American rejection of Iraq's offer "a bluff" that could backfire. Britain also flatly dismissed the Iraqi proposal.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who has promised full military support for any air strike, has ordered a second aircraft carrier, the HMS Illustrious, to the Persian Gulf.

British pilots deployed on the HMS Invincible, which has been in the Gulf since early last month, intensified training Thursday.

The Clinton administration acknowledges there is less international support now for bombing Iraq than there was during the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Even so, the State Department said its list of countries backing force as a last resort was growing and that countries such as France are hedging publicly to give them more leeway to use diplomacy.

The Russians, however, are making their opposition even more pointed. Russia's defense minister lectured Defense Secretary William Cohen on Thursday, describing America's stand as

"rigid and uncompromising."

"For a military man, it is the worst thing to be late, but it's also bad to hurry too much while assessing the situation," Russian Defense Minister Marshal Igor Sergeev said at a joint appearance with Cohen before the two met privately.

As Cohen's assistants looked on in stunned silence, the U.S. defense

minister — making his first trip to Moscow as Pentagon chief — asked to respond. Some Russian security guards pushed reporters out of the room before Cohen finished talking.

Cohen expressed doubt over the usefulness of any "so-called compromises" proposed by Russia to end the weapons inspections stand-off.

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Cuba to release dozens of prisoners in response to pope's appeal

By Victor L. Simpson
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Cuba announced Thursday it was releasing dozens of prisoners in response to Vatican appeals, giving Pope John Paul II the first major concrete success of his historic pilgrimage last month to the communist island.

Those released include some dissidents, whose plight was underlined by the pope's dramatic plea in Cuba to free "prisoners of conscience."

The release was first announced by the Vatican, which said Cuba called it "an act of clemency and good will in memory" of John Paul's five-day visit to the island last month.

It was confirmed in Havana by the Cuban government, which said dozens of prisoners were in the process of being freed and more than 200 soon would be.

The names of the prisoners freed were not released, and it was not immediately clear how many were political prisoners. Human rights groups say that Cuba holds at least 500 political prisoners.

During his trip to the Caribbean island, John Paul pushed for expanded freedom and tried to pave the way for the Roman Catholic Church to play a greater role in Cuban society after nearly four decades of communism.

The Vatican specifically presented a list of several hundred prisoners, including dissidents, gathered from families and human rights organizations.

Cuban Foreign Ministry spokesman Alejandro Gonzalez said 106 of them "were already at liberty. Several dozen more soon will be put at liberty through a pardon, which is in the process of being applied."

He said still others will be pardoned in line with a Vatican appeal

for clemency for other prisoners not on Vatican lists. Those were "justified from a humanitarian view, for reasons of

National Reconciliation, which monitors and documents political jailings in Cuba. "Even a single case is good news

"These are a very small number. There are dozens of political prisoners in Cuba, and we would like to see them all released."

— James Rubin,
State Department spokesman

age, health or other similar circumstances" and included both common criminal and political cases.

In Cuba, opposition leaders and relatives of imprisoned dissidents waited to learn who was being freed.

"We are waiting very close beside the telephone," said Gerardo Sanchez, a member of the Cuban Commission of Human Rights and

for us," Sanchez said by telephone from Havana.

In his public appeal in Cuba for the release of "prisoners of conscience," John Paul asked that they be allowed to remain on the island, not expelled as in past cases.

"It would be a gesture which honors the authority promoting it," he said during a stop at a shrine outside Havana.

The Vatican saw the releases as a victory for John Paul.

"The pope's request for the release of numerous prisoners is accepted," said Vatican Radio.

Jorge Gomez, whose brother Rene was imprisoned last summer, greeted news of the releases with joy.

"I have to suppose my brother will be one of (those released) because he is among the four most prominent" political prisoners, Gomez said, also by telephone from Havana.

Rene Gomez was arrested with three other leading dissidents for criticizing a draft plan for the Cuban Communist Party's 5th Party Congress.

The four said the plan focused on the glories of Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution but presented no solutions to the country's severe economic crisis.

A number of opposition activists were on the list of hundreds of pris-

oners presented to Cuban authorities by Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican's secretary of state.

On Wednesday, a leading human rights activist in Havana said that Cuba had freed six dissidents, but said the release appeared unrelated to the Vatican's appeal.

Elizardo Sanchez, Gerardo's brother and head of the Cuban Commission of Human Rights and National Reconciliation, said then that he expected more, larger releases soon.

State Department spokesman James Rubin had called those initial releases "woefully inadequate" in light of what the pope had requested.

"These are a very small number. There are dozens of political prisoners in Cuba, and we would like to see them all released," Rubin said.

Plane goes down in southern Sudan, killing vice president, eight others

By Mohamed Osman
Associated Press

KHARTOUM, Sudan — A plane carrying military and political leaders crashed in rebellious southern Sudan on Thursday, killing the country's vice president and at least eight others, the government said.

The government blamed the crash on fog and strong winds, denying a rebel movement's reported claim that its fighters had shot down the plane.

The Sudan People's Liberation Army made the claim in a statement from its Nairobi office, the BBC said.

"These are lies," Information Minister Brig. el-Tayeb Ibrahim Mohamed Kheir, who said he was on the flight, said of the reported rebel claim.

Neither side's claim could be independently verified.

According to the government, the military plane crashed on landing in the city of al-Nasir, then skidded off a runway and into the Sobat River, a tributary of the Nile.

There were 57 passengers aboard, the government said. Most of the victims drowned.

Kheir told a crowd that gathered outside the presidential palace in Khartoum after the crash.

"The pilot started to land, but

Front. Saleh was a close ally of the front's leader, Hassan Turabi, who serves as the parliament speaker and government ideologue.

"He rests today as a martyr for God and for achieving peace."

— President Omar el-Bashir

instead of landing against the wind, he flew with it and lost control, and the plane went into the river," Kheir told the crowd, in remarks broadcast live on state-run Sudanese television.

"As a result a number of the cream of the leadership of the nation have been martyred," a government statement said.

Among those killed was Maj. Gen. Zubair Mohamed Saleh, the first vice president and a prominent Islamic leader.

Saleh, 54, played a key role in the 1989 coup that brought the Islamic government to power, serving as a link between disgruntled officers and civilian leaders of the National Islamic

Front. Saleh was a close ally of the front's leader, Hassan Turabi, who serves as the parliament speaker and government ideologue.

"He rests today as a martyr for God and for achieving peace," President Omar el-Bashir said in an address on national television.

Saleh tried to bridge differences with neighboring Egypt as well. Relations between the two countries have been strained since the coup but worsened in 1995, when Egypt accused Sudan of aiding an attempt on President Hosni Mubarak's life in Addis

Ababa, Ethiopia.

Sudan denied any role, and in recent months, both had showed a desire to improve ties. Saleh visited Cairo in October.

"The Sudanese vice president was working for the improvement of Sudanese-Egyptian relations, and he was sincere to his country," said Osama el-Baz, Mubarak's political adviser.

With word of the crash, national television and state-run radio began broadcasting verses from the Koran, the Muslim holy book.

The plane went down near the Ethiopian border in al-Nasir, about 500 miles south of the capital.

The officials were on a two-day visit to southern Sudan, where animist and Christian rebels have fought a 15-year insurgency for autonomy from the Arab, Muslim-dominated government in the north.

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Nigerian general says forces captured Freetown's State House

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP) — Nigerian-led peacekeepers trying to oust Sierra Leone's military government have captured the State House and parliament building from government forces and were "mopping up" the junta's troops in the capital, a Nigerian general said Thursday.

The West African force, which is trying to restore elected President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah to power, also had rounded up a number of surrendering junta troops. Gen. Timothy Shelpidi said in a telephone interview from Monrovia, Liberia, where the force has its headquarters. The capture of the parliament

building and the State House, where the president had offices, is largely symbolic but indicates that the intervention force, known as Ecomog, may be in control of much of the center of Freetown, the capital.

Sierra Leone's military leaders remained at large, however, and fighting was continuing where the intervention force encountered pockets of resistance.

"I wish I knew where they were," Shelpidi said, referring to Lt. Col. Johnny Paul Koroma and his allies, who ousted Kabbah in a bloody coup in May.

The West African force intervened soon after Koroma toppled Kabbah. After bombarding

Freetown in a failed attempt to drive the junta from power, the force imposed a blockade of Freetown's port to prevent food, fuel and other necessities from reaching the city. Fighting flared again last week.

Civilians in some areas of war-weary Freetown were celebrating in the streets Thursday night and welcoming the arriving Ecomog troops, Shelpidi said. His claim could not be independently confirmed.

Heavy artillery fire reportedly continued in other neighborhoods. Shelpidi said a number of junta troops had thrown down their arms and surrendered to Ecomog forces and he believed fighting in

the capital was nearing a close. "This is the beginning of the end," he said.

Earlier Thursday, heavy artillery slammed down on central Freetown, where hundreds of thousands of civilians who had sought refuge were facing serious shortages of food and other supplies and indiscriminate shelling.

The U.N. agency World Food Program estimated that about 500,000 people around Sierra Leone were in need of food and the number could rise "in the tens of thousands" if fighting continued.

"With the capital, Freetown, cut off from the mainland by continued fighting, almost the entire population of the city is unable to

find sufficient food," the U.N. agency said in a statement.

At least 20,000 civilians had fled Freetown and outlying areas to villages farther away from the fighting, said Milton Tectonidis of Doctors Without Borders.

They included malnourished children who trekked in the last week from Waterloo town outside Freetown to the nearby village of Masika. Nurses had counted more than 200 malnourished young children in Masika alone.

"They have nothing. And their numbers are growing," Tectonidis said.

He said the U.N.-sanctioned blockade was at least partially responsible for the problems

experienced by humanitarian groups trying to get the most basic supplies to the refugees.

Another 10,000 civilians from Freetown and points along the coast had fled by foot and boat to the port villages Mambolo and Rokupr, about 60 miles northwest of the capital, Tectonidis said.

Inside Freetown, thousands of people were believed trapped between the warring forces.

Sierra Leone, a West African country roughly the size of South Carolina, has a population of about 4.5 million people. It is nestled on Africa's Atlantic coast between Liberia, Guinea and the Ivory Coast.

Another EU mission to Algeria, another futile effort

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Union's second effort in a month to do something about the horrific bloodletting in Algeria ended Thursday with no more success than the first.

A nine-member delegation from the European Parliament returned home after five days in the North African country, which has been rent by six years of massacres that have left an estimated 75,000 people dead.

Even as the Europeans left, two bombs exploded in the capital, killing two and injured 28.

The government clearly was happy to see the European depart. "Bon voyage - and good riddance," read a headline in the government newspaper L'Autorité.

A frustrated EU is desperate to do something to stop the violence. It has watched in horror and help-

lessness since 1992 as massacre after massacre has piled up bodies by the thousands. The reality is, however, there is almost nothing Europe can do without the active support of Algeria.

For its part, the Algerian government does not appreciate foreign intervention in what it sees as an internal problem. EU offers of humanitarian aid have been regularly rebuffed.

"Our willingness to help needs to be matched by the government of Algeria's willingness to accept the help," British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said last month after hearing a report from the first mission, a three-man delegation of diplomats from EU governments.

Both missions were met coldly in Algiers. Both were refused permission to visit massacre sites and largely limited to conversations with government officials and

politicians. Both missions returned with essentially empty hands.

Andre Soulier, leader of the delegation from the European Parliament, the EU's largely advisory assembly, is to report to the assembly's foreign affairs committee next week.

Speaking in Paris, Michel Scarbonchi, a French delegation member, called the mission "useful." He said the Algerian "authorities understood they must open themselves. That is the condition for the international community and Europe to... help them. European support for the Algerian government... will be linked to a truly free parliament, respect for human rights."

Despite Thursday's bombings and more than 1,000 people killed in January alone, Soulier pronounced Algeria "on the path to

democracy."

His delegation, he said, "firmly condemned terrorism."

Authorities in Algiers blame the bloodshed on Islamic militants trying to topple the military-backed regime. But some Algerians and human rights groups have called for an independent investigation to find out whether others, including the army, might have a role.

Defense lawyers ask to see evidence in cable car probe

ROME (AP) — Lawyers representing the four-man crew of the U.S. jet that severed a ski gondola's cable last week asked an Italian judge Thursday for permission to view evidence collected in the case.

The Italian lawyers, Bruno and Antonio Malattia, complained they had been barred from participating in the technical tests performed so far by U.S. and Italian investigators.

The cable car operator and 19 skiers were killed Feb. 3 when the cable car crashed to the ground in the Italian Alps. The U.S. military has acknowledged the plane, an

EA-6B Prowler stationed at Aviano base, was well below the approved altitude of 500 feet when it sliced the cable during a training flight.

The lawyers also requested further tests on the remains of the cable car and the sliced cable before they are removed from the accident site.

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Bombing convict should be given harsh sentence

Michael Fortier, who is due to be sentenced this spring for failure to report what he knew about the plot to bomb the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, certainly should not get a light sentence.

Although the crimes for which Fortier was convicted — including failing to report what he knew about the bomb plot before it was carried out, lying afterward to federal agents, and transporting and selling stolen firearms — carry a maximum sentence of 23 years in prison, sentencing guidelines recommended a sentence of 27 to 33 months. He also will get credit for the time he has already spent behind bars since his guilty plea in August 1995.

It is true that Fortier has cooperated with federal authorities and provided officials with some of the most potent testimony used to convict Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols of the bombing conspiracy. Fortier also has publicly expressed remorse to families of the 168 people who died in the Oklahoma City bombing for not reporting the plot and stopping the bombing.

But, understandably, many victims and relatives of those killed have not accepted Fortier's apology. They live each day with the pain of their loss — a loss that was entirely preventable.

Viewed in the barest of terms with all compassion removed, Michael Fortier was the one individual who could have stepped forward to prevent the deadliest act of domestic terrorism in United States history — and he did nothing. To give him a light sentence for his unimaginable crime would be unthinkable.

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ANOTHER VIEW

CIA officials' duty is to people of nation

After a yearlong investigation, the CIA has concluded that none of its officials assisted Nicaraguan Contra rebels in smuggling cocaine into the United States, and none of its agents was aware of connections between Contra leaders and three California drug dealers convicted of spreading crack in black neighborhoods.

The investigation followed a series of articles in the San Jose Mercury News that accused the CIA of standing by while Contra rebels fueled the crack epidemic in exchange for drug dealers' cash to finance their battle against Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government. The newspaper subsequently admitted that the articles were inaccurate and the charges exaggerated.

In the first volume of a two-volume report, CIA officials refute relatively narrow allegations about CIA involvement with three criminals and a handful of Contras who may or may not have been involved in drug dealing in California's inner cities. But the report leaves much broader and important questions unanswered.

When, for instance, did the CIA first become aware that some of the Contras — a guerrilla group the CIA recruited, equipped and funded — were involved in drug trafficking? Did the agency make any effort to intercept the drugs or inform narcotics officers so the suspects could be arrested? If not, why not?

The CIA often declines to answer such reasonable questions on the grounds that it doesn't want to reveal its sources and methods. But if some of its sources are in league with drug smugglers, and if its methods involve turning a blind eye to a national scourge, then the revelation of those sources and methods lies at the heart of the national interest and CIA agents' lawful duty as officials of the U.S. government.

— Houston Chronicle

JACK ANDERSON

Name recognition is problem for many congressmen

Spend some time on Capitol Hill, and you'll quickly understand why members of Congress have a tendency to develop such big egos. Constantly fawned over by staffers who serve their every need and repeatedly tell them how great they are, lawmakers can hardly help but believe they're more powerful than they actually are.

But the truth is, outside of the capital beltway, most of these self-important politicians would only be recognized by die-hard C-SPAN viewers. Case in point: According to a recently released survey, more than half of the electorate hasn't a clue who Trent Lott is.

In a survey of 1,000 voters conducted by the Democratic Leadership Council — citadel of the so-called "New" Democrats — 56 percent answered "unfamiliar" when they were read the Senate majority leader's name. If the Mississippian ever has any designs on running for president, he has a lot of work to do in the name recognition department.

Likewise for House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, who fashions himself as Al Gore's strongest competitor for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2000. Nearly a third of the voters surveyed said they didn't know who the Missouri lawmaker was — including 31 percent of Democrats.

Name recognition won't be a problem for Gore, of course, whom 96 percent had heard of. It is curious, though, that 4 percent of American voters don't know

who the vice president is. In fact, 2 percent said they weren't familiar with the name Bill Clinton!

Slimmed down House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who is rumored to be considering a bid for the White House in 2000 himself, won't have any trouble being recognized — 94 percent of those surveyed knew who he was. But just because you've got name recognition doesn't mean you're well liked. Consistent with most every other poll, 56 percent said they had a "somewhat" or "very" unfavorable view of the Georgia Republican.

That probably won't stop Gingrich from running for president, for the speaker's bloated ego is about as big as they come — even by Washington standards.

PIT BULL — Even among the most ardent conservatives, Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., is conspicuous in his dislike of President Clinton.

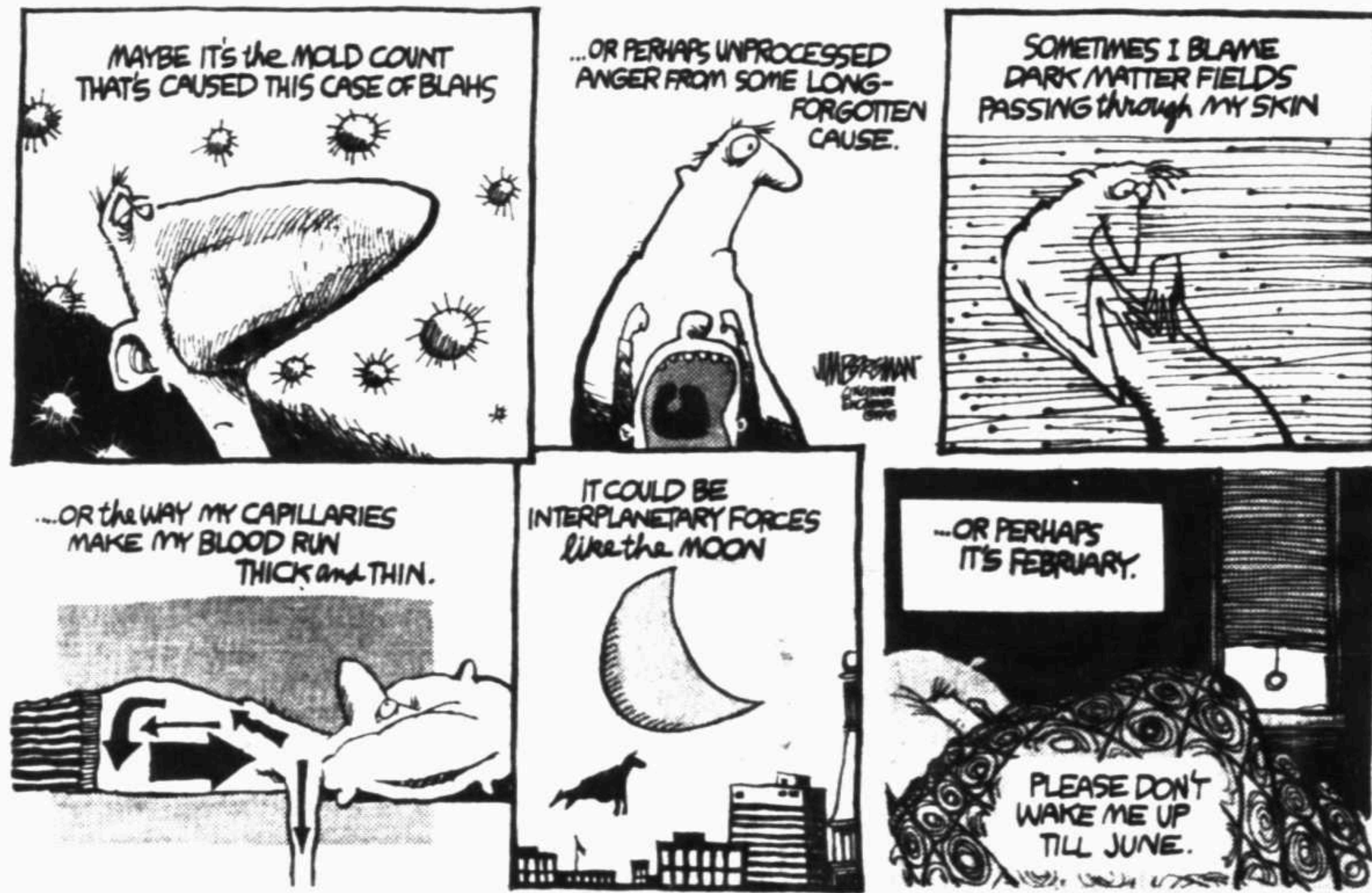
The former prosecutor from Georgia, twice divorced, has made a political career out of fighting the president. Even as longtime Clinton nemesis like House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., prudently keep their mouths shut about the commander in chief's legal troubles, Barr continues to beat the drum for impeachment.

Earlier this week, the Capitol Hill newspaper Roll Call reported that top GOP leaders have met quietly to discuss funding for a possible impeachment process. But while those discussions are in their earliest stages, Barr has been openly calling for impeachment since last fall.

Barr is part of a wing of the GOP that defines "high crimes and misdemeanors" — the criteria for impeachment — in the broadest possible way. As he and Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, see things, misdemeanors can be anything Congress says they are.



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WILLIAM MURCHISON

Justice's autocracy runs contrary to checks, balances

Twelve years of Reagan-Bush appointments to the federal bench have substantially weakened, without killing, the "imperial judiciary" — whose iron scepter crashes down less frequently on the noggins of elected officials and taxpayers.

Comes now a major moment in the movement for the recovery of judicial modesty. His imperial highness, William Wayne Justice of the U.S. district court in Tyler, Texas, is moving to Austin and taking senior status; slowing down, pruning back.

It is an occasion for church bells and Roman candles. But not just this minute. Power of the magnitude exercised by the emperor Wayne is hard to lay aside. Fit and feisty at 77, Justice hopes to keep on legislating in our behalf.

He'll see, and we'll see, just how much twilight authority the judicial higher-ups actually accord him. And yet, were Justice never again to issue anything sterner than a writ of replevin, he remains an archetype: Caesar in a black robe.

During 30 years on the federal bench, Justice came to run much of the government that Texas thought was its own.

He ran the state prison system, having declared that its arrangements infringed the inmates' constitutional rights. Didactically, he instructed the state as to what size cells were necessary and what number of prisoners might inhabit them. To meet the judge's specifications, Texas had not only to launch a massive building program but, much more harmfully, to release thousands, including violent offenders, ahead of their scheduled time. A large number of these put-upon lambs went forth to rob and kill



Murchison

For the benefit of poor dumb Texans who didn't know any better, Justice specified the kind of shower and toilet facilities that prisoners needed; the frequency of clothing changes; the size of dining facilities, and so forth.

From adult prisons, Justice moved to the juvenile side of things. He regulated Texas Youth Council institutions with as fine and overseeing an eye as he employed in running the prisons. He not only specified the conditions of life in juvenile institutions, he closed down two facilities entirely.

Now and again, the higher courts rebuked Justice for overreaching. Not always. The Reagan-Bush appointees have modulated the federal courts' tendency to lecture Americans on their various faults. Not all these appointees — alas! — have the stomach for reducing the judicial autocrats to whimpering and sulking. Witness the sorrowful persistence of Roe vs. Wade.

One reason for this unbecoming hesitancy is the intellectually fashionable attitude that someone has to use the whip on backward folk who won't otherwise see the light. Justice has been a hero for slapping the drooling rednecks of Texas across their cretinous chops, making them measure up to the expectations of Truly Civilized Folk.

This has ever been the rationale for judicial activism and aggrandizement. The judge decides what we need. Then the judge tells us. And we, the people? What do we do? Prostrate ourselves gratefully, arms outspread before the judicial throne: Oh, thank you, great ones, thank you.

Judicial autocracy, a la Wayne Justice, William Brennan, etc., runs contrary to checks and balances and the separation of powers between national and state governments. It presupposes a class of mandarins — federal judges — with virtually limitless power to legislate for us all. Texas didn't elect U.S. District Judge Wayne Justice, but that's OK with his admirers: He elected himself.

William Murchison's column is distributed by Creators Syndicate.

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In 1945 during World War II, the Soviets captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans.

In 1945, Allied planes began bombing the German city of Dresden.

In 1960, France exploded its first atomic bomb.

CHARLEY REESE

A closer, more truthful look at Abraham Lincoln

One of the most distasteful things Congress has done is to commercialize holidays, lumping what used to be presidential birthday celebrations into one three-day weekend (it's always a Monday) called "Presidents Day."

This was done at the instigation of the federal employee unions and the travel industry. It is an example of how commerce and politics are important to today's politicians but America's heritage is not.

The purpose of celebrating a great man's birthday is to provide an opportunity to think about and learn from his life. Feb. 12, for example, is the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln, because he was assassinated, has become mythologized. Nearly all of the books originally written by his contemporaries have been edited to exclude anything negative, or they have gone out of print.

That's too bad because the real Lincoln is far more interesting than the myth. In reading some of the old books, I discovered that Lincoln was quite different from the man I had imagined in my school days.

Lincoln, for example, was very disorganized. John Hay, one of his personal secretaries, wrote to Lincoln's former law partner, William Herndon, a description of Lincoln's habits in the White House:

"He was extremely unmethodical; it was a four year's struggle on Nicolay's (another secretary) part and mine to get him to adopt some systematic rules. He would break through every regulation as fast as it was made. He wrote very few letters and did not read one in 50 that he received. He read very little. He scarcely ever looked into a newspaper unless I called his attention to an article on some special subject. He frequently said, 'I know more about it than any of them.' It is absurd to call him a modest man. It was his intellectual arrogance and unconscious assumption of superiority that men like Chase and Sumner (cabinet officers) never could forgive."

Lincoln was also intensely ambitious and had engineered his own nomination. He was obsessed with staying in power and became greatly depressed when it seemed certain he would not win re-election. He did, but the election was crooked. Lincoln had assumed the powers of a dictator and caused the arrest of about 30,000 civilians and shut down about 300 newspapers — all in the North, of course.

He was not a Christian, in fact he was antagonistic toward Christianity, but he was a deist and was superstitious. He was also described as Machiavellian and "having a cunning that is genius."

Herndon says that Lincoln never revealed himself completely to any man, never had a confidant, and that even he, who worked with him for 20 years, did not completely understand him.

Lincoln was also extremely vulgar and was apparently unrestrained by either presence or occasion. One contemporary Lincoln biographer wrote, "Men who knew him throughout all his professional and political life... have said that he was the foulest in his jests and stories of any man in the country."

Another strange trait that turns up in these old books is Lincoln's passivity in certain circumstances. His wife was horrific, but Lincoln meekly accepted her tyranny and in Washington swallowed insults from his cabinet members that most men would have answered with gunfire.

Herndon says Lincoln stayed away from his home as much as possible and often would bring the boys to the law office on Sunday morning where Lincoln would loiter about on the couch while the boys destroyed the office.

One more example of truth being stranger than fiction.

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Hispanic birth figures point to dramatic population rise

By Dan Freedman
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Latino fertility rates rose dramatically in the early 1990s to the point where in 1995, Hispanic women gave birth to one in every five babies in the United States, according to a federal health study released Thursday.

The report, "Births of Hispanic Origin, 1989-1995," by the National Center for Health Statistics, is the government's first multi-year analysis of Hispanic birth rates. Based on a compilation of birth certificate data, it confirms projections that the nation's Hispanic population is skyrocketing.

According to the Census Bureau, Hispanics in the United States will number 96.5 million by the year 2050, almost a quarter of the population. The current Hispanic population is estimated at 29.5 million, about 11 percent.

The report shows that the number of babies born to Hispanic women went from about 532,000 in 1989 to about 680,000 in 1995. In 1989, Hispanic babies represented 14 percent of all births in the United States. By 1995, they were 18 percent.

Overall, there were 3.90 million births in the United States in 1989, a number that dipped slightly to 3.89 million in 1995.

The study undergirds what

many Hispanic leaders see as a fundamental shift coming in American politics: Hispanics more and more will play decisive roles in determining who gets elected.

"It clearly suggests the reality that both parties need to be on alert to find ways to establishing connections" with Hispanics, said Cecilia Munoz, a vice president of the National Council of La Raza, the nation's largest Hispanic civil rights organization.

She said efforts to pass measures such as California's Proposition 187, which would deprive illegal immigrants of most social services, including public education, may prove riskier. Backed by

Republican Gov. Pete Wilson, the initiative won voter approval in 1994 but has not gone into effect because of continuing litigation.

The growing Hispanic population "doesn't portend the end of immigrant bashing," said Munoz. "But it portends the end of immigrant bashing as a successful political strategy."

In the study, women who identified themselves as Mexican — a category that includes citizen and immigrant alike — were the most fertile among Hispanics. Ethnically Mexican women accounted for 69 percent of all Hispanic births in 1995. In 1989, the figure was 61 percent.

By contrast, the fertility figures

for most other Hispanic groups stayed level. For instance, Cuban mothers accounted for 2 percent of Hispanic births throughout the period. Central and South American births remained at 14 percent.

Although teen birth rates fell from 1994 to 1995, Hispanics had the highest rate: 106.7 births per 1,000 females. Black teens had the second highest rate in 1995 — 99.3 births per 1,000 females.

T.J. Mathews, the study's lead demographer, pointed to figures suggesting that more Hispanic teen-aged girls have support from the father of their children than other groups of teens.

In 1995, 67.3 percent of Hispanic mothers between ages 15 and 19

were unmarried. Among Anglos, the figure was 67.9 percent. Among African-American teenage girls giving birth, 95.3 percent were unmarried.

Stephanie Ventura, a study co-author, said there was anecdotal evidence that unmarried Hispanic women giving birth tend to live with the fathers of their children. In Puerto Rico in 1995, Ventura said, three quarters of unmarried women giving birth were living with the father of their children.

Comparisons with other groups were not possible because virtually all other jurisdictions do not ask whether unmarried women are living with the fathers of their children, she said.

Rough landing at O'Hare a recipe for disaster

CHICAGO (AP) — Moments after an American Airlines jet missed the runway and skidded to a stop in a muddy field, air traffic controllers cleared two more planes to land on the same runway.

One landed safely, but the pilot of the other aborted after seeing the damaged plane.

Although no one was hurt, the dangerous situation at O'Hare International Airport on Monday has prompted criticism, an investigation and a new policy announced Thursday by American Airlines.

"You have a potential here for a multiple plane disaster," aviation safety advocate Paul Hudson said.

The new policy, affecting older 727s with less sophisticated navigational equipment, gives pilots more time to decide whether to abort a

landing.

The American 727, carrying 115 passengers and six crew members from Kansas City, Mo., landed about 200 feet short of the runway and skidded about 2,000 feet before stopping next to the runway.

In a news release Thursday, the National Transportation Safety Board said moments later, air traffic controllers cleared a United 727 to land on the same runway.

Shortly after that plane landed safely, airport maintenance workers spotted the American plane in the mud "and advised the tower that there was debris on the runway," the NTSB said.

But a third plane, a United 737, had already gotten clearance to land. It touched down momentarily but took off when the pilot saw the

idled American plane, United spokesman Joe Hopkins said.

For the duration of the NTSB investigation into Monday's rough landing, American will prohibit pilots of 727s from Category II landings — in which the plane is on autopilot until 100 feet from the ground, when the pilot takes over.

Also, 727 pilots may not use autopilot equipment below 1,000 feet and must be able to see the runway at that height to land.

Because of dense fog, visibility when the American plane landed

was about a quarter mile and the landing decision height was 100 feet.

The pilot, who has not been identified, had never landed a 727 before in such conditions, according to the NTSB.

Newer planes are capable of making Category III landings, which essentially allow pilots to land in zero visibility on autopilot.

American has only 75 727s, and its 566 other planes are equipped for Category III landings, said airline spokeswoman Mary Fagan.

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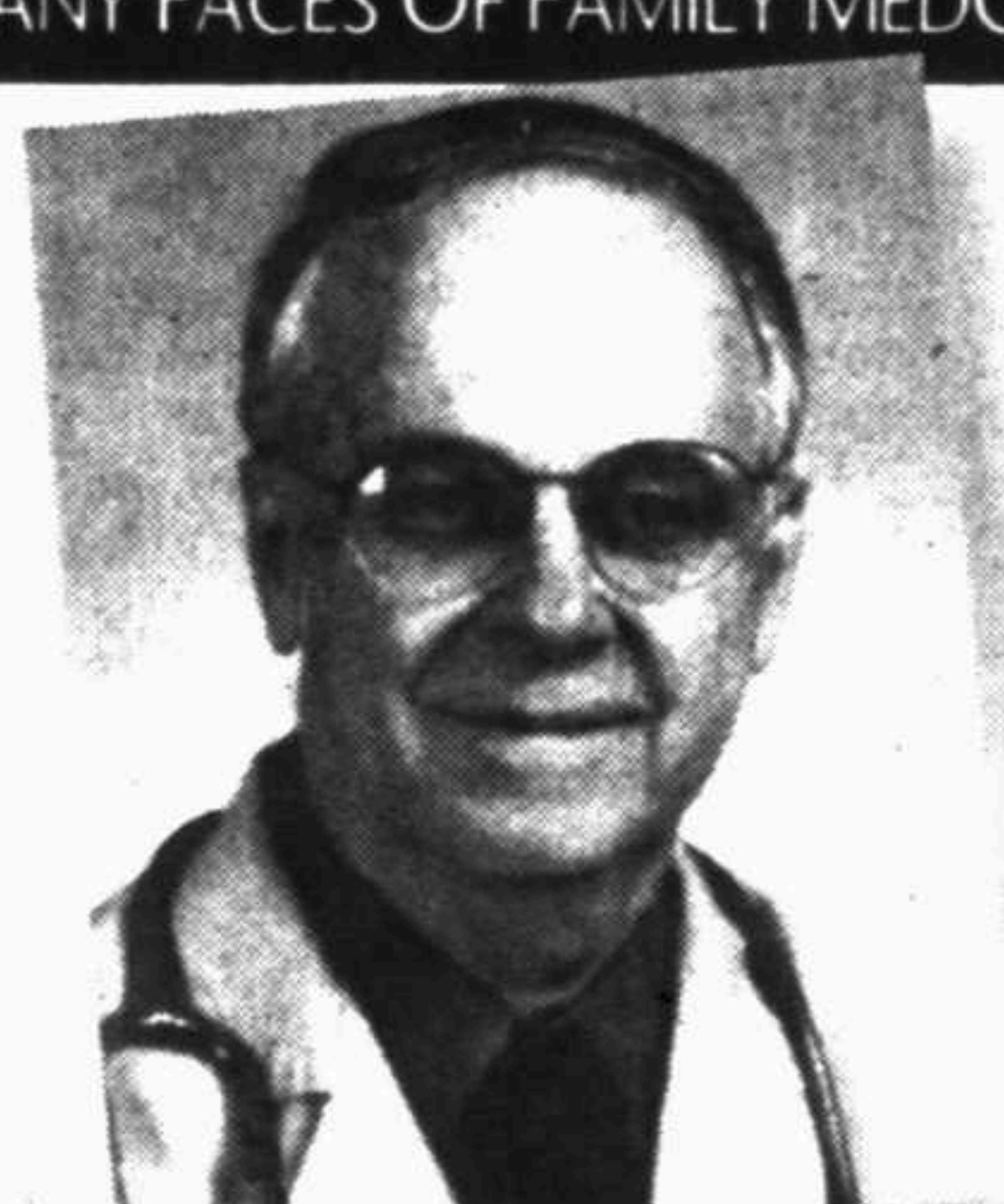
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Forecast: \$1 billion in California slide damage — all uninsured

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California will suffer an estimated \$1 billion in El Nino-spawned earth-slide damages this year — every penny of it uninsured, geologists and insurance officials said Thursday.

The state is on its way to record rainfall and residents will pay the price, said David Howell of the U.S. Geological Survey.

"If nature were allowed to exist all by itself, there would be landslides," he said. "But man is also exacerbating landslides ... cutting notches in hillsides, moving dirt, cutting out pads for houses, building roads — all that is destabilizing."

Even worse news for those who lose their homes will be the discovery that their insurance policies

won't pay for the damage.

People who believe mudslide provisions in their flood insurance protect them are wrong, said Doug Hatt, a State Farm insurance agent. Mudslides are covered only if they are driven by flooding, and the mud rises up from a creek or river bed into a home.

"If the creek rises, your flood insurance covers it," said Hatt. "But if the hillside behind you comes down, you're out of luck."

Only one company, Lloyds of London, offers landslide insurance to Californians, says Stephanie Saari of the Western Insurance Information Service — and not a single person has bought a policy.

"Landslide insurance hasn't been offered for many years," she said. "Landslides are too unpre-

dictable. And if only the people who lived on hillsides bought it, coverage would be too expensive."

The Lloyds landslide policy costs an additional \$1,200 a year on a \$300,000 home, she said.

Howell said even in normal years, California suffers \$100 million in slide damages, but those losses attract little attention because they are spread around the state.

Building on hillsides is dangerous but apparently inevitable in the state, said the geologist, who works in the USGS office in Menlo Park.

"We've seen geographical models that imply that most of the flatland between here and Auburn (east of Sacramento) will be populated by development," he said.

"There will be more and more pressure to move into the hillsides."

The knowledge they are not alone probably came as cold comfort to the residents Rio Nido along the Russian River.

Eighty-nine more homes were ordered evacuated by Thursday morning as a football field-sized slab of hillside up to 100 feet thick threatened to slide down on their neighborhood.

Three homes have been destroyed and three damaged already by the slide. A total of 135 homes have now been evacuated, said Jill Hale, emergency services spokeswoman for Sonoma County.

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California Division of Forestry firefighters work Thursday to help fill thousands of sandbags in case they are needed for flood control with more heavy rains predicted for the Monterey County area this weekend.

Nobel laureate loses job that got her prize

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four months after winning the Nobel Peace Prize for campaigning to ban land mines, Jody Williams has lost the job that brought her sudden prominence and a \$500,000 check.

There's also a question about who gets the other half of the \$1 million prize.

Williams' former employers said Thursday that as coordinator of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines she had "failed to grow with the movement" and keeping her on board would have created problems rather than enhanced the campaign's standing.

She, however, insisted she's not leaving the campaign but is staying on as "probably an ambassador-at-large."

"I don't know what she means by being an ambassador," said Bobby Muller, president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation, which staffs, finances and houses the campaign.

Williams' role could be determined at a meeting of the campaign's steering committee in Germany next week.

Another detail will have to be sorted out: The Nobel Peace Prize committee has also awarded \$500,000 to the 1,000-member International Campaign to Ban Landmines, an organization that does not exist, according to Muller.

"There is no International Campaign to Ban Landmines that you can make a check out to," said Muller. "The campaign doesn't exist other than as the name that we put around our efforts to put a coalition effort together."

Muller, who agreed to discuss the Williams issue, said the decision to dismiss the Nobel laureate was taken before the peace prize was announced in October. But she was kept on until the end of the year because the group did not want to disrupt the work that was being done on the Ottawa land mine treaty.

As of Dec. 31, Williams was off the foundation's payroll although she retains her title of "designated coordinator" until next week.

Williams refused to discuss her differences with Muller, saying, "I'm not going to get into a 'he said, she said.' ... There are no (internal problems). Basically, there's one man's problem."

But she admitted there were a lot of egos in such a large organization. "We're not Mother Teresa," she snapped.

And she acknowledged there were "normal" policy differences.

"I mean, get real. Of course, there's going to be differences. We're not nominated and getting the peace prize because we're saints," she said. "We're getting the prize because of the contribution to the world we've made."

One of the main differences between the foundation and Williams was that she did not share the foundation's insistence that the United States join the Ottawa treaty, said Muller. Williams has said the United States is not a threat to other countries.

Muller said the problem was exacerbated when, in remarks she made after winning the prize, Williams called President Clinton "a weenie."

"When you're a Nobel laureate you don't use language like that," said Muller. "Maybe if you're a 1960s activist, fine. But this is 1998, we've got a mature ... movement here and we've got to elevate the level of our discourse and the sophistication of our efforts to reflect the fact that we're a very serious movement."

"We're going to get to where we need to go on a cooperative basis (with the administration and the military) not by sticking our finger in their eye and being disrespectful," added Muller.

Williams told the Los Angeles Times that her characterization of the president was an off-the-record comment exploited by reporters. "And besides, he's been called worse than that by people he considers friends," she was quoted as telling the Times.

Williams told The Associated Press Thursday that in her new role with the group she will pay her salary with her share of the prize money which, she said, would be less than \$250,000 after taxes.

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The American Airpower Heritage Museum at Confederate Air Force Headquarters at Midland International Airport will present a free film presentation — featuring the battle of the Japanese island of Iwo Jima during 1945 — at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the museum classroom. The film will highlight the battle that occurred on the island of Iwo Jima in February and March of 1945. One of history's bloodiest battles, the battle of Iwo Jima proved to be one of America's most important victories in World War II. For additional information, call Tami O'Bannon at 563-1000.

Valentine's Day

A Valentine's Day Extravaganza is set for 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Hastings. Included will be massage demonstrations, tips for a romantic evening from a relationship counselor and chances for romantic hotel and dining packages. For more information call 694-1151.

Alzheimer's group

The Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is planning an orientation 7 p.m. Monday at Westwood Medical Center dining room. Chapter volunteers will meet with family members to discuss programs and support groups. For more information call 570-9191.

Hoops contest

The Knights of Columbus' annual Kids' Free Throw Shooting Contest will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Midland College P.E. Building (located across from Chaparral Center). The contest is for boys and girls age 10-14. There is no entry fee and all kids are encouraged to participate. For more information, contact Bob Weidner at 685-1589 or 689-4626.

I-10 detour

The Texas Department of Public Safety is urging motorists planning trips through West Texas to avoid Interstate 10 until further notice because of a hazardous chemical spill between Sonora and Junction. The area has been contaminated because a truck, owned by Sentinel Transportation in LaPorte, rolled over and spilled anhydrous hydrogen fluoride. Breathing anhydrous hydrogen fluoride vapors can cause serious injury or death, while the liquid form can cause serious contact injuries, according to medical reports.

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Meet 'Fishberry'

AUSTIN — Meet "Fishberry" — part fish, part strawberry and potentially an organically labeled nightmare. At least, that's according to Greenpeace activists and others protesting proposed federal standards for organics at a Thursday hearing by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. To help make their point, they brought along an activist costumed as a fish-headed strawberry.

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TODAY'S AGENDA

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Psychologist calls Zamora 'deviant'

By Chris Newton
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A psychologist testified Thursday that former midshipman Diane Zamora, accused of killing a romantic rival, was "psychopathically deviant" and tended to blame others for her troubles. Jurors perked up and began taking notes after defense witness Dr. Michael Lobb acknowledged that Ms. Zamora demonstrated paranoid tendencies and could be prone to criminal activity. He based his conclusions on more than 50 interviews with Ms. Zamora since her September 1996 arrest in the murder of 16-year-old Adrienne Jones. Under cross-examination from assistant prosecutor Sylvia Mandel, Lobb agreed that Ms. Zamora appeared capable of committing a crime. "Would you in fact say that she fits the profile of a classic criminal?" Ms. Mandel asked. "That would be accurate," Lobb answered. Lobb also called the defendant "a combination of

someone who is psychopathically deviant and paranoid ... angry, resentful and argumentative would be a fair characterization."

In another line of questioning, Lobb agreed with Ms. Mandel that the former Naval Academy cadet tended to "externalize blame for anger."

"And by doing that do you mean they could blame another person for something that has gone wrong in their lives?" Ms. Mandel asked.

"Yes," Lobb responded.

Ms. Zamora and Graham, a former Air Force Academy cadet, are accused of capital murder in the death of Miss Jones. Prosecutors contend Ms. Zamora was angered by a one-time sexual encounter Graham had with Miss Jones and demanded she be killed.

Attorney John Lineberger has patterned her defense on the theory that former fiance Graham controlled Ms. Zamora and that he killed Miss Jones without Ms. Zamora's help.

When questioned by Lineberger, Lobb testified that Ms. Zamora seems suicidal and lacking in emotional

strength. He noted that she had scars that "looked like those that suggest a high suicide potential" and that she acknowledged cutting herself to deal with frustrations.

Lobb also described Ms. Zamora's relationship with Graham as "dominant-submissive," with Graham being dominant. Lobb said he based his opinion on letters between the couple, as well as interviews with each.

The jurors heard excerpts from letters Graham wrote to Ms. Zamora after both were jailed.

"You are MINE so don't let anyone else near you," Graham wrote. "You are supposed to follow my rules as I follow yours."

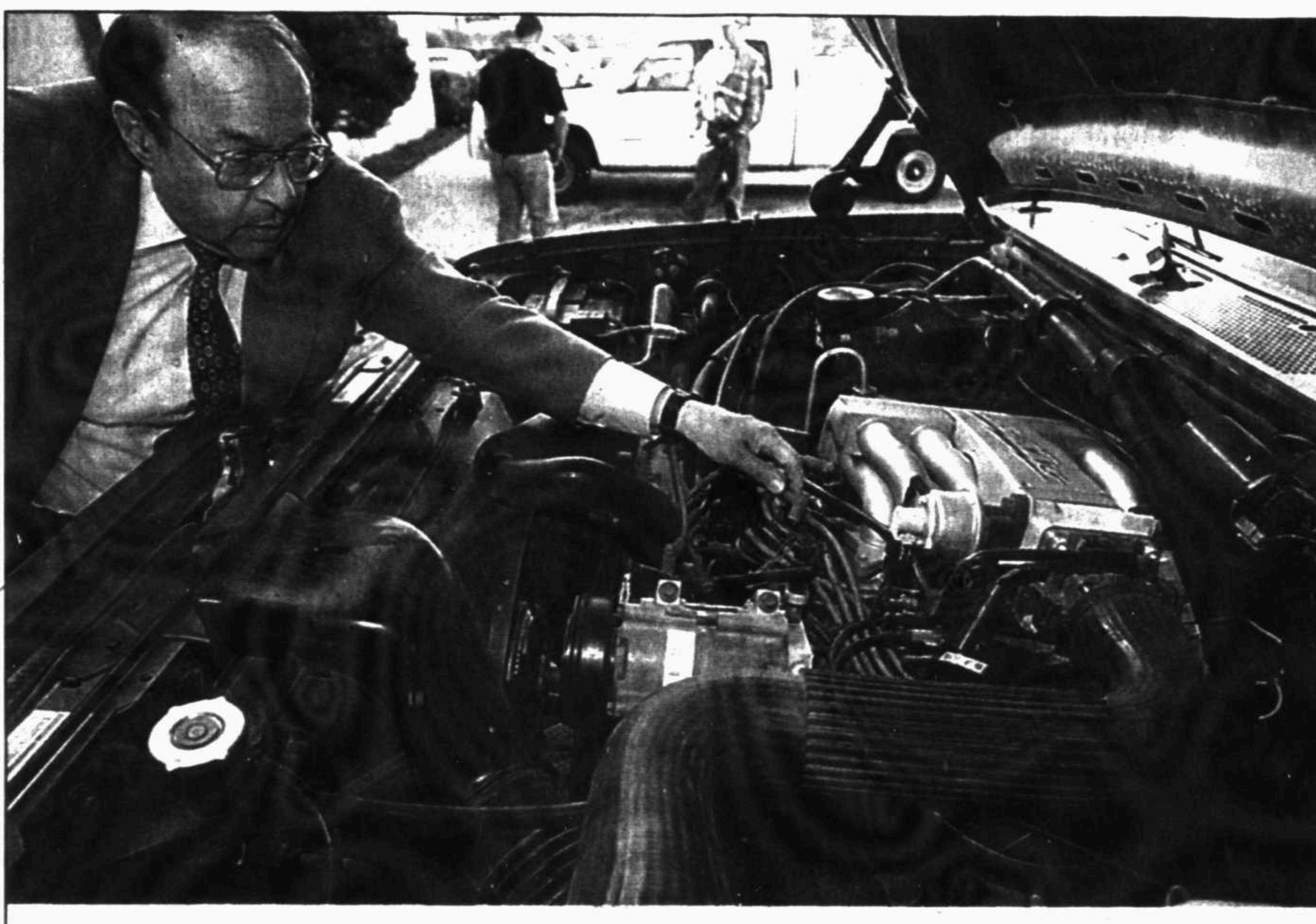
Among the rules Graham outlined for Ms. Zamora were: "If anyone either male or female hugs or kisses you, deck them," and "write at least 30 pages a week."

Defense attorneys gave jurors handouts of excerpts from the letters that they contend prove Graham dominated Ms. Zamora and threatened her with violence.

Under the handout labeled "Violent Threats" was the

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New ignition system increases efficiency

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Local inventor and entrepreneur Chris Jacobs of Jacobs Electronics Inc. is working with area fleet operators to further test and prove a radical new ignition system that increases the efficiency of internal combustion engines.

Jacobs holds a doctorate in electronic engineering, as well as several patents stemming from his work not only in automotive ignition systems, but in the medical industry as well — including his variable rate cardiac pacemaker of years past.

Some of the same technology used in his work with pacemakers has been utilized in the automotive electronic components he produces at his Midland facility.

The new ignition system includes the latest of Jacobs' patents, which "modifies ignition spark to accommodate changes in engine environment and running conditions,"

according to the patent document.

The effects of the new ignition system, which also comes in a Pro-Street model that has even greater latitude in modifying ignition sparks, are fourfold.

1) Tests have shown an 11-16 percent fuel savings on each vehicle tested.

2) More power is gained over the whole range of engine operation, resulting in a smoother, more powerful ride.

"It's very noticeable," Jacobs said. "It's not like 'well, I think it's faster ...' he said.

3) Engine life is increased by 37 percent in Jacob's tests. With more efficient operation, critical engine components last longer and less carbon is accumulated to interfere with engine operation.

On paper, this engine-life expectancy is a greater monetary gain than the fuel savings in fleet vehicles, he said.

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Burns to run for third term as Tall City mayor

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Mayor Bobby Burns, in announcing his intentions to seek a third term as Midland's mayor, vowed Thursday to continue his efforts to improve the city while cutting taxes.

"We have seen, in four short years, the awesome power of what Midlanders can do when they work together," Burns said.

Burns met with well-wishers and reporters in sight of the new airport terminal building construction at the Midland International Airport.

Burns said he was proud of a number of things that have been accomplished during his tenure, among them being the airport project. "And we've not spent a penny of local tax money on the largest project in the history of Midland."

He pointed to the Loop 250 development and downtown improvement initiatives as projects that he has worked to promote.

If elected for a third term, Burns said he would set public safety as a top priority and work to make a safer city and to make the citizens of Midland feel safer living, working and raising families in this city.

Downtown projects are only beginning and Burns voiced the need to continue this initiative. "The downtown area is so important to the personality of this city — we can't let an asset like that slip away," he said.

Burns has worked to bring about three new city parks and a number of improvement projects on existing parks. During his service, the city has maintained a balanced budget with three consecutive tax

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Texas Commerce Bank becomes Chase; ownership remains same

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Texas Commerce Bank kept sign companies busy last month installing new signs at its Midland branches with the bank's new name, Chase Bank of Texas.

Chase Bank Midland President and Chief Executive Officer Ed Jones said the new name does not mean new ownership.

"The ownership's been the same for the last 10 years," he noted.

Texas Commerce merged with Chemical Banking Corp. in 1987 and in 1996, Chemical merged with Chase Manhattan Corp., creating the nation's largest bank.

Jones explained, "What's happened is Chase's national brands have gotten more national recognition. The corporation's spent so much money on advertising, especially in Texas, than Texas Commerce was, that we decided to adopt their name and benefit from their advertising."

Jones went on to assure local customers that the new name did not bring about any change in personnel or the bank's support of the community.

"A lot of people are concerned about lower oil prices," he said. "We're predicting low prices will generate more activity and on balance be bet-

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Education board candidate brings campaign to Midland

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Mary Helen Cantu, a Republican candidate for the State Board of Education's District 1 seat, visited Midland Thursday to meet constituents and educators.

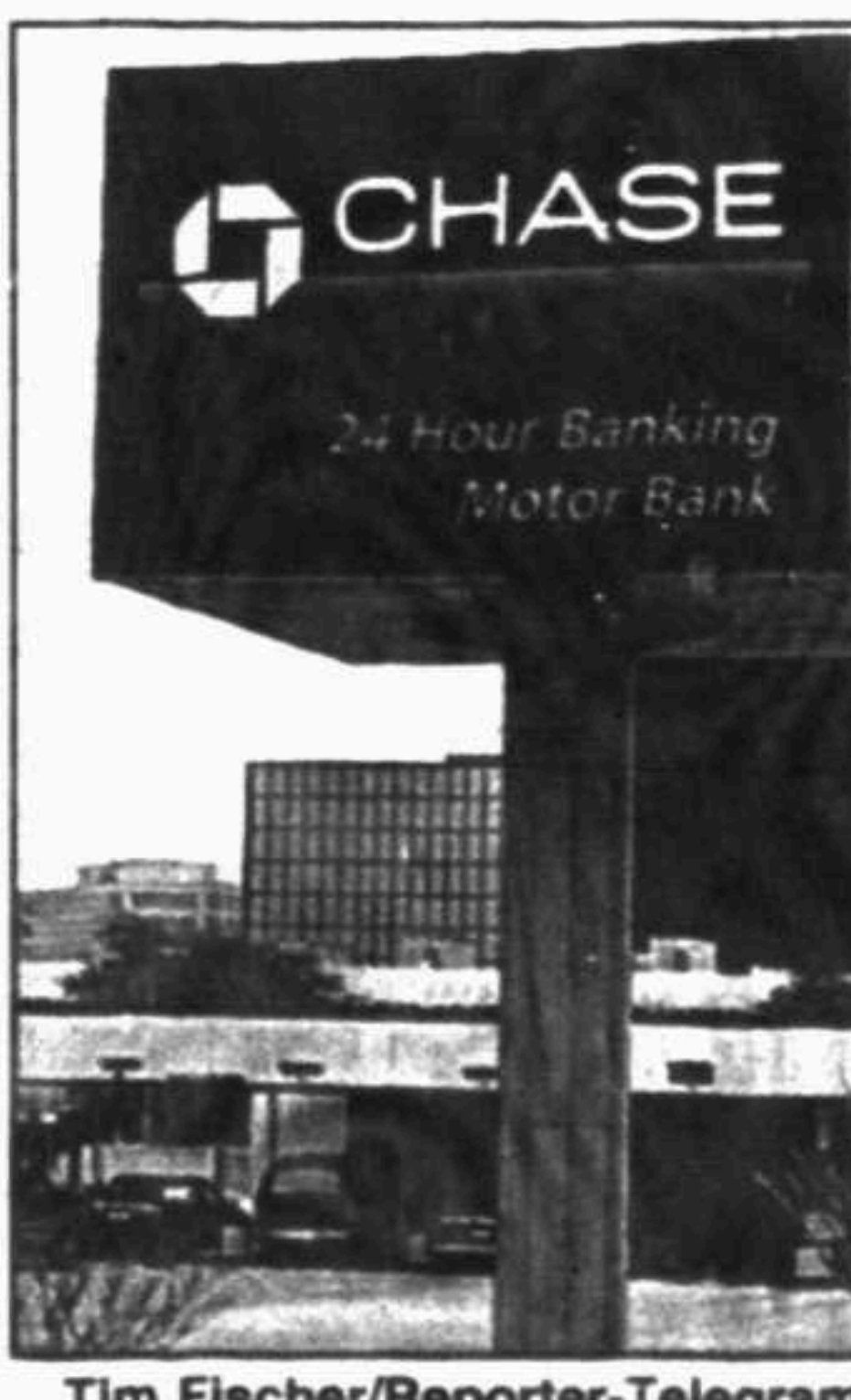
Ms. Cantu, a Laredo native, will oppose Midlander Donna Ballard in the March 10 primary. The winner will face incumbent Democrat Rene Nunez in the November general election.

Ms. Cantu opposed Nunez in the 1994 District 1 race and received about 44 percent of the vote.

"I believe I can win in November. He's been in there 10 years; it's time for a change," she said. "I appeal to a lot of people."

The State Board of Education is a publicly elected board that oversees the Texas Education Agency. The board controls a state textbook list, curriculum standards, University Interscholastic League sports

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Texas Commerce Bank is now known as Chase Bank of Texas because of the name recognition. Texas Commerce had merged with Chemical Banking in 1987.



Cantu

Environmental groups oppose rules

AUSTIN (AP) — Meet "Fish-berry" — part fish, part strawberry and potentially an organically labeled nightmare.

At least, that's according to Greenpeace activists and others protesting proposed federal standards for organics at a Thursday hearing by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

To help make their point, they brought along an activist costumed as a fish-headed strawberry. The fish gene is inserted into the berry to make it better able to withstand cold.

In another example of genetic science, plants with genes from common soil bacteria produce pest-killing toxins, allowing farmers to forgo the use of chemical sprays.

But opponents have raised the concern that insects may become resistant to the bacteria faster if they are constantly exposed to the plants, preventing the use of bacteria-based sprays.

Some also have said such foods may have as-yet unknown health effects. Among other changes, they want the regulations to ban

use of genetic engineering in products labeled organic.

"Consumers, organic farmers and the whole organic industry don't want this stuff. But the USDA has hijacked the process to keep from placing any kind of stigma on genetically altered foods," said Greenpeace spokesman Bill Jackson.

The Sierra Club says the proposed rule conflicts with current practices and consumer expectations.

"If the USDA's proposed rules are adopted as written, consumers will lose all faith in the 'organic' label, and a \$3.5 billion industry in organic products will be threatened," said Carl Pope of the Sierra Club.

The Texas Department of Agriculture said the state's organic certification standards could be significantly weakened if the proposals are adopted as currently written.

"With TDA's organic certification program, consumers are assured the products they buy labeled as 'Texas Organic' are truly organic. National stan-

dards should not create any doubts for consumers but rather maintain the high level of confidence now set in Texas," said Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry.

USDA spokesman Andy Solomon emphasized that what the agency has put out is a draft, not a final rule for organic labeling.

Even the initial proposal doesn't suggest allowing the use of genetically engineered organisms, but asks for public comment on whether they should be included, he said.

"We're very much engaged in a process now of seeking broad public participation and input. Nothing is final," Solomon said.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman earlier this month delayed action on the labeling rules to allow more time for public comment. The deadline for input is April 30.

Eds: People with access to the Internet can submit comments at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

Culver Juvenile Justice Center to unfurl new flags

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Old Glory and the Lone Star flag will be unfurled and honored today in the new courtroom of the Barbara Culver Juvenile Justice Center at 3800 N. Lamar Road.

Commander Don Hudgins of the American Legion Woods W. Lynch Post 19 is to present the U.S. and Texas flags to Midland County Judge Al Walvoord during a ceremony at 2 p.m. today. The flags are for the new courtroom at the center, which is in the final stages of a \$3.2 million expansion and renovation. The project includes a 24-cell addition that will bring the facility's capacity to 44 boys and girls instead of the current 20 youngsters.

The Culver Juvenile Justice Center is to be formally dedicated 2 p.m. March 6.

"I particularly appreciate veterans organizations, such as the American Legion, being involved in providing those flags to us because of the significance of the veterans themselves and in recognizing the importance of the flags in courtrooms," Walvoord said.

Walvoord indicated that his sense of patriotism is heightened and he gets "excited and emotional when I realize that these flags are coming from folks who have fought (in wars) under these flags. I really appreciate the American Legion for doing this."

The American Legion, which is the largest veterans' organization in the nation, was organized in Paris in 1919 following World War I.

Donating the flags to the Culver Juvenile Justice Center is "showing our appreciation to what our great nation and state have done for us (and is) showing our gratitude to the people," Hudgins said.

"There's a lot of us who understand the ultimate sacrifice that a lot of our fellow citizens, the veterans, have made," said Hudgins, who is a Vietnam War veteran.

"We served the country," he said. "A bunch of us gave some big sacrifices. Some of us came back and were very happy that we were able to come back. The good Lord has been nice to us. And when we go overseas, we get to see what kind of privileges and stuff that we have."

Hudgins said that watching the flags flying and witnessing "people saluting in honoring the flags ... represent the sacrifices that so many of our men and women have made."

"Those of us who did get to come back ... got to see the other countries" and realized that "there ain't no place like the good, old home, the sweet U.S.," Hudgins said. "You come back, I know I have, with a sense of obligation, of being responsible ... to vote, serving on jury duty. It's part of the obligation that we have."

JACOBS: New ignition system to reduce number of tune-ups required for vehicles

(From 1B)

This, of course, assumes similar driving habits, he said. Sometime drivers find the extra performance too great to resist and push the engine harder. "If a guy ... lead-foots it, it's not going to last 37 percent longer," he said.

4) Finally, the frequency of tune-ups needed to keep an engine at maximum efficiency is decreased by a factor of 2 1/2 to four, he said. That is, the time between tune ups is increased without loss of performance.

David Wauhob, area service foreman for Compressor Systems Inc. in Midland, has been testing a number of the devices, not only on company trucks, but on static, compressor motors as well, he said.

His experience has confirmed the fuel savings and smoother operation of cars equipped with both the Omni-Magnum and Pro-Street ignition systems.

Wauhob estimates a 25-horsepower increase in the performance of his pickups, which are

powered by 350-cubic-inch Chevrolet, V-8 engines.

These units also are being tested in some TU Electric vehicles and eight vehicles used by the city of Midland.

Jacobs is not only collecting mileage data, but is seeking "seat of the pants" subjective information from the drivers of these vehicles.

Jacobs is selling the devices all over the country and has secured an exemption from California automobile emissions laws, which forbid any modification of a vehicle's ignition system.

"We have an exemption because we lower emission on your car," he said.

With Jacobs' help, the Midland Reporter-Telegram tested the Omni-Magnum on two vehicles.

On a 1994 Jeep in good operating condition that had been tuned up a month ago, the new ignition system was noticeably "smoother" in normal driving conditions, according to the driver.

Power was increased somewhat, but most noticeable was the

smooth operation of the engine at idle and through the full range of rpm.

The second test vehicle was an aged and ailing 1987 Mazda B-2600 pickup.

While it did not cure all of this vehicle's ills, which include fuel/air mixture problems, there was a marked increase in power.

In addition to the power increase, the older vehicle lost its tendency to stall under a low-rpm load.

Jacobs is marketing the devices through a number of national automotive periodicals. Unit cost ranges from the upper \$300s to just over \$500 for the top-of-the-line model.

*** In an automobile engine, the ignition system delivers an electrical impulse from the coil, which is like a small transformer, down the coil wire into the distributor.

The distributor essentially selects the appropriate spark plug wire and sends that same electrical impulse down the wire to the spark plug. This is timed so that

the electricity arcs across the spark plug gap inside the combustion chamber during the compression stroke (this chamber is the space above each piston where fuel and air mixture is compressed prior to being ignited by the spark).

An aluminum box stuffed with electrical components, the new Omni-Magnum and Pro-Street use the automobile's existing spark only for timing. It completely absorbs this electrical energy and sends its own custom-tailored spark to the distributor and to the spark plugs.

The new systems resistance across the plug gap and other data to tailor a spark appropriate for whatever stresses the engine is undergoing at any given point in time.

Author of the top-selling book currently available on engine ignition systems, Jacobs has found that super-hot sparks are not the best answer for engine ignition.

In some instances, a high-voltage, high-amperage spark can cause "cavitation" through the

fuel-air mixture inside the engine, rather than igniting a clean burn of the fuel, Jacobs explained.

Much like firefighters using explosives to blow out an oil well fire — this cavitation can actually blow fuel/air mixture away from the spark, leaving the bulk of the fuel unburned — misfire.

In addition to intensity, the characteristic of the spark over time is important and Jacobs' research has shown that a cold engine requires a spark that grows in intensity as it fires, whereas a warm engine at high rpm needs a spark that is intense at first and tapers off.

The Omni-Magnum senses these needs and provides a tailored spark for each cylinder and on each revolution of the engine, Jacobs said.

A normal automobile engine in good running condition usually misfires 6-12 percent of all possible combustion events, according to Jacobs. A normal automobile engine in good running condition with the Omni-Magnum, however, significantly reduces the number of misfires, he said.

"We have less than nine misfires per million cycles," Jacobs said.

Jacobs Electronic, in Midland since 1991, produces a full line of automobile ignition parts.

Jacobs is now the No. 1 supplier of ignition systems for recreational vehicles (RVs), he said.

BURNS: Defeat of referendum doesn't deter mayor in quest for new jobs

(From 1B)

deceases.

"I want to see more efficiency in government," he said. "Today I ask you for your support ... as mayor of the new century," he said.

"This is a great town, filled with great people ... who make great things happen," he said.

He plans to continue develop-

ment efforts along the Lamesa Road and Interstate 20 corridors.

"We've come a long way, but our job isn't finished. ... I continue to have supreme confidence in the intelligence of Midlanders and, even though we may not always agree on a solution, by working together and doing what is right for Midland, we will always succeed," he said.

Thus far, Burns has no opponent

in the mayor's race and has heard little about the possibility of drawing an opponent in the future, he said.

Last year, Burns worked hard to design a referendum that would allow 1/2 cent of sales tax to be used to reduce property taxes and to create an economic development corporation to lure new industry to the city.

Even though this initiative

failed, Burns plans to continue efforts to bring more, better-paying jobs to Midland.

While the voters turned down the economic development initiative, he believes there is very little resentment lingering from the campaign.

"There's some, but I think it's just a few people," he said.

In his introduction, Thursday, local Republican leader Lou

Brown called Burns "one of Midland's most successful leaders in history, with an outstanding record of sustained growth in the community as well as cutting taxes at every opportunity."

BANK: Change of name gives local entity quick access to Chase products

(From 1B)

ter for Midland. The large producers, when the prices fall, start looking at higher-cost properties and sell them. Around 80 percent of their properties may generate only 10 percent of their revenues so they sell those and focus on their core properties. When oil prices change, the independent producers get more properties. Look at Titan Exploration, Costilla and Southwest Royalties: they've grown out of the majors' downsizing.

Jones said the bank's customers

were surprised when the new signs went up and began wondering what else is different besides the name.

What the change means, he said, is that "in the future, we'll be able to take the products that Chase develops for a national market and offer them at the same time. In the past, they'd devise a new product (service) and we'd have to retool it for the Texas Commerce name, so there was a lag time. In terms of products, it'll mean we'll be able to offer new products locally more quickly."

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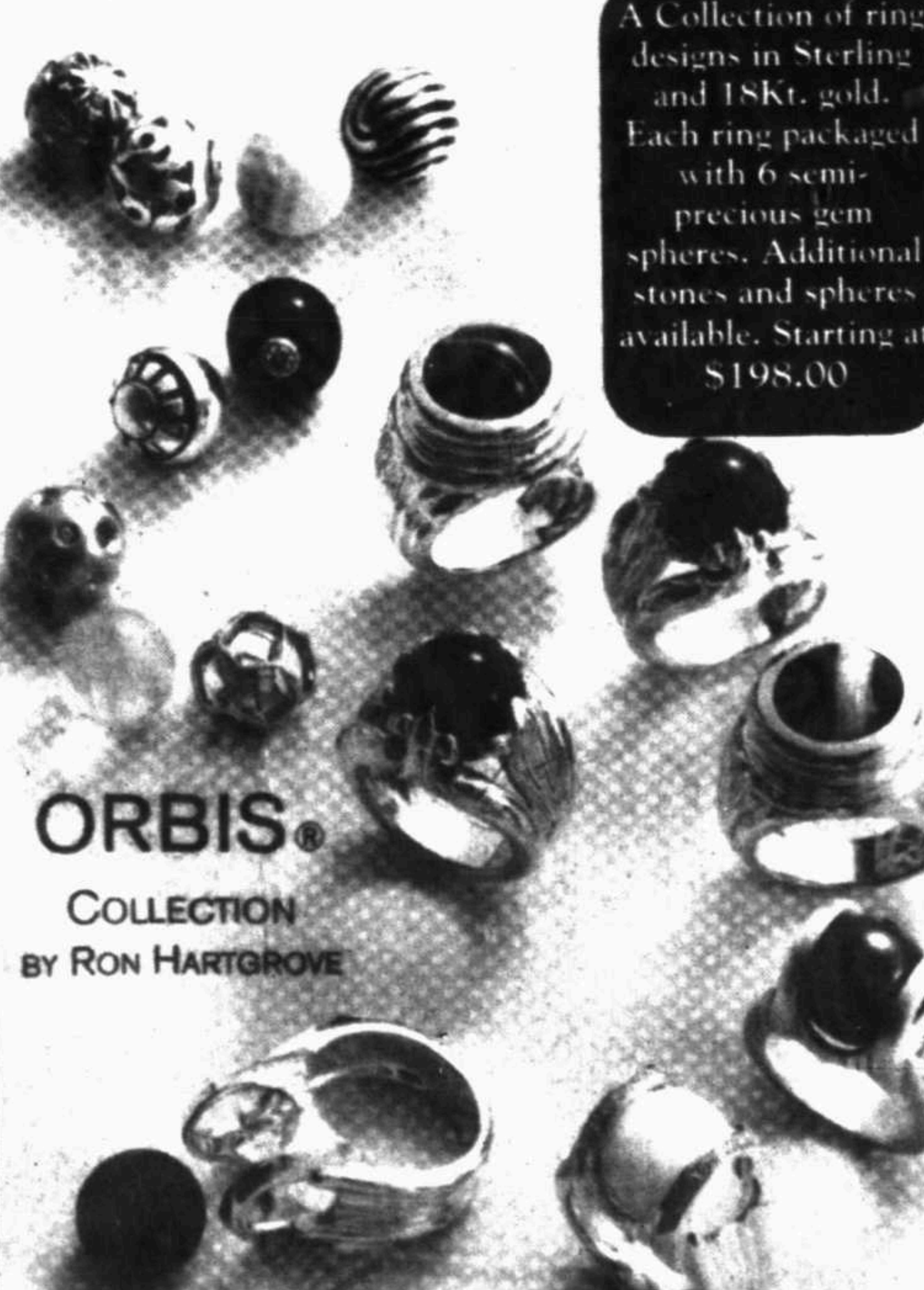
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Lewinsky heads home, investigation turns focus toward Secret Service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Monica Lewinsky arrived back in the nation's capital Thursday while the lawyer for a retired Secret Service officer said that his client did not see President Clinton alone with Ms. Lewinsky.

The retired uniformed officer, Lewis Fox, appeared at the U.S. Courthouse here Thursday after being subpoenaed by Whitewater prosecutors, but he did not testify. Prosecutors told him he may be called to testify later.

Fox's attorney, Mike Leibig, said his client remembers ushering Ms. Lewinsky into the Oval Office on one occasion in late 1995 while Clinton was there but can't say if they were alone.

The Washington Post reported this week that Fox had said in an interview that Ms. Lewinsky spent at least 40 minutes alone with Clinton while Fox was posted outside the Oval Office door.

"That's not his recollection," Leibig said of his client.

Fox "saw them together," Leibig added. "He could not tell whether they were alone or not. He knows they were in the Oval Office, but he does not know whether there were other people in the room."

The Post referred questions Thursday night to its executive editor, Leonard Downie Jr. He could not be reached by phone for comment.

Prosecutors also have subpoenaed an unidentified active-duty officer, according to a senior government official who spoke on condition of anonymity. Neither Fox nor the second officer served on the personal protective detail that has the most direct access to Clinton.

Further testimony by Ms. Lewinsky's mother, Marcia Lewis, was put off after she was so shaken by two days of questioning that she required medical

attention. Negotiations to broker a deal under which Ms. Lewinsky herself would testify about her relationship with Clinton remained at a stalemate. The president has denied that the relationship was sexual.

"Her mother needs her right now," said Ms. Lewinsky's attorney, William Ginsburg. "This is a family thing."

The former White House intern and her mother share an apartment at the Watergate. Ms. Lewinsky, whose relationship with Clinton is being investigated by Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, returned here after spending 10 days in California with her father, a Los Angeles doctor.

She was described as eager to be near her mother, who underwent more than seven hours of questioning before the grand jury on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Ginsburg described the questioning of Ms. Lewis by prosecutors as "more than rough and tumble. If this is the way the prosecutorial system normally operates, then all Americans should take notice. It is frightening."

Billy Martin, an attorney for Ms. Lewis, said the questioning had been "overwhelming and emotionally draining" and that a date for her to resume testifying had not been set. He said Ms. Lewis and her daughter were very close to one another.

"Right now, at a time when they could probably use each other's support, these proceedings cause them to be drawn further apart," Martin said.

Prosecutors are particularly interested in Ms. Lewis' testimony because Ms. Lewinsky reportedly confided to her mother about her relationship with the president.

Ginsburg said there had been

no progress on efforts to secure a deal for Ms. Lewinsky's cooperation in exchange for immunity from prosecution.

In the absence of testimony from Ms. Lewinsky, investigators continued to pursue other witnesses and documents that could help prove or disprove allegations of a presidential affair and cover-up.

Attorney General Janet Reno said the Justice Department is reviewing the question of whether the government should resist subpoenas for the Secret Service. Reno has promised prosecutors complete independence in their investigation into the Lewinsky matter, which could complicate the Justice Department decision on the Secret Service issue.

"I never measure things by difficulty," Reno told reporters. "I just take the issue and address it... based on the evidence and the law."

Also Thursday, a Pentagon employee issued a statement denouncing a published report that she was abruptly transferred to her current position from a White House job last November after lawyers in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit heard allegations that she had a sexual relationship with the president during the 1980s.

Robyn Dickey, head of protocol in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, issued a statement saying she "never had an intimate or inappropriate relationship with Bill Clinton" and calling the reports reckless and malicious. Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said the Pentagon received no pressure from the White House to hire her. White House aides said the woman's job transfer was in the works for months before it occurred.

States continue march against managed care

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Congress considers new regulation of managed care, states are continuing longstanding efforts to mandate benefits and patient rights.

Forty-two states passed managed-care regulation or benefit mandates in 1997, according to a survey released Thursday by the BlueCross BlueShield Association. "There is an interest in promoting quality, and in the name of quality, this type of tinkering and fine-tuning of managed care is going to continue," said Susan Laudicina, director of research for BlueCross BlueShield.

Over the last several years, states have stepped up regulation of managed-care plans as the concept has come to dominate the

health insurance market. Eighty-five percent of people who get insurance from an employer are now enrolled in a health maintenance organization or other managed-care plan.

The federal government has passed just one law so far, which requires insurance companies to pay for at least 48 hours in the hospital for mothers who have just given birth. Many more bills have been proposed, however, including several to impose a broad set of patient protections.

Federal laws apply regulations to every state and to every health plan. By contrast, state laws do not affect a large group of Americans who work for major companies that have self-funded insurance

plans exempt from state regulation.

Also Thursday, Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., announced formation of a Senate GOP task force to examine proposals pending in Congress. Nickles, the Senate's No. 2 Republican, made it clear he wants to stop most of them.

"I haven't seen anything to convince me that bigger government, more regulations and expanded bureaucratic control is the means to higher quality," he said.

On the state level, 1997 saw 18 states consider a new proposal allowing patients to sue their health plans for medical malpractice.

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Coca-Cola widens lead over Pepsi-Cola

NEW YORK (AP) — Coca-Cola Co. widened its lead last year in the \$54.7 billion U.S. soft drink market, but Pepsi-Cola Co.'s Mountain Dew was the fastest growing major brand.

Coca-Cola brands, including Coca-Cola Classic, Diet Coke, Sprite and Barq's root beer, accounted for a record 43.9 percent of the market, said the Beverage Digest/Maxwell report released Thursday.

That was up from a record 43.1 percent Atlanta-based Coca-Cola set in 1996.

The market share of Pepsi-Cola brands fell slightly to 30.9 percent, the report said.

Beverage Marketing Corp., a research and consulting firm, found identical changes but estimated Coca-Cola had 44.6 percent of the market and Pepsi-Cola had 30.7 percent.

Pepsi-Cola, based in Somers, N.Y., has been the perennial No. 2 with its Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Slice and Mountain Dew.

Dr. Pepper/Seven Up, a division of Cadbury Schweppes, was third with 14.5 percent.

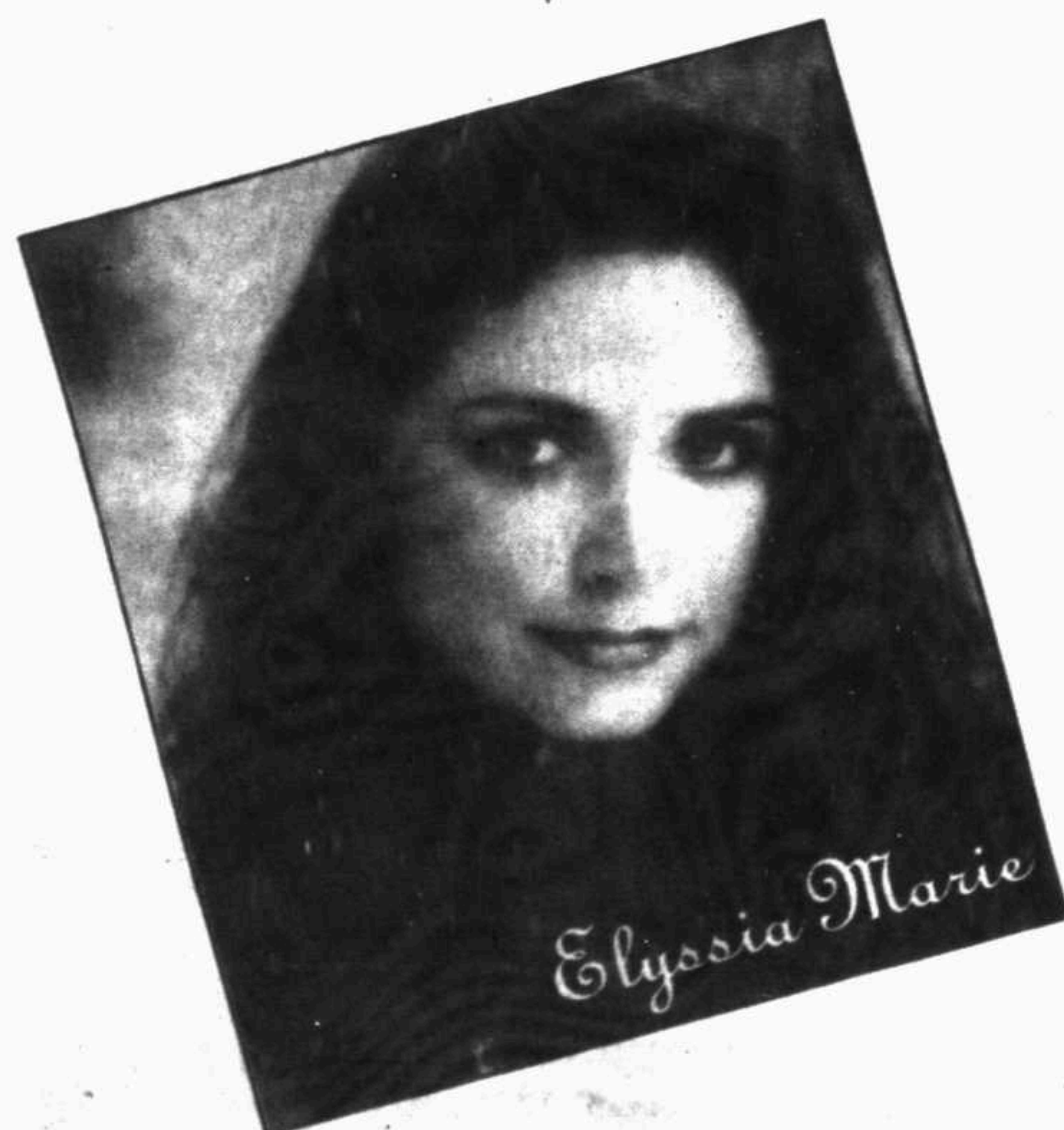
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Retired insurance executive unlikely witness

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a quest for excitement in his retirement years, millionaire Walter Kaye parlayed \$300,000 in contributions into a friendship with Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton — and a bit part in four Clinton controversies.

His belated debut in national Democratic circles has earned him a bevy of friends who insist it was his "grandfatherly generosity" and not anything sinister that landed him in the controversies.

Nonetheless, his latest scrape with notoriety may earn him a trip to a grand jury to be questioned by prosecutors about Monica Lewinsky. Kaye recommended Ms. Lewinsky, the young woman and family friend at the center of an alleged presidential affair and cover-up, for a White House internship in 1995, officials say.

It wouldn't be his first such appearance.

Last December, the New Yorker traveled to Arkansas to appear before another of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's grand juries to explain why he donated \$1,000 to Whitewater figure Susan McDougal's legal defense fund.

According to those familiar with the appearance, Kaye also had donated to defray other witnesses' legal bills, including Clinton's, and prosecutors summoned him as they investigated a theory that the White House may have orchestrated an effort to buy off or silence witnesses. Presidential aides deny any such wrongdoing.

Last summer, Kaye's more than \$300,000 in recent contributions to Democratic causes earned him scrutiny in the political fund-raising investigations as lawmakers looked into favors that donors received.

Among them was a night in the Lincoln Bedroom and an appointment to a civilian Pentagon pro-

gram, in which he has jetted across the country to meet with soldiers and promote the Army.

Kaye also popped up in the Paula Jones controversy, drawing on his four decades in the insurance business to suggest that Clinton invoke a clause in two insurance policies to help defray legal bills in the sexual harassment lawsuit. The policies paid off at \$1.5 million.

Kaye did not return calls to his office or his Park Avenue home seeking comment. He founded Kaye Insurance Associates, one of the country's top 20 insurance brokerage firms.

Friends say Kaye, whose retirement left him depressed and searching for a new cause, found rejuvenation in his friendship with the Clintons and the new opportunities that opened up with it.

In 1995 — nearly two years after he first became a large Democratic National Committee donor and visitor to the first lady's office — Kaye was appointed by the Pentagon as one of 75 unpaid civilian aides to the Secretary of the Army.

His friends say he never asked for any favors, including the Pentagon appointment.

He was recommended by a Democratic congresswoman from New York though Pentagon officials said they were aware he was a friend of the Clintons. He recently received a second two-year term in the program, a perk for business leaders chosen by the Pentagon to promote the service and advise its uniformed leaders.

"He is highly regarded in the Army, in part because he talks to the little people. He makes a point to do that wherever he goes," Lt. Col. Colleen McGuire said.

Pentagon officials said Kaye made frequent trips to the War College as he "actively indoctrinated himself to the Army." Once edu-

cated, he became a traveler, visiting Army officials at several U.S. military installations and observing exercises in Panama. Officials said except for the courtesy flight aboard military aircraft, Kaye never sought reimbursement for his travel expenses.

His generosity became the talk of his new circles.

Kaye once sent flowers to the wife of a Pentagon public affairs officer whom he kept after work talking. He apologized for keeping her husband late, a Pentagon official said.

He gave a scarf and sweater worth \$600 to the Clintons in 1994, according to their financial disclosure statements.

He became a frequent customer of local florists in Washington, at times sending flowers to Mrs. Clinton's office at the White House.

At the White House, aides to Mrs. Clinton routinely regarded Kaye as a benevolent grandfather figure, who frequently greeted staffers with a hug and a "Hello, Bubbele," a Yiddish term of endearment.

Kaye became so concerned that Mrs. Clinton's staff was working too hard and not eating well that he once played host at a dinner for them at the posh Mayflower Hotel, aides recounted.

"He used to say how meeting Mrs. Clinton and getting involved in Democratic politics, how grateful he was to have a second lease on life," one adviser to Mrs. Clinton said.

Administration proposes streamlining for student aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Families should have an easier time applying for college financial aid and not be penalized for saving money or owning a house instead of renting an apartment, Clinton administration officials said Thursday in discussing proposed legislation.

Among proposals, the Education Department would obtain information on family finances directly from the Internal Revenue Service, using the most recent tax returns filed and processed

rather than relying on more recent income estimates and unprocessed tax returns supplied by families.

"What you are doing is making things a lot faster and a lot more flexible," Marshall S. Smith, acting deputy secretary of education, told reporters. The information also would be more reliable, the department contends.

Neither would families still have to supply detailed financial information on assets. Instead, assets would be

assigned based on an income formula. The department says that using those calculations will simplify the aid process and make distribution of aid fairer.

For instance, homeowners don't have to count their houses as assets. So families who rent and have similar assets to those of homeowners get treated differently, the department says. Savings are also counted as assets, so people with similar incomes but different savings are treated differently.



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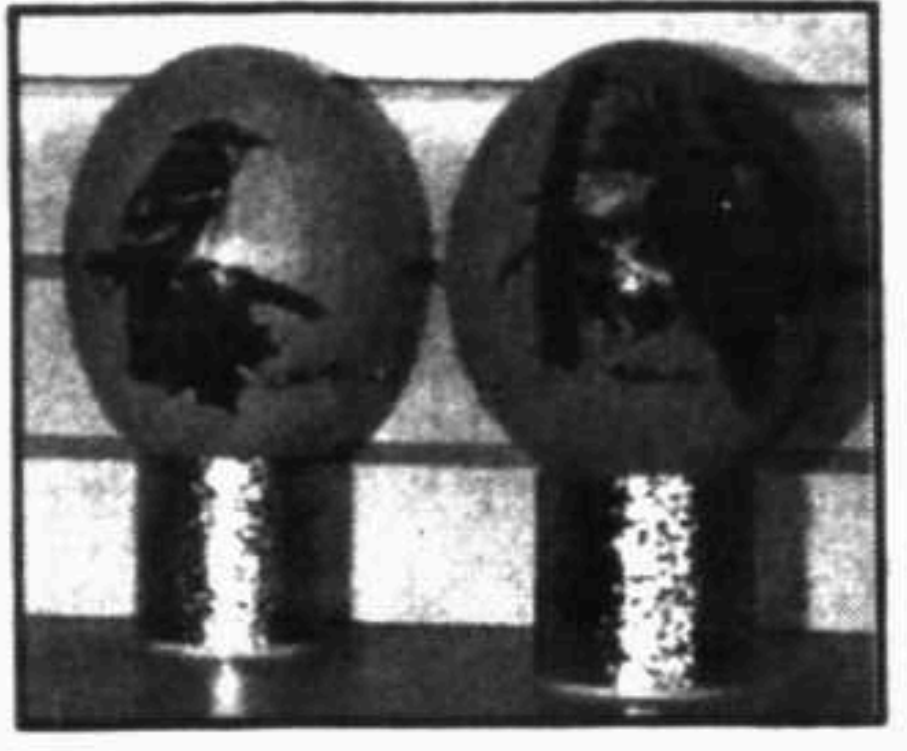
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WASHINGTON — Just how easy is it for an outsider to slip quietly into the White House and visit with the president?

Not very.

The question is being raised this week after claims by retired Secret Service officer Lewis C. Fox that he was guarding the Oval Office alone during a weekend in the fall of 1995 when Monica Lewinsky arrived with a pile of papers. At the president's request, he said, he admitted the former intern for a 40-minute stay.

As simple as that sounds, such a visit typically would involve many officials beyond a single officer.

For starters, anyone without a staff identification card must be cleared in advance, by request of a Clinton aide, through the Secret Service. The names are recorded and stored in a computer.

Beginning at a guardhouse at the fenced perimeter of the White House, a visitor passes through a metal detector in order to enter the West Wing, where the president and most of his top aides have their offices. Staff members escort visitors to the Oval Office reception area. There the president's secretary, Secret Service agents, and his ever-present personal aide all keep watch. Ordinarily the name of the visitor is logged for historical purposes.

Fox's recollection that Lewinsky, who had no staff pass, showed up solo with a pile of papers to deliver to the president would have been unusual. However, White House press secretary Michael McCurry has acknowledged that on some weekends he has found the president working without secretaries and has knocked on the door to gain admittance.

Even so, it would be rare that Fox would be the only security official nearby.

"It would be very unusual if he

were by himself," said Robert Burke, who was assistant director of the Secret Service when he retired in 1982. "He certainly could have been outside the Oval Office, but not by himself."

Burke said that the president's personal security detail would have been there, as well.

That's because the Secret Service has two branches with two distinct duties. The "uniformed division," which has the job of protecting the White House itself and stations its officers at guard posts in and around the building complex 24 hours a day. The plainclothes "special agents" guard the president and his family.

These agents, easily identifiable by their ear plugs and who are often seen talking to radio microphones inside their coat sleeves, shadow the president whenever he goes, even just for a stroll down stairs from his White House residential quarters. And when he goes to the Oval Office, they follow, Burke said.

Some differences are emerging between the two branches in the Clinton administration. Whereas special agents have a long-held "code of silence" about the presidents they protect, that requirement is less apparent for the uniformed division.

To the displeasure of some in the Secret Service community, Fox spoke out publicly and then appeared briefly on Thursday before a grand jury under subpoena by independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr. Giving no clue to what he said, Fox told reporters he expected to return to the grand jury later.

The Clinton administration is weighing a decision to ask the courts to block Starr from questioning the Secret Service, based on the view that if presidents feel they are being spied on, they won't trust their bodyguards and security will then be compromised.

Direct mail company executive freed after kidnapping attempt

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A badly beaten direct mail company executive was rescued from a New York City motel room by authorities who thwarted a \$1 million kidnapping scheme led by a former employee.

Nicholas Martinelli, 38, an executive vice president at Addressing Services Co. in East Hartford, returned to his home Thursday after being treated at a New York hospital. He had been bound, gagged, tied to a chair and beaten with a baton and a handgun.

Authorities swooped in to save Martinelli even before an alleged \$1 million ransom demand could be made.

"They did a great job finding me, and it worked out great for everyone," Martinelli said as he arrived at his East Windsor home.

Edward L. Peyton, Jr., 37, and two co-workers from an appliance delivery service, Guillermo Serrano, 30, and Willie Legette, 31, were charged Thursday with conspiracy to commit kidnapping.

Peyton, fired from Addressing Services in 1996, plotted to kidnap his former boss for a ransom and planned to kill him if things went wrong, prosecutors said.

According to the FBI affidavit,

the three suspects waited Tuesday night for Martinelli to arrive home. Peyton and Legette then pulled him into the garage, hit him in the face with a baton and the butt of a gun. Bound and gagged, Martinelli was forced into the back of his car and driven to New York.

Peyton then called Mike Rittlinger, the owner of Addressing Services, telling him he had abducted Martinelli and saying he wanted to meet at a Hartford McDonald's.

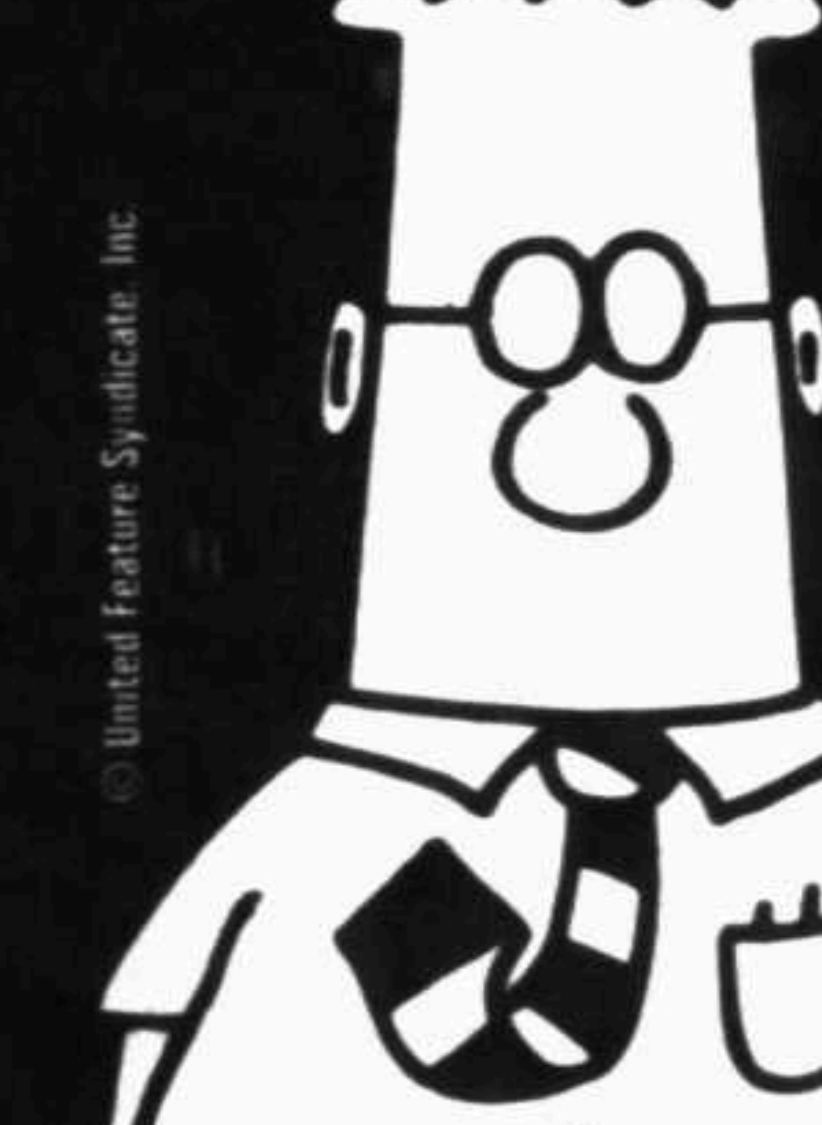
Rittlinger called police, who arrested Peyton at the restaurant. Peyton told police that he intended to demand \$1 million.

The FBI found Martinelli bound, gagged and tied to a chair at a motel in New York. Legette had a revolver, stun gun and instructions to kill Martinelli if he received a message from Peyton.

Family members of the suspects said they were shocked by the charges.

Serrano's wife, Marie, said her husband was working on the days of the kidnapping.

"I don't believe this is happening," she said. "He's not that kind of person."



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Greenspan joins appeal for \$18 billion International Monetary Fund package

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration enlisted the support of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan in trying to sell an \$18 billion funding package for the International Monetary Fund to wary lawmakers Thursday.

Greenspan and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee approval of the funds would send a badly needed signal to financial markets around the world that the United States was prepared to do its part to ensure the stability of the global financial system.

Greenspan said it was critical in the current Asian crisis to support efforts of the IMF to "restore trust in the system."

The IMF already has assembled \$100 billion in emergency loans for South Korea, Indonesia and Thailand for stabilizing their economies that were hit hard last year by plunging currencies and stock prices, and bankruptcies among their biggest companies and banks.

The \$18 billion being sought from Congress would not be used for those rescues but would replenish IMF reserves so that the international lending institution could handle future crises.

"If the crisis were to spread more broadly to emerging markets throughout the globe, which we are all working hard to avoid, then American workers and businesses could be far more severely affected," Rubin said.

Several members of the Senate committee endorsed the view that the IMF was the right agency to take the lead in the Asian crisis, based on the success of a \$50 billion bailout for Mexico's economy three years ago.

But the panel's chairman, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., made it clear he wants reforms to ensure greater openness in the 182-nation institution, including allowing the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigating arm, to review IMF books.

Rubin told Helms the administration supports moves to open IMF operations to greater scrutiny. But other opponents said the IMF needed to do much more than open its books.

Sen. Lauch Faircloth, R-N.C., said the administration was pursuing a flawed bailout approach that protects big banks at the expense of American taxpayers.

"We are witnesses the dawning of a new era, the era of the international bailout. Russia, Brazil and others could all be next," Faircloth warned in a speech to the Cato Institute.

Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., said the IMF approach forced unnecessary pain on troubled economies and ran the risk of throwing 1 million people out of work in the United States this year through a big increase in exports coming from Asia.

"How can giving more money to a deeply flawed institution without major reforms to restore confidence," Wellstone asked.

Rubin and Greenspan rejected that assessment, saying poor economic policies were the cause of the currency and market meltdowns in Asia. The only way to restore investor confidence was for the countries to follow the IMF reform programs, the argued.

The joint appearance by Greenspan and Rubin marked the first time the two had appeared together before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee since 1995 when they tried unsuccessfully to win congressional support for a Mexican bailout.

Faced with Republican opposition then, President Clinton used his own authority to put forward loans and worked with the IMF to assemble a \$50 billion successful rescue effort for Mexico.

Federal judge rules city used zoning ordinances to block construction of abortion clinic in Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A federal judge ruled Thursday that the city of Bettendorf improperly tried to use zoning ordinances to block construction of an abortion clinic.

Bettendorf is part of the Quad Cities in Iowa and Illinois — the largest metropolitan area in the country (population 320,000) that does not have abortion services. The nearest clinic is 50 miles away in Iowa City.

U.S. District Judge Charles Wolle, in striking down the city's third attempt to block the clinic, also declared that no zoning changes need to be made for the clinic to be built by Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa.

He also issued a permanent injunction prohibiting the city from trying to use zoning laws to interfere with the clinic.

Wolle said the city, by trying to block the clinic, violated the constitutional rights of Planned Parenthood and "women who would be served by plaintiff's medical clinic."

Gloria Feldt, national president of Planned Parenthood, called the decision "a triumph for the health needs of women in the Quad Cities and a defeat for those trying to use bureaucratic obstacles to deny women access to safe abortion service."

Abortion foes said they were saddened but not surprised at the ruling. They pledged to continue their fight.

"We don't give up easily," said Dee Schwartz of the Quad City Right to Life group. "If the clinic is built, we will be out there continually with prayerful picketing."

Bettendorf city officials had no immediate comment other than to express disappointment and to say the City Council would meet about the issue Feb. 17.

The city had argued that the clinic would lower property values in the area and that the constitutional right to an abortion was preserved by the clinic located 50 miles away.

Planned Parenthood said surveys showed values had not eroded near other clinics across the country. They also said the city's position was unsupported in law and driven by an anti-abortion bias.

The ruling was Planned Parenthood's third victory in federal court since it announced plans in 1995 to build in the Quad Cities.

Jill June, director of Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa, said she hoped construction could begin as soon as this spring.

Tobacco bills targeted toward stopping teens from lighting up

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Clinton prepared to release new teen smoking statistics, the chairman of the Senate Labor Committee on Thursday unveiled his own bill aimed at stopping teen-agers from lighting up.

Stopping teens from smoking remains the one common point for all sides in the debate over how much Congress should modify a landmark settlement reached last June between the tobacco industry and 40 states.

"Kids are the one subject that gets everyone's juices flowing," Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt., told reporters in promoting his bill.

Clinton is expected to unveil a new Treasury Department study at a speech Friday in Philadelphia concluding that the settlement will not raise cigarette prices enough to discourage a sufficient number of teens from smoking.

Industry analysts have estimated that to recover their costs in the \$368.5 billion settlement, cigarette makers will have to raise their prices by 75 cents a pack over the next five years. Prices for a pack of 20 cigarettes now average about \$1.80 after increases totaling 12 cents in 1997.

Clinton has called for a \$1.50 increase over 10 years and administration officials have voiced support for legislation that, through increases in the federal excise tax on tobacco, would raise average prices to \$3.25-\$3.50 a pack in three years.

But lawmakers agree now only on the proposition that any legislation should be aimed at preventing teens from taking up smoking.

Jeffords' bill would impose ballooning financial penalties against tobacco companies that fail to meet goals for reducing teen smoking, instead of fining them a set amount, as the settlement does.

It also would:

- Give the Food and Drug Administration broad new power over how tobacco companies manufacture their product and release research.
- Ban billboard advertising of tobacco products, cartoon figure and human figures, such as Joe Camel and the Marlboro Man.
- Allow states and localities to pass stricter laws on cigarette sales to minors.
- Encourage tobacco companies to develop tobacco products with lower health risks, allow the FDA to make then share technology for low-risk cigarettes, and let the FDA prohibit production of older, higher-risk varieties.

"This is a starting point," Jeffords said. "It's a bill that will get the work done, but perhaps won't get anybody excited one way or the other."

Prosecutors make offer to Susan McDougal for video deposition

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Susan McDougal's jail term for contempt less than a month away from ending, prosecutors are making a last-ditch effort to secure her cooperation by offering the White-water figure a chance to testify by videotape away from a grand jury.

In a Jan. 21 letter, Whitewater prosecutors made clear that her continued refusal to give grand jury testimony could result in additional prosecution.

If Ms. McDougal accepts the latest offer, "We would agree not to prosecute Ms. McDougal for criminal contempt, obstruction of justice or any crimes related to her refusal to comply with the court's order," says the letter, the text of which was obtained by The Associated Press.

Ms. McDougal, one of two former Whitewater business partners of President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, has been jailed on civil contempt charges for 17 months for refusing a federal judge's order to answer prosecutors' questions before the grand jury in Arkansas.

She is slated to be released March 6 after serving the maximum 18 months for civil contempt. She still must serve a two-year prison term for fraud for a 1996 conviction.

In recent months, she has portrayed herself as a political prisoner, suggesting she was even denied medical care for a breast tumor. She says she refuses to testify because she believes Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr is trying to get her to lie to incriminate the president in decade-old Arkansas business dealings.

Starr's office repeatedly has denied her allegations and stated she would be freed by a judge as soon she testifies. It contends Ms. McDougal's testimony essential since her former husband, James McDougal, began cooperating in 1996.

"The purpose of this letter is to make a proposal that I hope and believe can resolve Ms. McDougal's contempt situation entirely," Michael W. Emmick, an associate independent counsel, wrote Ms. McDougal's lawyers last month.

"Ms. McDougal has offered a number of reasons why she refuses to testify before the grand jury," Emmick wrote. "It goes without saying that we regard your client's concerns as unwarranted."

"However, because of the unique circumstances present here, we are willing to try to accommodate those concerns in an effort to resolve the situation."

The offer comes at a critical time for prosecutors, who in addition to a two-year effort to force Ms. McDougal's cooperation have a new controversy to investigate — the Monica Lewinsky matter.

The Arkansas grand jury that Starr's office has used to investigate Whitewater expires in May. At that point, prosecutors would have two options if Ms. McDougal continues to refuse cooperation:

- They could impanel a new grand jury and issue a new subpoena demanding her testimony. If she again refused, prosecutors could ask the judge to imprison her on civil contempt charges.
- They could proceed, as the letter suggests, with a criminal prosecution for contempt and obstruction of justice, charges that if convicted by trial could result in a more serious prison term.

Starr's office declined immediate comment. Ms. McDougal's brother, William Henley, suggested the latest offer still would be unacceptable to his sister.

"If they believe for a second there is one single thing they can do or offer to Susan McDougal to make her cooperate with this kind of Gestapo tactics, then they are naive beyond belief," Henley said in a telephone interview.

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State officials seek help to collect Holocaust victims' claims

By Judy Holland
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Efforts to force European insurance companies to pay the claims of Holocaust victims got a boost Thursday when the world's second largest insurance company, Munich-based Allianz A.G., agreed to allow U.S. insurance regulators to inspect its records.

Herbert Hansmeyer, an Allianz executive, told the House Banking and Financial Services Committee that the company would give state insurance commissioners access to the firm's books in an effort to address complaints from Holocaust survivors and the heirs of victims.

Representatives of an estimated 150,000 Holocaust survivors nation-

wide and hundreds of thousands of heirs of victims have complained that they have been wrongfully denied insurance benefits from European insurance companies.

Washington state insurance commissioner Deborah Senn applauded Allianz's move and urged Congress to help press 15 other European insurance companies in Switzerland, France, Italy, Germany and Austria to release complete lists of policy holders.

"Congress and states should work together to get disclosure" of insurance company records, said Senn, who chairs a Holocaust insurance working group that includes 25 state insurance commissioners. "Survivors are aging and many are in ill health so we must act quickly and decisively."

Senn said she is prepared to bar the American subsidiaries of the European insurance companies from doing business in Washington state if the companies don't cooperate.

California insurance commissioner Chuck Quackenbush told the committee that European insurance companies collaborated with the German government by paying claims to the policyholders' Nazi captors in a "widespread industry practice to enrich themselves."

Quackenbush said the insurance companies have defended their refusal to honor claims by saying they need death certificates of death camp victims, or that they already had paid the proceeds to Nazis or that the companies were later nationalized by communist

regimes and, therefore, are unable to pay.

He estimated that as many as 20,000 California residents, Holocaust survivors as well as offspring of some of the 6 million who died in the genocide, have unpaid claims.

Quackenbush is threatening to revoke the California license of Assicurazioni Generali, the Italian insurer that was the dominant underwriter of policies sold to Jews in Eastern Europe before World War II. Generali, based in Trieste, Italy, is the largest insurer in Israel.

Generali said it has no obligation to pay claims against it because communist governments which nationalized its Eastern European offices assumed responsibility to pay claims.

After Generali representatives refused to appear at three separate public hearings in California, Quackenbush issued subpoenas to four top officials at Generali's New York headquarters to appear at a hearing in San Francisco on Feb. 19.

Generali has also been hit with a \$135 million lawsuit alleging it acted in bad faith when it refused to pay benefits on policies issued starting in 1929 to Moshe Stern, a wine producer in what was formerly Czechoslovakia. Stern, his wife and three of the couple's seven children died at Auschwitz. The family has tried to collect on the policy, but for 53 years the company has refused to pay.

If Generali fails to cooperate, Quackenbush said he is ready to

revoke its license in California and would press other state insurance commissioners to revoke the company's license.

Generali is a defendant on similar charges in a class action suit pending in a New York federal court.

M. Scott Vayer, counsel to Generali, told the House panel the company "has no agenda to hide anything," and said he would talk to company officials about opening up its records and books.

Quackenbush said he is working with California Gov. Pete Wilson to find a funding source to send a team to Italy to scour Generali's archives.

"California could go it alone, but we're a lot stronger with Washington state," Quackenbush said.

Japanese victims urged to seek compensation

By Mark Helm
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — More than 2,000 people of Japanese descent who were held in camps during World War II are running out of time to seek compensation for the years when America "took away (their) liberty," Attorney General Janet Reno said Thursday.

While more than 81,000 people have each received the \$20,000 compensation granted in the 1988 Civil Liberties Act, government records show that some 2,200 people may still be eligible, Reno said.

In the landmark law, the United States government formally apologized to the Japanese Americans who were forced to leave their homes and live in internment camps during World War II, and it pledged to pay \$1.25 billion to more than 60,000 survivors and their heirs.

"This was a tragic chapter in the history of our nation," Reno said at her weekly press conference. "It was a time when we took away the liberty of an entire community of Americans."

She said the restitution program created by the 1988 law will end on Aug. 10 and that potential claimants should file by April 10 to allow for the six to eight weeks it takes the Justice Department to investigate the case.

"We have been working hard to reach out to every possible claimant, and will continue to do so," said DeDe Greene, head of the Office of Redress Administration, which is charged with managing the 10-year program.

So far the ORA has paid out nearly \$1.65 billion in reparations to the 81,278 claimants. The program, however, has accumulated interest on its money and has more than \$19 million remaining to compensate any additional eligible applicants, Greene said.

In the months after the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor, hysteria swept the West Coast. Thousands of people prepared for an attack on California as rumors spread about Japanese ships being spotted off Santa Barbara and San Francisco.

The hysteria changed the way many people looked at their Japanese-American neighbors. What would they do in the event of an attack? Would they serve as a fifth column? Would they sabotage military bases?

The fear resulted in Executive Order 9066 signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1942, which authorized the then-secretary of war to evacuate citizens and aliens of Japanese descent from the West Coast as a security measure against sabotage and espionage.

From San Diego to Seattle, people of Japanese heritage were ordered to leave the West Coast and enter camps elsewhere around the country. Those who refused, even those who were American citizens, were also forced into the camps.

By the time the war was over in 1945, 120,000 people had been relocated to 10 camps, most forced to leave behind homes and businesses.

In addition to being held in camps, Japanese who had immigrated to the United States could not become naturalized citizens, although their children who were born here were allowed to keep their citizenship. Six of every 10 people who went to the camps were U.S. citizens born in the country.

The law allowed internees, whether or not they were U.S. citizens, to leave the camps if they signed loyalty oaths and found a sponsor, but such action was nearly impossible in the suspicious atmosphere of wartime America.

Despite the harsh treatment, more than 10,000 Japanese Americans volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army. Their units fighting in Italy eventually became some of the most decorated in the history of the United States, with the 100th Battalion sustaining such high casualty rates that it became known as the "Purple Heart Battalion."

After the war ended and suspicions against Japanese Americans subsided, many groups began lobbying Congress to acknowledge one of the nation's more glaring lapses in civil liberties.



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University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Alumni Association is sponsoring the seminar "Five Things Every Working Woman Should Know," 9 a.m.-4:15 p.m. March 6 at the Center for Economic and Energy Diversification (CEED). The seminar is being sponsored in conjunction with UTPB's Division of Continuing Education.

The seminar will feature nine guest speakers presenting information on leadership and communication skills, goal-setting, health, personal finances and professional appearance.

UTPB professor of business Thomas Schaefer and Kathleen Hagler, training and recruiting coordinator of Texaco E&P Inc., will speak on "What Makes You Promotable." Becky Martin, a certified consultant with Image Improvement, Inc., will address office style and appearance and how to create a professional wardrobe on a budget.

Career-related fashions will be modeled during the noon luncheon. Other topics to be presented include health and fitness, financial planning, personal budgeting, attitude, goal-setting and spirituality.

Cost of the seminar is \$55 for individuals, and \$50 for paid members of the UTPB Alumni Association.

Deadline to register is Feb. 27. For more information or to receive a registration form, call 652-2430.

...AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF Retired Persons, Midland chapter #256, will meet 6:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at Midland Senior Center in Kingsway Mall. Pot luck supper will be served and program will follow. Anyone aged 50 or older who would like more information may call 684-8419 or 697-1212.

...PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM in Odessa will sponsor a special exhibit, "A Closer Look at the George Bush Presidential Library Center," through April 4. The exhibit is supported by Southwestern Bell.

The public is invited to a luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 19 at the museum. Patricia Burchfield, curator of the George Bush Museum, will present a program.

Lunch and program tickets, priced at \$15 each, are available at the museum, 622 N. Lee St. in Odessa. Reservation deadline is Feb. 18. For more information call (915) 332-7123.

...COMANCHE TRAIL Woodturners Club will meet 10 a.m. Feb. 14 at Home Depot in Midland. Anyone interested in wood turning is invited to attend. For more information call 694-3323.

...55 PLUS Dance Club will have a dance 8-11 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Lions Activity Center, 200 Plaza. Tiny Lynn and his band of Lubbock will provide the music. Admission will be \$6 per person. Singles and couples are invited to attend this smoke-free, alcohol-free event. Coffee and tea will be available. For more information call 694-3422.

...UNITED OSTOMY Association, Midland-Odessa chapter #590, will meet 2:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center's auditorium. Bob Masterson of West Texas Behavioral Health System Center will be guest speaker.

...NATIONAL ARBOR Day Foundation is giving 10 free American redbud trees to each person who joins the foundation during February. The free trees are part of the foundation's Trees for America campaign.

Redbuds have clusters of rosy pink flowers in the spring, and dark green summer leaves that turn yellow in fall.

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To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Redbud Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410 by Feb. 28.

...STROKE CLUB will meet 1-3 p.m. Feb. 14 at Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital, Loop 250 West and Thomson Dr. Patients with any kind of physical disability and their families are invited to attend.

FAMILY MATTERS

Readers share views on geographical closeness

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: I wanted to thank you for telling "Puzzled" that she should encourage her parents to move back to Midland. My husband and I have had the true joy of moving here nine years ago to be close to my daughter and her family. In that time, we have come to know our three wonderful grandchildren in a way that wouldn't have been possible before. My daughter and her husband don't interfere in our lives and we don't intrude into theirs.

We were worried about all kinds of things before we moved here. It was scary for us to sell our home, move over 500 miles and buy another one in a strange place. But it was the best thing we have ever done. Not only is it wonderful to be close to our children and grandchildren, but Midland is a great place to retire to. We've just loved every minute of it. SEVENTY PLUS YEARS YOUNG



May

DEAR FAMILY: I feel that you completely missed the boat when you told "Puzzled" that she should get her parents to move back here. My parents have lived here all their lives and so have we.

They are only in their early 60s, but act like they're on their death beds. They expect me to stop over at least once a day to check on them. When I do, something is always wrong and they're hurting somewhere. My dear husband does more "honey-dos" for them around their house than he does on our house. My mother makes me feel guilty anytime I don't call or come by every day. She expects me to be there anytime she needs something. My parents are perfectly capable of driving themselves to the doctors, but they expect me to come by and take them. I'm in charge of getting all their prescriptions filled because it's too hard on daddy to wait for a prescription.

I see other of my friends with their parents and some do seem to like each other. I just have a real problem wanting to be around my parents. They argued and fought with each other the entire time we were growing up and they still talk ugly to each other. Our 6-year-old even asked grandma one day why she was always mad at grandpa. They are not fun people to be around. My brother lives here too, but they don't expect him or his wife to do anything for them. That really bugs me too, but everyone tells me that's just the way it is.

My advice to "Puzzled" is to keep her parents right

where they are. She doesn't know how good she has it. BEEN THERE DOING THAT

DEAR FAMILY: I liked your advice to "Puzzled," but the only advice I would give you is that the early 70s is not "aging" or "elderly." I am in my late 70s, and I go and do anything and everything I want to do. I'm very involved with my church, several civic organizations and my family. I travel with several groups and have taken at least three cruises in the last five years. If "Puzzled's" parents do decide to move here, she will have the chance to help them get back involved in life. This is a great place to live, and with the airport you can get anywhere you want to go.

You're only as old as you think you are. It's all in your head. I love to keep my grandchildren, when I have time! I know that I am blessed with good health and a wonderful family, but I also keep God at the center of my life.

Caring for your parents is following God's commandment to "Honor your mother and your father." Sign me, YOUNG AT HEART

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- What is the subject he or she dislikes most?
- What names is your child called in school?
- What is his or her favorite music?
- What is your child's favorite Bible verse?
- What is your child's biggest complaint about the family?
- What makes your child happiest about the family?

You might try answering these questions, then asking your child to answer them. You may learn something you did not know. This might be an opportunity to really talk to each other.

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

Questions for this column should be addressed to Family Matters, P.O. Box 10485, Midland, 79702.

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DEAR ABBY

Brother-in-law puts brakes on widow's loving advances

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband passed away suddenly from a heart attack seven months ago. We had been married 15 years and have two children, 14 and 15. He was a very loving husband and great father. We had a wonderful life together.

A short time after his death, I began having strong feelings for his unmarried brother, "William." I always liked William, but since he is the direct opposite of my late husband, I never expected this to happen. Now I am head-over-heels in love with William.

When I confessed my feelings to him, he held me and kissed me and helped me cope with the loss of my husband, but he refuses to get any closer to me. He says he feels guilty because I was married to his brother. I have talked to his family and mine, and most of them just want me to be happy. My children adore him. I know my dear late husband would have no objections. He loved us both and would want us to be happy.

William and I see each other about three times a week and we get along great, but he is still reluctant to touch me except to hug me goodbye when I leave. Is it wrong to pursue this? — A.J. IN S.C.

DEAR A.J.: You are still in the process of grieving the loss of your husband, and it is understandable that you find yourself turning to his brother. However, it is seldom wise to make serious decisions during a period of mourning.

Give yourself some time. Find a grief recovery group and attend

some sessions. Focus on your needs and those of your children during this difficult period. Your emotions will eventually stabilize and you will be in a better position to judge your feelings for William. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I'm responding to "I've Dealt My Hand," who was upset because her husband's card parties went on until midnight. I would like to share my solution:

On the night of the card parties, instead of staying home and seething, "Dealt" should go out for dinner and a movie with women friends. Or, if she has any interests, pursue them: Join a gym, a book club, a quilting or sewing club, take a class in art or music, whatever. Or, she can take a nap before the "boys" come to play cards so that she won't miss so much sleep.

One thing I learned early in my marriage was to stop staying at home and whining because my husband wanted to do something with the guys that I wasn't interested in. "Dealt" should cultivate a life of her own, too. — BEEN THERE IN HAYWARD, CALIF.

DEAR BEEN THERE: I agree with your practical philosophy. However, the majority of my readers were angered because the husband seemed to be forcing his will on his wife rather than being concerned with her happiness. They felt that his card game should be secondary to her comfort. Of course he should be concerned with her comfort, but she should also be willing to take a back seat to his needs occasionally.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a man who loves to travel. I especially enjoy the nightclub shows I've seen. However, I do NOT enjoy being part of the show.

A female performer (in Las Vegas) once picked me out of the

audience to go on stage with her so she could sing to me. Even though I politely refused, she was very persistent and even involved the audience in coercing me to go on stage. I would have walked out, but I had paid a lot of money to see this show.

The audience enjoyed it, but I felt like a fool standing up there on the stage while she sang to me.

How do you think I should have handled this? — EMBARRASSED IN GREENVILLE, S.C.

DEAR EMBARRASSED: You could have refused by saying emphatically, "No way: I paid to see this show, not perform in it."

DEAR ABBY: I am having a difficult time trying to find the correct name for a function, and I'm asking for your help. The function I'm referring to is a get-together where food is served after a funeral and burial. Generally it is held at a church social hall or a community center.

Thank you, Abby. I'm waiting for your reply. — EDWARD C. HOGGE, BENA, VA.

DEAR EDWARD: There is no specific term for it. In the Jewish religion, it's called "sitting shiva" — and during that week-long period, friends and relatives bring food to the bereaved family.

In the Christian religions, it might be called a wake, a repast, a memorial lunch or dinner, a reception — or simply a gathering.

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Some medicine doses taken once a day

BALTIMORE (AP) — During the coughing, sneezing and flu season, many people find it difficult to take prescribed medicines on a regular dosing schedule at their workplace. According to Dr. Thomas C. Quinn of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, one solution is to use something that can be taken less frequently. "Your doctor can prescribe a once-daily medication for respiratory infection such as Zithromax, taken over a five-day period," says Dr. Quinn. "This allows the medication to be taken at home rather than at work."

LADIES: Your man would love a Valentine poem this year. Call Linda S. Robinson at Poems Ink 694-1517. Order early to beat the rush!

Bald truth is, millions are fighting hair loss

By Jennifer Hanrahan
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Steven Belgard's hairpiece drove him to extreme lengths. He stopped going out on windy days. He never drove with the window down. He never, ever dove headfirst into a pool.

"I wanted to look like Ted Danson," said Belgard, 42, a publicist from West Hills. "But I didn't. It was plastered on like Bob's Big Boy." So he tossed his toupee and went boldly bald.

There's been a spate of shiny pates spotted on basketball courts and TV shows recently. Michael Jordan and Charles Barkley go hairless. Anthony Edwards, Dennis Franz, Kelsey Grammer and Jason Alexander are doing quite well, thank you very much, even with their thinning thatches. "We believe that skin is in," said Jane Capps, whose husband, John, is the founder of Bald Headed Men of America, based in Morehead City (get it?), N.C. A bald head, it seems, has never been more accepted — desirable, even.

Or is it? Millions of men — and some women — spend an estimated \$1.5 billion on lotions, potions, drugs, hairpieces and surgical procedures to halt or reverse the balding process, according to the American Hair Loss Council, a nonprofit organization of hair industry professionals.

"Men for eons have been annoyed with baldness," said Dr. Marvin Rapaport, a clinical professor of dermatology at University of California, Los Angeles. "Men simply don't like being bald. Even though it might imply virility, it implies aging."

More than 30 million American men have androgenetic alopecia, better-known as male-pattern baldness, a condition caused by genetics and hormones in the scalp. The hair usually beats a retreat beginning at the temples, or the crown, or in both places.

For many men, their angst grows with their foreheads. So here's a rundown of the many weapons in men's continuing battle against falling follicles, and the lengths they'll go to in the quest to restore lushness to their locks:

■ THE HAIRPIECE: Don't even mention the name Marv Albert in Ralph Sampson's North Hollywood shop, Silhouette, where he employs two women who make custom hairpieces and wigs from human and synthetic hair. Albert's problem was a poorly styled piece. And don't even mention those high-tech transplants, or pharmaceutical follies.

"None of that stuff ever works," says Sampson, who's been in business since 1967. "A wig is the simplest and cheapest way. Anyway, if you don't like it, you can just throw it away."

Hairpieces can be attached with double-sided tape, glue, comb clips or even woven into existing hair. A stylist is on hand to show first-timers how to apply the hairpiece. Synthetic hair, which is less expensive than real hair, holds its color and shape better.

None of Sampson's customers were willing to be interviewed. Sampson, who wears a silver gray hairpiece, thinks their shyness is a bit silly. "It's nonsense that people make fun of wigs," he said. "It's like making fun of a hearing aid or glasses or false teeth."

■ THE PILL: When Mike Schwartz was in his 20s, his friends made fun of his receding hairline. Now, at 42, "I'm passing my friends," said the salesman from Westwood. "They're losing their hair and I'm growing mine."

Schwartz has been taking Propecia, the new drug manufactured by Merck & Co., for two years as part of a clinical study. The drug has been shown to grow hair on bald spots on the top of men's heads and prevent receding hairlines. In ongoing studies of more than 1,800 men with mild to moderate baldness, those taking Propecia reported more positive self-assessments of hair growth on the back of their head, the top of the head and on the midscalp area after two years, compared with men taking a placebo pill.

The downside: To maintain the benefit, men must continue to take the medication. Available by prescription, the drug is expected to cost \$45 monthly.

Its active ingredient, finasteride, is used in larger doses under the name Proscar to treat enlarged prostate glands in men. The drug is for men only, because it is known to cause birth defects and, therefore, has never been tested in women as an aid to hair growth.

■ THE TRANSPLANT: Don Gumm, 61, of Torrance had a thick head of reddish-blond hair until he hit 35. Like a cruel joke, Gumm spent his days running his fingers through others' luxurious locks on the job as a barber. "I was completely bald on top," Gumm said. "And I plain did not like it."

To disguise his own baldness, he grew the hair on one side of his head extra-long and tried the (don't laugh) "comb-over." He used gels and sprays, blow-drying his hair to give what was left some lift.

Finally, he went to the Hair and Image Restoration Center, which has offices in Tarzana, Camarillo and Redondo Beach, for a transplant. The procedure involves slicing strips of skin from near the nape of the neck and then moving them to the bald area, one to five hairs at a time.

Dr. George Cohen, a dermatologist and cosmetic surgeon who runs the image restoration center, said the procedure, called "micro-grafting" or "minigrrafting," is much improved from the early days of transplants. After a period of dormancy, the scars heal and the hair begins to regrow in three to five months.

■ ACCEPTANCE: When Steven Belgard tore off his toupee, he celebrated his new-found freedom by buying a convertible.

"It was like I was a prisoner to my hair. When people would look at me, I'd think: 'Are they looking at my hair? Do they see something?' It's like paranoia. After I shaved my head, I discovered my head was shaped really nicely."

Dave Beswick fully supports Belgard's decision. Beswick was a teen-ager when the first strands started appearing in the shower drain, in the sink and on his pillow.

"I was horror struck," said Beswick, author of "Bald Men Always Come Out on Top: 101 Ways to Use Your Head and Win With Skin." Beswick eventually embraced baldness, and the 30,000 members of the bald-headed men's group welcomed him with open arms.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 13, 1998: You need to think about relationships more than you would like. It feels like others are forcing issues in front of your face. Define boundaries, and make what you want happen. You have an unusual amount of creativity and caring, which if properly handled could bring enormous success in both your personal and professional life. If you are single, popularity is high, and it is likely you will meet someone special this year. If attached, you will both prosper through your relationship. You will understand each other better once communications become more open. **VIRGO** plays devil's advocate.

BORN TODAY Actress Stockard Channing (1944), actor George Segal (1934), talk-show host Jerry Springer (1944)

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Emotions cross the edge, sorely pressuring you. Get into the extremes of the moment. You can make peace if it is necessary. Listen carefully to what another offers you; he means well. Aim high, and talk about what you want. Tonight: Do whatever relaxes you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** What comes out isn't comfortable, but it's important for you to deal with it. Juggling diverse needs and different people becomes difficult. A caring response is possible if you act from your higher self. Look past the immediate crisis. Tonight: Romp into TGIF celebrations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Think about what you can

tolerate and your limits. Sometimes it is hard to balance the demands of your world and personal needs. Temper flares at work. A partner that has always been there is very supportive. Tonight: Soak away stress in a hot tub.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Determination is important; think through a decision with care. Others make demands that could force you hand. Plans change out of necessity. A caring call not only cheers you up, but also makes another feel great. Tonight: You don't need to go far to socialize.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Finances are an important issue. Follow through on what is important. Someone might be pressuring you to do something you are uncomfortable with. Listen to news, especially when a boss reaches out to you. There is progress here. Tonight: Do what is best for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Temper flares, and a partner or friend is truly difficult. Distance yourself, but listen to this person and resolve a major problem if you can with him. Your innate gentleness and sweetness come through, no matter what. A loved one becomes charming. Tonight: Give in!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** You might feel fed. There is much going on that makes you uncomfortable. A family member comes through for you when you least expect it. Examine how you have pushed your limits. Take a break, pull away and do some needed thinking. Tonight: You need time alone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Aim for what you want, stay clear and be open to a loved one's ideas, no matter how he expresses them. Understanding, creativity and a sense of togetherness emerge from what comes up. Think before you leap into action. Share feelings. Tonight: Go for what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** You feel incapable of dealing with another's concerns. Stress levels are high with family and a possible domestic change. Pressure is intense to go in a new direction. Accept responsibility for what is going on, then proceed. Better things lie ahead. Tonight: In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** You have a hard time moving into new vistas and breaking past restrictions. You might feel scared by what is going on. Take a deep breath, and take a flying leap into the future. If you don't take risks, you won't have anything. Tonight: Take off for the weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** A situation inexplicably stymies you. You visualize life much differently from the way a partner does. Temper flares around financial issues, yet if you are vulnerable, feelings can and will flow. Make time for important business and money talks. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Emotions veer out of control, and you direct them toward partners, associates and friends. Your choices might be hard to see. A friend helps you contact your more loving side and move past the immediate issues. Caring talks are instrumental. Tonight: Where others are.

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In seeing all of the assets of the declaring side, South has a distinct advantage over the defenders. Rather than go quietly to the execution block, declarer found a clever false-card to divert the defender from the winning attack.

South's jump to four spades was clearly the right bid. If partner did not hold the ace of spades, the South hand might contribute no more than one trick to the North-South effort at no trump.

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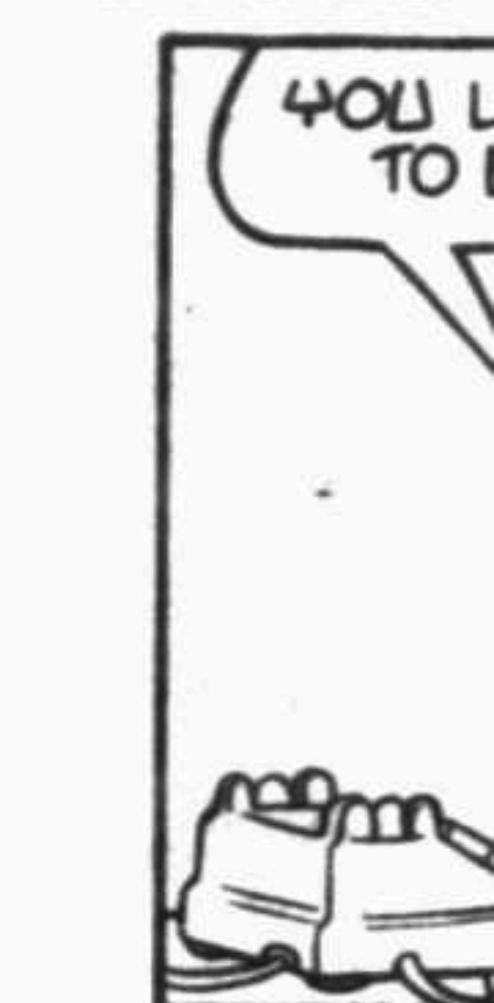


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DENNIS THE MENACE



"I wonder if his guardian angel is as exhausted as I am?"

PEOPLE

Dilbert comes to TV with its creator and 'Seinfeld' producer in charge

NEW YORK — No "Seinfeld" for you, New York!

NBC's soon-to-depart sitcom has quietly dropped plans to film one of its final episodes in the city that provides its fictional setting.

Any street scenes or diner visits will be filmed where they always have been — on a huge lot in Los Angeles.

Jerry Seinfeld, who grew up in the New York area and plans to live here again after his show ends in May, sounded enthusiastic about filming in New York last month.

Finding out why the plans were scrapped is about as difficult as brokering peace between Seinfeld and arch-nemesis Newman.

NBC referred questions to the production company, Castle Rock Entertainment, who referred them to Seinfeld publicist Lori Jonas, who didn't return two days' worth of repeated calls. Assistants to Jonas confirmed the change but wouldn't say why.

If the show is worried about production costs, perhaps the mayor's office could do something to help, said Pat Scott, commissioner of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting.

"We love him," she said. "We love the show. We'd love to have him do it here. We'd certainly be ready to help him make it work if he would reconsider it."

ATLANTA — "The Lion King," Broadway's biggest musical hit in years, is a tough act to follow, but Disney says it has found the perfect project: a new stage version of "Aida."

The production, to premiere at the Alliance Theater in Atlanta, will be Disney's first stage production not adapted from one of its movie successes.

Elaborate Lives: The Legend of Aida, begins preview performances Sept. 11, with an official opening Oct. 7.

The musical will inject a contemporary feel to the saga of the Egyptian princess and her Ethiopian slave girl, Aida, who love the same warrior and are swept up in political upheaval.

John, a part-time Atlanta resident, and Rice have written 19 songs for the musical, John's first direct-to-stage score.

"We have been talking about this project for two years," Kenny Leon, Alliance's artistic director, said Thursday. "Now we have the perfect show to open our 30th anniversary season."

Disney executive Peter Schneider said it was uncertain what would happen after the musical concludes its run Nov. 1 in Atlanta.

"First we have to put it in front of an audience and see what happens," he said.

NEW YORK — Knicks center Patrick Ewing and his wife have separated.

Rita Ewing released a statement Thursday through her lawyer, "hopefully to end recent media reporting on the subject."

She denied reports linking her 35-year-old husband to another woman, a Knicks dancer.

"My husband Patrick and I are both working towards arriving at an amicable resolution to our problems," she said. "There is no significant other as far as I am concerned, except, of course, my children."

The Ewings have two daughters and a home in Englewood Cliffs, N.J.

Patrick Ewing and his wife have separated.

LOS ANGELES — "Dilbert," the comic strip that mines the corporate world for laughs, is coming to television as an animated series.

"Dilbert" creator Scott Adams and producer Larry Charles of "Seinfeld" will be executive producers for the UPN series to debut in the 1998-99 season, the network said Wednesday.

"The readers have been begging me to bring it to TV," Adams said.

Along with hapless engineer Dilbert, the series will feature Dogbert, Wally, the Boss and other characters from the syndicated strip.

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — Leslie Nielsen hopes "The Final Insult" won't be the final movie in his "Naked Gun" series.

"It deserves much better," said Nielsen, who stars as Lt. Frank Drebin. "If it's going to go, let it go with Roman candles and explosions."

Nielsen, who turned 76 on Wednesday, starred in the movie version of "Mr. Magoo."

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

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(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction? 31752 (TVPG)	Titanic: The Whole Story 40400	Grace Under Fire 55232	XVIII Winter Olympics: Alpine Skiing, Figure Skating, Luge, Speed Skating	News 5451341	Home Improvement 5451341	Late Show With David Letterman 110:30	Olympics				
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 4752	Seinfeld 1232	Seinfeld 1232	Seinfeld 1232	Seinfeld 1232	Seinfeld 1232	Seinfeld 1232	Seinfeld 1232	Seinfeld 1232	Seinfeld 1232	Seinfeld 1232		
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(23) TLC	33	33	Vila's Home 87467	Vila's Home 87467	Vila's Home 87467	Vila's Home 87467	Vila's Home 87467	Vila's Home 87467	Vila's Home 87467	Vila's Home 87467	Vila's Home 87467	Vila's Home 87467	Vila's Home 87467		
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Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

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PRIME TIME

PRIME TIME CALENDAR

CASA DE AMIGOS

Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. For more information about services provided 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 YMCAs

The Midland YMCAs have many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults. For more information regarding available activities and classes contact Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, 682-2551; Alamo YMCA, 901 N. Midland Drive, 694-2528; Northeast YMCA, 2301 Butternut, 682-8469.

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics; 7 a.m. YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.
- Call for information, Y's Way to a Healthy Back.
- By appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.
- Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 10:15 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.
- Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 1-1:45 p.m. P.A.C.E. class, dry land class for people with arthritis (arthritis classes co-sponsored by Northwest Texas chapter of the Arthritis Foundation).
- Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. lap swim, open swim and water walking.
- Saturday: 1-4:30 p.m. lap swim, open swim and water walking.
- Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30-10:30 a.m. aqua aerobics.
- Friday: 9-10 a.m. aqua aerobics.
- Water therapy by appointment.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

The Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information about services offered, 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

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 681-7636. Activities for Feb. 16-20 include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9:30 a.m. art class; 10 a.m. Kitchennettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. ceramics for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. line dancing for fun; 11 a.m. blood pressure clinic; 11:30 a.m. lunch and nutrition talk; 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. income tax help, bridge, dominoes, cards, billiards and ladies billiards; 1:30 p.m. FitPro exercise class.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, ceramics, cards, dominoes and exercise; 10 a.m. Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch and February birthday party; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:30 a.m. country/western dancing and country line dancing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art for fun; 1 p.m. income tax help, bridge, dominoes and cards; 1:30 p.m. FitPro exercise class.
- Friday: 9 a.m. wellness clinic, billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. partners' bridge tournament, bridge, dominoes and cards.

American Association of Retired People will have tax volunteers to help low income elderly with 1997 income tax preparations. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 15.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2510 W. Ohio. For more information call 570-8710. Weekday schedule includes:

- 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, dominoes, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., discussion, current events, Dear Abbey, devotion prayers; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.
- Men's bowling, second Friday of each month; women's shopping trips, first Friday of each month.
- Birthday parties and visits by the Kitchennettes are monthly.
- Licensed professional staff includes nurses, activities director and certified nurses aides present daily. Transportation is insured.

COM AQUATICS SENIORS AND THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE

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

- Monday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; 8 a.m.-noon, aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic deep aerobics; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
- Tuesday: 7-9:30 a.m. water walking; 9:30-10 a.m. stretch and strengthen; 10 a.m.-noon aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic aerobics; 12:30-1:30 p.m. arthritis plus; 7-8 p.m. healthy happy hour.
- Wednesday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; 8 a.m.-noon, aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic deep aerobics; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
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- Saturday: 11 a.m.-noon 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. arts and crafts at Langtry Village; 3:30 p.m. senior update at Hillcrest Manor.
- Wednesday: 2 p.m. bingo at Hillcrest Manor.
- Thursday: 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 3 p.m. bingo at Langtry Village.

RSVP

The 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. For more information, call 689-6693. A sample of current opportunities include:

- Special Olympics needs a committee chairman to assist with auctions items for a fund-raiser. Duties will include recruiting other volunteers to solicit goods and services for auction to benefit Special Olympics. Orientation will be provided.
- Midland Need to Read needs a computer tutor to work with adult literacy students for an hour, twice a week. Duties include teaching students to use a reading computer program at one of four different facilities. Training on computer and five-hour literacy training provided.
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters needs youth mentors to work one-on-one with children. Volunteers spend six to eight hours each month with a child; schedule is flexible. Orientation and application process required.

STEP program keeps retiree busy

By Lana Cunningham

The pleasant voice on the other end of the telephone was soft and laughing, even when a 2-year-old answered her call. The telephone was the workmate of Jean Fidler for many years, and she picked it back up several years ago when hired for the Senior Texas Employment Program.

"I enjoy doing it while I'm doing it," she said with a laugh of her job answering the telephone and directing people to the right office at Neighborhood Housing Services. "But when I'm home, I have an answering machine."

The part-time job funded by the state keeps Mrs. Fidler busy every morning until noon. From then on, she's busy with her family, consisting of daughter, Theresa, son, David (born 20 years later), six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. And at the office, employees get the same kind of treatment she gives her children—reminders to put their coats on when going outside or the choice of birthday cake on their special day.

"If you want people to be nice to you, you be nice to them," she said of the philosophy she employs at the job.

Born the ninth of 11 children with a red-haired Irish father and a Native American mother, Mrs. Fidler lived a mile north of the Red River in Oklahoma until she was 6. The family moved to Texas and eventually wound up in Big Spring.

"I moved away in 1955 to Las Vegas, Nev., and worked as PBX operator for the newspaper there. I advanced up to where I had seven people working under me," she recalled. She married Ralph Fidler, and the family moved back to Big Spring 31 years ago. "We stayed there 12 years and then lived in Orange County 10 years until my husband died," Mrs. Fidler stayed another two years until her daughter, Theresa, asked her to come back to West Texas.

Although she had been working for a home nursing service, Mrs. Fidler had to give it up when rheumatoid arthritis in her knees kept her from standing much during the day. "Someone told me to check out a program that would get me re-trained for some other work." Eventually, she was led to



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Jean Fidler, 70, has found both job and personal satisfaction in working with Senior Texas Employment Program (STEP). The program pairs older Texans who need work with non-profit agencies that need workers. Her current assignment is with Neighborhood Housing Services, where part of her job is answering the telephone and directing people to the right offices.

STEP

Her first assignment was for the Midland office of the Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. "I worked there until two years ago, when I was asked to come to NHS."

Mrs. Fidler agreed to the change, but then discovered she had cancer, which was operable. It didn't stop her for long. After recuperating a few weeks from surgery, she started at NHS on Aug. 15, 1996. "I've been here ever since."

STEP, she explained, was established on the principle that people would rather work for money than receive welfare. "If I had the money, I would stay home and do volunteer work," she said. But the Social Security check doesn't cover rent, electricity, supplemental insurance and food.

"We only work for non-profit organizations — we both need the

help," she laughed. "If I didn't have this part-time job, I couldn't make it."

"I love working here. I like meeting people. It gives you a good feeling to see people who have never had a house finally getting one. This (NHS) is for first-time homebuyers who have a low-to-medium income."

The early morning riser spends her afternoons reading and baking. While her close-knit family has picked up her love of reading, they also don't mind eating whatever she bakes — ranging from apple pie, grape pie, hummingbird cake, lemon pound cake and German chocolate cake to pizza cake and everything in between.

"I read everything I can get my hands on. I do not have a child or grandchild who doesn't read. We read to them in the crib. Consequently, I don't have a child or grandchild or great-grandchild

who doesn't make good grades in school," she said proudly.

"I'm one of these people who has never been bored in my life. My son used to tell his friends not to mention they were bored around me because I would find something for them to do."

Attired neatly in a black print blouse, black jacket and black necklace, Mrs. Fidler remarked, "I've gotten dressed every day of my life. If you're going to enjoy life, you have to feel good. I believe you come to the office to work and you get here on time."

At 70, she now jokes with her family about getting old. "One of my grandsons says, 'Oh, Granny, you're just a baby!'"

Every morning Mrs. Fidler takes her "baby" voice, fills it with a smile and shares it with anyone who calls the NHS office or walks through the front door. Even a 2-year-old.

DR. PAGE

Like children, elderly can be victims of abuse

By Henry F. Page, M.D.

Unfortunately, human nature does indeed possess a seamy side. An illustration of this is the abuse and neglect of children and the elderly. Our discussion shall focus on the latter, although both are similar.

Because of the physical and mental deprivations of aging, older people are vulnerable to mistreatment. Outside of family members, the health care professional is probably the one person who can recognize the sometimes-subtle aspect of the problem, both in the home and in institutions. A recent study at the University of New Hampshire indicates that 3.2 percent of the elderly population is so afflicted, but most authorities consider that number to be an underestimate.



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The four principal examples of this problem are: (1) abuse: the willful infliction of injury, including biting, slapping, pushing and creating mental anguish; (2) neglect: depriving a person of something needed for daily living, such as food, hygiene, etc.; (3) chronic verbal aggression: verbal threats and insults; and (4) financial exploitation and pilfering.

Most of the above are committed by one spouse against the other, an adult child against a parent, a home care attendant, aides or sitters, or fellow residents in nursing institutions. Abusers are usually dependent on the person they abuse.

It pays to be a frequent visitor, even for brief visits, to demonstrate to one and all your concern and interest. False and unfounded complaints usually emanate from those persons who do not "know the territory" or perhaps have "an ax to grind," such as disgruntled employees or someone with a guilty conscience to cover up.

Physical evidence of abuse may be bruises, burns, or welts, and also missing eyeglasses,

teeth or hearing aids. Psychological evidence might be insomnia, excessive sleep, sudden weight gain or loss, confusion or agitation. Financial evidence may show up as a sudden inability to pay bills, accounts that have been withdrawn, or disparity between assets and living conditions.

At a recent local conference on the subject, Dennis Morris, formerly of the Texas Department of Human Resources, discussed at length the aggressive and effective actions the state takes to protect its most vulnerable residents. It all boiled down to, "If you see it, report it." The reporting is made easy with access to all responsible parties.

Neighborhood visits constitute a loving example of agape (Christian love), but one caveat exists: When sipping the accustomed proffered coffee, one must remember that oneself will someday also be old and weak.

Henry F. Page, M.D., F.A.C.P., is health and safety consultant to Manor Park Inc.

Even 50-somethings can save for retirement

Associated Press

DENVER — You're 55 years old and you haven't saved a dime toward retirement. If you're in this situation, it's not time to panic. But it is time to start doing something. That something most likely will cause a little financial pain.

"The tough decision for people at this stage is they are willing to shrink their living standard now in order to avoid a much more drastic diminishing of their living standard at retirement?"

retirement expert at College for Financial Planning

a year. That's quite a drop from \$33,450!

So what to do? Stone recommends that the couple should each open an individual retirement account (IRA) and contribute the maximum annual deductible amount — \$2,000 — or \$4,000 total. They then should invest another \$4,000 in a variable annuity. They won't save taxes on their contributions to this second savings plan, but the earnings will at least grow tax free.

By opening the deductible IRAs, the couple would save \$600 in taxes, then invest their tax savings in the same variable annuity. Their total annual investments have now gone from zero to \$8,600. Stone assumes that the couple earns 12 percent a year on their retirement investments. That's a little aggressive, he admits, but not unreasonable if the investments are predominantly in stocks. At this rate of return, the couple will build a nest egg of \$169,029 by the time they reach age 65.

comes at a price, of course. The couple will be forced to live the next decade on a reduced standard of living of around \$36,600 (\$46,600-\$8,000 in IRA and annuity contributions). The upside is that at retirement they can begin withdrawing \$19,242 a year from their IRAs. They can withdraw at this rate through age 89, at which time the IRAs will be depleted (the annual withdrawals include some of the principal).

Coupled with the \$12,000 in Social Security benefits, they'll be able to live on an annual income of around \$31,292. That's less than the \$33,450 (75 percent of their pre-retirement income) they would have preferred, but it's certainly better than the meager \$12,000 from Social Security alone.

The scenario is a little easier, of course, if they have a qualified retirement plan at work, such as a 401(k). Depending on the plan limitations, they could put in a maximum — more of \$10,000, fully deductible, into the plan each year, and invest the \$1,500 in tax

savings in a variable annuity or nondeductible IRA.

By age 65, they would have \$226,028 in their nest egg at a 12 percent rate of return, and they could withdraw \$25,731 a year through age 89. Coupled with Social Security, they would have an annual income then of \$37,731, which is 80 percent of their pre-retirement income.

Stone suggests additional ways people can help build their retirement savings.

- Budget. Find areas where you are wasting money and invest the savings.
- Work an extra job. Put the money exclusively toward retirement.
- Work part-time during retirement. (However, if you make too much money it can reduce your Social Security benefits.)
- Retire later. If you don't have the money saved to retire comfortably on, you may simply have to continue working past your planned retirement age.
- Sell your home. Under the new tax law, couples can sell their home and protect up to \$500,000 in profit from tax. Then rent or buy a smaller home and invest the profit you have left over.
- Look at life insurance. You may have built up a sizable cash-value account in your permanent life insurance policy. It's probably not paying more than 6 percent, Stone says. You could pull some of this money out and invest it at a higher rate.

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TV Sports

AUTO RACING — NASCAR Dash Series, Discount Auto Parts 200, 10 a.m., ESPN.
WINTER OLYMPICS — Men's ice hockey (Canada vs. Belarus), nordic skiing (combined 90K, 1st jump), luge (men's doubles, run 1), men's curling (United States vs. Great Britain) (same-day tape), noon, TNT.
Alpine skiing (women's and men's downhill, live), figure skating (ice dancing, compulsories), speed skating (women's 500m, first race), luge (doubles) (same-day tape), 7 p.m., CBS.

Men's ice hockey (qualifier 1 vs. U.S.), 11:35 p.m., CBS.
GOLF — Senior PGA GTE Classic, first round, 2 p.m., ESPN.
NBA — Dallas Mavericks at Indiana Pacers, 6 p.m., FSN.
Detroit Pistons at Miami Heat, 7 p.m., TNT.

BOXING — Champion Johnny Tapia (42-0-2) vs. Rodolpho Blanco (28-10-1) for IBF/WBO 115-lb. championship; champion Laurent Boudouani (35-2-0) vs. Guillermo Jones (22-1-0) for WBA junior middleweight championship, 8 p.m., SHO.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Women, Georgia at Vanderbilt, 8:30 p.m. (joined in progress), FSN.

Texas Scores

NBA — Houston Rockets 112, Vancouver Grizzlies 103.
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WPHL — Amarillo Rattlers at Odessa Jackalopes, 7 p.m., Ector County Coliseum. RADIO: KMCM (98.9 FM).

PREP BASKETBALL — Abilene Cooper girls vs. Midland High, playoff deciding third place in District 4-5A, 6 p.m., Chaparral Center.

Odessa Permian boys vs. Midland Lee, 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center.

Midland High boys at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m., RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

PREP SWIMMING — Region I-5A Swim Meet, Texas Tech, Lubbock.

WJCAC Standings

	Conference		Season	
	W	L	W	L
Howard College	9	1	25	1
Midland College	8	2	19	7
South Plains	8	2	18	7
Clarendon College	7	3	16	4
New Mexico JC	4	6	10	10
Frank Phillips	2	8	6	14
Odessa College	1	9	6	15
Western Texas	1	9	6	19

Thursday's Games
Howard College 71, Midland College 55; Frank Phillips 58, Odessa College 62; Clarendon College 76, Western Texas 57; South Plains 79, New Mexico JC 73.

Monday's Games
Clarendon College at Midland College; South Plains at Odessa College; Frank Phillips at Western Texas; Howard College at New Mexico JC.

	Conference		Season	
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Midland College	7	3	21	5
South Plains	7	3	16	10
Howard College	7	3	14	12
New Mexico JC	5	5	14	10
Odessa College	4	6	10	13
Frank Phillips	4	6	11	14
N. Mexico Military	2	8	9	14
Clarendon	2	8	10	10

Thursday's Games
Midland College 77, Howard College 55; Odessa College 55, Frank Phillips 53; New Mexico Military 85, Clarendon College 80; South Plains 78, New Mexico JC 54.

Monday's Games
Clarendon College at Midland College; South Plains at Odessa College; Frank Phillips at New Mexico Military; Howard College at New Mexico JC.

Jacks re-sign Laine

ODESSA — The Odessa Jackalopes have already made a move regarding next season, re-signing leading scorer Sami Laine.

The 27-year-old native of Finland leads the Jacks in goals with 40 and is tied for the team lead in total points with 63. Laine set a pro hockey record earlier this season at the Ector County Coliseum when he scored five times in a single period in a 9-7 win over the Waco Wizards.

"We have to improve our team next year and having Sami return was something I wanted to accomplish sooner rather than later," said Jacks head coach and director of hockey operations Joe Clark.

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Chaps grab share of WJCAC lead

■ Howard College women gain revenge in junior college basketball split.

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

BIG SPRING — Even though the Duke was feeling a bit ill, he commanded a bit of royal attention from several Hawks Thursday night.

Harold "Duke" Arceuneaux scored 28 points and added 11 rebounds to help his No. 15 Midland College Chaparrals defeat Howard College 77-55.

"I just tried to play hard today with this cold," said the 6-foot-5 Arceuneaux. "I think we're getting back to where we were."

Where the Chaps are now is in a three-way tie for first place in the Western Junior College Athletic Con-

ference with Howard and South Plains, all 7-3 records in loop play.

The win by the Chaps concluded an "Evening of Revenge" at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Earlier, the No. 4 Howard Lady Hawks avenged an earlier loss to the Lady Chaparrals with a 71-56 win.

For Midland College coach Pat Rafferty, the win not only brought the Chaps to where they thought they should be in the conference but it also was the first time that a Rafferty-coached MC team won in Big Spring.

"It's not so much for me that we finally won here," Rafferty said. "It's that we played so hard and we were able to get it done. I am happy that we were able to win this game and we regained control of our own destiny somewhat and that has a greater importance to me than getting off the slide."

The key to this win for the Chaps, which improved

to 21-3 overall, was simple — they wanted it a lot more than the Hawks did.

"We can't say that we lost this game tonight because we played bad. Midland College just whipped us tonight," said Howard coach Tommy Collins. "We played bad tonight. They (Chaps) executed very well and we tried to do some things defensively, but the plan was too much for us. They were too good."

"A hungry tiger is a better hunter," Rafferty said. "We had some hunger tonight and a passion to play. Our effort was crucial when we needed it. When we let our balance and depth take over, we are a very good team."

"We didn't want their defense to settle and the guys executed very well."

That desire and passion is working well for the Chaps, which have avenged two early conference losses in a

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Lady Bearkats, Red Devils vie for 30-A titles

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

The Garden City girls and Rankin boys are gunning for District 30-A titles tonight, and to get there, both must get by an all-too-familiar opponent — Irion County.

At Reagan County High School in Big Lake, the Garden City girls will face Irion County at 6:30 p.m. The Rankin and Irion County boys follow at 8 p.m.

Positioning for the UIL playoffs is also on the line in both games, but that is secondary for the Lady Bearkats, winners of the last four district titles.

"It means something to these young ladies to win a district title. That is why we want this game," Garden City coach Michael Meek said. "Position-wise, I don't know if it is that big of a deal. We are looking at it from the position that we want a gold ball."

It will be the third time that these two teams hook up. In the first battle in Merton, Irion County, the champions of the first half, captured a 39-32 overtime win. It was in that game when Garden City's all-state guard, Tiffany Maxie, went down with a knee injury. It was an injury Maxie still hasn't returned from.

In the second game, Garden City defended its home court with a 54-41 win.

Now comes the third game between these two 1997 Region II-A tournament qualifiers, and Meek says not much will change. The atmosphere will be high-intensity and his team will have to win the game on defense. Garden City has given up just 35 points a game while scoring 57.

"We will not change too much. We will try to do what we do and do it well," Meek said. "Defense will be a big key. We have played a lot of good teams, and our defense has played very well. That is what helps us win ball games."

The Rankin boys would like the district title, but Rankin coach Shannon Hooker isn't getting too worked up about it. His team has already become the seventh to qualify for postseason in Hooker's eight seasons at Rankin.

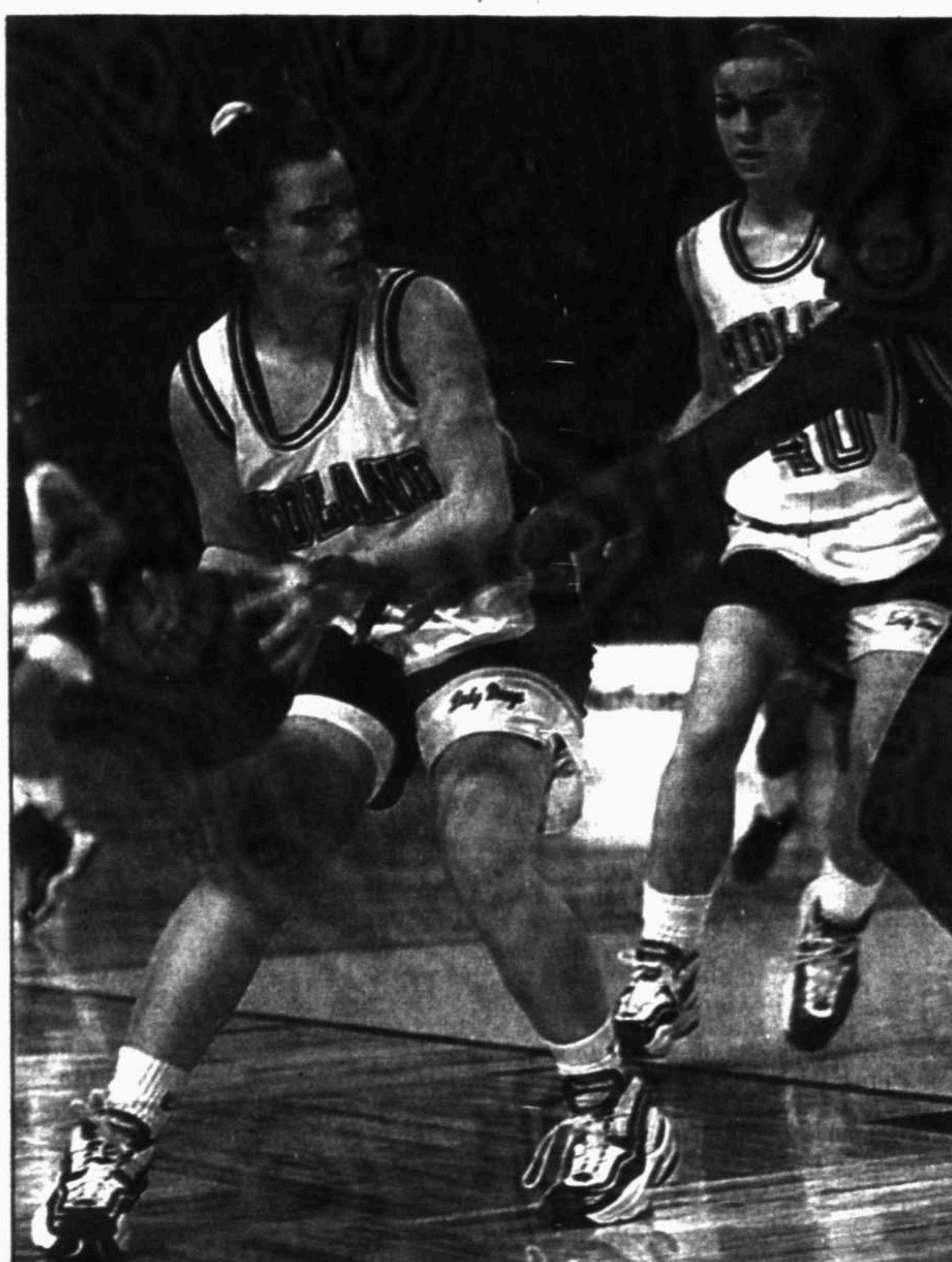
"First of all, it is not do or die," Hooker said. "We have already made the playoffs, and this is a game which tells us which direction that we will go. It is a game going for pride, to try to get the No. 1 seed and bring home the district trophy."

"I don't want them going in all tight, and thinking that if we lose the ball game, the season is over with."

In fact, Hooker is using this game to prepare his team for the upcoming playoffs. With a win, Rankin plays Grandfalls. With a loss, the Red Devils will bat-

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4-5A SHOWDOWNS



Rebecca Nobles, left, Morgan Kelley and the rest of the Lady Dawgs face Abilene Cooper at 6 tonight at Chaparral Central. The winner goes to the playoffs.

Lady Dawgs host Cooper with playoff spot on line

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

The long and arduous road which the Midland High girls basketball team has taken this season has finally led back home, but the Lady Dawgs don't want it to end here.

It was on the road earlier in the week that Midland High assured it would be able to play again tonight. Thanks to a 51-43 win over Abilene Cooper in Tuesday night's final regular season game in Abilene, the Lady Dawgs forced a one-game playoff to determine the third and final playoff representative from District 4-5A. Midland High won the coin flip and will host Cooper this evening at 6 p.m. at Chaparral Center in a district playoff game where the winner gets to play next week and the loser stays home.

Playing in front of a familiar crowd won't lessen the pressure of the game on the Lady Dawgs (16-11 overall, 7-5 in district) but it will nonetheless lift the burden of having to get off a bus then concentrating on the biggest game of the year.

"I certainly didn't want to drive to Abilene on Tuesday and turn around and drive back Friday," said Midland High coach Jim Raughton.

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MHS coasting; Lee fighting for survival

■ Rebels need win tonight against Permian to stay in District 4-5A playoff hunt.

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland High's No. 2 state-ranked Bulldogs are in the "practice" mode until the UIL state playoffs arrive in two weeks, but the rest of District 4-5A has developed a fine mess to end regular season play.

MHS has already earned 4-5A championship status and a first round playoff bye. The 10-1 Bulldogs meet 2-8 Odessa High today at 7:30 p.m. in Odessa and will host Class 4A El Paso Riverside in the playoff warmup game at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Chaparral Center with neither game counting

much except to add to its victory totals.

But for the rest of the league, hold onto your hats, baby. Just about anything can happen. And it starts with the Lee-Permian 7:30 p.m. meeting today at Chaparral Center.

"Us losing to Abilene High (on Tuesday) was the only way the district could have a four-way tie for second place when all is said and done," commented Lee basketball coach Jon House. "We do our best to keep it interesting."

Well, here is what could happen. If Lee (5-5) beats Permian (6-4) tonight, Permian then beats Abilene High (6-4) on Tuesday and Abilene Cooper (5-5) beats San Angelo (1-9) and Odessa High, there would be a four-way tie for second place with all teams standing at 7-5.

That could force a 4-5A mini-tournament next weekend

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Goodwin aims to return to Austin; other local swimmers may join her

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

It's fairly obvious that one of the names that could be penciled in — or perhaps even written in stone — in jutting down those competitors destined for the state swim meet these past two years is that of Midland Lee senior Amber Goodwin.

As the defending state champion in the 100-yard backstroke and a fourth place finisher in the 50 freestyle, Goodwin seems almost a shoo-in to take both those events in the Region I Swimming and Diving Championships at Texas Tech over the next two days. The prelims start today at 3 p.m. while the Saturday's finals begin at 11 a.m.

Unlike last year, when Goodwin was the only Midlander to make the trip to the state meet, it's quite possible she could have some company this year.

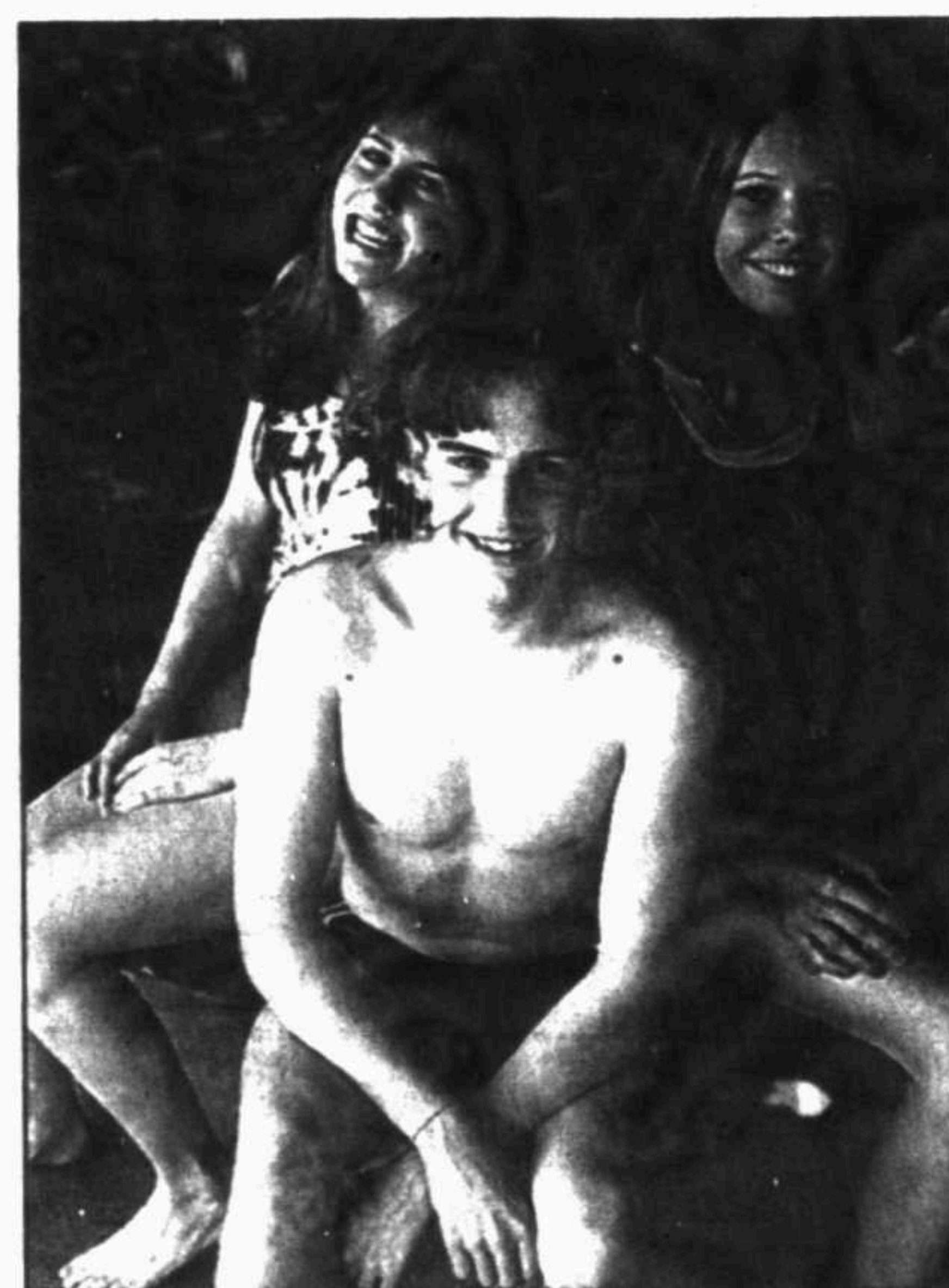
While Goodwin is the top seed in both of her specialties, two other swimmers from Midland High and Lee also are top seeds, meaning that if all goes well Goodwin could have some company going to Austin at the end of this month.

"I hope to have at least two go (to the state meet)," said Ted Carson, who coaches the MHS and Lee swimmers. "Anything can happen at this meet, but I'm really encouraged we can have somebody make it who's never made it before."

Those swimmers from Midland who haven't made it before include everybody except Goodwin. A pair of sophomores who came close to going to state last year as freshmen, though, both join Goodwin as No. 1 seeds.

Lee's Gregg Strauss is the top seed in the region in the boys 500 free while Erin Irons of Midland High is the top seed in the 100 butterfly. Last year, Strauss was second in regionals in the 500 while Irons was second in the 200 individual medley, which she considers her strongest event. Along with a No. 1 seed, Irons is the

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Midland Lee's Gregg Strauss, front, and Emily Alvarado, left, and Erin Irons, both from Midland High, are among the Midland swimmers who'll compete in the Region I-5A Swimming Championships Friday and Saturday in Lubbock.



Cars driven by Darrell Waltrip (17) and Mark Gibson (59) slide sideways down the front stretch during the second of the Gatorade Twin 125 qualifying races Thursday at the Daytona International Speedway.

Earnhardt, Marlin finish first in twin qualifiers for Daytona

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt's latest visit to Victory Circle at Daytona has him thinking like a winner again.

"It's about time," Earnhardt said Thursday after winning a Daytona 500 qualifying race for the ninth straight time. "We won last year here and we didn't get another one. But we're going to start our winning streak right here with this one."

The intimidator was preceded to the most coveted spot at Daytona International Speedway by Sterling Marlin, who twice has done something Earnhardt years to do — win the Daytona 500.

Their victories came in the Gatorade Twin 125-mile qualifying races, the final tuneups for Sunday's 500. Earnhardt, seeking his first Daytona 500 victory in 20 tries and hoping to end a career-worst winless run of 59 races, dominated the second of the qualifiers. It ended under caution, after a last-lap spin by Loy Allen Jr. robbed a crowd of 115,000 of the thrill of seeing Earnhardt hold off a final challenge.

It was a record 30th victory at Daytona for Earnhardt, and his 11th overall in the qualifying races that determine positions 3-30 for the NASCAR Winston Cup season opener.

Although it's been 23 months since Earnhardt last won a points race, the seven-time Winston Cup champion has lost none of his confidence.

"This is a good race car, and we've got an even better engine for Sunday's race," he said.

The win put him fourth in the 43-car field, alongside Marlin and just behind brothers Bobby and Terry Labonte. They clinched the front-row spots in time trials last week.

"Going to win it!" Earnhardt said forcefully when asked about his chances Sunday.

Michael Waltrip's Ford Taurus was second to Earnhardt Chevrolet's Monte Carlo. Waltrip was followed by Earnhardt's teammate, Mike Skinner.

Marlin's victory in a Team Sabco Chevrolet didn't come as easily. He started 12th in the 28-car field, and was handling badly in the early going. But by the middle of the race, he hooked up with Bobby Labonte.

"We were pushing pretty bad there for a while," said Marlin, who won the 500 in 1994 and successfully defended his title after winning a qualifying race.

"I said, 'I'm going to the bottom and hold it wide open.' It worked great," Marlin explained. "The last

15 to 20 laps, we never lifted." Labonte, who will start from the pole Sunday, led 16 of the first 17 laps before being caught out of the draft and slipping back.

"I think we learned a lot. I probably feel a little better about Sunday now," Labonte said.

Two-time Daytona 500 winner Dale Jarrett's Taurus finished behind Marlin and Labonte.

Jarrett said it was learning experience for teams using Tauruses, which replaced the discontinued Thunderbird.

"We've got a whole lot of things that didn't work on this Taurus and a short list of things that have worked," he said. "That's what we've got to continue to do, find the things that do, because it's so different from the T-Bird."

Defending series and race champion Jeff Gordon led laps 22 through 33, and was still out front when crew chief Ray Everham chose to bring him in for fresh tires during a caution.

Ken Schrader also stopped for tires, and the two teams agreed their drivers would try to draft back toward the front together. They were 16th and 17th on the restart, but Schrader appeared unable to stay with Gordon, who found himself out of the main draft on lap 44.

Gordon held on to finish 15th, getting the final transfer spot in the opening race and earning the 29th position in Sunday's field.

"I felt like we had the car to win," Gordon said. "Pitting just wasn't the right thing for us to do today."

His stop almost cost Marlin the race. Marlin's crew chief told him to stop, but he messed up.

"Tony Glover said, 'If Gordon comes in, come with him,'" Marlin explained. "Well, he faked me out, and it worked out pretty good for us."

Terry Labonte, Gordon's Hendrick Motorsports teammate, had an awful day, parking the car and finishing last after having problems getting his Monte Carlo up to speed at the start.

Both races had crashes: three in the first event and one six-car melee near the start of the second. Several drivers were knocked out of the 500, including 1996 Rookie of the Year Johnny Benson Jr. Also failing to make the field were series regulars Hut Stricklin, Kenny Wallace and Wally Dallenbach Jr.

Among the other drivers involved in the incidents was Schrader, who sustained a fractured sternum. He was released from the hospital and planned to drive on Sunday.

Fans' reaction to new Cowboys coach: more 'who?' than 'wow'

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Jerry Jones promised a new Dallas Cowboys coach who would make fans say "WOW" when they heard his name.



The reaction to Chan Gailey being named the fourth coach of the Cowboys does start with a "W." Who? What? Why?

This is the man who is supposed to make Dallas fans sit on the edge of their seats?

Only NFL insiders know about Gailey. They all say good things. But can a man named Chan get the spoiled Cowboys fans, who have seen three Super Bowl champions in the 1990s, pumped?

Will they give him a chance beyond the 1998 season opener? Without a doubt, the former offensive coordinator for the Pittsburgh Steelers is the most unknown hire in the 38-year history of the franchise.

Tom Landry was a defensive coordinator for the New York Giants when he was hired by Tex Schramm in 1960 to be the first coach of the Cowboys.

However, Landry was one of the most well-known coaches in the

NFL, having invented the 4-3 defense. He was on track to be the next head coach of the Giants when he answered Schramm's call.

Jimmy Johnson? He was very well known, having won a national title with the Miami Hurricanes. If Jones hadn't purchased the team from Bum Bright, Schramm was going to hire Johnson for the job when Landry retired.

Barry Switzer? He won national titles at Oklahoma. Like Johnson, he had never coached in the NFL but his name did release a certain amount of electricity, both pro and con.

That has been the problem with Jones' two previous hires. He made people irate.

Some fans were mad he fired Landry. Some were ticked he hired a racial like Switzer, who even had a book called "Bootlegger's Boy" on the shelves.

Dallas fans don't know what to think of Gailey. They know the Cowboys beat his team in Super Bowl XXX and trounced the Steelers 37-7 in the regular season last year.

They know he was criticized for not giving the ball to Jerome Bettis in the AFC championship game, a loss to Denver.

They don't even know how to

pronounce his name. Gailey cleared that one up. It's short for Chandler.

They don't know Gailey has won a national title — at Troy State in NCAA Division II.

However, in four days of interviews, Gailey persuaded Jones he could return discipline and offense to a club sorely lacking in both departments.

He outlasted George Seifert, Terry Donahue, and Sherman Lewis in winning the job.

In an outburst of enthusiasm on Thursday, Jones shouted out: "Chan is the man."

That remains to be seen.

Will he just be a puppet for Jones, a hot towel man with no control over the direction of the team? Jones promises it won't happen.

"Chan is here to coach, discipline, and organize," Jones said. "He has my backing to do things a coach traditionally does. There's no road around Chan to me. Everything goes through Chan. I went down every road to find him. I'm glad I took the time."

Gailey says about Jones' hands-on approach: "If that's going to be my biggest problem then I don't have a problem."

Stay tuned. Jones just gambled his franchise on a man he has known only four days.

PGA Tour accepts disabled golfer after judge's decision in his favor

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

Trying to turn a public relations disaster into a publicity plus, the PGA Tour has all but embraced Casey Martin and his cart.

Commissioner Tim Finchem said Thursday that Martin almost certainly will play in a PGA Tour event this year and probably will have at least two years without legal interference to ride on the pro tour.

"Casey Martin is a guy you want playing on the PGA Tour," Finchem said from his office in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. "He is an extremely popular individual and a role model. How would you not want him playing?"

After months of fighting Martin — and losing three times in court and even more decisively in the court of public opinion — the tour now seems ready to accept the disabled golfer.

Along with the acceptance by the tour, Martin will have his pick of big-money endorsement deals but will live with the fear his shriveled right leg will eventually not allow him to walk at all.

The PGA Tour still plans to appeal the federal judge's ruling on Wednesday that allows Martin to ride in tournaments because his leg makes it painful to walk, Finchem said. But the tour will allow the appeal to unfold at its own pace. It could have requested an immediate stay of the ruling and could ask the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to expedite the matter.

"The main thing right now is that everyone needs to recognize that it might take years for this to be decided," Finchem said. "What we want to do is get back to playing golf. Casey will be afforded a cart."

Finchem said the PGA Tour still feels it has the right to make the rules for its competitions, that walking is an essential part of the game and that a player riding a cart has an advantage.

"All the issues are the same," Finchem said. "Some time in a couple of years the appeals court will decide if the judge made the right decision."

In the meantime, Martin will ride. And while the ruling affects only Martin, Finchem said the PGA Tour's Policy Board would at a later date discuss the need for language governing the use of carts.

Martin is scheduled to play in the next Nike Tour event March 5-8 in Austin, Texas. And even though

he is not a member of the PGA Tour, he could be invited to a tournament by a sponsor.

Martin is allowed seven sponsor exemptions a year. He will not get one for the Tucson Chrysler Classic next week, tournament official Judy McDermott said. He could still be invited to the Nissan Open in Los Angeles before the Austin event.

While the appeals process will take years, it is not clear how long Martin's leg — which is getting worse — will hold up even while he uses a cart.

"I don't think anyone knows how it is going to progress," said Dr. William Straw, the team physician for the San Francisco Giants who worked with pitcher Dave Dravecky when he tried to return from cancer only to have his arm break while throwing a pitch in 1989.

"The muscles are quite wasted away and the bone itself is weak," Straw said. "In that sense, he could sustain further injury in even normal activity in the next two years."

Martin, 25, could have his next tussle with the United States Golf Association, which runs the U.S. Open. As a winner on the Nike Tour this year, Martin is exempt from local qualifying for the U.S. Open and needs only to get through the 36-hole sectional qualifier June 8 or 9 to play in the tournament.

Martin said he wants to play in the U.S. Open and almost certainly would need a cart to get through 36 holes in one day.

It is likely that the Masters — for which Martin has not qualified — would follow the USGA's decision. And the PGA of America said Thursday it would obey any court ruling on the matter.

In the meantime, Martin has emerged as one of the most recognized athletes in America and should have a wide range of business opportunities.

"Stop someone on the street and asked them to name three golfers and they will say Nicklaus, Tiger and Casey Martin," said Ryan Schinman, executive vice president of marketing for Worldwide Sports and Entertainment, a consulting firm.

"The kid's got a five-course meal in front of him on his plate and guess who is sitting across the table in front of him? Phil Knight, the Mr. 'I Can' Man," Schinman said referring to the founder of Nike and its advertising slogan.

Marino shows he has lead foot to go with his strong throwing arm

By Joe Macenka
AP Sports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino has always had a pretty strong arm. Now there's evidence that he's got a fairly potent right foot as well.

Marino was at Daytona International Speedway on Thursday to discuss his recent decision to join Bill Elliott as co-owners of the Ford Taurus driven by Winston Cup rookie Jerry Nadeau.

The team held a test session late last month at Talladega Superspeedway, and Marino not only attended, but he got behind the wheel for a few laps.

Marino said he reached speeds in excess of 145 mph; Elliott said it was more like 165.

"I don't think I had quite the same rush as I do when I run off the field Sunday afternoon," Marino said, "but at least I know what I'm doing when I do that."

Marino found a parallel between

Daytona 500 Notes

the two sports.

"The level of concentration you must have to do that for over a two-hour period with cars so close and the speeds that you're going, that's in some ways similar to the concentration level you have to have when you're playing football," he said. "I definitely have a new respect for it."

Marino has no plans to become a professional racer, but Elliott said the door is always open for his co-owner to get back behind the wheel and at least make some more test runs.

"Hopefully I'll get him somewhere else and let him drive some more and let him get an idea," Elliott said.

SAY WHAT?: Sterling Marlin painted a funny picture after winning the first of the Gatorade Twin 125s.

Marlin is a native of Franklin, Tenn., who has a distinctive drawl

that many non-Southerners find difficult to understand. His car owner, Felix Sabates, is a Cuban who also has a distinctive accent.

Combine that with the fact that both men have a tendency to speak excitedly, and you can understand why Marlin laughed when asked to recount the conversation between he and Sabates right after the race.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING: Winning one of the 125s doesn't necessarily bode well for Sunday's main event.

Only five drivers have won a 125 and gone on to win the Daytona 500. Fireball Roberts was the first in 1962. Cale Yarborough did it twice, in 1977 and 1984. The others were Elliott (1985), Bobby Allison (1988) and Marlin (1995).

GENERATION NEXT: Nadeau will be one of five first-time participants in the 1998 Daytona 500.

Nadeau, who will start 26th, will be joined by fellow Daytona 500 rookies Andy Hillenburg (18th), Kevin LePage (20th), Steve Park (33rd) and Kenny Irwin (38th).

Trinity puts five on all-district team

Staff Report

Midland Trinity had five players (three girls and two boys) make the District 1-3A TAPPS All-District basketball team.

Trinity girls named to the 12-team elite squad were Sarah Gifford, Javon Clay and Heather Bartlett. The boys were Mark Stoltz and Ronnie Brewster.

Gifford, a senior post, averaged 17 points per game this season with 11 rebounds per contest and two assists. Clay, a senior point guard, averaged 20.4 points and eight assists per game while Bartlett, a senior forward, averaged eight

points and seven rebounds.

Stoltz, a 5-7 junior point guard, averaged 15.0 points, 4.6 assists and 2.4 steals. He was also an All-District choice as a sophomore.

Brewster, a 6-0 sophomore forward, averaged 14.7 points, 4.4 assists, 9.8 rebounds and 3.2 steals in his first year on the varsity.

Girls 1-3A TAPPS All-District
Sarah Gifford, Sr., Midland Trinity; Javon Clay, Sr., Midland Trinity.

Boys 1-3A TAPPS All-District
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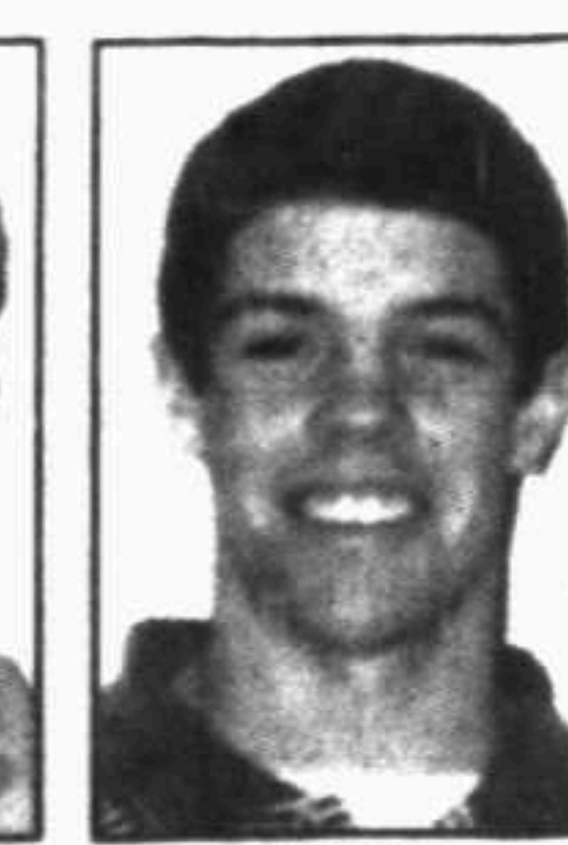
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NFL teams that he coaches, since the end of 1997 season, with replacement: Buffalo Bills — Mark Phillips; Dallas Cowboys — Chan Gailey; Indianapolis Colts — Jim Mora; Oakland Raiders — J. Gruden.

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O'Sullivan goes for his 100th sub-4 minute mile

NEW YORK (AP) — The Millrose Games tonight will have more subplots than a Stephen King pot-boiler.

There will be Marcus O'Sullivan trying to become the third mile in history to record 100 sub-four-minute miles.

There will be Laban Rotich, the third-fastest indoor 1,500-meter runner in history, making his U.S. indoor debut and running on a wooden, banked track for the first time. He will be attempting to thwart O'Sullivan's bid for a sixth victory in the Wanamaker Mile.

There will be Joetta Clark, already an established businesswoman, competing in a record 20th Chase Millrose Games, in the 800 meters.

There will be Jeari Miles-Clark, Joetta's sister-in-law, attempting to make it a family sweep by winning the 400.

There will be sprint sensation Maurice Greene, who tied and then broke the world 60-meter dash record this season, trying to fulfill his vow of breaking the mark again at the Millrose Games.

And there will be the first women's pole vault in the meet's 91-year history.

Overall, there will be 33 medalists, including 15 gold medalists, from the 1996 Olympics and 1997

World Outdoor Championships. O'Sullivan, 36, has been a regular at the Millrose Games since 1983, but this could be his last, since he has hinted at retirement this year.

He doesn't necessarily have to win Friday night to achieve his milestone. A sub-four minute mile would enable him to join American Steve Scott and New Zealander John Walker as the only miles to break the four-minute barrier 100 times.

"It's very important for me to run a sub-four at Millrose," the Irishman said. "I will make a strong effort to go under four."

O'Sullivan has run 16 of his 99 sub-four minute miles in the Garden.

"I want to get to the three-quarters in under three minutes," he said. "I have a better chance of winning if we're under three than if we're at 3:04 or 3:05."

If O'Sullivan wins, he would tie the great Glenn Cunningham for second place in Millrose victories with six, one behind Eamonn Coghlan.

O'Sullivan was the favorite in the 11-man field, until Rotich became a late entrant. Rotich originally was in the 800, but switched to the mile after running two of the fastest 1,500-meter times in history this month in Europe.

New Boy in Town

IRVING (AP) — Year-by-year head coaching record of Chan Gailey, hired Thursday as Dallas Cowboys coach.

Year Team League Record

1983	Troy State	Div. II	7-4
1984	Troy State	Div. II	12-1
1991	Birmingham	WFL	5-5
1992	Birmingham	WFL	7-2
1993	Spartanburg	DFA	5-6

Coaching Changes

NFL teams that have changed coaches, since the end of the regular 1997 season, with former coach and replacement:

Buffalo Bills	Marv Levy	Wade Phillips
Dallas Cowboys	Barry Switzer	Chan Gailey
Indianapolis Colts	Lindy Infante	Jim Mora
Oakland Raiders	Joe Bugel	Jon Gruden

Transactions

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—

Agreed to terms with reliever Albe Lopez on a one-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to

terms with RHP Scott Lincecum on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to

terms with RHP David Mullen on a two-year contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Two-

Mike Dee vice president-coordinator of

development, Alan Olfendice vice president-general manager, Cheryl Smith

special events, Azucena Garcia coordinator of Hispanic multicultural marketing and Brian Brantley coordinator of scoreboard operations.

FOOTBALL

DUBOIS COUNTY DRAGONS—

Named Jay Williams, manager, Ryan

Allen assistant coach, and Don Campbell

general manager-director of baseball operations and Don Campbell vice president of marketing and director of office administration.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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Continental Basketball Association

CBA—Awarded a franchise to

transit to begin play in the 1999-2000

season.

FORT WORTH FURY—Released

F. Amal McCaskie.

ROCKFORD LIGHTNING—

Signed G. Gerald Maddux and C. Lou

Rea.

SIOUX FALLS SKYFORCES—

Signed G. Troy Hudson. Waived F. Vincent

Raney.

Women's National Basketball Association

DETROIT SHOCK—Named Greg

Williams and Sonny Allen assistant

coaches and Chris Collins assistant

director of scouting.

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Waived

DT Mark Campbell.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Named

Sam Mills pro scout.

CHICAGO BEARS—Signed DT

Jim Flanger to a five-year contract and

FS John Mangum to a three-year contract.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Named

Chan Gailey coach.

DETROIT LIONS—Signed WR

Johnnie Morton and OT Ray Roberts

to five-year contracts.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Waived

WR Don Beebe.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed

CB James Hasty to a four-year contract.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Agreed

to terms with OL Todd Stuebe on a

five-year contract.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—

Resigned DE Willie McGinest to a

year contract and OT Bruce Armstrong

to a four-year contract.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Waived TE

Arion Pierce, TE Brandon Jesse and

C. Marc Lamb.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Waived G

Leslie Holmes, DE David Klingler and

DE Audry Bruce.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—

Signed RB Steve Young to a six-year

contract.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—

Released LB Rufus Porter. Re-signed

DT Anthony DeGrate.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Agreed to

terms with LB Barion Wortham on a

multiyear contract.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—

Agreed to terms with KR Brian Mitchell

on a five-year contract.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUEBOMBS—

Signed QB T.J. Rubley and C. Dave

Vancouver.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—

Assigned G Blaine Russell to New

Orleans of the ECHL.

American Hockey League

SYRACUSE CRUNCH—Recalled

F. Rob Gordon from Raleigh of the

ECHL.

International Hockey League

DETROIT Vipers—Recalled G

Blair Allison on loan from Jacksonville

of the ECHL.

U.S. FORT WAYNE KOMETS—

Recalled G Judd Lambert from Dayton

of the ECHL.

INDIANAPOLIS ICE—Assigned C

Steve Tardif to Jacksonville of the

NBA Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB
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Miami	31	18	.633	—
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New Jersey	28	21	.571	3
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New York	26	21	.553	4
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Washington	27	24	.529	5
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Orlando	24	26	.480	7 1/2
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Atlanta	22	27	.449	9
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Philadelphia	15	31	.326	14 1/2
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Central Division

Indiana	35	13	.729	—
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Chicago	36	15	.706	1/2
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Charlotte	30	20	.600	6
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Cleveland	28	21	.571	7 1/2
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Milwaukee	24	25	.490	11 1/2
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Detroit	25	25	.500	12
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Toronto	11	38	.224	14 1/2
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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
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San Antonio	34	10	.773	—
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Utah	33	15	.688	1/2
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Minnesota	26	21	.553	7
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Houston	23	24	.489	10
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Vancouver	13	35	.265	21
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Dallas	9	40	.184	25
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Seattle	5	42	.106	28
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Pacific Division

LA Lakers	35	12	.745	2
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Phoenix	32	16	.667	5 1/2
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Portland	28	20	.583	9
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Memphis	20	29	.408	18
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LA Clippers	11	39	.222	27 1/2
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Golden State	8	39	.170	29
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Thursday's Games

Late games not included

Cleveland 103, Toronto 96

Utah 118, Boston 100

Portland 115, Phoenix 110

Houston at Vancouver, (n)

Denver at Sacramento, (n)

Friday's Games

Dallas at Indiana, 6 p.m.

Toronto at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Charlotte, 6:30

p.m.

Detroit at Miami, 7 p.m.

Atlanta at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Denver, 8 p.m.

Houston at Portland, 9 p.m.

Boston at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Seattle at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Golden State, 9:30

p.m.

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Winter Olympics

Medals Table

Through 1 of 3 medals

Friday, Feb. 13

(23 of 25 total medals)

Nation	G	S	Tot
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USA	4	4	8
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Norway	3	4	7
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Russia	4	3	7
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Austria	0	2	2
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Finland	0	2	2
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United States	2	0	2
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Netherlands	1	2	3
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Italy	1	1	2
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Japan	2	1	3
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Canada	1	1	2
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France	2	0	2
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Czech Republic	1	1	2
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Bulgaria	1	0	1
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Ukraine	0	0	0
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Belarus	0	0	0
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Belgium	0	0	0
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X-Country Skiing

Men's 10km

1. Bjorn Dahr, Norway, 27 min.

2. Markus Gandler, Austria,

27:35.3

3. Mika Myllylä, Finland, 27:40.1

4. Vladimir Smirnov, Kazakhstan,

27:45.1

5. Thomas Alsgaard, Norway,

27:48.1

6. Jaak Mae, Estonia, 27:56.0

7. Erling Jevne, Norway, 27:58.7

8. Andrus Veerpalu, Estonia,

28:00.0

Same old women's hockey teams battle for brand new title

By Margaret Lillard
Associated Press Writer

NAGANO, Japan — Canada, the United States, Finland, China. The lineup could be taken from a sports history book, except this time the four are playing for Olympic honors in women's ice hockey.

Canada has been the reigning champion, the U.S. team second and Finland third in all four Women's World Championships since the first in 1990. China finished fifth when it entered the tournament in 1992 and has lost to Finland for the bronze each time since.

This is the first time women's hockey has been in the Olympics. With only six teams playing, the top four go directly to the medal round.

History got set to repeat itself in a new venue when China eliminated Sweden with a 3-1 victory Thursday, the United States sent Japan packing 10-0 and Canada settled matters with a 4-2 win over Finland.

The last set of preliminary games Saturday — Canada vs. United States, Finland vs. China — will be a dress rehearsal for the medal round. Sweden plays Japan for bragging rights.

The top two teams consider it something of a breather.

"We've been preparing over the last four or five months with 13 (exhibition) games with the Canadian team, so I don't think there's going to be much different activity in our camp" before Saturday's game, U.S. coach Ben Smith said.

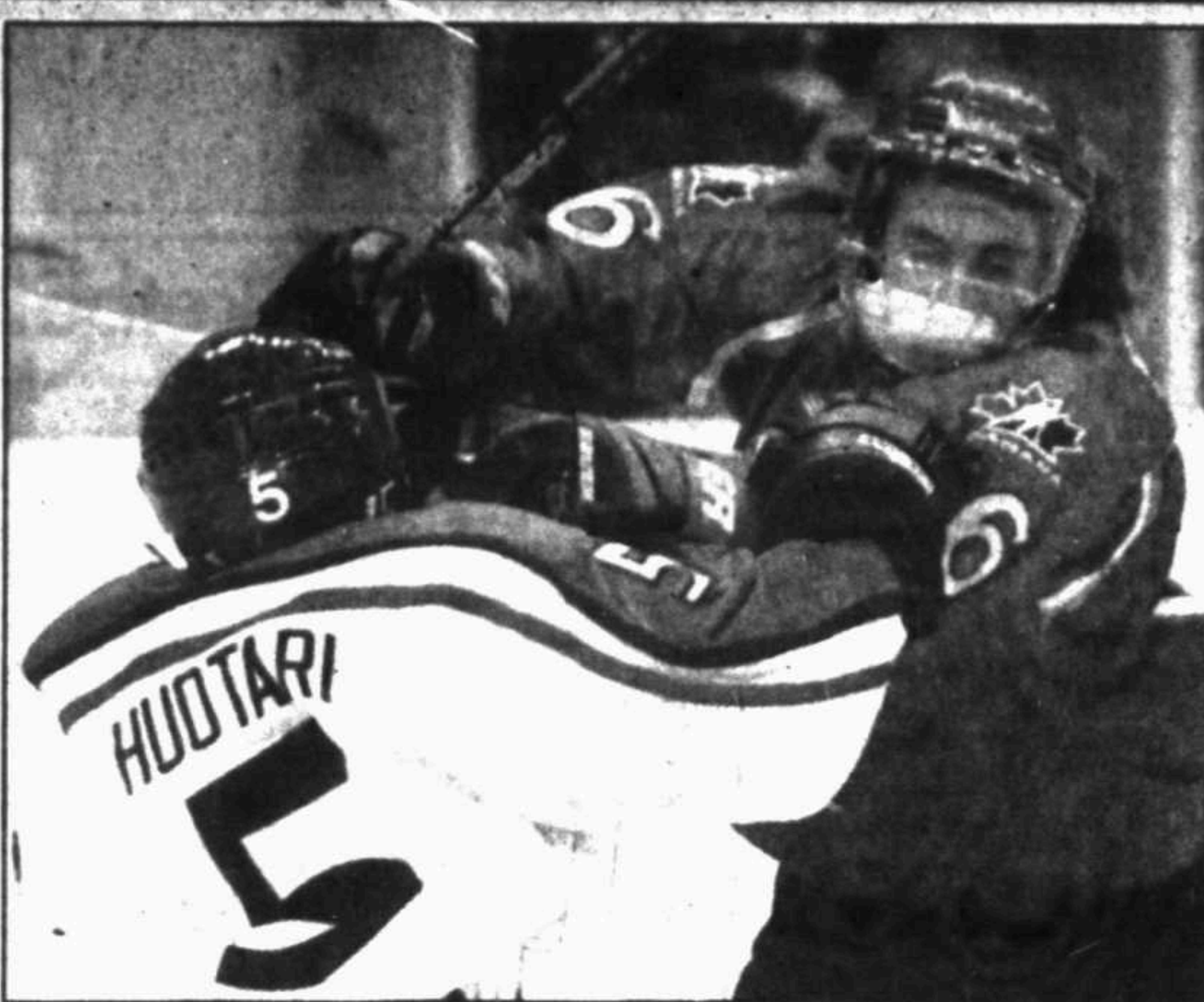
Canadian coach Shannon Miller said she may rest four of her players who are nursing injuries. The rest will play for pleasure.

"It's just another opportunity for two powerhouse teams to go head to head, play real good hockey and have some fun banging each other around," she said.

The teams have become increasingly competitive in the past year. Canada won last spring's Women's World Championship 4-3 in overtime, and seven of 13 pre-Olympic exhibition games. The United States won the invitation Three Nations' Cup, which included Finland, in December.

Finland, too, has posed an increasing threat, tying the United States in preliminary games in the most recent world championship and Three Nations' Cup.

The team had a chance to be the spoiler in the Olympics until pivotal forward Tiia Reima, a playmaker on the top line and a key part of the power play, separated her shoulder in the penalty-filled



Finland's Satu Anne-Marie Huotari and Canada's Jayna Hefford tangle during Canada's 4-2 win in the preliminary round of Olympic women's hockey Thursday in Nagano. Both teams join China and the United States in the medal round.

11-1 defeat of Japan on Monday.

"She's one of the key players. We don't have the same kind of players as the U.S. and Canada, the depth," Finnish coach Rauno Korpi said. "We lost one power play because some of our options on the power play were mainly from (Reima). I couldn't find any player who could play as well."

Therese Brisson's two goals led Canada to its victory. The United States was keyed to its win over Japan by Katie King's three goals.

Brisson fired a slapshot off a power-play faceoff to open the scoring in the first period, then grabbed a loose puck to make it 3-

0 midway through the second. Canada also got goals from Geraldine Heaney and Danielle Goyette, who was the team's leading scorer going into Thursday's game.

The United States wanted to collect as many goals as possible against the hugely overmatched Japanese in case the final standings had to be determined by comparing goals-for to goals-against.

Still, it wasn't a pleasant chore to make the home team look bad. "We knew it could get down to a three-way tie, so we wanted to score around 10 goals," King said. "But it's not a very fun game for us to do that either."

Forsberg father-son team hopes to help Sweden defend title

By Beth Harris
AP Sports Writer

NAGANO, Japan — Feathery passes. Bullet shots into the net. Bone-rattling body checks. They're all part of Peter Forsberg's on-ice arsenal.

The Swede can dazzle and dominate, displaying the skills many believe make him a worthy successor to Wayne Gretzky.

He already possesses the prizes, including one that Gretzky hopes to take from the Nagano Olympics — a gold medal.

Forsberg, a 24-year-old center for the Colorado Avalanche, led Sweden to its first Olympic hockey gold in 1994.

That was just the beginning. He was NHL rookie of the year in 1995, then won the Stanley Cup and made the All-Star team in 1996.

Forsberg is known for his excellent skating and puck-handling skills. Like Gretzky, he possesses an uncanny vision of the ice, always sensing every player's location, then hitting teammates with pinpoint passes.

"You're going to see how dominating he can be on this bigger ice surface," American Mike Modano said.

Sweden was to open defense of its gold medal against the United States on Friday in the first Olympic tournament stocked predominantly with NHL players.

Forsberg is equally talented on offense and defense. Unlike the prototypical European, he's also willing to punish opponents.

"If you want to run and gun, he can score on you. He can put it between your legs, go in on net and make your goalie look like a fool," Modano said. "Then if you want to play the tough game, he can lay someone out."

Kent Forsberg, who first coached his son 11 years ago, is realistic about Peter being called the world's best.

"I'm proud as a father, but I know there's so many players over there (in the NHL)," he said. "Maybe he's the best today. Tomorrow, it'll be someone else."

Kent is in Nagano as more than a dad; he's coaching the Swedes and their roster of 18 NHL players. Despite their family ties, Kent treats Peter the same as every other player in a Three Crowns jersey.

"I don't need to talk to him. I

only look at him on the bench and he says, 'OK, OK,'" Kent said.

"At the rink, he's my coach," Peter said. "We don't talk about that he's my dad. He knows my moves. I'm glad he's on our team."

Before the '94 Lillehammer Games, Gretzky called Forsberg the "best young player in the world" — heady praise from the man regarded as the greatest ever. At the time, Forsberg had yet to play in the NHL.

The shy kid from small-town Sweden proved his idol right. Forsberg scored the winning goal against Canada in a thrilling shootout that culminated the most dramatic gold-medal game in Olympic history.

"I don't think he thinks about pressure. He believes in himself and goes out and does it," teammate Tomas Sandstrom said. "That's what makes him so good."

Forsberg assisted on two power-play goals that left the game tied 2-2 after three periods. It was still even after 10 minutes of overtime, setting up the first championship shootout.

Five players from each team rushed from center ice and shot. Each team scored twice, and another round was necessary. Finally, it came down to two of the best young players in hockey with one shot each — Forsberg and Paul Kariya.

Forsberg lured goalie Corey Hirsch to the right, slipped the puck back to the other side and nudged it past Hirsch's glove into the goal — the defining moment of Forsberg's career so far.

"He tried it in a (Swedish) league game at home and it hit the post," Kent Forsberg said. "I never expected him to take that shot."

"It's not an everyday move, but it worked," Peter recalled. "I don't think it's going to work again. I'm going to have to think of something else."

Kariya, who is out of the Nagano Olympics because of a concussion, tried to tie the score with a high wrist shot. Swedish goalie Tommy Salo kicked up his leg and made the save.

The Swedes charged the ice in jubilation and threw themselves on Salo.

Four years later, Forsberg is ready for another celebration.

Russian Kulik leads after men's short program

By Nancy Armour
AP Sports Writer

NAGANO, Japan — Nobody cracked. Nobody did anything spectacular, either. Maybe they're saving it all for the big showdown.

And what a show it could be. Ilya Kulik with his classical style and strange costumes. Elvis Stojko with his crowd-pleasing, judge-irritating funkiness. Todd Eldredge, with or without his quad, but definitely minus his Olympic blues.

"I went out and skated well, and that's enough for me," said the five-time U.S. champion, who finished behind Kulik and Stojko in Thursday's men's figure skating short program.

"If you make one mistake, you can basically get the flight home tomorrow," he said. "It's real tough if you make a mistake in the short to do what you want to do here. And we all want to win it."

Despite all of his titles and success, Eldredge has never really had that chance. Given an injury bye to the 1992 Games because of a bad back, he was too out of shape to contend at Albertville. He fell on a simple double axel — a jump he could do in his sleep — and finished 10th.

Worse was 1994, when he didn't even qualify after getting the flu at the Olympic trials. He nearly quit, then rededicated himself to the sport and his pursuit of an Olympic gold medal.

But that old sinking feeling came rushing back during his warmups Thursday night when he missed axel after axel. Even his longtime coach, Richard Callaghan, was worried.

So he and Eldredge went backstage, went through the jumps and talked about all of the perfect short programs Eldredge has done. And there are plenty.

Then, when his name was called, he cruised around the ice and breathed deeply. As the strains of music for his new routine to "Les Miserables" began, he looked straight ahead — and went for it.

His first jump was a triple axel-triple toe loop combination. And it was perfect. So was that double axel.

"Not at all like Albertville," he said, laughing. "That's exactly what I was thinking when I went into that double axel. This is nothing like Albertville."

By the time he reached his footwork section,

Eldredge was smiling, playfully weaving his way across the ice. His spins, as usual, were superb. By the end of his final combination spin, he was going so fast he was a blur.

As he came to a stop, the crowd rose in a salute to his program and his perseverance.

"Everybody always thinks of me as a serious skater. I wanted to go out and have a little fun out there and I did," Eldredge said. "I went out, I was aggressive and I made it happen."

Not quite. Though three judges gave Eldredge their first-place votes, four went with Kulik and two went with Stojko. Six judges had Eldredge in third place, putting Stojko ahead on technical merit.

One jump that Eldredge and his coach didn't talk about before the short program still looms as he approaches Saturday's free skate — the quad.

Kulik and Stojko regularly try — and make — the four-turn jump that many see as crucial to a gold medal. But Eldredge has tried it only once in competition, at the U.S. championships last month when he fell on the landing. He argues that the quad is just one part of the program, but he hasn't ruled it out for the free skate.

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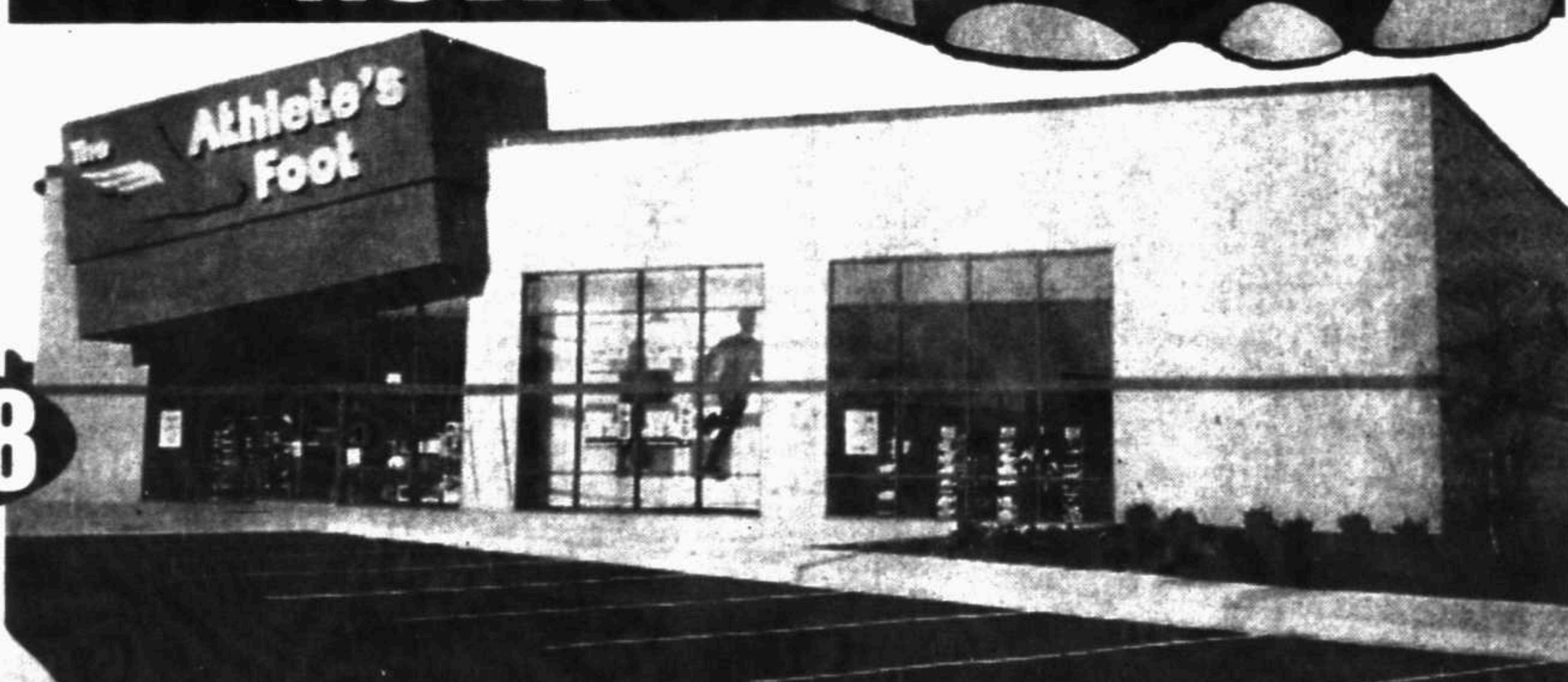
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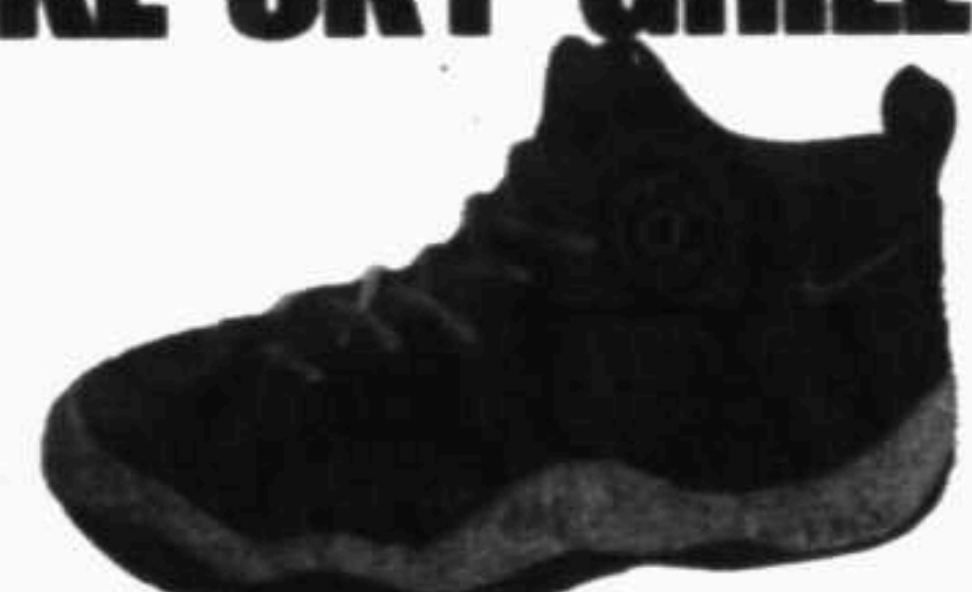
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Rebagliati gets gold medal back

By Ted Anthony
Associated Press Writer

NAGANO, Japan — Clutching his reinstated gold medal over his head and smiling tentatively, Canadian snowboarder Ross Rebagliati promised to change his lifestyle but vowed to stand by friends whether or not they smoke marijuana — the drug that almost got him kicked out of the Olympics.

"I may have to wear a gas mask from now on," Rebagliati said Friday (Thursday night EST), a day after he was reinstated as his rebellious sport's first Olympic champion when an appeals panel overturned a drug test that found traces of marijuana in his system.

Rebagliati, 26, argued successfully that the International Olympic Committee didn't play by the rules when it stripped him of his prize. He said any signs of the drug had come not from marijuana he smoked but from that smoked by friends at a going-away party last month in Whistler, British Columbia.

"I'm definitely going to change my lifestyle. ... I'm not going to change my friends. I don't care what you think about that," he said at a news conference. "My friends are real and I'm going to stand behind them."

He thanked his friends, family and country for backing him during his ordeal.

"The worse the sky came down on me, the more they supported me," he said. "No matter what the outcome was, I was their champion, and that was the most important thing — with or without the medal."

Rebagliati said he was not angry at the IOC and did not seek an apology.

"Any time there's a positive test, there's going to be a lot of questions and going to be a lot of

people on one side or another side," he said. "I think that's just to be expected."

Avoiding the thorny question of recreational drug use, the Court for Arbitration of Sport said Thursday in reinstating Rebagliati that it ruled on one point and one point only: that the IOC, lacking an agreement with the international ski federation on marijuana use, could not strip Rebagliati of his medal.

"It's purely the legal issue. It's not our role to examine the social issues at this stage," said Jean Philippe Rochat, secretary general of the CAS.

"It's a clear message that if the international sports body wants such rules, it has to specify clearly that marijuana is a forbidden substance."

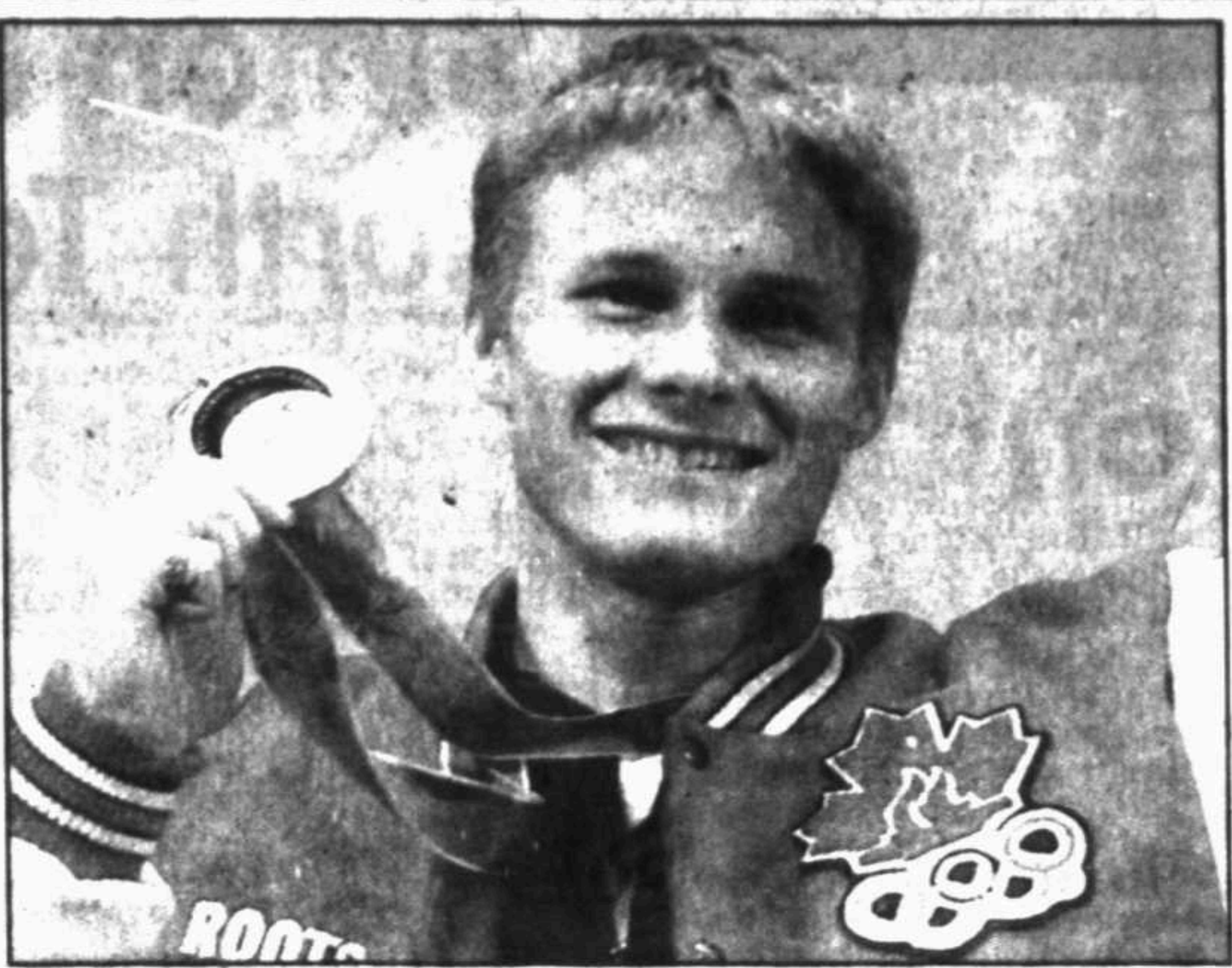
The panel's decision was unanimous, didn't require a vote and cannot be appealed, Rochat said. The IOC said it would comply with the ruling.

"This matter is closed," IOC spokeswoman Michele Verdier said. "We followed our rules, and the court of arbitration followed their rules as well."

Rebagliati had been allowed to keep the medal in his possession pending the outcome of his appeal. Upon learning the result, Letheren said, he pulled it from his front pocket and put it back on.

Rebagliati won the men's giant slalom on Sunday in the first Winter Games at which snowboarding has been a medal sport. As a medal winner, he submitted a urine sample.

On Wednesday, the IOC said it was taking away the medal because the test came back positive for marijuana — 17.8 nanograms per milliliter. Rebagliati says he hasn't smoked



Canadian snowboarder Ross Rebagliati holds up his gold medal after an appeals panel ruled in his favor. He had been stripped of the medal after a drug test showed traces of marijuana in his system.

marijuana since April 1997 and must have inhaled second-hand smoke during a going-away party in Canada late last month.

Carol Anne Letheren, chief of the Canadian Olympic Association, welcomed the decision as fair and insisted it was not a technicality, though she agreed the appeals panel was "ruling on rules." She underscored that her organization's pleasure at the favorable ruling doesn't mean it endorses illegal drug use.

"This could potentially send out a mixed message," Letheren acknowledged. "But what's important here is that this athlete is treated fairly in this competition."

The panel's decision hinged on the legal intricacies of agreements between the IOC and the ski federation.

Both groups include marijuana on their lists of restricted substances. But the two have no formal agreement governing the use of marijuana by Olympic skiers or snowboarders, and Letheren said the ski federation never asked the IOC to test for marijuana. In addition, the IOC used its own Medical Code to

make the decision — again without agreement by the ski federation.

As a result, the panel ruled, the IOC had no power to strip Rebagliati's medal because of the positive marijuana test.

Though nothing indicates Rebagliati came into contact with marijuana in Japan, he also faces a criminal investigation here. He appeared Thursday at the Nakano Police Station near the Shiga Kogen ski area, the snowboarding venue, for questioning, and left after several hours. Letheren said he returned to his hotel while police searched his room.

Marc Hodler, head of the international skiing federation, said in an interview that though his organization opposes marijuana use, the IOC needs to devise a clear, consistent policy on it to prevent a recurrence of the Rebagliati case.

"If a snowboarder has a girlfriend in skating and they have both taken marijuana together, the snowboarder would be disqualified and the skater would get the medal," said Hodler, an IOC executive committee member. "This has to be clearer."

Frenchman captures off-postponed men's downhill skiing event

By Rob Gloster
AP Sports Writer

HAKUBA, Japan — France's Jean-Luc Cretier skied to gold down a treacherous course that sent favorite Hermann Maier crashing through two safety nets Friday as the weather-plagued Olympic men's downhill finally was run after three postponements.

Cretier finished in 1 minute, 50.11 seconds to become the first Frenchman to win the Olympic downhill since Jean-Claude Killy in 1968. Lasse Kjus of Norway was second in 1:50.51 and Hannes Trinkl saved face for the mighty Austrian team by taking the bronze medal in 1:50.63.

"It's not bad for an aging skier like me. It's a proper reward for a tough career," the 31-year-old winner said.

Defending champion Tommy Moe of Jackson, Wyo., finished 12th in 1:51.43, and was happy to turn over his crown to Cretier.

"I'd rather have a Frenchman win it than an Austrian any day," he said.

Only 11 of the first 20 racers were able to finish the race. Seven skiers tumbled off the course at the same spot as Maier, and one was badly hurt.

Days of heavy snow and a night of rain turned the Happo-one course into a sea of ice and slush that left many skiers struggling to keep their balance.

Gusty winds at the top of the course forced officials to delay the start by 50 minutes Friday morning (Thursday night CST) while three dozen workers shoveled frantically to reduce a jump.

Maier lost control on an icy bend shortly before that Alpen jump, which officials altered minutes before the race because they feared the high winds would make the area unsafe.

He flew sideways through the air and barreled through the orange safety nets before stopping. He

walked off the course, but sustained hip and shoulder injuries and a bad headache.

Luca Cattaneo of Italy was not so lucky at that spot, sliding sideways into the safety netting. He bruised his left ankle and was airlifted off the slope, causing a 29-minute halt in the race.

Also careening off the course at that spot were defending world champion Bruno Kernen of Switzerland and AJ Kitt of Boulder, Colo.

Cretier, who was the third starter, was careful at the tricky bend, but almost fell backward later in the race and had to battle to stay upright.

"I was lucky to get through (that spot)," said Cretier, who added that the course was changed from the practice runs at that bend and skiers had to improvise while hurtling down the mountain. "I hope (Maier) did not suffer any injury, but this is part of the downhill race."

It took six days to run the downhill, the glamour race of the Olympics but an event tormented by weather problems in three of the last five Winter Games.

The downhill originally was set for Sunday, but was wiped out by heavy snow. It was reset for Wednesday, then rescheduled for Thursday when more snow pushed back the rest of the Alpine schedule.

On Thursday, winds gusting up to 37 mph and balmy temperatures that turned the slopes to mush wiped out the race again.

The downhill portion of the men's combined event was set for later Friday, with Kjus in position to win his second medal of the day. Austria's Mario Reiter held a lead of 1.81 seconds over Kjus after the slalom portion.

If the skiers can complete the combined downhill and the men's super-G and the women's downhill on Saturday, they will be back on schedule. But the forecast for Saturday is grim: more snow and rain is expected.

SWIMMING: Strauss, Irons draw top seeds

(From 1D)

No. 2 seed in the 200 IM.

For Irons, it is a case of a year older, a year wiser.

"I think I should be a little more prepared," said Irons of entering this year's regionals. "Last year I thought as a freshman there was no way (to have a chance to win)."

Irons — and most of the other swimmers in the region for that matter — doesn't yet have Goodwin's reputation as being the swimmer to beat with no questions asked. She nonetheless is building a track record in her still fledgling high school career which bears watching.

In each of the last two District 4-5A meets, Irons has won both of her events, and with second and third place finishes in last year's regionals, she will be one of the swimmers upon whom attention will be most closely focused.

"I hope I don't disappoint anybody," Irons said. "I hope to break a minute in the fly (she won district in 1 minute, 1.51 seconds). If I do that, more than likely I can go to state."

To do that, Irons will most likely have to win, although a fast second place finish could be

enough to advance to the state meet. The winners of each individual event in each of the 12 regions automatically advance to state. However, there are 16 slots available in each event, meaning that the next four fastest finishers could advance.

Nonetheless, the chances of grabbing a wild card slot in the state meet are remote at best.

"One drawback I see to this meet is it's set up for one person to be successful," said Carson. "I've tried to emphasize that we can have a lifetime best swim and still walk away a winner."

Even a lifetime best swim by opposing swimmers probably won't be enough against Goodwin, at least not in the 100 back. She is a prohibitive favorite in that event, where she broke the regional record last year with a time of 57.21 seconds.

Goodwin isn't that far off that pace now, having won district with a 57.54. It sends notice to the competition of what they're in for.

"I have all the confidence in the world when I put Amber out there head-to-head with somebody," Carson said. "They're going to have to forcibly take it away from her."

At the other end of the spectrum from swim-

mers like Goodwin, Irons, Strauss and MHS senior Paul Urqueta, all of whom have been to regionals, is Midland High freshman Emily Alvarado. Regionals will be a new experience to Alvarado, even though she enters the 200 free as the No. 2 seed.

"It's not a lot faster than district, but I know there's going to be a couple of more faster people," Alvarado said. "I haven't really gotten nervous yet, but I'm sure once I get there I will be."

Midland High and Midland Lee athletes in the Region 1 swimming and diving championships scheduled for today and Saturday at Texas Tech:

Boys
200 medley relay: Lee (Amber Goodwin, Ashley Brasher, Elena Sanchez, Mario Nord), MHS (Ellen Bell, Kasia Binam, Abby Ritchie, Laura Rambo); 200 free: Emily Alvarado, Kristin Carson and Stephanie Wentworth; MHS; Enn Harvey, Lee; 200 IM: Enn Irons, Binam and Ritchie; MHS; Sanchez and Meredith Simmons, Lee; 50 free: Goodwin, Lee; 1-meter diving: Natalie Snow and J. Rignip; MHS; 100 fly: Irons, Bell and Binam; MHS; 100 free: Alvarado; MHS; 500 free: Carson and Wentworth; MHS; Harvey and Heather Barcroft, Lee; 200 free relay: MHS (Irons, Carson, Bell, Alvarado); Lee (Melaissa Crow, Simmons, Brasher, Barcroft); 100 back: Goodwin, Lee, Bell; MHS; 100 breast: Ritchie, MHS; 400 free relay: MHS (Irons, Wentworth, Carson, Alvarado); Lee (Nord, Goodwin, K. Rignip, Barcroft).

Girls
200 medley relay: MHS (Ryan Fiske, Paul Urqueta, Michael McKeller, Patrick Wallace), Lee (Justin Fallon, Adam Jimenez, Scott Carnett, Gregg Strauss); 200 free: Strauss, Lee, Urqueta and Fiske; MHS; 200 IM: McKeller, MHS; Carnett, Fallon and Jimenez; Lee; 50 free: Wallace; MHS; 1-meter diving: Michael Brown; MHS; 100 fly: Urqueta and Brown; MHS; Jimenez; Lee; 100 free: Wallace and Vic Hutchinson; MHS; 500 free: Strauss and Fallon; Lee; Fiske and Jay Ebert; MHS; 200 free relay: MHS (Bo Buskirk, Brown, Hutchinson, Ryan Myers); 100 back: Buskirk; MHS; Scott Proskell; Lee; 100 breast: McKeller; MHS; Carnett; Lee.

WRESTLING: Local boys take shot at state

(From 1D)

looks like a huge tin shack at the corner of Terrell and Missouri streets.

"This place gets pretty cold in the winter," said Gallegos, who wrestled at the University of Colorado. "This is an old warehouse that some guy let us use. These kids have put in an amazing amount of hard work in this room. It's been all guts and no glory."

The number of kids eventually dwindled down to 16 due to many of the first-time wrestlers not realizing all the hard work and practice that goes into the sport. Since the sport is not sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League until next year, the club has had to support themselves with parents and corporate sponsors lending some financial help.

"Fortunately, we've had a lot of support from businesses in the community. Without them a lot of things wouldn't have been possible," said Gallegos, who works for an oil company.

Looking for competition also proved difficult with the club traveling throughout the region and state such as Austin, Amarillo,

Arlington and southern New Mexico. With the state slowly but surely picking up on the sport, finding competition should become easier for the wrestlers.

"Texas is so big, I guess it takes it a while to catch on," Gallegos said. "The thing about wrestling is that it offers kids of all sizes a chance to compete, from 103 to 275 pounds."

Despite all the adversity, this group of kids have a legitimate shot at finally getting the ultimate glory of heading to state.

"We've got some kids who have placed high in tournaments," Gallegos said. "Zach Harris, Adam Wilson and Nathan Young have all placed high this year, and based on that, they have the best shot of getting out of regionals."

Young is one of the many first-time wrestlers of the club. He quickly found out the sport was not a walk in the park.

"I've played football and baseball and it's a whole lot tougher than any one of those sports," said the 15-year-old Young. "The toughest part about it is just learning the sport because it's new."

For Harris and Wilson, they're

like old pros compared to their wrestling mates. Both moved to Midland from out of state where they started competing at a very young age.

"It's little different than what I'm used to," said Harris, 15, who's been wrestling for 11 years. "I think we have a chance to do pretty good in Lubbock."

"Everybody's improved 110 percent and most of these guys haven't wrestled before," said Wilson, also 15. "Until we had a lot of participation by the parents, I had to help out a little bit and help guys keep their spirits up. I'm glad Zach is here to help wrestle with me because he also has experience."

It's the toughness of the sport that first attracted Wilson to the sport eight years ago.

"It's a one-on-one sport. You don't have to depend on anyone else. You're just trying to be the best."

Even though the sport is not under the school's supervision, the school still has to give permission for the kids to wrestle. Gallegos said wrestling will become a U.I.L. sport next year and things should get easier when the schools start taking the sport. Gallegos said he didn't know if the Midland schools will take the sport under their wings or keep it in the club's hands.

Here are the regional participants from the Midland Wrestling Club with weight division, age and high school:

119 pound division — Matt Young, 15, MHS; 125 pounds — Matt Alkhone, 16, MHS; 130 — Nathan Young, 17, MHS; 135 — Zach Harris, 15, Lee; 140 — Bobby Laurent, 17, MHS; Chris Sexton, 16, MHS; 145 — Eric Rose, 14, MHS; 160 — Adam Wilson, 15, Lee; 171 — George Duarte, Lee.

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Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Booster Club's fourth annual Alumni Baseball Game will be Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. at Ernie Johnson Field. All Lee alumni are welcome to come and play. Lunch will be served by the Lee Booster Club at noon. There will also be a Meet the Rebels Day Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Lee High Cafeteria at 7 p.m. Tickets for hot dogs and apple pie will be available at the door. Call Larry Crawford at 694-1279 or 683-4619 to sign up to play or to get information.

The Midland Lee Baseball Booster club will meet each Thursday during the baseball season at 7:30 p.m. in the Lee High School Library.

The Lee Softball Booster Club will meet on the first Thursday of every month. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lee High School Cafeteria.

The Midland High Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings in Conference Room A at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month through April.

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee library.

Golf...

Masters Golf will offer a junior golf clinic during spring break beginning March 10-12. Times are 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for golfers age 9-11 and 11 a.m. to noon for those 12-15. The cost is \$39 and clubs are available if needed. The clinic is limited to the first paid entries per age group. For more information or to sign up, please call 570-4499.

Masters Golf will offer a Valentine's Day Special: Beginning golf lessons for couples. The cost is \$59 a couple and the times are 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The lessons are available to the first four paid couples. Call 570-4499 for more information and to sign up.

Hogan Park Golf Course will host a 27-hole 2-person tournament Feb. 21. Nine holes will be a scramble, nine a low ball and nine an alternate shot format. Play begins at 10 a.m. and players form own teams. All players must have established USGA handicap. Entry deadline is Feb. 18 by 6 p.m. Entry forms are available at the Hogan Park golf shop.

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is \$35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will also be a pre-school exercise class offered in conjunction with the 9 a.m. water aerobics class. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Julie Harvey at 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is offering beginning diving lessons throughout the school year in its indoor heated Olympic Diving Pool. Participants need to be able to swim in deep water. The COM diving program also offers competitive team practice and competitions for most ability levels all year long. Please contact coach Maxwell for more information at 684-7755.

The Alamo YMCA Aquatics Program is offering swimming lessons for all ages. Children are placed in classes according to age and ability. The Skip class, for children three months to three years is a parent participation class while the Pers classes are for children 3-5 and Progressive classes are for children 6 and up. Lessons are also offered for adults. Safety is taught in conjunction with the classes. Group and private lessons are available. For more information, call 694-2528.

The Alamo YMCA is offering water aerobics. Swimming ability is not necessary to participate. For more information, call 694-2528.

COM Aquatics - Learn to Swim year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details.

Volleyball...

Registration for YMCA youth volleyball for boys and girls in grades 3-8 is underway. The fee is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551.

Basketball...

The Boys & Girls Club of Midland is offering a youth coed basketball league for children in the following grade divisions: 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th. The league is scheduled to start this month. Registration is now being taken for all three grade divisions. A \$15 fee will be charged. This fee includes the 1998 Club membership, 10-game season, t-shirt and tournament. Participants may register at any of the club's three locations. Registration will continue until all teams are filled. For more information call one of the clubs nearest you after 2 p.m. daily - Half Park Unit, 110 E. New Jersey, 683-5297; Taylor Park Unit, 1321 S. Goode, 683-0050; NE/YMCA Unit, 2800 Butternut, 682-8469. Volunteer coaches are needed for all three grade divisions.

St. Mary Central Catholic School in Odessa will conduct the SMCCS Indoor 3-on-3 Tournament on March 21. The entry fee is \$80 per team and the deadline is March 14 and limited to the first 16 teams to play. Call Manny Salazar at 580-5704 or 557-2833.

The 6 Feet and Under Championship Basketball Tournament is scheduled for Feb. 21-22 at Miles High School in Miles. The entry fee is \$90 per team with a 10-player limit. The format for the tournament is double elimination with NCAA rules. Deadline to enter is Feb. 18. To enter, call (915) 657-0463 and ask for him from 6 a.m.-2:30 p.m. or Shane from 3-11 p.m.

Blue Chip Girls Basketball Spring '98 Shootout is coming to Texas Christian University Saturday and Sunday March 14-15. The two-day shootout is a high exposure event designed for the student athlete who aspires to play at the college level. The athletes will play three games on teams that are coached by area basketball coaches. For additional information or an application, please call Sports Camps Inc., at 610-446-3636 or the site director, Jim Brunjack at 817-329-0263.

The Midland Lee Youth Center is holding midweek basketball for boys and girls in grades 4-12 this summer June 23-August 1. Monday-Friday from 6-11 p.m. All adults interested in coaching should attend a meeting Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Midland Youth Center. The entry fee is \$100 per team. For more information, call Barbara Phillip at 689-1175.

Soccer...

The Force United (girls U-11) Soccer Club will hold tryouts Feb. 20-21 to fill openings on the team. Team is for girls born between Aug. 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987. If interested call Kelly Hunter at 367-1142.

Softball...

Umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Find out more by contacting Mack Gipson at 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at 694-5508.

The Midland Softball Association Spring Organizational Meeting will be held on Feb. 24 at the Holiday Inn. Entry Fee for the 12-game season will be \$250 and games will begin April 6. Call the Midland Softball Association at 683-8741 for information.

Signups for the Midland United Girls Softball's Spring Season will take place at Midland Park Mall Feb. 14-15. All Saturday signups will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. while Sunday signups will last from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The last chance to sign up for the MUGS spring season will be Feb. 23-26 at the MUGS Complex from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information call Robin Askew at 686-7025.

The West Texas Heat 11 and under girls fastpitch team is holding spring tryouts this month to fill openings for the upcoming season. The team will be participating in the B division during the upcoming season and playing in the competitive division of the Midland Odessa Competitive League. For more information, call Murray Hambrick at 570-7914 or 687-4018.

The West Texas Wind Fundraiser Tournament is scheduled March 13-15 at Hidalgo Park. The men's tournament is a double elimination format with a three home run limit. There will be a home run derby Saturday, March 14 at noon. The entry fee is \$125 with a March 11 deadline. For more information, call Terry Legendre at 694-1501 after 5 p.m.

The Midland Softball Association will host the A-1 Embroidery Classic Softball Tournament March 20-22. The tournament has a two-game guarantee with a \$110 entry fee. Class C and D rule will apply. Entry deadline is March 18. For more information, call 683-8741 or 520-8409.

Baseball...

The Midland Junior Baseball Association will hold signups on Feb. 14 for all area players. The signup includes T-Ball (ages 5-6),

M-Ball (age 7), Little League (8-12), Junior League (age 13), Senior League (14-15) and Big League (16-18). Signups will be at Crestview Baptist Church Student Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Applications will be available at Stadium Sports and Play It Again Sports for late signups through the end of February. For more information, call Bill Rigney at 687-3133. Please, do not call Crestview Baptist Church.

The Midland Challenger Little League Division, for ages 6-18 with physical or mental disabilities, begins play March 31 at the North Central Little League's Kelly Field, off Loop 250 behind Putt-Putt Golf. Players are assisted by buddies. Buddies can receive community service hours. The league needs buddies and coaches. Call 697-6536 if interested. Players may register at the Crestview Baptist Church Activities Building on Feb. 14.

Football...

Quanah High School needs a varsity opponent in football for the fourth game next year. Interested parties can contact coach Jim Wood at Quanah High School at 940-663-2791.

Tennis...

The USTA Adult Leagues for men, women and mixed doubles and seniors play starts in April. Captains meetings are on Feb. 16-19. For more information, call coordinators Juanell Fort at 686-0277 and Lance Armstrong 687-4046.

There will be a UTSA Rating Clinic on Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. For location and sign up information, call Lance Armstrong at 687-4046 or Juanell Fort at 686-0277.

Mike Carter and Kevin O'Shea from TTA will be conducting an inservice Feb. 20 on the different USTA/TTA programs designed to help introduce the game of tennis to beginner players of all ages. Tennis pros, tennis coaches, P.E. coaches, volunteers can pick or choose the inservice of interest. Please RSVP by Feb. 18. You may call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360. Scheduled: 2:30-3:30 p.m., "Scoop it up" and levels 1, 2 & 3; 3:30-5 p.m., clinicians training for school assemblies. The inservice meetings will be held at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club.

Beginner tennis classes at \$4 an hour for grades (K-3rd), (4th-6th), (7th & up) from Monday through Wednesday, 4-5 p.m.; Tuesdays through Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. Fridays will be "Scoop It Up play day" from 4-6 p.m. Sessions will be held Feb. 23-April 10 and deadline to register Feb. 17. Lessons are also available for all ages and levels March 7-12. For more information call 689-2237 or 683-5360 and ask for Luis Valdez at Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club.

Miscellaneous...

The Flatlanders Ski Club is planning the following trips: Telluride, Colo., Feb. 18-22; Lake Louise, Canada, March 22-29 and New Zealand, July 24-Aug. 1.

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755.

The Alamo YMCA Gymnastics Program is offering classes for all age groups from toddlers to age 17. Parent-tot, beginners, advanced beginners, pre-teams and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528.

"The I Luv to Run" Fun Run held by the Permian Basin Road Runners Club is scheduled for Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. starting at Chaparral Center. Registration will be from 1-1:45. There will be a three-mile race and a one-mile race for kids. The cost will be \$2 for kids, \$3 for PBRRC members and \$5 for non-members. For more information, call Jerry Dutchover at 520-6188 or Al Steel at 550-9063.

The Permian Basin Bicycle Association will be meeting Monday, Feb. 16 at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification (CEED) building. Program at 7:30 p.m. by David Ham of Peyton's Bikes who will show the newest bikes, components and accessories. On Feb. 22 at 2 p.m., the Permian Basin Bicycle Association will have its Friendship Ride. Meet at Scharbauer Elementary School at teh Grasslands in Midland. Plan on a 1.5 hour. For more information call 699-1718 or 697-5533.

The Midland Colts Semi-Pro football team will be practicing at Alamo High Junior High every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. Spectators are welcome.

Simon denies he's out as North Texas football coach

DENTON (AP) — Denying a published report that he is out as University of North Texas football coach, Matt Simon defends his performance despite a disappointing past season.

A source told the Denton Record-Chronicle on condition of anonymity in Wednesday's copyright report that Simon will not return this fall because UNT players and administrators lack confidence in him.

"I have done a great job here with the resources I have been given," Simon told The Dallas Morning News on Wednesday. "I brought this program out of the dark and into the light. I've brought them from I-AA status to I-A."

"When the playing field's level, I'm 10-5-1" in conference games, he said. "We've been Division I on a I-AA budget."

But he told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram he's disagreed with UNT athletic director Craig Helwig on a number of critical issues.

"We're miles apart on some things," said Simon. "We've met. We've talked. He knows where I stand, but Craig and I don't have knock-down-drag-outs. We go in, talk and disagree."

Helwig issued a statement Wednesday that did not confirm or deny the Record-Chronicle's report.

"Matt Simon is still the football coach at the University of North Texas and until an official announcement is made, we have no further comment," Helwig said in the statement.

The statement does not mean an announcement was pending, Helwig said. But he again refused com-

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ment on Simon's job status.

"I understand that there have been a lot of rumors and speculation and that kind of stuff has been there before," Helwig said. "The issue is, we're not in a position to speculate about Matt Simon's future."

The newspaper reported that Simon would resign or be reassigned within the athletic department as early as next week.

Firing Simon, according to the report, was not considered an option because UNT would have to honor his contract. It amounts to \$115,464 a year through the year 2000.

"I have no idea about any of that kind of garbage," Simon said. "I think you've got a lot of rumors circulating."

Simon, as Mean Green head coach for four seasons, has an 18-26-1 overall record. The Eagles were 4-7 last season.

For Simon's first season in 1994, North Texas was 7-4-1 and won the Southland Conference championship. In 1995, North Texas moved up from I-AA to I-A and began play in the Big West Conference in 1996.

Notes: Former Midland Lee stars Cory Pertile and Fred Pertile are football players at North Texas. Brian Boyd, a tight end and senior at Lee, recently signed to play at North Texas.

MHS: Lady Dawgs own most recent win

(From 1D)

"We want a big crowd out there. This situation is a playoff game. I don't care if we play at seven o'clock in the morning with no one in the stands, it's do or die and I think the girls know that."

Despite a string of close losses, including three district defeats this season by a total of seven points, Midland High hasn't packed it in yet. It might have been the ultimate test of character for the Lady Dawgs Tuesday night to travel to Abilene and have to win a game against a team which beat them by three at home earlier in the season. After three tight quarters, MHS finally took the upper hand in the fourth quarter and won decisively.

That win alone could be a tremendous morale booster.

"We should have some momentum," Raughton said. "We'd lost three close games in a row and it would have been easy for these girls to say we can't win."

Yet, Midland High won its biggest game of the season to date on the road. Coupled with the fact that Cooper (16-12, 7-5) defeated the Lady Dawgs 49-46 at the MHS gym on Jan. 16, and home court hasn't meant much in this particular matchup.

"We're not worried about having to go on the road," said Cooper coach Kirk Ellis. "It's a normal district trip for us so that's no big factor. To us this season home court has not meant a great deal."

It certainly didn't phase the

Lady Dawgs Tuesday, least of all junior Heidi Lange, who pumped in a career-high 30 points to carry Midland High offensively.

In that regard, Lange outdid Cooper's Catherine Weir, who is averaging 22.5 points a game this season. Weir ripped through the Lady Dawgs for 19 points in the first half Tuesday, but MHS held her scoreless in the second half.

The Lady Dawgs ran some box-and-one on Weir and used several fresh defenders on her, but Raughton won't tip his hand on how he plans on defending her this time.

"Whatever we do defensively we've got to know where Catherine Weir is," Raughton said. "There's an old saying 'Fatigue makes cowards of us all' so we do want to keep fresh people in the game."

While Weir is a cinch for all-district and a leading candidate for district MVP, Lange looks likely to join her on the all-district team. Tuesday's performance probably clinched it for Lange, who leads the Lady Dawgs in scoring with 14.3 points a game.

What could help Midland High tonight is that it seems as though Lange has saved her best for Cooper. In Cooper's win over the Lady Dawgs earlier, Lange still scored 16 points.

"(Cooper) may change some things defensively to shut Heidi down and that's what we're going to have to prepare for," Raughton said. "If someone got 30 on me, I'd think about a new way to defend them."

BOYS: Rebels, Panthers fight for lives

(From 1D)

as four teams fight for two playoff berths.

"It could come down to a mini-tournament," House said. "Last year, we had to win five in a row to get into the playoffs and now we need two or more this year. It's like going to Vegas and getting two the hard way. If we have a four-way tie, we would flip between the four teams and the losers leave town (play on the road)."

The last time Lee and Permian met, the Rebels had to erase a 17-point Mojo lead to win the game.

"We've beaten Permian twice this year, so it's really hard to beat a team three times," House said. "It'll be tough. The last one wasn't easy."

Permian coach Gary Bridges said last year after a Lee-Permian district playoff game, "When Lee and Permian play, it's always a battle. They've been to the playoffs a lot recently (five consecutive years) and we haven't. We're trying to get there."

And that's where the teams stand again this year. Permian is

now a hot item in 4-5A after Midland High's forfeit put the Panthers back in the district running.

"Permian was a down and out team until they got that forfeit," said Cooper coach Dan Harris. "Now they are playing like a team on fire. Midland High's forfeit didn't help anyone but Permian."

About the only worries that the Bulldogs have for the last regular season game is the status of starting sophomore guard Blake Johnston, who received a concussion against Abilene Cooper when he was hit in the head by a swinging elbow.

"I would say right now that Blake won't play against Odessa High," said MHS coach Jack Stephenson. "I think he will be OK, but he still had headaches on Wednesday. We'll keep a watch on him and see how things go."

If Johnston is out, Stephenson will fill in with a trio of players. Camar Jackson, Patrick Anderson and Josh Fernau will all see duty in Johnston's place. Johnston missed eight games earlier this year with a leg injury and the Bulldogs didn't lose a game during that stretch.

AREA: Mustangs try to hang onto second

(From 1D)

the Balmorhea.

Rankin (18-9) and Irion County (16-9) split games in district play.

Rankin won the district opener over the defending district champs, 59-51 en route to a first-half. IC returned the favor, handing Rankin its only loss of the district season, 59-37.

"The second game (between us in) district, Irion County made adjustments to counter what hurt them in the first game," Hooker said. "We are going to make adjustments to counter what they brought on Feb. 3."

GREENWOOD ONE STEP CLOSER: The Greenwood boys are one step closer to taking the second-place spot in District 4-3A after Tuesday's 63-53 win over Colorado City.

Today, Greenwood battles 4-3A's cellar dweller, Reagan County (13-16, 0-8). Greenwood (16-11 overall) is tied with Crane at 5-3 in

district and a win today could set up a showdown next Tuesday with the Golden Cranes at Greenwood.

ANDREWS VS. LAKE VIEW: The Andrews boys basketball team is in a peculiar spot today against San Angelo Lake View.

Tuesday, the Mustangs were playing for the outright lead in District 4-4A. However a 65-50 loss at Sweetwater ruined that opportunity.

Today, the Mustangs (14-16) travel to Lake View (19-8) for a battle between second-place teams in district, and suddenly the Mustangs find themselves one loss away from going from a tie for first to alone in third. Lake View, which has won six straight, won the first meeting between the two teams.

LADY BUFFS CAN CLINCH: The Stanton girls clinched a tie for the District 6-2A title with a resounding 69-16 win over McCamey. Now, Ron Mayberry's team goes for the whole thing today at 5:30 p.m. against Tornillo.

The team which wins tonight most likely will be the one which receives production from more than just Lange or Weir. They were the only two players to score in double figures Tuesday.

As far as Midland High is concerned, sophomore Rebecca Nobles and freshman Edrea Rogers — who had seven points Tuesday night — would appear most likely to pick up the slack with their outside shooting.

"I think the whole thing comes down to putting the ball in the basket and even though we've had some poor shooting performances I still think we are a good shooting team," Raughton said.

Midland High Statistics

(16-11, 7-5)					
Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Heidi Lange	27	141	84	385	14.3
Rebecca Nobles	27	113	61	291	10.8
Edrea Rogers	27	58	15	145	5.4
Michelle Acosta	26	45	45	138	5.3
Morgan Kelley	27	54	30	138	5.1
Blanca Lane	23	35	35	105	4.5
Sonia Castillo	26	36	27	103	4.0
Tawney Foy	27	41	9	99	3.7
Landsey Jones	24	19	15	53	2.2
Elizabeth Green	22	9	2	22	1.0
Misty Calhoun	16	4	7	15	0.9
Erin Rogers	5	2	0	4	0.8
Clanissa Leonard	5	1	0	4	0.8

Three-Point Goals

Lange 19, Edrea Rogers 14, Nobles 4, Foy 4, Acosta 1.

Midland Lee Statistics

(7-19, 3-9)					
Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Maureen Strambler	26	135	77	389	15.0
Tamika Thurman	15	66	34	168	11.3
Rochelle Warren	22	56	26	139	6.3
Valerie Morgan	26	57	27	135	5.2
Heather Wells	20	41	11	95	4.9
Christina Brown	25	37	21	95	3.8
Dee Frazier	26	22	19	70	2.7
Danielle Dickey	13	11	7	32	2.5
Julie Jay	24	13	18	42	1.8
Andrea Long	23	10	5	33	1.4
Clanissa Valenzuela	20	9	6	27	1.4
Allison Newton	23	7	5	19	0.8
Katie McLane	20	5	6	16	0.8

Three-Point Goals

Strambler 42, Frazier 7, Wells 4, Long 4, Thurman 3, Valenzuela 1, Dickey 1.

Midland High Statistics

Midland High Statistics					
(27-2, 10-1)					
Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Kirby Lamons	29	306	125	739	25.5
Charles Tatum	29	199	73	546	18.8
Jay Christian	29	154	83	407	14.0
Blake Johnston	21	43	26	117	5.6
Ross Nobles	29	37	28	125	4.3
Patrick Anderson	29	48	11	109	3.8
Camar Jackson	29	38	10	87	3.0

BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Thursday \$15.96
Previous Close \$16.15
Year Ago \$21.86

POSTED
Today \$14.00
Previous Close \$13.75
Year Ago \$20.00

NATURAL GAS PRICES
Thursday \$2.288

Prices fall

NEW YORK — Crude oil futures fell Thursday for the fourth consecutive session, approaching the three-year low of \$15.70 hit in late January, amid diminishing fears that a military strike on Iraq will disrupt Middle East oil supply.

Crude oil for March delivery closed down 19 cents a barrel at \$15.96. Heating oil lost .49 cent to 44.57 cents a gallon, while unleaded gasoline fell 0.69 cent to 49.48 cents a gallon.

Oil fell Wednesday after Iraq indicated willingness to compromise in a dispute over United Nations inspectors' access to its weapons sites. There were no significant developments in Iraq Thursday, but that gave oil traders the confidence to push prices lower.

Natural gas prices were higher, with contracts for delivery in March settling at \$2.288 per 1,000 cubic feet, up 5 cents.

MCE course

An MCE Real Estate Update course will be offered Feb. 21 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Feb. 22 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 3303 N. Midkiff Suite 268.

The course is open to all area real estate agents and brokers and has been approved for 15 hours of MCE credit, with 12 hours focusing on legal topics.

Cost is \$119 and information is available by calling 697-7277.

Dollar mixed

NEW YORK — The dollar rose against the Japanese yen Thursday amid rumors that Japanese officials can't assemble as strong a fiscal stimulus package as presumed.

The dollar fell against the German mark, which was bolstered by the yen's overall weakness. The dollar also fell against the British pound as traders decided they liked the prospect of higher British interest rates, which would make British assets and its currency more attractive.

In late New York trading, the dollar rose to 124.53 Japanese yen from 123.48 yen late Wednesday. The dollar also was changing hands in New York at 1.8083 German marks, down from 1.8187.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Wednesday: 1.4531 Swiss francs, down from 1.4620; 6.0619 French francs, down from 6.0935; 1.786 Italian lire, down from 1.794.25 and 1.4382 Canadian dollars, up from 1.4330.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.6387, up from \$1.6327.

Cola growth

NEW YORK — Coca-Cola Co. widened its lead in the \$54.7 billion U.S. soft drink market last year, but Pepsi-Cola Co.'s Mountain Dew was the fastest growing major brand, two top industry watchers said.

Coca-Cola brands including Coca-Cola Classic, Diet Coke, Sprite and Barq's collectively accounted for a record 43.9 percent of the domestic soft drink market in 1997, according to the Beverage Digest/Maxwell report released Thursday. Similar findings were reported by Beverage Marketing Corp.

Meanwhile, Pepsi-Cola's brands lost ground. Their collective market share fell 0.1 percentage point to 30.9 percent, the report said. However, Mountain Dew leaped ahead of Sprite and Dr Pepper to claim fourth place among all soft drinks.

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Dow climbs 55 points to third record

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Blue-chip stocks drove the market higher Thursday, notching a third straight session of record highs despite a shaky day in Southeast Asia that jostled confidence in that region's fragile recovery.

The Dow Jones industrial average overcame some early profit-taking for the second day in a row, erasing a 76-point deficit before closing 55.05 higher at 8,369.60. The Dow, which before Tuesday hadn't set a record in six months, has now closed at new highs for three consecutive sessions.

By midday, the market seemed headed for its first sizable setback in weeks. But with plenty of money caught on the

sidelines during the recent rally, bargain-hunters quickly moved to capitalize on the decline.

"There's a lot of fear out there on the part of portfolio managers who do have some cash," said Bill Meehan, chief market analyst for Cantor Fitzgerald. "Whenever you have a rally, it tends to snowball as portfolio managers grow afraid of missing their benchmarks."

Thursday's turnaround was largely a blue-chip affair, however, with declining issues outnumbering advances on the broad market, and smaller-company barometers barely posting a gain.

"We would like to see (the rally) broaden out here to have a sense that this is a meaningful upleg for the market, not necessarily just the 'Nifty-Fifty,' (big

companies)," said Charles White, portfolio manager at Avatar Associates. Still, he added, "it's hard to make a real bearish case," excluding external factors such as Iraq, "which can be introduced at any time."

Underscoring the recent change in sentiment, the sudden disruption in the rebound on Asian financial markets — an occurrence that might have sent Wall Street into a tailspin a few weeks ago — produced only modest profit-taking on Thursday.

"There are probably other shoes to drop (in the Asian economic crisis), but people are not as horrified about the impact it will have on the U.S. market," said White.

Retail stocks helped lead Thursday's

rebound, bolstered by a government report showing that overall retail sales rose a disappointing 0.1 percent in January, but that department store sales rose 1.6 percent, the biggest gain in 13 months.

Advancing issues barely outnumbered decliners on the New York Stock Exchange, while decliners finished with a small lead in Nasdaq trading. NYSE volume totaled 611.48 million shares.

The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 4.13 to 1,024.14, the NYSE composite index rose 1.86 to 532.61, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 5.79 to 1,714.34.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose just 0.38 to 452.40, and the American Stock Exchange composite index rose 1.82 to 686.15.

Prudential may become publicly held

N.Y. Times News Service

NEWARK, N.J. — Prudential Insurance Co. of America, the biggest U.S. life insurer, is considering becoming a publicly traded company to increase its value to policyholders who suffered from the firm's billion-dollar scandals.

The 125-year-old insurer would follow rival Equitable Cos., which in 1992 became a shareholder-owned company instead of a mutual owned by policyholders. "Demutualizing" would "distribute the full value of the company," Chairman and Chief Executive Arthur Ryan said. Prudential could be worth \$30 billion as a public company, according to some analysts.

Prudential, once called "The Rock" for its financial stability, lost its "AAA" credit rating and reputation as one of the nation's most admired companies following a series of government investigations in the 1990s. The company admitted to billing brokerage and insurance customers, and agreed to pay more than \$1.4 billion to settle claims.

The cost of resolving improper sales practices at Prudential Insurance and its Prudential Securities Inc. unit reduced the money the parent had to pay dividends to its policyholders. In recent years, Prudential paid lower dividends than rivals Guardian Life Insurance Co. and Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co.

There's no guarantee the company will complete the demutualization plan. Even if it does, analysts questioned whether investors would want to own the company.

"There are two conflicting situations here," said Charles Vincent, a financial services analyst at PNC Asset Management. "One is that Prudential is a great name and people see it as a huge financial company with immense resources. On the other hand, the name has been tarnished by questionable practices by the sales staff. That could be a hidden liability."

The Newark, New Jersey-based company said that policy holders would get stock, cash or increased policy benefits if the company goes public.



Continental Airlines President Greg Brenneman talks with the media after awarding approximately \$36 million in profit sharing to Houston-based employees.

Profit checks don't ease Continental pilots' fears

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Continental Airlines Gate 46 at Houston's Bush Intercontinental Airport pulled double duty on Thursday.

First it was cake, balloons and streamers as airline executives handed out \$105 million in profit sharing checks averaging \$3,000 to \$4,000 each to cheering employees.

Two hours later, 100 Continental pilots lined up at the gate to protest the carrier's planned alliance with Northwest Airlines, which gives the Minneapolis-based carrier a 15 percent stake in Continental, the nation's fifth-largest carrier.

Independent Association of Continental Pilots say the alliance is nothing more than a precursor to a merger, making the union even more leery of why job security provisions haven't been ironed out in seven months of contract talks. The pilots' contract with Continental expired July 1.

"Today, we are still without that contract and because of the so-called alliance agreement our management signed with Northwest Airlines our future is more cloudy than ever," said Len Nikolai, the pilots union president.

Nikolai's group is worried that without a job security provision, any takeover of Continental would mean the pilots either

would lose their seniority against the successor's pilots or be the first to be laid off.

Continental has insisted no merger is in the works. Nikolai says strike ballots are in the mail to its 5,000 members although several hurdles need to be crossed before any strike could occur. The National Mediation Board, now overseeing the Continental negotiations, would have to release the pilots union from talks.

Continental President Greg Brenneman, one of several executives handing out the profit sharing checks earlier at Gate 46, remained confident over the future of the talks but tight-lipped about progress.

Retail spending starts off slowly in 1998

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumers appear to be pulling back a bit in 1998 after spending strongly in 1997. A slump in auto sales offset a surge at department stores, holding retail spending overall to a tepid 0.1 percent increase in January.

The rise in retail spending, to a seasonally adjusted \$214.8 billion, followed a moderate 0.3 percent gain in December and a tiny 0.1 percent advance in November, the Commerce Department said Thursday. Both earlier months had previously been reported as stronger.

"We are talking about a consumer who has not been a pacesetter these last several months," said economist Robert Dederick of Northern Trust Co. in Chicago. "The consumer hasn't been on a tear

since the third quarter."

Still, there's little evidence the retreat is anything more than a natural slowdown following robust spending last year, he said. Asia's widely reported financial problems may have unsettled the American stock market for a time, but they haven't discouraged consumers, who are enjoying solid income growth and a plentiful supply of jobs.

Separately, the Labor Department said new claims for unemployment benefits edged down to 303,000 last week from 305,000 the week before. Economists are careful not to read too much into weekly fluctuations, but they note claims have been at or near 300,000 for the past three weeks. A four-week moving average of claims dipped to its lowest level in 3 1/2 months.

"Labor markets remain tight," said economist Cheryl R. Katz of Merrill Lynch.

The retail sales mix in January largely reversed the December pattern. Many merchants were disappointed with holiday sales. Receipts fell 0.4 percent at department stores in December and 0.1 percent at clothing and specialty shops. However, a burst of auto buying — up 1.8 percent — saved the month for retailing, which represents roughly a third of the nation's economic activity.

In January, discounts drew shoppers back to department stores, where sales rose 1.6 percent, the biggest gain in 13 months. Clothing shops posted a 0.7 percent increase, the best in five months. But auto sales fell 1.1 percent.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Brokerage analyst projections are notoriously optimistic

By Eric Tyson

Q: Is it worth following the predictions of brokerage analysts as to the likely future profits of a public company?

A: Brokerage analyst recommendations are notoriously optimistic.

A recent Dremman Value Management study compared analysts' annual earnings estimates for each of the past 15 years to the companies' subsequent reported profits. Corporate profits registered an annualized 7.7 percent increase; meanwhile, analysts had been forecasting an increase of nearly 22 percent per year during that time!

Such analysts are under pressure to be optimistic because their employers, the major investment banks, try to secure business — stock and bond offerings — from the very companies they produce "research reports" on. If an investment bank is perceived as not

being enthusiastic enough about a company's prospects, company officials can direct their business to a competitor that is more upbeat.

If you're going to invest in individual stocks, check out the Value Line Investment Survey, which can be found at most public libraries. Value Line produces excellent one-page summaries of companies' financial affairs, including estimates for the years ahead.

Value Line analysts are independent of the investment banking world. Although I haven't seen an analysis of their track record for corporate profits estimates, the track record of their stock selections over the years leads me to believe Value Line analysts' earnings estimates are much closer to the mark than those of investment-bank analysts.

Q: I am a regular reader of your column and have noticed that on a couple of occasions when discussing the new Roth individual retirement accounts, you mentioned that even though such IRAs sound good at this point, it is possible that the government down the road could decide to tax withdrawals

from these accounts. If that comes to pass, how would it be any worse than the traditional IRAs, whose withdrawals are already taxable?

You are the only columnist I've read who has mentioned this possibility.

A: If you qualify for contributions to a traditional IRA, they give you an immediate tax deduction; contributions to a Roth IRA do not. That's the difference.

For tax year 1998, the people who qualify for traditional IRA contributions are single people with adjusted gross incomes of \$30,000 or less and married couples filing jointly with AGIs of \$50,000 or less. If your AGI is higher, you still can take a traditional IRA tax deduction if you are not an active participant in an employer's retirement plan.

In the event that Roth IRA withdrawals ever became taxable, then a traditional IRA offering you a tax deduction today for your contributions is probably the better choice.

You can run some numbers comparing how much money you're likely to end up with under the two options.

If you can't take the tax deduction for the traditional IRA, then it makes sense to fund a Roth IRA instead.

My point is not to scare people away from Roth IRAs, but I do think it's worth noting, as few others have done, that by abandoning a traditional IRA in favor of a Roth IRA, you are trading a sure thing for a promise.

The tax breaks that come with a traditional IRA (deductible contributions) are immediate and can't be taken away once utilized. In contrast, the tax breaks that come with a Roth IRA (tax-free withdrawals) are not realized until you retire. And if my observations of tax law over the years have taught me anything, it is that Congress loves to tinker with the tax code.

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THE MARKET REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least \$5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 20 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields rotated through the week, as follows:

Names: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter.

Let's: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.

YTD: Percent change in price since December 31.

Net: Use the year-to-date percent change compares the most recent price with the company's price as of Dec. 31. This number is a good way to compare and track the performance of different companies in the same industry or the same town.

Benchmarks are important in investing and the year-to-date percent change can be a useful field of information when used as a benchmark. If you were considering investing in the automotive industry, for example, you could watch to see which auto stock was enjoying the best performance so far this year by looking at this field.

These numbers can be helpful in following stocks but as with all financial data are only one of many factors to use in determining how to invest. Consult your financial advisor before making any investment decision.

Stock Footnotes: a - PE greater than 90; b - Loss in last 12 mos; c - New 52-week low during trading day; d - Dividend in 90 days; e - Stock price in U.S. \$ - New issue in past 90 days; f - Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 90 days; g - Dividend yield of 1 percent or more; h - New high during trading day; i - Trading halted on primary market; Unless noted, dividend rates are annual dividends based on last declaration; j - Preferred; k - Holder owns installment of purchase price; l - Rights; m - Units; n - When distributed; w - When issued; w - Warrants; w - With warrants; w - Without warrants.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NYSE

Most Active (\$1 on stock)	Vol	Last	Chg
Compas 205555	35 1/2	-1/4	
Compas 100223	49 1/2	-1 1/4	
Microm 70418	35 1/2	-1 1/4	
AT&T 68829	62 1/2	+1 1/4	
GenElec 5471	78 1/2	+1 1/4	

GAINERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Carson	8 1/2	+1 1/2	+15.3
Planty	10 1/2	+1 1/2	+13.8
Dynabrg	10 1/2	+1 1/2	+13.8
Westw	13 1/2	+1 1/2	+12.8
CheEng	6 1/2	+1 1/2	+11.6

LOSERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Indones	5 1/2	-3/4	-11.5
Puma	7 1/2	-1/2	-10.7
Plum	11 1/2	-1/2	-10.0
IR Int'l	2 1/2	-1/2	-8.5
NMdia	2 1/2	-1/2	-8.3

Advanced	1,448	Decided	1,432	Unchanged	580	Total issues	3,460	New Highs	171	New Lows	11
Volume	723,272,520	Volume	40,992,850	Volume	769,561,700						

AMEX

Most Active (\$1 on stock)	Vol	Last	Chg
SPDR 50247102	4 1/2	+1/4	
Nabors 21885	21 1/2	-1/4	
TrexMed 20851	13 1/2	-1/4	
TWA 15354	11 1/2	+1/4	
BaCar 14499	7 1/2	-1/4	

GAINERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SFGam	27 1/2	+1 1/2	+5.2
Waterw	11 1/2	+1 1/2	+13.8
MidRts	4 1/2	+1 1/2	+13.8
MA Sys	3 1/2	+1 1/2	+13.8
VideoSvs	3 1/2	+1 1/2	+13.0

LOSERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SonusG	8 1/2	-1 1/2	-13.5
WebM	5 1/2	-1/2	-10.0
Privena	4 1/2	-1/2	-10.0
Ally	2 1/2	-1/2	-8.8
AFM Fnn	2 1/2	-1/2	-8.9

Advanced	302	Decided	291	Unchanged	157	Total issues	5,668	New Highs	29	New Lows	151
Volume	40,992,850	Volume	769,561,700	Volume							

NASDAQ

Most Active (\$1 on stock)	Vol	Last	Chg
Inform 267125	8 1/2	+1 1/2	
Intel 175873	85	-1/4	
SunMic 157800	44 1/2	-1 1/4	
3Com 143703	35 1/2	+1 1/2	
Oracle 109579	26 1/2	+1 1/2	

GAINERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Intely	25 1/2	+1 1/2	+5.4
Celgy	24 1/2	+1 1/2	+5.7
Hawks	2 1/2	+1 1/2	+33.3
Auto	2 1/2	+1 1/2	+33.3
Madw	3 1/2	+1 1/2	+28.2

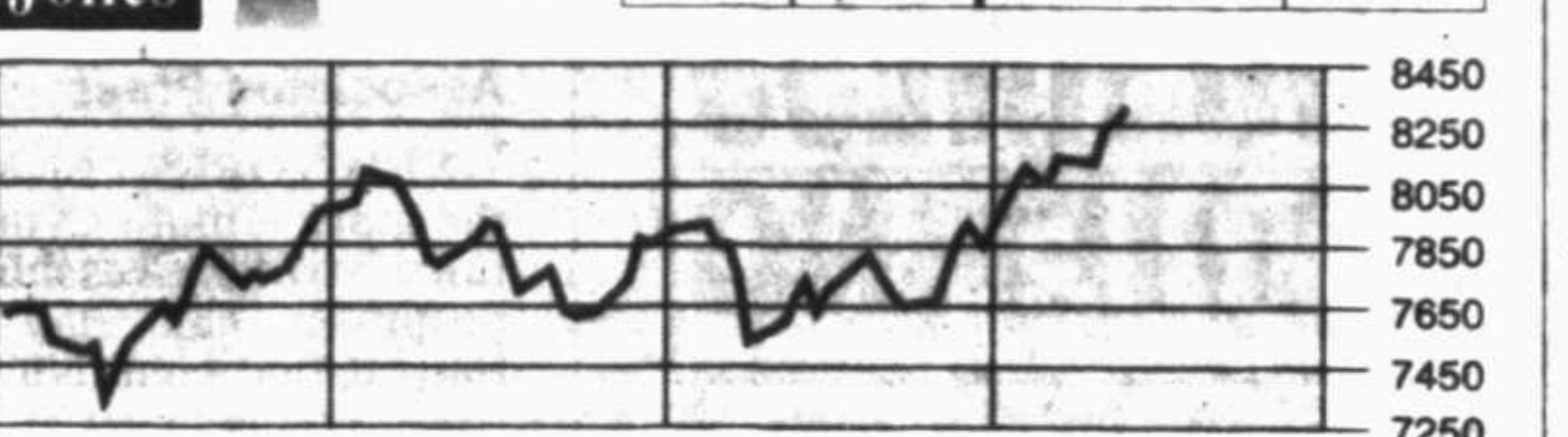
LOSERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SystoC	2 1/2	-1/2	-22.8
Syntex	6 1/2	-1 1/2	-22.0
CptOut	3 1/2	-1/2	-20.8
Casino	7 1/2	-1 1/2	-20.0
Canico	2 1/2	-1/2	-18.2

Advanced	302	Decided	291	Unchanged	157	Total issues	5,668	New Highs	29	New Lows	151
Volume	40,992,850	Volume	769,561,700	Volume							

Daily market roundup

High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD	52-wk
8,369.60	8,412.20	Dow Jones Industrial	8,369.60	+55.05	+6.6	+5.3	19.18
+55.05	8,206.93	Dow Jones Transportation	3,575.07	+80.57	+2.3	+7.8	+51.28
		Dow Jones Utilities	269.37	+2.26	+0.8	-1.36	+15.53
		NASDAQ Composite	532.61	+1.88	+0.35	+4.19	+25.49
		Amex Index	686.15	+1.82	+0.27	+2.22	+15.24
		NASDAQ 100	1,714.34	+5.79	+0.34	+1.17	+26.08
		S&P 500	1,024.14	+4.13	+0.40	+5.52	+28.15
		Russell 2000	452.40	+3.08	+0.68	+5.52	+22.87
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7	PacCent	s211%	-	+27.1	RtoHts	2611%	+3%	+7.9	SunGrid	su333%	+12.7	UMind	50			
				+14.9	RtoHts	333%	-	+1%			+2.7					
7	PacEnt	264%	+1%	+10.3	RtoHalf	344%	-1%	+37.5	SunMin	13%	+1%	+2.7	UMind	27%		
2	PacPct	3%	-	+7.7	RtoHG	311%	-	-7.6	SunStoneH15%	-	+11.9	US	Anyways	69%		
1	PamWeb	s3213%		-13.9	RtoKwi	591%	-2%	1%			+4.5					
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3	PailPct	203%	-1%	+7.0	RoLiaLeas	191%	+1%	+7.9	SuperInd	u281%	-11%	+9.8	US	Eller	327%	+3%
3	PanaBay	s341%	-1%	-0.4	RtoWen	27%	-3%	+1.5	Suvali	uud1%	-5%	+1.3	US	US	32%	+3%

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LOCAL SPORTS

Eighth grade girls hoops

Abell White defeated Alamo Red 44-31 Thursday night in an eighth grade girls basketball game. Wykia Wallace led Abell with 19 points while Dana Friesen had 14 for Alamo.

Alamo Gray defeated Abell Blue 44-37 as Sholanda Alexander had 11 points for Alamo while Laura Pagano added 10. Christina Gamboa and Alexander each had five rebounds. Chelsea Saldate led Abell with 20 points.

San Jacinto White defeated Goddard Black 55-33. Daphne Sims had 25 points and 18 rebounds for San Jacinto while Melanie Ybarra had 11 points. Shannon Cavasos had 16 rebounds for San Jacinto while Sheramie Ward led Goddard with 16.

Seventh grade girls basketball

Goddard White defeated San Jacinto Gold 27-21 Thursday in a seventh grade girls basketball game. Amanda Martin led Goddard with 14 points.

Goddard Red defeated San Jacinto Purple 43-12 as Eva Segillo had 12 points to help Goddard improve to 5-0. San Jacinto Green slipped past Goddard Purple 31-30. Ashley Truitt had nine points for San Jacinto while Lauren Lucas led Goddard with 16.

Abell Silver defeated Alamo White 37-35 as Heather Schulze led

Abell with 19 points. Britnee Yocham had six points for Alamo. Abell Blue beat Alamo Maroon 36-30 to improve to 5-0 on the season. Lauren Hinsley led Abell with 14 points while Stephanie Byrd led Alamo with 11.

Abell Maroon defeated Alamo Gray 62-31. Brandy Parker led Abell with 18 points and seven steals while Neisha Washington had 15 rebounds. Rachel Dillon had 21 points for Alamo. Abell White defeated Alamo Red 21-8 as Ashleigh Decker had six points for Abell.

San Jacinto Green defeated Goddard White 49-46. LaQuori Harris led San Jacinto with 19 points while Natalie Madden had 14 for Goddard. San Jacinto White defeated Goddard Black 54-25. Amy Brammer led San Jacinto with 23 points while Erin Chancellor added 10 and Katie Decker had seven points for Goddard.

Trinity boys sweep Coahoma

The Trinity boys eighth grade basketball team defeated Coahoma 30-26 Thursday. Jay Whisnand led Trinity with eight points and 10 rebounds as the Chargers improved to 16-7.

The Trinity seventh grade team completed a sweep by beating Coahoma 64-38. Andrew Anderson led four Trinity scorers in double figures with 12 points. Trevor Stoltz had 11 while Tyler Goree and Chase Woernle had 10 apiece.

No. 22 Horned Frogs blast Hawaii, 126-84

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — No. 22 Texas Christian was looking for respect in a nationally televised game when they took the floor against Hawaii.

They got it. "Our goal was to come in tonight and lay 100 points on them," said Lee Nailon, who had 46 points and 16 rebounds to lead TCU to a 126-84 victory over Hawaii Thursday night. "This was to prove that we could score on a quality team."

The Frogs (21-4, 9-0 Western Athletic) won their 10th consecutive game while scoring the most points ever given up by Hawaii (14-7, 3-6).

The Texas Christian frontcourt shot 52 percent and outrebounded the Rainbows 52-34.

"I remembered from our last game how Hawaii played me," Nailon said. "I knew that they would be physical, so I just tried to get inside and be physical against them. It seemed like as the game went on, things got a little easier."

Mike Jones had 22 points while Malcolm Johnson and Scott Gradney each had 14 for the Horned Frogs. Dennis Davis added ten points and grabbed 12 rebounds for TCU.

Alika Smith had 25 points, six rebounds and five assists for Hawaii, and Anthony Carter scored 21.

TCU took the lead at 11:22 mark in the first half and never were remotely threatened after that. The Horned Frogs led 67-44 at halftime and put up 69 points in the second half.

Air Force 72, Texas-El Paso 55. COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Jarmica Reese scored a game-high 21 points and Air Force scored the last 11 points of the game as the Falcons stopped Texas-El Paso.

The win snapped a four-game skid by the Falcons (9-11, 2-7 Western Athletic Conference).

Texas-El Paso (12-10, 3-7) has lost six of its last seven games. The Miners played without coach Don Haskins, who was serving a one-game suspension for his remarks about league officiating.

Texas-El Paso rallied from a 35-

Texas Men's Hoops

29 halftime deficit to take a 39-37 lead early in the second half, but Air Force took control after that. The Falcons held the Miners scoreless over the game's final five minutes.

Reese scored six points in the final 3:33 as the Falcons accounted for the game's last 11 points.

SMU 88, San Diego State 81. DALLAS — Jay Poerner scored 25 points, including 10 of Southern Methodist's 14 points in overtime as the Mustangs beat San Diego State.

The Mustangs (16-6, 5-5 Western Athletic) led 74-67 with 1:58 left in regulation.

But the Aztecs (11-10, 4-5) charged back as Matt Watts scored the last 7 points of the half to force overtime.

SMU started the extra period with an 8-1 run that made it 82-75 with 2:20 left. A Jason Richey jumper and two free throws by Kevin Betts brought San Diego State within 82-79 with 33.1 seconds to go.

Poerner hit two free throws to make it 84-79, but Watts hit a jumper with 12.9 seconds left to pull the Aztecs within 84-81.

Fresno State 82, Rice 80. HOUSTON — Chris Herren scored 22 points and Rafer Alston hit a layup with 14 seconds remaining that lifted Fresno State to a victory over Rice.

Alton took the inbound pass with 35 seconds to play and moved to the top of the circle, faking to his left and driving past Rice guard Josh Stringer for the winning basket.

Rice (5-18, 2-7 Western Athletic) missed a chance to send the game to overtime when Bobby Crawford missed a shot with four seconds left.

Fresno State (14-8, 7-2) won for the eighth time in nine games.

Louisville 72, Houston 69. HOUSTON — Alex Sanders scored 17 points and Nate Johnson added 15, leading Louisville in a victory over Houston.

Louisville (10-15, 4-7 Conference USA) took a 44-40 lead into halftime and managed to hold on in a close second half.

Rockets tame Grizzlies

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Matt Maloney scored a season-high 24 points as the Houston Rockets rallied for a 112-103 win Thursday night, handing the Vancouver Grizzlies their seventh straight loss.

Clyde Drexler added 25, including 17 in the second half, as the Rockets won consecutive games for the first time in almost two months and got back to .500.

After trailing for most of the sec-

ond half, the Rockets had a 13-1 run midway through the fourth quarter to take the lead for good.

Hakeem Olajuwon scored the go-ahead bucket; a 15-foot baseline jumper over Grizzlies' center Bryant Reeves, to give the Rockets a 98-97 lead with 3:57 left.

After Drexler dunked, capitalizing on a turnover by Blue Edwards, Maloney completed a three-point play to put Houston ahead by six with 3:11 left.

CHAPS: Lady Hawks take over first place

(From 1D)

period of four days.

"We should carry this attitude for the rest of the season," Arceneaux said. "Coach Rafferty wanted us to rebound and play defense tonight and that's what we tried to do."

Also contributing to the Chaps' onslaught of the Hawks (14-12 overall) were Edward Kirk and Doug Wade, who had 16 and 10 points respectively.

"Edward really stepped up big tonight," Rafferty said.

Now the fourth-year MC coach just wants to keep it going with the team's same attitude of the past week.

"When we have 12-15 guys who played hard each second, we're going to have a chance to win every night," Rafferty said.

Lady Hawks move into first by themselves

There was no question left in anybody's mind of who should be in first place in the WJAC.

After trailing at the half by 36-31, the No. 4 Lady Hawks went on an 8-0 run to start the second half and took advantage of a six-minute dry spell by the Lady Chaps for a 71-56 win. The Lady Chaps now fall into a second-place tie with South Plains in the conference with identical 8-2 records. Howard stands at 9-1, with their only loss a 70-69 decision on Jan.

19 at Chaparral Center.

"Howard was much more aggressive in the second half than we were and we just didn't match their intensity," said MC coach Ron Jones, whose team has yet to win at Howard and dropped to 19-7 overall. "You can't have an extended period of not scoring and expect to win. You have to give Howard a lot of credit."

The Lady Hawks (25-1 overall) went on an 11-0 run during that MC drought in the second half. They also got critical rebounds and shots, and benefited from the Lady Chaps' mistakes on the floor.

"We missed a lot of shots but more than anything we just didn't play as hard as Howard did in the second half," Jones said. "I'm proud of our kids' effort but we just have to go back, work hard and just try to get better."

A big reason for the Lady Chaps' headaches on this night came from 5-8 freshman point guard Karlita Washington, who poured in a game-high 21 points, including four 3-pointers.

"I feel I played OK. I just tried to pull my team together," Washington said. "We had to come together as a team and defend our home court."

The Lady Hawks indeed regrouped at the break, mostly because of a challenge by coach Matt Corkery.

"We just told them what we saw

and what needed to get done," Corkery said. "We challenged them to be more aggressive offensively. We said to take it to them and make something happen."

It also helped for Howard to remember its one loss of the season.

"After that game we knew that we had to come out with more emotion the next time around," Corkery said. "This just means that we have control of our own destiny."

For Howard, there's still a tough road coming up with trips to New Mexico and South Plains on the horizon next week. For now, the Lady Hawks will savor the win, and wonder if the two will meet again this year.

"Midland is a great team, we may see them again in the regional tournament," Corkery said.

Women
Howard College 71, Midland College 56
Midland College (8-2, 19-7): Fatimah Holiday 0-1 0-

0-0. Jody Finley 3-4 0-0-8. Shelley Alderman 1-5 3-4-5. Tagita Hunter 2-3 0-0-4. Marne Nduye 0-3 1-2-1. Jill Davis 2-7 0-0-5. Candy Mitchell 0-2 1-3-1. Brooke Bowman 2-5 2-2-7. Holly Tumbough 0-1 0-0-0. Enca Levy 3-5 1-2-7. Jance Thomas 4-5 0-2-8. Autumn Johnson 2-5 0-0-4. Totals: 21-63 10-17 66.
Howard College (9-1, 25-1): Ricka McKee 1-6 2-3-4. Shawnta Johnson 6-15 4-7-16. Karita Washington 8-17 1-5-21. Latasha Moore 2-2 0-0-4. Jovanna St. Cyr 0-1-2-4. Jeanne Hopon 2-7 0-0-5. Donelle Jones 7-8 2-3-16. Jennifer Viarum 5-5 0-0-2. Latraca Spencer 0-3 1-2-1. Totals: 27-64 19-24 71.
Halftime: MC 36, HC 31. 3-point goals: MC 4 (Finley 2, Davis 1, Bowman 1), HC 5 (Washington 4, Horton 1). Total Fouls: MC 23, HC 19. Fouled Out: McKee Turnovers: HC 15, MC 20. Rebounds: MC 37 (Thomas 7), HC 42 (Jones 11).

Men
Midland College 77, Howard College 55
Midland College (7-3, 21-3): Brandon Burney 0-0 0-0-0. James Ware 1-2 3-4-6. Lance Robinson 0-0 0-0-0. Edward Kirk 7-8 2-3-16. Ali Williams 2-6 1-4-5. Calvin Williams 1-1 1-2-4. Keith Leslie 1-4 1-1-3. Dequan Daniel 2-7 1-2-5. Harold Arceneaux 12-16 4-5-28. Walter Newsome 0-0 0-0-0. Jevon Banks 0-1 0-0-0. Dennis Ondring 0-0 0-0-0. Doug Wade 3-5 4-6-10. Randall Williams 0-2 0-0-0. Totals: 29-57 17-27 77.
Howard College (7-3, 15-11): Clifton Cook 5-13 5-6-16. Lamont Roberts 5-12 1-1-12. James Hillard 0-0 0-0-0. Elmer Brown 2-8 0-0-5. Don Pease 0-2 0-1-0. Nathan Cover 4-9 4-6-12. Alex Denson 2-7 0-0-4. Myron Brown 3-4 0-0-6. Totals: 21-55 10-14 55.
Halftime: MC 37, HC 26. 3-point goals: MC 2 (Ware 1, C. Williams 1), HC 3 (Cook 1, Roberts 1, Brown 1). Total Fouls: MC 13, HC 19. Fouled Out: Brown. Rebounds: MC 34 (Arceneaux 11), HC 23 (M. Brown 7). Turnovers: MC 28, HC 29.

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"The Apostle," "The Wedding Singer," "The Borrowers" and "Sphere" open Friday at the Tall City 10.

BOX OFFICE

Top weekend movies

Weekend of Feb. 6-8, 1998
All dollar figures in millions

Rank	Title	Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1	Titanic	\$337.4, eight weeks, 2,956 screens	\$23
2	The Replacement Killers	\$8, one week, 1,806 screens	\$8
3	Good Will Hunting	\$69.3, 10 weeks, 2,157 screens	\$6.8
4	Blues Brothers 2000	\$6.1, one week, 2,507 screens	\$6.1
5	Great Expectations	\$17.1, two weeks, 1,906 screens	\$5.3
6	As Good As It Gets	\$92.3, seven weeks, 1,795 screens	\$5
7	Spice World	\$23.7, three weeks, 2,272 screens	\$4
8	Wag the Dog	\$33.5, seven weeks, 1,586 screens	\$3.4
9	Desperate Measures	\$10.3, two weeks, 1,963 screens	\$3
10	Deep Rising	\$8.4, two weeks, 1,788 screens	\$2.5

Top 10 lists

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. All lists c. 1998, Billboard Publications, Inc.:

Video Rentals

1. "Contact," (Warner)
2. "Conspiracy Theory," (Warner)
3. "Face/Off," (Paramount)
4. "The Game," (PolyGram)
5. "Soul Food," (Fox)
6. "Con Air," (Touchstone)
7. "My Best Friend's Wedding," (Columbia TriStar)
8. "Money Talks," (New Line)
9. "Nothing to Lose," (Touchstone)
10. "Chasing Amy," (Miramax)

Top Singles

1. "Nice & Slow," Usher (LaFace)(Gold)
2. "Together Again," Janet (Virgin)(Gold)
3. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia)(Gold)
4. "How Do I Live," LeAnn Rimes (Curb) (Platinum)
5. "Been Around the World," Puff Daddy & The Family (Bad Boy) (Platinum)
6. "I Don't Ever Want to See You Again," Uncle Sam (Stone Creek-Epic) (Gold)
7. "A Song for Mama," Boyz II Men (Motown) (Gold)
8. "No, No, No," Destiny's Child (Columbia) (Gold)
9. "Too Much," Spice Girls (Virgin)
10. "What You Want," Mase featuring Total (Bad Boy-Arista)

Top Albums

1. "Titanic" Soundtrack, (Sony Classical) (Platinum)
2. "Yield," Pearl Jam (Epic)
3. "Let's Talk About Love," Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
4. "Spiceworld," Spice Girls (Virgin) (Platinum)
5. "My Way," Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)

Country Singles

1. "Just to See You Smile," Tim McGraw (Curb)
2. "What If I Said," Anita Cochran (Duet with Steve Wariner) (Warner Bros.)
3. "I Wanna Fall in Love," Lila McCann (Asylum)
4. "You've Got to Talk to Me," Lee Ann Womack (Decca)
5. "Imagine That," Diamond Rio (Arista)
6. "Love of My Life," Sammy Kershaw (Mercury)
7. "Round About Way," George Strait (MCA)
8. "She's Gonna Make It," Garth Brooks (Capitol)
9. "Don't Be Stupid (You Know I Love You)," Shania Twain (Mercury)
10. "Little Red Rodeo," Collin Raye (Epic)

Latin Tracks

1. "My Heart Will Go On," Celine Dion (Epic)
2. "Vuelve," Ricky Martin (Sony Discos)
3. "Corazon Partio," Alejandro Sanz (Latina)
4. "Mi Mayor Venganza," India (RMM)
5. "El Frio De Tu Adios," Olga Tanon (WEA Latina)

REVIEWS AND PREVIEWS EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

Duvall works his magic in 'The Apostle'

Being a holy man, good man not always same thing

By Steve Murray
N.Y. Times News Service

Review

The greatest actors are magicians. They make themselves disappear. That's what happens with "The Apostle," Robert Duvall's slow-moving but beautifully observed character study about a Pentecostal preacher who finds, late in the game, that being a holy man and being a good one aren't always the same thing. At the start of his drama, Duvall (who wrote, produced and directed as well) makes a smart, unexpected choice. For a

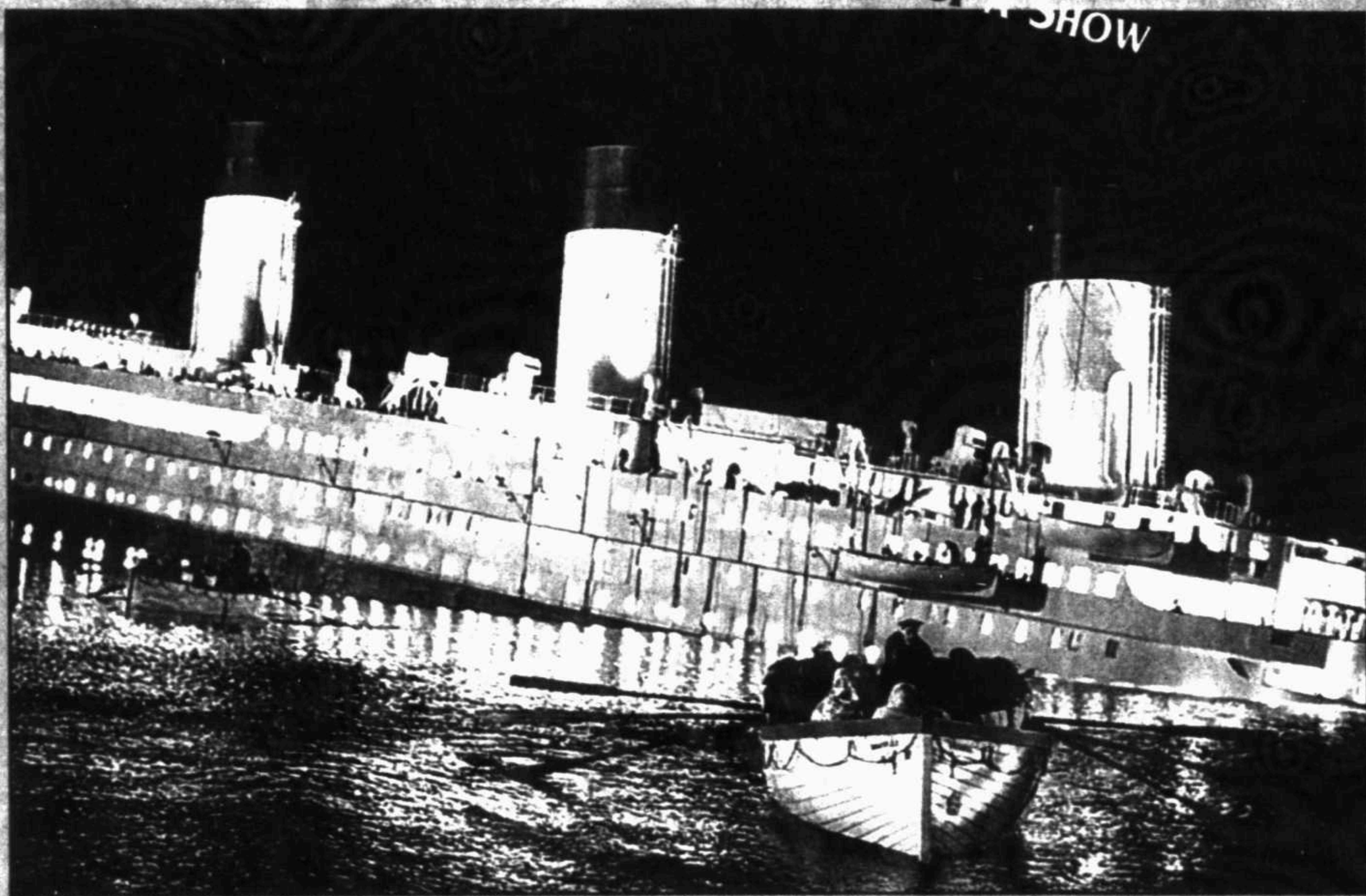
good 10 minutes or so, the camera follows his Texas preacher, Euliss "Sonny" Dewey, from one tent meeting to another. We see him testifying with other white clergymen, with Hispanics and African-Americans. There's a welter of voices, raised in shouts and hallelujahs, bodies electrified by praise.

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Robert Duvall is an introspective evangelical in "The Apostle."

OSCAR NOMINATIONS: A HULL OF A SHOW



The 14 nominations for "Titanic" tie an all-time Hollywood record, held also by 1950's "All About Eve."

'Titanic' sets sail for Academy history

By William Arnold
N.Y. Times News Service

This year's Academy Awards nominations, announced Tuesday, have the distinct air of a Hollywood homecoming. They are a reaffirmation of the industry's traditional faith in big budgets, big stars and big studio filmmaking. Last year Hollywood slapped itself in the face by handing out only one of its prized best-picture nominations to a studio-initiated film ("Jerry Maguire"). The other four went to outsiders: independent, foreign and what Variety calls "niche" pictures. This year, that ratio is reversed, with only one of the best-picture spots going to a visitor, England's "The

Full Monty," which grabbed the place that was widely expected to go to Steven Spielberg's "Amistad." It was the closest thing to a major upset at the nominations announced yesterday. Leading the pack of homeboys is "Titanic," the box-office phenomenon of the '90s (more than \$330 million domestically so far, and on course to be the first billion-dollar grosser). It picked up 14 nominations, tying the record set by "All About Eve" in 1950. "Titanic" has such extraordinary momentum that a best-picture victory come March 23 seems a foregone conclusion. Its competitors, "L.A. Confidential" (the critical favorite, with nine nominations), "Good Will

Hunting" (nine nominations) and "As Good As It Gets" (seven nominations), do not seem to have a prayer. Unlike "All About Eve" (which had five acting nominations), so many of the "Titanic" nominations are in technical categories, at which it clearly excels, that it has more than a good shot at unseating "Ben Hur"—which won 11 Oscars in 1959—as the all-time Academy Awards champ. The best-actor's race looks like a class reunion, with previous winners Dustin Hoffman, Robert Duvall and Jack Nicholson on board for "Wag the Dog," "The Apostle" and "As Good As It Gets," respectively. It was Nicholson's 11th nomination, pushing

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Academy Award nominees

Best picture

"As Good As It Gets"
"The Full Monty"
"Good Will Hunting"
"L.A. Confidential"
"Titanic"

Best actor

Robert Duvall,
"The Apostle"
Matt Damon,
"Good Will Hunting"
Peter Fonda,
"Ulee's Gold"
Dustin Hoffman,
"Wag the Dog"
Jack Nicholson,
"As Good As It Gets"

Best actress

Kate Winslet,
"Titanic"
Helena Bonham Carter,
"The Wings of the Dove"
Julie Christie,
"Afterglow"
Judi Dench,
"Mrs. Brown"
Helen Hunt,
"As Good As It Gets"

Best director

Peter Cattaneo,
"The Full Monty"
Gus Van Sant,
"Good Will Hunting"
Curtis Hanson,
"L.A. Confidential"
Atom Egoyan,
"The Sweet Hereafter"
James Cameron,
"Titanic"



Helen Hunt, nominated for her role in "As Good as It Gets," is the only American-born actress named in the Best Actress category.

and the winners and losers are ...

By Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp
N.Y. Times News Service

Best Picture

AS GOOD AS IT GETS: James L. Brooks' quirky love story about an obsessive-compulsive novelist who falls for a single-mother waitress is a hit with both critics and audiences. But it won't win here, mostly because Brooks wasn't nominated for his direction.

THE FULL MONTY: Sentimental favorite about a bunch of working-class stiff who improve their self-esteem by shedding their clothes. Everyone is glad it's nominated, but nobody thinks it will win.

GOOD WILL HUNTING: Sentimental favorite about a working-

class stiff who improves his self-esteem by shedding his painful past. Everyone is glad it's nominated, but nobody thinks it will win.

L.A. CONFIDENTIAL: Acclaimed detective thriller has won every critics prize. But critics don't count anymore. This film lost the Golden Globe to "Titanic" and will suffer the same fate on Oscar night.

TITANIC: Odds-on favorite (they're engraving the Oscar now). "Titanic" will win because its phenomenal success validates Hollywood's excessive ways. Oh yeah, the movie is pretty good, too.

Best Actress

HELENA BONHAM CARTER: Acclaimed British actress who won

raves for a movie that the general public never saw. Her smoldering performance has won several awards, but she lost the Golden Globe to Judi Dench. Remains an Oscar favorite, though.

JULIE CHRISTIE: Acclaimed British actress who won raves for a movie that the general public never saw. Nomination comes 33 years after winning for "Darling" and 27 years after losing for "McCabe & Mrs. Miller." This year, she's a real long-shot.

JUDI DENCH: Acclaimed British actress who won raves for a movie that the general public never saw. You might recognize her from play-

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'The Street Lawyer': From avarice to virtue

By Michiko Kakutani
N.Y. Times News Service

John Grisham clearly isn't one of the more talented writers around, but he's certainly one of the luckiest. Indeed, his timing has been impeccable. In the nine years since he began cranking out legal thrillers, court cases have become a national obsession, ratified and fed by a horde of celebrity lawyers offering predictions, commentary and play by play on everything from O.J. Simpson and the Menendez brothers to Whitewater and Sexgate. It's not just that viewers of CNN's "Burden of Proof" and Court TV are familiar with legal lingo and procedure; it's also that in our adversarial

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culture, court cases have become a paradigm of how we grapple with the world.

Those same nine years have also seen the acceleration of several other phenomena that have guaranteed writers like Grisham even more money and fame: the globalization of American culture; the efflorescence of the superstore and its showcasing of brand-name books, and Hollywood's insatiable appetite for formulaic thrillers. No wonder Doubleday has printed 2.5 million copies of Grisham's latest novel, "The Street Lawyer."

Not surprisingly, "The Street Lawyer" follows a familiar Grisham recipe: cast a young, idealistic lawyer as the underdog and pit him against a big, powerful opponent with money and resources to spare; construct a fast, relentless plot line that moves ahead like a hungry (if very nearsighted) shark, and toss in some topical social issues to give the whole thing a veneer of relevance.

One problem with this stilted, jerry-built novel is that Grisham has never been particularly good at creating characters with any real emotional depth, and in "The Street Lawyer," he's chosen to tell a story that's more character-driven than ever before. In

fact, the better part of the novel concerns the midlife crisis of its hero, Michael Brock, and his evolution from selfish, money-grubbing yuppie to selfless advocate for the poor.

What happens to Michael is this: Two pages into the novel, a crazed homeless man called Mister enters the marbled hallways of Drake & Sweeney, the prestigious Washington law firm where Michael is an up-and-coming lawyer, and starts firing a gun. He quickly takes nine lawyers hostage, threatening to blow them all away with what looks like homemade explosives. He hectors them about their fancy

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APOSTLE: Duvall's performance, film itself a small miracle

(From 1E)

As we watch, we're conditioned to wait for the shoe to drop. What is Sonny's dirty secret? Is he skimming off the collection plate? Sleeping with a choir girl? Does he actually not believe in God?

Hollywood has a long history of depicting religion as a charlatan act, a hotbed for the very sins its spokesmen decry (think of "Elmer Gantry" or "Leap of Faith"). But "The Apostle" isn't a Hollywood film. It's Duvall's labor of love, and it took him more than 10 years to make.

His depiction of Sonny is a remarkable feat of energy, self-effacement and psychological complexity. Early on, we watch as Sonny scurries across a road toward a wrecked car, leaning

through the window to preach to the injured young man behind the wheel. "Answer me in your mind and in your heart," he says. "Do you accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal savior?"

To a Southerner, those are words that can warm the body, or chill it to ice, and Duvall captures the pushy, double-edged agenda of the preacher man. His religious conviction is dangerously fused with the arrogance of a man convinced that his faith and his alone can save another human being.

In the tradition of atheists and foxholes, it's easy enough to commit your soul to God while pretending behind the wheel of a crashed car. It's harder to make that commitment — and honor the Golden Rule — while life is good. And Sonny is ready for a downfall.

When his wife (Farrah Faw-

cett, yes, Farrah Fawcett) announces that she wants out of the marriage, Sonny tells her to pray. She replies, "He's already given me my answers."

"Our Lord has?" Sonny answers, his words full of such disbelief and barely concealed fury that we can see he might have to learn the hard way to practice what he preaches.

Put simply, that's what happens in "The Apostle." Sonny's faith is never questioned. He talks directly to Jesus in late-night moments of conflict (so loudly, neighbors call to complain). "Sometimes he talks to the Lord, and sometimes he yells at the Lord," his mother (June Carter Cash) explains.

Then Sonny, in a moment of fury, introduces a baseball bat to another man's head, and his old life is over.

His new life leads him to small-town Louisiana, where he gives himself the name "the Apostle E.F." talks his way into a preaching spot on the AM station and sets about charming a local woman named Toosie (Miranda Richardson).

As Sonny restores a church and renames it One Way Road to Heaven, inspiring local congregants to come, "The Apostle" transforms the idea of redemption from something elusive and theoretical to a tangible, hands-on state of active pursuit. Duvall accomplishes this without any of the usual, soul-searching shortcuts you could expect from a Hollywood version of the story.

Duvall's utter lack of condescension toward Sonny is bolstered by a scientific precision in his understanding of the man. He's remarkable. And so is the film.

Barrymore, Sandler costar in the well-acted 'Wedding Singer'

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press Writer

What is there about weddings that make them such surefire movie material? The reason seems to be that weddings are normally solemn, ceremonial events. And when things go awry, such as the bride or groom not showing up or a voice from the church objecting to the marriage, it can be dramatic or hilarious, or both.

Some examples: "Father of the Bride," "Four Weddings and a Funeral," "My Best Friend's Wedding."

"The Wedding Singer" doesn't quite match those films, but it is a pleasant diversion, well acted, and punctuated with explosive laughs.

Adam Sandler plays a wannabe songwriter who earns his keep — \$60 a night — emceeing wedding receptions. He's good at it, singing, cajoling, spreading joy to all the participants.

With some trepidation, Sandler is facing his own wedding to a beautiful airhead (Angela Featherstone). At one of his jobs, he meets a first-time waitress, Drew Barrymore, who is engaged to a rough, womanizing bond salesman (Matthew Glave)

who drives a DeLorean and is in no hurry to get married.

When his bride fails to appear at the church, Sandler goes ballistic. At one of his jobs he insults the guests, maligns the wedding couple and ends up being punched out by the father of the bride.

Sandler's work is stolen by a smarmy wedding singer (unbilled Jon Lovitz), and falls further into despair. His only solace is the sunny Barrymore, who enlists him to help in the preparations for her wedding. He soon discovers that her intended groom is an unworthy two-timer. The climax comes on a jet headed for Las Vegas with a hugely funny scene featuring rocker Billy Idol.

"The Wedding Singer" was tailored to Sandler's talents by three men who know his work best, old buddies from New York University: producer Jack Giarraputo, writer Tim Herlihy and director Frank Coraci. They serve him well.

Herlihy's script shows some rough spots, but mostly it is entertaining, with a number of surprises. Coraci has Sandler underplay most of his scenes, hence he becomes a more endearing character.

GRISHAM: Better courtroom dramas play out on CNN, Court TV

(From 1E)

salaries and complains that they do nothing for the homeless.

Though the crisis ends quickly enough, Michael is unable to go on with his life. In fact, Grisham would have us believe that Mister's jeremiad about homelessness has induced a sudden change of heart in Michael, that it has made him want to abandon the fast-track corporate life and go into public-interest law.

After a homeless family dies during a snowstorm, Michael takes up their cause with a vengeance; he's soon stolen a secret file from Drake & Sweeney (dealing with the family's illegal eviction from a building that's about to be sold), and like so many Grisham characters before him, he's on the run from his foes.

Because Grisham gives us no insight into Michael's emotional makeup, because he defines him purely through externals — what he wears, what he drives, what he earns — he is unable to make his transformation from well-heeled yuppie to penniless advocate of the homeless the least bit understandable or authentic. As in previous Grisham novels, there is no subtlety or nuance to Michael's story: Grisham's lawyerly (even Manichean) outlook leads him to depict everyone and every

action as positive or negative, idealistic or venal, good or evil.

To make matters worse, Michael emerges as a particularly unsympathetic hero: sanctimonious, self-dramatizing and willfully adolescent. This is a man who thinks that his new dedication to the homeless has made him a saint, but who worries that his shiny new Lexus will be stolen while he's ministering to the poor. This is a man who starts sleeping in a sleeping bag on the floor so he can better identify with his new clients, but who continually wonders whether he should pack a gun when he goes into a bad section of town. Somehow you can't imagine Tom Cruise or Matthew McConaughey wanting to play this guy.

Matters are not helped by Grisham's atrocious dialogue. Michael speaks almost entirely in clichés: he talks about being "back at full throttle" and being his "usual hard-charging self." To a friend, he says he's "found a calling"; to his brother, he says: "I've lost my love for money. It's the curse of the devil." The rest of the people in this book speak in equally leaden terms. One says, "The law is a higher calling." Another: "There are more valleys than mountains."

As for Grisham's much-vaunted storytelling skills, they are little in evidence in this novel. Yes, he does keep the plot lines

unfurling, but he's like one of those circus clowns, pulling scarfs, rabbits and eggs out of his pockets at random.

Whenever the story seems in danger of slowing down, he contrives a new flurry of events: a mysterious file from an anonymous informant that appears on Michael's desk; a violent car accident that sends Michael to the hospital; a conveniently timed newspaper article that helps Michael's cause; the abrupt separation of Michael and his wife.

Within a month, Michael has completely changed his life. He's quit one job and taken another; moved from a cushy Georgetown apartment into a barren little flat; broken up with his wife and found a new girlfriend; been arrested and put in jail, and found meaning in his

life. Along the way, there is lots of pseudo-detective work, lots of legal wrangling and a big showdown with his former employer.

Grisham is too busy charging ahead to bother fleshing out any of these developments with the sort of emotional or physical detail that might make them feel plausible or real. The result is a perfunctory brand-name novel with an unlikely hero, a slapdash plot and some truly awful prose.

Although "The Street Lawyer" will doubtless leap to the top of the best-seller lists, the reader in search of real courtroom drama would be better off turning on CNN or Court TV.

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TITANIC: Action/Sci-Fi blockbusters receive technical mention

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him ahead of Laurence Olivier (10 nominations) and Spencer Tracy (nine) to be Oscar's all-time male-actor nominee champ.

And the fourth nominee in this category, Peter Fonda of "Ulee's Gold," is from America's first family of acting and is practically an icon of the American cinema. (Fonda is a previous nominee, for best screenplay). Except for newcomer Matt Damon of "Good Will Hunting," all the actor nominees have careers that stretch back to the '60s.

The only noteworthy thing about the best-actress race is that, except for America's Helen Hunt ("As Good as It Gets"), the nominees are all British: Julie Christie ("Afterglow"), Judi Dench ("Mrs. Brown"), Helena Bonham Carter ("Wings of the Dove") and Kate Winslet ("Titanic").

This is a curious reversal of the best-actor's race in 1964, when Anthony Quinn was the sole American in a field of Brits: Rex Harrison, Peter O'Toole, Peter Sellers and Richard Burton. Remember Bob Hope's joke? "Before you can pick up your Oscar, you have to show your passport."

Another oddity is that best-actress nominee Winslet and best-supporting actress nominee Gloria Stuart (at 87, the oldest acting nominee ever) play the same character in the same movie. Marlon Brando and Robert De Niro both were nominated (and won) playing the same character in different movies in different years (as Don Corleone in the first two "Godfather" films), but the Winslet-Stuart feat is an Oscar first.

By and large, however, the 70th annual Academy Awards nominations reflected the trends that have dominated the Oscars in the '90s:

■ The summer's most successful action/sci-fi blockbusters, "Men in Black," "Con Air," "Face/Off" and "Air Force One," were given recognition with a smattering of nominations in the technical categories, but no acting or writing nods.

■ The director and film categories matched up except for the best-picture nomination for "As Good as It Gets," but no director nod to James L. Brooks; and a director nomination to Atom Egoyan but no best-picture nod for "The Sweet Hereafter."

■ The nominations were largely a rubber-stamp of the earlier

year-end critics awards, especially the Golden Globes. The exception was the (well-deserved) best-supporting actor nomination of Robert Forster ("Jackie Brown").

■ The best foreign language film nominations all went to movies that no one seems to have heard of, much less seen. Of the five nominees, only Brazil's "Four Days in September" (which opens this weekend in Seattle) has any recognition factor.

■ The nominations overwhelming went to films released in the last half of the year, and mostly in December. The only early '97 nominee was a screenwriting nod to February's "Donnie Brasco," which surely would have brought acting nominations to Al Pacino and Johnny Depp had it been released at year's end.

More nominations
Supporting actor: Robert Forster, "Jackie Brown"; Anthony Hopkins, "Amistad"; Greg Kinnear, "As Good as It Gets"; Burt Reynolds, "Boogie Nights"; Robin Williams, "Good Will Hunting."

Supporting actress: Kim Basinger, "L.A. Confidential"; Joan Cusack, "In & Out"; Minnie Driver, "Good Will Hunting"; Julianne Moore, "Boogie Nights"; Gloria Stuart, "Titanic."

Foreign film: "Beyond Silence," Germany; "Character," The Netherlands; "Four Days in September," Brazil; "Secrets of the Heart," Spain; "The

Thief," Russia.

Screenplay (written directly for the screen): Mark Andrus and James L. Brooks, "As Good as It Gets"; Paul Thomas Anderson, "Boogie Nights"; Woody Allen, "Deconstructing Harry"; Simon Beaufoy, "The Full Monty"; Ben Affleck and Matt Damon, "Good Will Hunting."

Screenplay (based on material previously produced or published): Paul Attanasio, "Donnie Brasco"; Brian Koppelman and Curtis Hanson, "L.A. Confidential"; Atom Egoyan, "The Sweet Hereafter"; Hilary Henkin and David Mamet, "Wag the Dog"; Hossein Amini, "The Wings of the Dove."

Art direction: "Gattaca," "Kundun," "L.A. Confidential," "Men in Black," "Titanic."

Cinematography: "Amistad," "Kundun," "L.A. Confidential," "Titanic," "The Wings of the Dove."

Sound: "Air Force One," "Con Air," "Contact," "L.A. Confidential," "Titanic," "The Fifth Element," "Titanic."

Original musical or comedy score: "Anastasia," Stephen Flaherty, Lynn Ahrens and David Newman; "As Good as It Gets," Hans Zimmer; "The Full Monty," Anne Dudley; "Men in Black," Danny Elfman; "My Best Friend's Wedding," James Newton Howard.

Original dramatic score: "Amistad," John Williams; "Good Will Hunting," Danny Elfman; "Kundun," Philip Glass; "L.A. Confidential," Jerry Goldsmith; "Titanic," James Horner.

Original song: "Go the Distance" from "Hercules," Alan Menken and David Zippel; "How Do I Live" from "Con Air," Diane Warren; "Journey to the Past" from "Anastasia," Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens; "Miss Misery" from "Good Will Hunting," Elliott Smith; "My Heart Will Go On" from "Titanic," James Horner and Will Jennings.

WINNERS: Cusack silly, lovelorn in 'In & Out'

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ing Bond's boss in the last two 007 movies. After Oscar night, you might recognize her — and her movie — even more.

HELEN HUNT: Lone American in the category. Could get the vote from Academy members miffed about the British invasion. Hey, we'll vote for her if it gets her off "Mad About You."

KATE WINSLET: Acclaimed British actress who won raves for a movie that everyone has seen. Could book passage to the winner's podium if "Titanic" leaves all comers in its wake.

Best Supporting Actor
ROBERT FORSTER: Quentin Tarantino's latest reclamation project stole the show as the crafty bail bondsman in "Jackie Brown." But a nomination will be as good as it gets for him.

ANTHONY HOPKINS: In "Amistad," he played a former president who had both intelligence and integrity. Talk about a departure from history!

GREG KINNEAR: Beat out Rupert Everett for category's token gay nomination. But if you want him to win, you'd better say a little prayer on Oscar night.

BURT REYNOLDS: Wonder if Reynolds will be sending an apology note to his former agent, who he fired a few months back because Reynolds hated "Boogie Nights." Should lose for that act alone, but for some unknown reason he's a front-runner here.

ROBIN WILLIAMS: Gave a performance in "Good Will Hunting" that would inspire the dead poets. Fourth nomination. All the good will Williams has accumulated by filling studios' coffers should make him a factor here.

Best Director
James Cameron ("Titanic")
If his Golden Globes observation that size does matter was right — and he's been much more than right about everything else to do with "Titanic" — it'll be smooth sailing to Oscar glory.

Peter Cattaneo ("The Full Monty")
Made a naughty idea cuddly and reassuring, and never made good on the implicit threat to show actual montys. Clearly a savvy move, Oscar politics-wise; just ask "Boogie Nights" director Paul Thomas Anderson. But, like his film, don't expect Cattaneo to go all the way.

Atom Egoyan ("The Sweet Hereafter")
Has the feel-bad movie vote all to himself. Can't possibly win.

Curtis Hanson ("L.A. Confidential")
Classy, complex work that half the academy probably didn't understand. Should get some extra votes, though, for the idea that men will pay extra for hookers who look like famous actresses.

Gus Van Sant ("Good Will Hunting")
Besides including a lot of guys who think they're lovable geniuses, the Hollywood establishment could conceivably reward the once-radical director of "Drugstore Cowboy" for selling out so completely.

Best Actor
Matt Damon ("Good Will Hunting")
Has the votes of young, egomaniacal actors who would also like to write a hit for themselves. Advantage of being only wrinkle-free nominee neutralized by fact most academy members are grandparents.

Robert Duvall ("The Apostle")
Has the votes of older, egoma-

niac actors who would also like to write and direct a career showcase for themselves. Disney bloc may resent his glorification of people who are boycotting their company.

Peter Fonda ("Ulee's Gold")
Comeback of the year. No, wait, that's not Henry. It's Peter, whose career never really went anywhere to come back from, but who did finally prove he inherited some of his father's talent. Reported to be heavily lobbying Nicholson to agree to a now commercially viable "Easy Rider" sequel.

Dustin Hoffman ("Wag the Dog")
His sharpest, best work in years. But he's not quite the guy everyone wants to win a third Oscar this year. Disciples of Robert Evans, the producer Hoffman expertly lampoons in his performance, can't decide if they were enthralled or offended.

Jack Nicholson ("As Good as It Gets")
Not only worked the eyebrows, but also the old imagination for the first time in a decade. Nominal front-runner, for that and for being the guy everyone wants to see win a third Oscar.

Best Supporting Actress
Kim Basinger ("L.A. Confidential")
As the only featured female in the acclaimed neo-noir's sprawling cast, Golden Globe winner Basinger presents the best opportunity for the critics' favorite film to win something other than a screenplay Oscar.

Joan Cusack ("In & Out")
Perfect comic performances often take this category, and Cusack was not only sublimely silly but touching as a lovelorn bride who has good reason to suspect every man she meets is gay.

Minnie Driver ("Good Will Hunting")
Didn't do much more than tell Matt Damon how great he was throughout the movie. But the writer-actor's suddenly former girlfriend has the sympathetic consolation votes of dumped women everywhere.

Julianne Moore ("Boogie Nights")
Decent chance, actually, even if she did play a porno queen. Moore is widely admired for her talent and bravery — and well-liked for lending class to vulgar money-makers such as "The Lost World." Besides, she played a coke-snorting porn

star, and Hollywood usually finds addition more redemptive than sex.

Gloria Stuart ("Titanic")
True comeback of the year, although few living souls

remember where from. Gave only genuine expression of heart in cliché-riddled superproduction, whose next most effective performer was the guy who bounced off the propeller blade.

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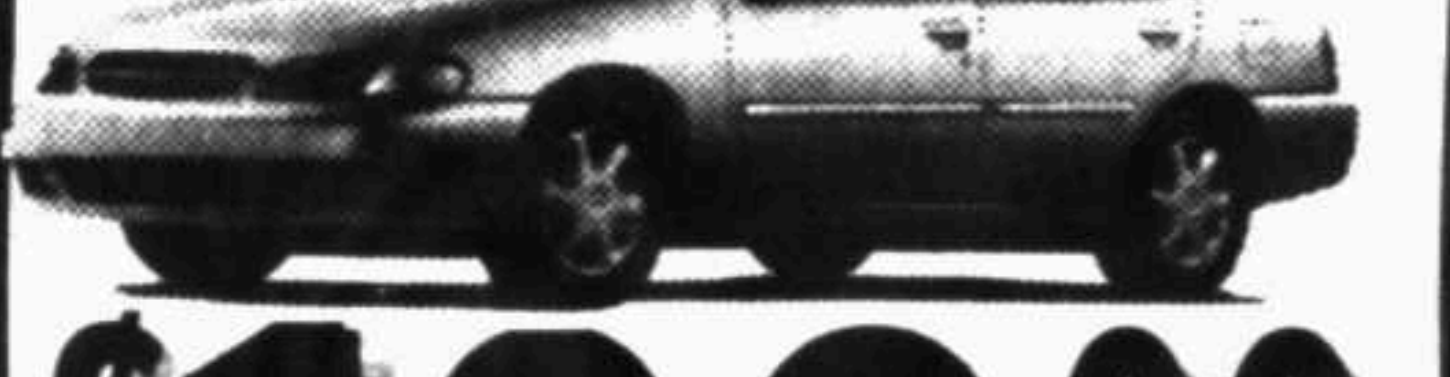
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FORD 1990 F-150 XL extended cab, 70K, 5 speed, new tires, blue, \$6,200, 689-4919.	CHEVROLET 1990 Travel Times, White/gray, 83K miles, one owner, always garaged, non smoker, TV/VCR, leather seats, \$11,500, 683-1756.	YAMAHA 1997 YZ80 Excellent condition, FMF pipe, Rental bars, race ready, \$2,400, 686-8035.	La Bodega Now hiring: Experienced Assistant Manager Apply in person 2700 N. Big Spring	BACKHOE OPERATOR , with at least 2 years experience, Call Rusty's Oilfield Service Inc., 758-2821.	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
FORD 1994 RANGER , extended cab, XLT, Cherry red, 45,000 miles, fully loaded, tinted windows, \$10,000, negotiable, 694-5654.	CHEVROLET 1988 Suburban Charcoal, gray, loaded, excellent condition, very clean, \$6,100, 683-6765.	HONDA 1989 TRX 300 , 2X4, 4 wheel, good for work or play, price reduced \$2,150, Call 683-5504.	Blind Box Replies When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example) BOX Z-01 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
FORD 1996 F350 , crew cab, XLT, 7.3L power turbo diesel, 4 speed auto transmission, heavy duty front & back bumper, immaculate condition, 34K miles, red, exterior, interior opal gray cloth, \$23,900, 697-8352 or 589-7976.	CHEVROLET 1991 Travel Times Conversion Van, Mid 60's mileage, good condition, Asking \$7,700. To see please call 687-0470.	1996 YAMAHA Royal Star (\$11,000) 1300 cc, 5 year unlimited mileage warranty, Call 694-7111.	Blind Box Replies When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example) BOX Z-01 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
FORD 1996 F350 , crew cab, dually, 7.3 liter V8, powerstroke diesel, 27K, red, gray cloth interior by Show Trucks USA, Inc. A must see, must sell due to change in life, \$24,500, 686-9551.	FORD 1994 Aerostar XL 64K, power windows/locks, new battery, always garaged, great condition, \$8,500 or best offer, Call 694-9838.	HARLEY 1986 Sportster 883 Red, 19,500K, hugger package, buddy seat, buckhorn bars, Baloney muffler, Live to Ride medallions, \$5,500 (915)520-5171.	Blind Box Replies When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example) BOX Z-01 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
FORD 1997 F250 , extended cab, 4X4, powerstroke diesel, Low miles, below blue book, \$29,500, Make offer 505-393-4353, Hobbs, Leave message.	CHEVROLET 1989 Suburban Silverado, 1/2 ton, 2 tone paint (re-painted), good tires. Reduced \$6,000, 688-1685 or 683-5760 after 6.	1995 HONDA ACE 2 tone , purple & white, 1154 actual miles, excellent condition, \$7,995, 520-2713 evenings/weekends or 571-1332 days.	Blind Box Replies When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example) BOX Z-01 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
FORD 1992 Sierra Step Side Power windows & locks, CD Player, cruise, \$8,995, 570-8645.	PLYMOUTH 1992 Grand Voyager LE Loaded, quad seating, dual air, wire wheel covers, original owner, garaged, Complete records, \$7,800, 682-5133.	1995 C & M 20' CARGO trailer, dual axle, electric brakes, good condition, \$5,000, 684-6339.	Blind Box Replies When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example) BOX Z-01 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
GMC 1995 1/2 Ton Sierra 350 extended cab, 39K miles, \$17,000, one owner, 682-3202 or 694-6290.	CHEVROLET 1981 Blazer Silverado, runs good, needs body work, new cassette deck, \$2,200 or best offer, 699-8019.	FORD REMANUFACTURED 6.9 & 7.3 engines with warranty. Will deliver. \$2,650 each. (713)513-7855.	Blind Box Replies When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example) BOX Z-01 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
JEEP 1995 Cherokee Laredo 4X4, 5.2 liter, V-8, Has all power options, luggage rack, good looking truck, Call Kevin 561-6222 pager.	NISSAN 1985 King Cab 5 Speed, air, extras, \$3,500 o.b.o. 683-0024/686-9821.	305 Job Services COMPUTER USERS needed. Work own hours. \$20K-\$50K/yearly. 1-800-348-7186 ext. 1397.	Blind Box Replies When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example) BOX Z-01 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
FORD 1995 XLT , extended cab, Gray/red, low mileage, dual tanks, AM/FM cassette, power tilt/cruise, \$16,000, 689-0572/567-4550.	FORD 1993 Explorer XLT 4X4, White, new tires, CD, all leather & power, \$11,880, 550-4294.	316 General Help Wanted NO EXPERIENCE Necessary! \$500 to \$900 Weekly! Potential Processing Mortgage Refunds. Own Hours. Call 1-800-701-9735 Ext 634.	Blind Box Replies When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example) BOX Z-01 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
FORD 1995 F-150 1/2 Ton Single Cab Pickup, White/tan interior, 5 speed, 6 cylinder, low mileage, \$11,500, 682-2422, 684-3864.	CHEVROLET 1984 Short wheel , 4 wheel drive, 305, automatic, air, 86K actual miles. Good GMC Suburban, excellent condition. Package \$34,500, 694-5200.	US GOVERNMENT Jobs Hiring Now! Entry level to advanced positions available! Paid training, benefits \$11-\$33/Hour. Call free, 1-888-473-6623, Ext 3200.	Blind Box Replies When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example) BOX Z-01 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
CHEVROLET 1993 extended cab Silverado package, excellent condition, 60K miles, \$12,900, 694-7833.	CHEVROLET 1997 , Z71, 11,000 miles, leather, loaded, show room condition. Days 688-1091, evenings 683-9122.	316 General Help Wanted NO EXPERIENCE Necessary! \$500 to \$900 Weekly! Potential Processing Mortgage Refunds. Own Hours. Call 1-800-701-9735 Ext 634.	Blind Box Replies When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example) BOX Z-01 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
CHEVROLET 1995 Silverado extended cab, 30K, two-tone paint, camper shell and towing package, \$17,000, Call 686-8138.	DODGE 1996 RAM 2500 pickup, 4X4, crew cab, extended bed, all power, tinted windows, bed liner, tool box, head ache rack, fender skirts, 40,000 mile warranty. One of a kind, 520-8030 or 697-7115.	316 General Help Wanted NO EXPERIENCE Necessary! \$500 to \$900 Weekly! Potential Processing Mortgage Refunds. Own Hours. Call 1-800-701-9735 Ext 634.	Blind Box Replies When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example) BOX Z-01 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
FORD 1995 F-150 XLT SuperCab Short bed, Loaded, 41K miles, blue/white, \$13,500, 684-7710.	FORD 1996 Explorer Black Eddie Bauer 4 wheel drive, 18K miles under warranty, loaded, CD, excellent condition, 682-7880 or 682-6681.	316 General Help Wanted NO EXPERIENCE Necessary! \$500 to \$900 Weekly! Potential Processing Mortgage Refunds. Own Hours. Call 1-800-701-9735 Ext 634.	Blind Box Replies When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example) BOX Z-01 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
FORD 1997 F-150 Lariat SuperCab, 2 Tone red/gray, Leather, CD, V8 cruise, Must see, \$18,500, Firm 687-5934.	GMC 1997 SLE Extended cab, 3 door, 4X4, 350 automatic, loaded, 25,000 miles, \$21,000, Call 570-5809 evenings.	316 General Help Wanted NO EXPERIENCE Necessary! \$500 to \$900 Weekly! Potential Processing Mortgage Refunds. Own Hours. Call 1-800-701-9735 Ext 634.	Blind Box Replies When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example) BOX Z-01 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
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CHEVROLET 1995 Dually crew cab, red, 6.5 liter diesel with automatic, horse trailer ready, \$21,000, 39,000 Mile warranty, Call 520-0595.	TOYOTA 1991 4-Runner , 4 wheel drive, V6, air, auto, power windows/doors, \$10,950, Call 699-2056 after 5 pm.	316 General Help Wanted NO EXPERIENCE Necessary! \$500 to \$900 Weekly! Potential Processing Mortgage Refunds. Own Hours. Call 1-800-701-9735 Ext 634.	Blind Box Replies When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example) BOX Z-01 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
CHEVROLET 1994 S10 extended cab, teal/grey/silver, new tires, bed cover & liner, good condition, \$7,000, offer, Call 686-0140.	JEEP 1997 WRANGLER White/Spice Automatic, Air, aluminum wheels, CD player, under 5,000 miles, \$16,500 (505)887-7967 after 5 pm.	316 General Help Wanted NO EXPERIENCE Necessary! \$500 to \$900 Weekly! Potential Processing Mortgage Refunds. Own Hours. Call 1-800-701-9735 Ext 634.	Blind Box Replies When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example) BOX Z-01 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
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GMC 1997 Suburban 4X4, 31,000 miles, dark blue, \$32,000, Call after 5, 683-5490.	CHEVROLET 1995 Kodiak 2 ton, 3116 cab engine, New tires, 20,000 pound, Tulsa winch, gun poles, Will take equity. See at Rig Runner Express, 1 1/2 miles west of Warfield Truck Stop, 563-1996, 687-2154, 683-8345.	1996 HARLEY 1986 Sportster 883, Red, 19,500K, hugger package, buddy seat, buckhorn bars, Baloney muffler, Live to Ride medallions, \$5,500 (915)520-5171.	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
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CHEVROLET 1990 Suburban gray and black, 95,000 miles, loaded, very clean, excellent condition, \$8,500, Call 1020 before 5pm or 682-0201.	JEEP 1987 Comanche 104K, 6 cylinder 5 speed, air, \$2,400, Call 520-6165.	1996 HARLEY 1986 Sportster 883, Red, 19,500K, hugger package, buddy seat, buckhorn bars, Baloney muffler, Live to Ride medallions, \$5,500 (915)520-5171.	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
CHEVROLET 1997 SUBURBAN 2 Wheel drive, green & brown, LT model, leather, CD, bucket seats, 15K miles, all extras, \$27,000, 687-5707.	MERCURY 1978 MARQUIS Very good car, \$1,250, 2911 Aurora Lane, 697-0418.	1996 HARLEY 1986 Sportster 883, Red, 19,500K, hugger package, buddy seat, buckhorn bars, Baloney muffler, Live to Ride medallions, \$5,500 (915)520-5171.	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
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DODGE 1996 Caravan SE , 2 sliding doors, luggage rack, alarm system, dual air, less than two years old, \$17,500, Call 697-1217.	PONTIAC 1988 Lemans Good condition, 4 door, A/C, \$1,500, Call 686-0623.	1996 HARLEY 1986 Sportster 883, Red, 19,500K, hugger package, buddy seat, buckhorn bars, Baloney muffler, Live to Ride medallions, \$5,500 (915)520-5171.	RESTAURANT - Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring 11 am - 2 pm counter help. Apply in person, 4317 W. Illinois.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.	RESTAURANT - Waitstaff, experienced, great tips. Kitchen Prep - Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.
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590 Legal Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 7710

An Ordinance establishing a Public Safety Speed Limit along certain portions of Loop 250 within the City limits of Midland, authorizing installation of appropriate signs and markings; containing a Cumulative Clause; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty of fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00); and ordering publication

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City Secretary

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Project 1645

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Notice to bidders, information for bidders, specifications containing the conditions of employment and minimum wages, plans and proposal forms which are on file in the Purchasing Department on the second floor of the City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas and may be secured upon a deposit of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each set.

ORDINANCE NO. 7711

An Ordinance regulating the direction of vehicular traffic on Loraine Street between Missouri Avenue and Wall Street. Authorizing and directing the Traffic Engineer to erect or remove appropriate signs, containing a Cumulative Clause; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty of fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00); and ordering publication

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ORDINANCE NO. 7707

An Ordinance amending the Midland City Code, Title VI, "Police Regulations," Chapter 1, "General Offenses," Section 7, "Oil and Gas Wells," Subsection (E), "Bond and Insurance," and amending the Midland City Code, Title VI, "Police Regulations," Chapter 1, "General Offenses," Section 7, "Oil and Gas Wells," Subsection (R), "Penalties," "Fines," "Forfeitures," "Revocation of Permit," containing a Cumulative Clause; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty of fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00); and ordering publication

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The annual return of the Muslim Family Charitable Foundation will be available for inspection by any interested citizen for a period of 180 days from the date of this notice. Inspection may be made between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The return is available at 400 West Illinois, Suite 1550, Midland, Texas. The phone number is 915-683-5226. The contact is Jack Bain.

ORDINANCE NO. 7708

An Ordinance establishing Intersection Stops at various locations within the City of Midland, Texas, requiring and authorizing the posting of appropriate signs at intersections, containing a Cumulative Clause; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty of fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00); and ordering publication

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ORDINANCE NO. 7713

An Ordinance rescinding and repealing Title X, "Traffic Regulations," Chapter 3, "Enforcement and Obeyance," Section 5, "Use of Coasters, Roller Skates, and Similar Devices Restricted," of the Midland City Code, and Amending Title IX, "Public Ways and Property," Chapter 1, "Streets and Sidewalks," Section 11, "Skating," of the Midland City Code, so as to allow the crossing of streets and alleys by individuals on skates at crosswalks, containing a Cumulative Clause; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty of fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00); and ordering publication

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