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Charred body believed to be Midlander



This is Bob Coonce in an MRT file photo as he appeared in 1982 when he ran for Midland County Justice of the Peace.

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The charred remains of a man found in a car set ablaze in a cotton field near Big Spring in the early-morning hours of May 4 are believed to be that of 64-year-old Bob Coonce of Midland, according to the Texas Rangers.

Coonce, a former crane operator who helped build Midland's skyscrapers in the boom of the late 1970s and early 1980s, in 1982 was a Republican Party candidate for a Midland County justice-of-the-peace (JP) post. He lost the election to then-Democrat Justice Robert "Bob" Pine.

Texas Rangers Capt. Barry Caver of the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) in Midland said the remains seem to be that of Coonce.

"We're assuming that that is going to be right."

The burning car, discovered early Friday morning by a Howard County sheriff's deputy, "was registered in Coonce's name," Caver said. However, tests are under

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— Capt. Barry Caver,
Texas Rangers

way to determine the certain identity of the body.

The death appears to be a homicide, Caver said.

A spokesman for Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker said on Wednesday forensics pathologist Dr. Rodney Tucay of Lubbock has indicated that death was caused by "blunt trauma to the head."

However, Caver said "We don't really know whether he was dead before they burned the car up or whether he was just unconscious and then burned up."

Coonce family members, including Coonce's son,

Mark Coonce, who is a DPS trooper stationed at Nocona near Wichita Falls, have been notified, Caver said.

An investigation into the death is being conducted by Texas Rangers Investigator Jess Malone and the Howard County sheriff, his Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett and Deputy Ron Allen.

"We've got a couple (of suspects) in mind that we are looking at right now," Caver said. "We are just trying to dig up some more stuff on them to try to get some statements and other evidence to corroborate what they are saying."

Coonce's nephew, Fred Coonce, said investigators are "90 percent sure" the body is that of his uncle but the final determination "is in a holding pattern" pending further testing.

His late father, Fred Coonce, was a Midland County precinct constable in the late 1960s.

Bill Coonce, youngest of the five Coonce brothers, is waiting on a positive identification of the body. "They are not for sure that it is him. They're 90 percent sure"

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Midland roadways undergo \$13.8 million upgrading

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

It's pay as you go.

And the going lately in Midland has been just a bit rough at places and trying for the motorists — testing their patience.

But it promises to be rewarding over the long haul.

Aging and cracking roadways and roads on the threshold of developing potholes, especially on Loop 250 service roads and intersections and Andrews Highway and Rankin Highway (Texas 349), are being reconstructed and along with other work in a \$13.864-million multiple project coordinated by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

The cost is being borne by the motorists — or whoever is paying fuel bills incurred at the automotive service stations.

The ultimate goal is to "maintain our roadways in good conditions," said Douglas W. Eichorst II, TxDOT's Midland Area engineer who is overseeing nine

2000-2001 Midland projects funded mostly by federal and state highway funds and Midland tax dollars. TxDOT's Midland Area takes in Andrews, Martin, Midland and Upton counties.

The federal and state tax dollars come from motorists who, in paying their fuel bills, pay 38.4 cents per gallon in taxes on gasoline and 44.4 cents in taxes on diesel fuel.

The Texas tax on both fuels is 20 cents per gallon. And the federal tax on gasoline is 18.4 cents. On diesel-fuel, the federal tax is 24.4 cents.

"We apologize for the inconvenience of the people," Eichorst said of the roadway work. "We ask for their patience. And I can understand their frustrations ... especially so much work in the city all at one time."

Eichorst noted the delays in traffic at work sites where two lanes may try to carry the load of four lanes.

But the work, in big packages, is being done "to take advantage when that mon-

Please see UPGRADE/4A

Road construction zones test Midland drivers' nerves

By Luis Garcia
Staff Writer

Motorists all over Midland are coping with closed streets, orange cones, delays and frayed nerves.

The Texas Department of Transportation is working on nine separate projects scattered throughout the city.

Long lines in tight spaces are the norm at busy intersection across town. Motorists wait for two or three green lights before they have a chance to move.

The construction is testing some drivers' patience.

"I don't like it," said motorist Gary Parish. "Every place that you go, there's something on the road. Every big road, like Andrews Highway and Loop 250, has something being done to it. They're just doing too many at a time."

Motorists have made adjustments to accommodate the construction, finding

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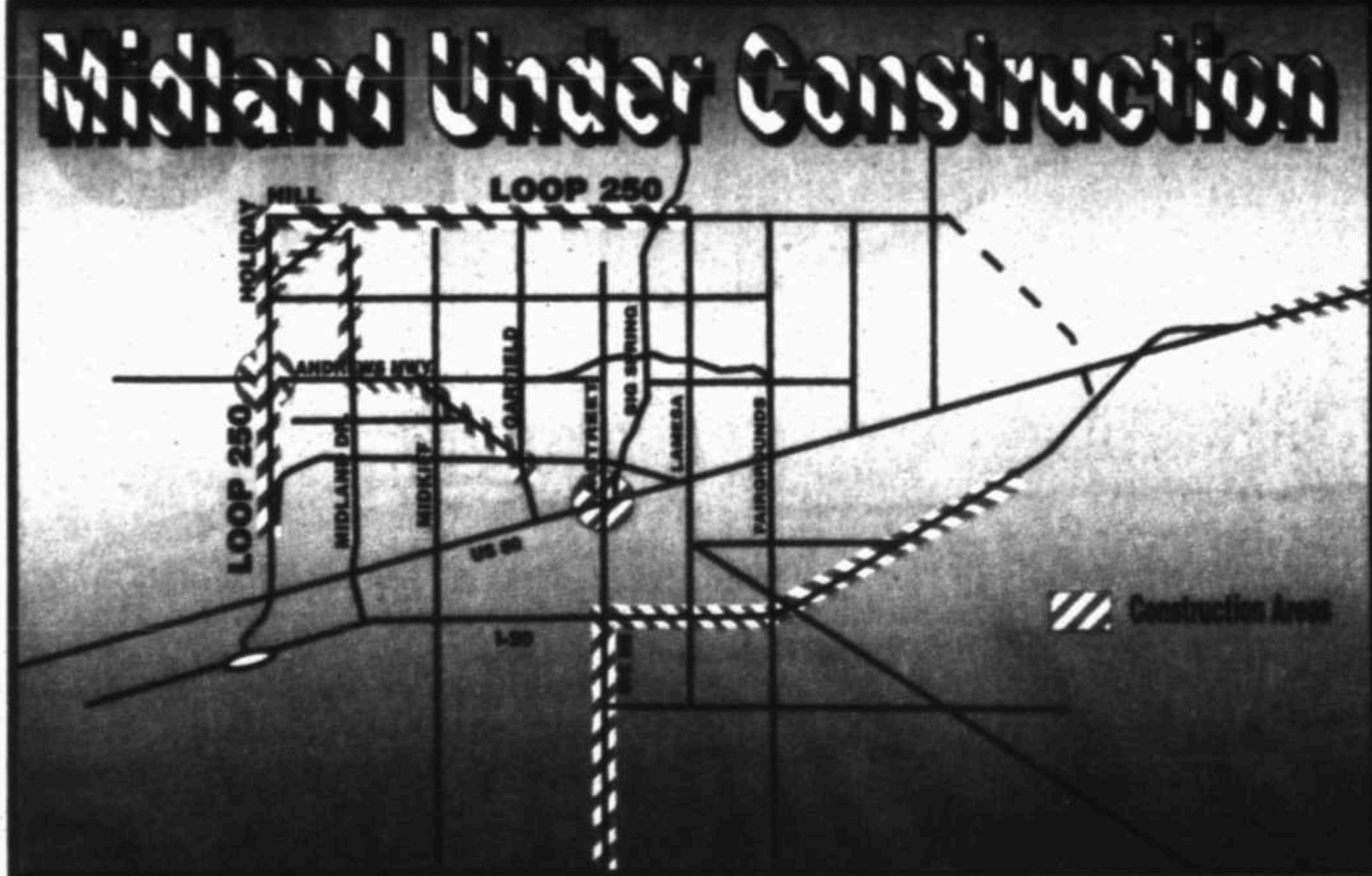
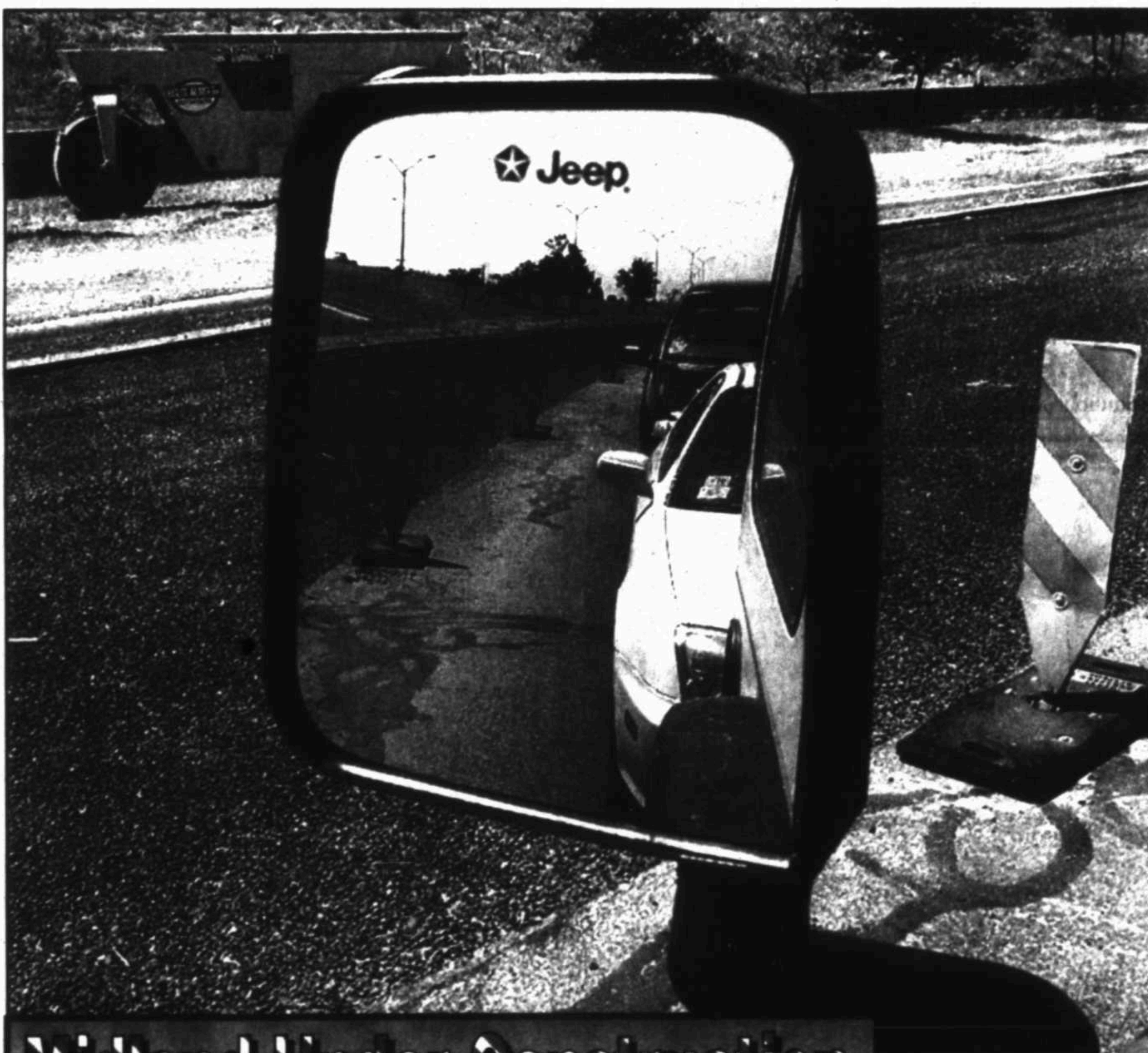
Cellular phones add to danger at construction sites

From Staff and Wire Reports

The growing popularity of cellular phones may be convenient for their users but to many the gadgets are becoming synonymous with car accidents.

More and more Midlanders can be found performing a balancing act of both talking on a cellular phone and driving at the same time. Chatting while driving also is contributing to the potential for accidents, which is heightened all the more with Midland's

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ABOVE: A common view out drivers' windows as they travel the access roads on Loop 250.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

LEFT: This graphic illustrates all the areas around and in Midland that are currently under construction.

Graphic by Janine Price

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TODAY

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Nathaniel Brazil, 14, demonstrates during his murder trial how he held the gun used in the fatal shooting of Lake Worth Middle School teacher Barry Grunow last May./Page 6A

Off the wire

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Napoles sentenced to 10 years in prison

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Antonio Serna Napoles, appearing unmoved and stoic, was confronted in open court on Wednesday by the mother of one of three teenage boys with whom he had committed felony sexual offenses.

Judge John Hyde, in a plea-bargaining agreement, moments before had sentenced Napoles to 10 years in prison.

Napoles, a 42-year-old former Midland school teacher, had pleaded guilty to 29 counts of sexual abuse of a child and indecency with a child between 1997 and 2000 when he was teaching Spanish at Midland Freshman High School.

All told, he had been indicted on 80 counts that included sodomy and oral sex committed in his Midland home.

"You don't know the hurt that you have done to my child and my family," the 45-year-old Hispanic mother told Napoles.

She spoke through an interpreter from the

witness stand and was focused on the slight, 5-foot-1 Napoles, who appeared far younger than his years. He sat silently with his defense attorney, Sylvia Chavez.

"You will have to pay," the mother told the ex-Spanish-language teacher. "One day, if you become the father of a child, you will understand" her pain and the harm done to her son.

Of Napoles' silence, the mother said "maybe in his heart, he felt something but not in his eyes."

Before Hyde, presiding judge of the 238th Texas Judicial District Court, accepted Napoles' guilty pleas, he made certain Napoles understood he was relinquishing his constitutional rights to a jury trial and to remain silent.

Following her admonishments, the mother, who wished to remain anonymous in the press, said her son "has hard days, and he has good



Napoles

days."

Her son, now 17, was 15 years old when Napoles assaulted him, she said. He has since dropped out of school.

To protect other students from harm, the mother suggested "parents have more communications with the teachers and know the teachers more."

Napoles resigned his \$32,640-salaried job with the Midland Independent School District in April 2000 following his arrest. He was indicted on 80 counts in three cases the next month and was set free on promises to appear in court at hearings.

George Lara, MISD trustee and former board president, said later Wednesday he was "disappointed that the (Napoles) situation took place."

"I hope that the families have found relief

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Bush nominates first judges, asks 'civility' in confirmation

By Sandra Soblera
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush began putting his conservative imprint on the judiciary Wednesday as he announced his choices to fill the first of 100 vacancies on the federal bench. Postponing controversial selections, Bush appealed for "civility and dignity" in the Senate verdict on his inaugural slate of 11 nominees.

"I urge senators of both parties to rise above the bitterness of the past, to provide a fair hearing and a prompt vote to every nominee," the president said at an East Room ceremony.

The would-be appeals court judges — chosen after White House consultations with their home state senators and meant for smooth confirmation by the evenly divided Senate — stood beside Bush on a three-tiered riser.

"Individuals of experience and character," he called them. Seven are sitting judges, three practice law and one is a law professor.

Vermont's Patrick Leahy, the only Senate Democrat to show up, welcomed Bush's first round of picks, which include two nominees previously tapped by former President Clinton — Barrington Parker Jr. and Roger Gregory.

"Had I not been encouraged, I would not have been here today," said Leahy, ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee. He brought a camera and prevailed upon an audience member to snap him mugging with Republican Sens. Strom Thurmond and Orrin Hatch.

But even before the White House ceremony began, Democratic leaders reminded reporters that Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., could block the nomination of Terrence Boyle of North

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Carolina. "Until we find some constructive process that allows for balance, then I would not support any nominee, including Judge Boyle," Edwards said.

Boyle has been caught in a partisan tug of war since Bush's father nominated the District judge and former aide to Sen. Jesse Helms to the federal bench in 1991. Democrats blocked Boyle then, and Helms, R-N.C., subsequently retaliated by blocking all of Clinton's nominees from North Carolina.

Bush withheld planned nominations of at least four conservatives to avoid such Democratic objections.

Controversy and contention have surrounded the judicial confirmation process throughout the nation's history, but the acrimony reached especially high levels when Democrats scuttled the Supreme Court nomination of Robert Bork in 1987. Republicans, in turn, blocked several Clinton nominees to lower court seats.

Bush, who has long cited Supreme Court conservatives Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas as his models, said he will only nominate "a person who clearly understands the role of a judge is to interpret the law, not to legislate from the bench."

Those in Wednesday's lineup are mostly conservative although Bush took pains to offer a diverse slate by appoint-

ing three women, two blacks and one Hispanic.

"This is just a good P.R. initiative because obviously, with Parker and Gregory, there's an appearance of a compromise, an appearance of moderation. But there are many more to go," said Ralph Neas, president of the liberal People For the American Way.

While most liberal-leaning activists held their tongues Wednesday, Bush did raise their eyebrows.

University of Utah law professor Michael McConnell, nominated to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, is recognized in legal circles as especially conservative on abortion rights and church-state separation. And disability activists were quick Wednesday to protest the selection of former Ohio state solicitor Jeffrey Sutton for the 6th Circuit. Sutton had successfully argued to the Supreme Court that state employees can't use

federal disability rights to collect damages for on-the-job discrimination.

Miguel Estrada, nominee to the D.C. Circuit, is a partner in the Washington firm that represented Bush at the Supreme Court during his postelection legal fight with Al Gore.

On Capitol Hill, Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle said little else than that he was pleased "that the White House has chosen to work with us on the first group."

Asked about prospects for swift confirmation, Leahy said Democrats on the Judiciary Committee would wait at least until a careful review of candidates by the American Bar Association.

Bush asked for "good faith" from the Senate. He cited the "backlogs, frustration and delay of justice" caused by vacancies.

Also nominated to the appeals courts, which are the regional U.S. courts that serve as last stop before the U.S. Supreme Court, were: U.S. District Judge Edith Brown Clement and Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla Richman Owen to the 5th Circuit; Ohio Supreme Court Justice Deborah L. Cook to the 6th Circuit; Washington-area attorney John G. Roberts Jr., a former deputy solicitor under Kenneth Starr, to the D.C. Circuit, and U.S. District Court Judge Dennis W. Shedd to the 4th Circuit.

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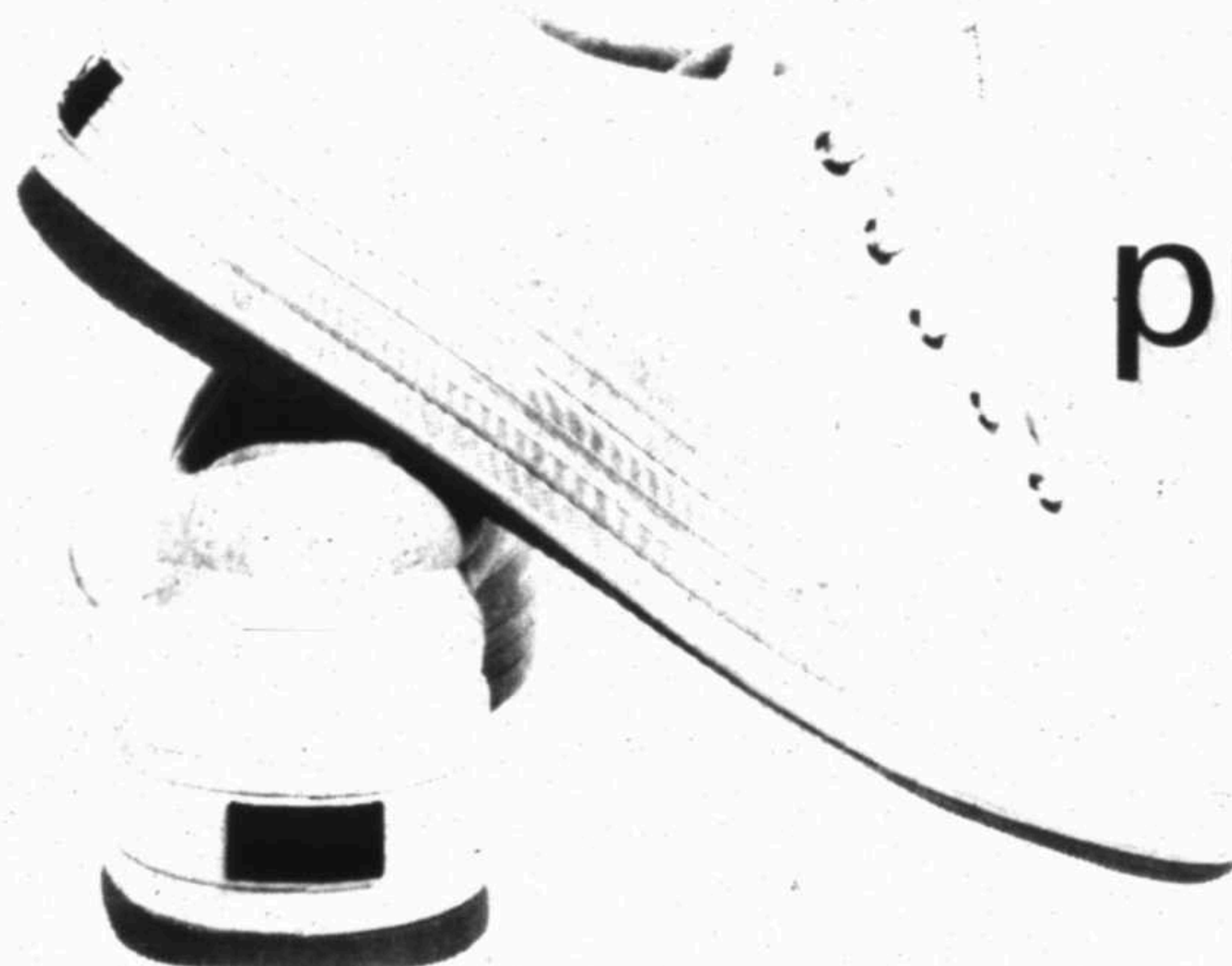
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Associated Press

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GOP gets Bush budget through House; Senate next

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans scored a triumph for President Bush on Wednesday by shoving a final 2002 budget through the House, paving the way for the deep tax cuts and slowed spending that form the core of his economic agenda.

The near party-line 221-197 roll call shifted the spotlight to the Senate, which planned to vote final passage on Thursday. A victory in that chamber, divided evenly between the Republicans and Democrats, was all but assured as members of both parties conceded that several centrist Democratic senators would provide the critical support needed for passage.

Just six of 210 House Democrats supported the \$1.95 trillion spending plan, but that was enough for Bush to claim a bipartisan victory. Three Republicans also defected.

"Today's bipartisan budget vote in the House is a victory for fairness and the American people," the president said in a written statement. He said the budget "will return money to the taxpayers and provide reasonable spending increases."

The budget's crown jewel is its call for \$1.35 trillion in tax cuts over the next 11 years. That is less than the \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax reduction that has long been Bush's hallmark, but still one of the biggest tax reductions ever.

The measure would hold spending for many programs to a 4 percent increase in 2002, half their growth this year. Boosts are planned for education, defense, and biomedical research, along with the possible creation of new prescription drug coverage. But other unspecified programs will face smaller increases or cuts.

The budget would also shrink the publicly held national debt by \$2.4 trillion, which Republicans say is the maximum feasible reduction. Democrats say more can be achieved but for the GOP's drive to save money for the tax cut.

The budget is a guideline aimed at assisting lawmakers' fiscal plans and does not require Bush's signature. Specific tax and spending decisions will be made in later bills.

Democrats complained that the package carried a bloated tax cut that would disproportionately benefit the rich while soaking up money needed for schools, debt reduction and other domestic priorities.

"This is the people's House," chided Rep. Robert Menendez, D-N.J. "It isn't the special interests' House, it isn't the billionaires' House, it isn't the oil companies' House."

Republicans said that with \$5.6 trillion in budget surpluses projected over the coming decade, it is time for tax cuts — and time to rebuff Democrats' spending demands.

"This isn't a county sale barn where we're bidding on a prize heifer," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle, R-Iowa. "Spending more on education isn't the only thing we need to do."

The House vote, which kept Bush's political momentum on fiscal issues alive, underlined the GOP's desire to deliver a crucial victory to the president just

four months into his term.

Perhaps more importantly, it moved lawmakers closer to giving Bush a huge advantage in winning his cherished tax reductions.

The budget's final passage will mean that Senate Republicans will need just 50 Senate votes — plus a tie-breaking vote by Vice President Dick Cheney — to pass their big tax bill. Without the budget's protection, Democrats could kill the tax measure by filibuster, delays that take 60 votes to halt.

The House has already passed most of its tax bills for the year.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said he intends to release a bipartisan tax cut bill Friday, if agreement can be reached with at least four of the 10 committee Democrats and most Republicans.

To fit Bush's tax proposals into the smaller \$1.35 trillion figure, Grassley could delay the full income tax reductions beyond 2006; reduce the top 39.6 percent rate to more than the 33 percent Bush wants; and seek a smaller reduction in the tax marriage penalty paid by millions of two-income couples.

After a week of bargaining, Republicans were counting on winning at least some of the 14 centrist Senate Democrats, who voted for a similar version of the budget last month. Their votes were pivotal because moderate GOP Sens. James Jeffords of Vermont and Lincoln Chafee of

Rhode Island were considered unlikely to vote yes.

"There will be differences" among moderate Senate Democrats on how they vote, conceded Sen. John Breaux, D-La., a leader of the centrists.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., predicted, "To the best of my knowledge, the budget resolution will be out of our hair tomorrow."

Democrats mocked as unrealistically low the budget's plan

for 4 percent growth for all federal programs but automatically paid benefits like Medicare. Those programs would grow from \$635 billion this year to \$661 billion in 2002, the same amount Bush requested.

Republicans said they meant business.

"We are serious about our efforts to hold down spending," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

"This is not something that is whimsical here."

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Low 63	Low 63	Low 55

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On Saturday, look for partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. High is expected in the upper 80s and the low in the mid 50s.

Temperatures on Wednesday reached a high of 86 and a low of 59. The record high for May 9 was 101, set in 1967. The record low was 42, set in 1962.

Yesterday's precipitation

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Total for year .315 in.
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Yesterday's temperatures

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-9-6

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 9-40-23-17-19-8

COONCE: Family suspects foul play

(From 1A)

the body is that of his brother. "I don't think he burned himself up, to tell you the truth," Bill Coonce said.

Bill Coonce, 57, said he last saw his brother about three weeks ago, that he recently had been living in motels but "wasn't a drifter," that he was depressed

and, as was the case for years, he had been suffering from back pains and was taking medication. "He had been hurting for some time."

"Bob was all right," said Bill Coonce, who runs an automotive shop in Midland. "We've all got faults. He was always happy-go-lucky."

Bill may ban building new charter schools

AUSTIN (AP) — Senate Education Chairman Teel Bivins gutted a House bill on Wednesday that would ban new charter schools for two years. He instead proposed giving public universities the right to issue charters.

Existing law allows only the State Board of Education to issue charters. "Charter schools must be given more time and support to survive," Bivins said. "They must be held more accountable, but we also must give them some flexibility."

Bivins' proposal, which was left pending in the Senate Education Committee, effectively killed a Texas House bill that set a two-year moratorium on issuing new charters. That bill gained final approval by the House in April.

Charter schools receive taxpayer money but operate independently from local school districts. The schools are free from many state regulations. Last year, Texas spent \$218 million on 193 charter schools.

Backed by then-Gov. George W. Bush, Texas began its charter school experiment in 1995.

Bivins, R-Amarillo, also pro-

posed that a governor's commission be set up to study the performance of charter schools. The report would be due by Nov. 1, 2002.

Bivins also proposed giving certain governing bodies the power to issue charters.

Some education experts were opposed to allowing anyone but the Texas Education Agency the authority to issue charters.

"We need to keep the charter school program simple and retain within one body the power to issue charters," said Holly Eaton of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association. "The state already has problems keeping up with the charters it has issued and can't even say there are now."

But Bivins said the measure makes sense. "City commissioners are responsible to their electorate and university and college boards are not going to issue charters to just anyone," Bivins said.

The Senate Education Committee has until Friday to vote on the substitute. All Senate bills must be out of committee by Friday.

PRISON: Naples hears words from mother of teen-age victim

(From 1A)

or closure," he said. "That is a very, very tough ordeal for the families." Lara said he "never figured things" so grave "would happen in this city. Obviously, we are not immune from violence or from pedophiles."

Despite Naples' crimes, "We have a great number of greatly qualified teachers out there," Lara said.

MISD has 1,440 teachers and 20,317 students.

"The majority of them are wonderful teachers," Lara said. "Obviously, we will get a bad apple in a barrel. And I hope this would not tarnish the image of the public educators."

Naples, now in the Midland County Detention Center, is awaiting transfer to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Institutional Division where 25,000 offenders, or 16.6 percent of the state's 150,000 prisoners, are serving time for sex-related offenses, said TDJC spokesman Larry Todd of Austin. Todd noted the recent practice of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles "is not to

parole any sexual offenders until their sentence has been served (fully). Clearly, there are exceptions."

Assistant District Attorney Jane Belazi, who prosecuted the case, said the 10-year sentence was mutually agreed upon by the prosecution, the defendant and his counsel, and by the victims and their families in part "to avoid the trauma of the children" having to testify in open court.

"It would be very traumatizing for them," she said, and they could be "publicly humiliated."

Newly elected MISD President Dale Strauss said "unfortunate" is not a strong-enough word "to describe the gravity of the crimes against the youths."

"Hopefully, we can review things and put more safe-guards in place to make sure that we don't have a repeat of this (crime)."

Strauss said "no way do I feel that it taints our teachers or our staff" because "you can't attribute the actions of one person to a group."

UPGRADE: Burns notes inconvenience

(From 1A)

ey becomes available," Eichorst said. "When we have problems later on, we may not have the money to finance it."

"Most of these projects aren't something that we dreamed up this last month," he said. Rather, the projects are part of a metropolitan "schedule of projects for the last 10 years." The planning was put into place also to handle safety issues.

TxDOT Spokesman Glen Larum noted "the good thing about the transportation projects is that they are funded by the people who use them."

"And every time you go to the pump and buy a gallon of gasoline, you are paying for the highways that you drive on," Larum said. And the life of the projects will "last a long time — take us a long way down the road" for 20 to 25 years or so depending on the weather, especially rain and freezing conditions and heavy traffic.

"The life of a highway depends on the amount of traffic that it carries and how many heavy trucks use the road," Larum said.

Of the 20-cent state tax on fuel, a nickel — 25 percent — goes to public education. And 15 cents, or 75 percent, goes to transportation.

Most of the federal tax on highway fuel is returned to the states, Larum said.

"All of those fees and taxes are paid by people who own cars and drive on the road," Larum said.

Larum estimated that more than 100 people are at work on the projects, which, in various stages, began in late September 2000.

"It's a pretty substantial impact on the economy," Larum said. "It represents jobs. We're glad to keep that money circulating within the employees and companies here." Highway "materials came from local and regional sources."

The highway reconstruction and resurfacing, such as that on Interstate 20 main-lanes east of Midland, on Loop 250, Andrews and Rankin highways, are being done to rejuvenate the roadways.

"The pavement structure itself has outlived its life expectancy," Eichorst said in many instances. "We are starting to get more and more cracks" — called "alligator cracks" that are precursors to potholes.

"And maintenance can't just go out there do a quick repair and get

out of the traffic.

"So, we are going in there and trying to do some rebuilding," he said. "Some of it is just preventative maintenance. Some of it is to keep basically a lot of the investments that we already have put into it and making sure that those investments continue on."

TxDOT's major Midland Area's projects are:

No. 1: Loop 250 Rehabilitation Work. This \$2.3-million rehabilitation project over 116 working days began in April under contract with Reece Albert Inc. of Midland and San Angelo. Funding is 90 percent federal and 10 percent state. The 2.5 miles of rehabilitation includes "white-topping" with fiber-strengthened concrete over the Loop's Midkiff Road and Garfield Street intersections and a base of asphalt. The intersections' frontage roads down to Big Spring Street are being resurfaced. Work includes the two frontage roads and the six lanes in the intersections plus the turnarounds.

No. 2: Andrews Highway (Texas Business 158). The \$3.9-million rehabilitation project over 2.3 miles and covering 163 working days started in March under contract with Jones Bros. Dirt & Paving of Odessa. Funding is 90 percent federal and 10 percent state. "We're doing a real good job on that," Eichorst said. "Andrews Highway carries a lot of our traffic through the city — probably one of our biggest traffic areas." Depending on the intersection, daily traffic on Andrews Highway ranges from 18,000 to 31,000.

"That part of the city carries a significant portion of the water every time we get a rain," he noted. And the roadway's base material has been damaged over 25 years of use.

No. 3: Holiday Hill Road: This \$2.1-million reconstruction project over 204 working days at Holiday Hill Road and Briarwood Avenue is under a Reece Albert Inc. contract. Funding is 80 percent federal and 20 percent city at Briarwood and 80 percent state and 20 percent city at Holiday Hill Road. Traffic signaling at Loop 250 and Holiday Hill Road is 100 percent TxDOT. "We're doing the reconstruction with partnership with the city," Eichorst said. "We had two-lane roads, and we are widening those to a five-lane section."

No. 4: Business Interstate 20 East Bridge: This \$892,000 Front Street bridge reconstruction project over 142 working days started in October 2000. Contractor is SCR Construction Company of Houston. Funding is 90 percent federal and 10 percent state. "It is an older structure that is deteriorating," Eichorst said of the bridge, which was built in the early 1950s. "We were having some problems with the concrete deck. And we needed to do a replacement of that structure. We are totally removing the existing structure and replacing it."

No. 5: Texas Highway 349 (Rankin Highway). The \$1.64-million rehabilitation project is over a four-mile stretch of four lanes plus a continuous left-turn lane of Rankin Highway (Texas 349). Work started in late October 2000 and is to take 203 working days to completion. Contractor is Price Construction Company of Big Spring. Funding is 90 percent federal and 10 percent state. "This is one of our older (1975) roads that we had some extensive cracking on — State Highway 349 south of town," Eichorst added.

No. 6: Landscaping at Loop 250: This 60-day, \$169,200 landscaping project at Loop 250 and at the concurrent Texas 158 and Texas 191 is largely funded via TxDOT through a \$130,000 Governor's Community Achievement Award won by Keep Midland Beautiful (KMB). Work started in April 2001. Funding is 100 percent state. Landscape architect is TxDOT's Laurie Williams. Contractor is Green Images Landscaping of Amarillo. Eichorst noted that TxDOT had been "looking for a good location," such as Loop 250 and Texas 158, to design an enhanced entrance to Midland. Landscaping is to include trees, shrubs, an irrigation system, KMB oak-leaf logo and the enlarged name of "MIDLAND" in white brick on brown-brick pavers on an embankment. "It's going to improve the look as you are coming into town," said KMB's Cindy Lanning. "And, hopefully, the landscaping in the two areas, the stadium (Scharbauer Sports Complex) and the intersection (Loop 250 and Texas 158), are going to complement each other."

No. 7: Interstate 20. This \$2.6-million project to resurface 9.5 miles in two segments of Interstate 20's main lanes east of Texas 349 started in May 2001 and is to take 160 working days for completion. Funding is 90 percent federal and 10 percent state. Contractor is Jones Bros. Dirt & Paving. "We've got a real thin asphalt layer that has outlived its life," Eichorst. "And it has starting to come apart. We've been trying to get financing for the last couple of years to remove that top layer and then come back and resurface the top of it — gives us a smooth ride."

No. 8: Loop 250 Backfill: "This is a safety issue," Eichorst said. The \$154,000 project over 60 working days started in May 2001. Funding is 100 percent state. The "drop-off" areas along the outside of Loop 250 the eight miles from Thomason Drive to Texas 349 and smoothed out. Contractor is Jeremy Sanders of Pecos. "We are filling in that drop-off to help keep people from over-correcting whenever they do leave the pavement and have to come back onto the pavement," Eichorst added. Smoothing out and filling in sides of the roadways will make it "easier for them to come back to the road without over-correcting."

No. 9: Midland Drive Valley Gutters. This \$108,800 project, at Midland Drive (Farm-to-Market Road 868), is to begin in mid-2001 for 50 working days. The work is to control "nuisance waters." Contractor is Birchwood Construction Company of Texas. Funding is 100 percent state. "We are going to get some really good roads that are going to last a long time," Eichorst said of the projects, which include "safety-related issues." "We are trying to address some safety concerns."

Of the roadway projects, Midland Mayor Bobby Burns noted inconvenience to motorists.

"It's very tough," Burns said. "It makes it very inconvenient to have the Loop, and the Andrews Highway and (Texas) 191 and other roadwork under construction at same time."

However, Burns said, "It's a great thing for us to do long-term in terms of securing the infrastructure."

ZONE: New mix should be more durable

(From 1A)

alternative routes, or just getting out the door a few minutes earlier.

"People are starting to find other places to go," said Barbie Reynolds, shopping at a store near the construction. Ms. Reynolds has been on the front line of road work for a month. She both lives and works on Andrews Highway, the site of major renovations. For safety reasons, TxDOT is doing the majority of the work on Andrews Highway at night.

"That was the worst part of the construction, worse than the traffic," she said. "There were semi-trucks making noise and unloading out there at 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning."

The stress is just too much for some people.

"A lot of people just lose their patience," said Jose Luis Luna,

the flagman at the Andrews Highway and Illinois Avenue construction site. "But there's also people who are very patient. They just wait their turn and move on."

The rows of orderly, if impatient drivers line up two or three blocks before the light. Occasionally, cars cut in front of one another, some drive through parking lots or jam up behind other cars.

"It's a necessary evil," said Mark Williams, a laboratory technician at Midland Memorial Hospital. "It's bad, but it's not that bad, there are other streets to drive on."

For some, the temporary inconvenience is worth smooth roads.

"I would rather them fix the road that has holes that hurts my car, even if it means that they have to tear up the road," he said. The roads are being rebuilt

from the bottom up.

The worn-out concrete, about 8 inches deep, will be removed, and the new material mix is going in. The material, a blend similar to hot mix tar, is stronger and more durable than the concrete it's replacing. But the mixture can be hard on the crews.

"We have to dip our shovels in diesel so that the mix doesn't stick to them," said Manuel Hernandez, road construction worker.

Despite the grumpy drivers, working during the wee hours and battling semi-trucks, the key to moving along with these projects is keeping the end in sight.

"We're going to get back here and put the finish on it, then some paint," Hernandez said. "People are going to notice, it's going to look real nice, and people are going to be proud that we did a good job."

PHONE: Companies say no evidence of harm

(From 1A)

recent boom in roadway construction.

Steve DeShaw owns DeShaw's Landscape in Midland and said cellular phone users pose a constant threat to his crews.

"It's definitely a safety hazard," DeShaw said. "We have an incident almost daily with people in traffic using cellular phones."

Construction crewman Edgar Huerta said, "We get scared. You can hear the cars coming at you, but they're not paying attention to the traffic signs because they're on the phone."

Sgt. Mike Reed of the Midland Police Department said the problem is not always associated with cities going through road construction. He said the problem is endemic of most American cities where cellular phones have gained widespread popularity. Cellular phones, once an expensive only doctors and lawyers could afford, are now smaller, cheaper and everywhere.

"I pulled a lady over today who rolled through a stop sign with the phone on her shoulder," Reed said. "They're pretty dangerous."

With the problem showing up nationwide, the government is starting to get involved.

Congress met with groups Wednesday to discuss the hazard of cellular phone use by drivers. The groups came before a House

Transportation subcommittee to bemoan what many safety experts consider traffic's new national nightmare.

"What we have is a growing safety problem," said Rep. Robert Borski of Pennsylvania, the top Democrat on the highways and transit subcommittee.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that a driver's inattention causes 20 percent to 30 percent of accidents — about 1.6 million of the 6.3 million crashes last year — or around 4,300 accidents a day.

Thomas Dingus, director of the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, said using cellular phones and other electronic devices while driving is two to five times more dangerous than changing the radio station or eating lunch, which also can cause drivers to take their eyes off the road. An NHTSA survey found 54 percent of drivers reported having a cellular phone in their car and three-fourths of them have talked on the phone while driving.

"The cellular phone in particular has become a significant highway safety concern," NHTSA Executive Director L. Robert Shelton told the subcommittee.

Members of the cellular phone industry say there is no evidence showing that drivers talking on cellular phones are more likely to cause accidents. Statistics in Minnesota, Oklahoma, Pennsylv-

ania and Tennessee blame cellular phones in fewer than 0.5 percent of crashes, said Tom Wheeler, president and chief executive officer of the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association, the trade group for the cellular phone industry.

Lawmakers need more information before they decide to legislate, said Harold Worrall, chairman of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America, a nonprofit group that represents transportation departments, companies, universities, and others involved in high-tech projects.

"Decisions on the safe use of technology in vehicles should be based on sound science and not anecdotal information," Worrall said. "Presently, there is little substantive research to assist lawmakers and regulators in crafting public policy and drafting guidelines to protect the public. We need more solid research."

All sides agree drivers must be encouraged to keep their eyes on the road. Public service announcements delivering that message are being broadcast by the cellular industry group working with the National Safety Council, and the ABC Radio Networks working with the federal highway safety agency.

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Clinton finds footing after rocky first months as former president

By Katherine Roth
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bill Clinton, the master of the comeback, is rehabilitating his image yet again.

After a messy White House exit marked by uproars over pardons, gifts and pricey office space, the former president has focused on humanitarian issues in the past two months, taking his message across four continents to receptive and often adoring crowds.

"Basically he's decided to take things he knows work and adapt them to other countries," said Joe Lockhart, the former White House press secretary who is now among his few close advisers.

"Only two or three former presidents have had the platform to bring international focus to disaster relief, citizen service, economic empowerment and health care. And he still has a very strong following."

Since leaving office, Clinton has helped found an organization of Americans who want to rebuild villages destroyed in January by an earthquake in India. Already, the group has raised \$8 million. He also visited India this spring and plans to help launch the India Service Corps, modeled on the U.S. Peace Corps.

Recently he attended an AIDS summit in Africa and embarked on extended trips to Europe and China. He also started a Clinton Democracy Fellowship program, which brings South African students to the United States to learn how to run community service programs.

In remaking his image, he has employed strategies proven effective during his darkest days in office.

After appearing adrift for weeks without his presidential staff, Clinton has assembled a circle of advisers, including former chief of staff John Podesta, with whom he consults regularly.

In traveling the world, Clinton has largely succeeded in focusing news coverage on a few select causes. At home, he has made himself less accessible to the media. Reporters are excluded from his paid speaking engagements, and audience questions are typically pre-selected.

Nearly gone now are the tabloid headlines like "Clinton Legacy: Wanna walk? Money talks" that blared from newsstands throughout February.

Presidential scholar James Pfiffner, a professor of government and politics at George Mason University, said the 54-year-old Clinton should have no problem reshaping his image if he continues to pursue the service projects he has championed in recent weeks.

"One key thing is that he's relatively young as ex-presidents go," Pfiffner said. "Nixon rehabilitated his image, or tried, by writing his books, conferring with world leaders and being a wise elder statesman. He came amazingly far."

He added: "The international arena, especially with Africa and AIDS and pressing problems in the developing world, seems like a natural place for Clinton to work on his image."

Aides said Clinton's recent travel schedule is typical of the way he plans to spend much of his time. He plans to devote most of the rest to public appearances and his memoirs.

Despite embarrassing early setbacks on the lecture circuit — Morgan Stanley, for example, announced it regretted having him speak at a conference in Boca Raton, Fla. — Clinton is in great demand as a speaker.

The Harry Walker Agency, which books Clinton's engagements, says it has assigned

extra personnel to keep up with demand. Clinton has made dozens of appearances at a minimum of \$100,000 each, with the fee typically higher overseas.

He is expected to earn about \$1 million for appearances this month alone, which would go a long way toward paying his estimated \$4 million in legal fees. Those costs continue to accumulate; a federal grand jury is investigating Clinton's presidential pardons.

Robert Barnett, Clinton's literary agent and lawyer, said the former president will sign a hefty memoir deal within the next few months. The contract seems likely to eclipse Hillary Rodham Clinton's \$8 million book deal, which Barnett also helped arrange.

Aides said he has turned down tens of millions of dollars' worth of commercials and endorsement offers, and has declined offers to work in the media and in teaching.

Clinton has also kept his hand in politics. He stays in touch with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and other foreign leaders, including South Korean President Kim Dae-jung and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

With his wife in Washington as a senator and his daughter,

Chelsea, away at Stanford University, Clinton's white house in suburban Westchester County is rarely inhabited by anyone except Clinton and his military valet, who cooks meals and tends to his clothing and household needs.

Clinton and his wife have had a mostly long-distance relationship since leaving the White House, though just this month they began making public appearances together again.

The controversy that marked his first weeks out of office isn't

necessarily a bad thing, said Skip Rutherford, head of the foundation that is planning Clinton's presidential library in Little Rock, Ark.

"The more controversies there are and the more interesting a president is, the more exciting a library will be to tourists, historians, journalists and others," said Rutherford, who claims the foundation's \$200 million fund-raising effort has continued unabated. "Clinton will be one of the most studied presidents of all time."

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With tears, Florida teen says he didn't mean to shoot teacher

By Amanda Riddle
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A 14-year-old boy accused of killing his English teacher wiped away tears Wednesday as he insisted under cross-examination that he hadn't meant to fire the gun he brought to school.

"I pulled the trigger, but I didn't try to. That was an accident. Mr. Grunow was one of my friends," said Nathaniel Brazill, testifying for a second consecutive day at his first-degree murder trial.

"You want it to be an accident, don't you?" asked prosecutor Marc Shiner.

"It was an accident," Brazill responded.

"You don't want anyone to believe you were angry enough to kill another human being, do you?"

"I was not." The defense rested its case Wednesday after calling family members and teachers to testify that Brazill's actions the day teacher Barry Grunow was killed were unusual.

Closing arguments are scheduled for Monday. If Brazill is con-

victed of first-degree murder, he faces life in prison without parole. Jurors also have the option of second-degree murder or manslaughter, which carry less severe penalties.

Brazill fatally shot the 35-year-old Grunow last May 26, returning to Lake Worth Middle School two hours after a counselor suspended the seventh-grader for throwing a water balloon.

Brazill rode his bike back to school and testified that he went to Grunow's classroom to talk to two girls but the teacher said no. The defense contends the shooting was an accident.

The boy was the star witness and his short, simple answers on the stand were broadcast across the country on all-news cable channels. He spoke in the same calm, collected voice throughout

his testimony, but showed emotion for the first time Wednesday during questioning about the shooting.

Brazill said he thought the gun's safety was on and he never meant to harm Grunow, whom he described as "a nice guy, a good teacher."

Shiner, who grilled Brazill for more than an hour, had the teen show jurors how he held the palm-sized, .25-caliber handgun and pulled back its slide, putting a bullet in the chamber.

"I want you to show the members of the jury how you shot Mr. (Barry) Grunow between the eyes, unintentionally. Can you show us?" Shiner asked.

"I held the gun up in both my hands, like this," Brazill said, demonstrating.

"Did you pull the slide back on the gun?" Shiner asked, referring

to an action that puts a bullet in the gun's chamber.

"Yes."

"You wanted to make sure a live round was in there?" Shiner asked.

"Yes."

"That was why you pulled the slide back, prior to shooting a man between the eyes, right?"

"Yes."

On several occasions, Brazill said he couldn't remember saying some of the things other students and a teacher testified he told them the day of the shooting.

Using a large easel, Shiner wrote in large, black letters three things Brazill said he did not recall: hearing a school counselor tell him to stop throwing water balloons, walking past another

student and telling him to go home and telling students he

wanted to "(expletive deleted) up the school."

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Maytag Corp. is recalling 13,000 electric ranges because flammable liquids can enter an indicator light, causing sparks and posing a fire hazard.

The Newton, Iowa-based appliance maker announced the voluntary nationwide recall in coordination with the Consumer Product Safety Commission on Wednesday.

Maytag has received 15 reports of flames in the indicator lights. No injuries have been reported, the commission said.

The recalled electric ranges are 30-inch units that bear the brand name "Crosley" or "Magic Chef" on the control panel.

The Crosley brand name ranges bear the model numbers CE35000AAW or CE35000AAT. The Magic Chef brand name ranges bear the model numbers CER1110AAT or CER1110AAH.

The model numbers can be located by opening the storage drawer and looking at the tag on the left side.

People should stop using the electric ranges immediately, the company said. Consumers with questions can call Maytag at 1-800-462-9267 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT. Monday through Friday for a free repair kit.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Mexican population in the United States grew by 1.5 million in the past decade, the report, with more than 10 million in the Midwest and Texas, California.

The Puerto Rican population in the United States rose significantly in the 1990s, though said a Census Bureau report released today. The decade head count showed 13 million more in the country in 2000, which over half

The report of details of the country's population, which is strong, now is Hispanic black, the largest minority group. The report also shows a decline in the number of blacks to 13 million.

With Hispanic Mexicans, increasing the number of states, and seized on the new political leadership. These groups are educational or attacking racial. "The growing panics is a catastrophe for our nation's democracy," said the report. "The face of our nation

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Census shows Hispanic growth fueled by Mexican immigration

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A surge in the Mexican population in the United States paced the explosive growth among Hispanics over the past decade, the Census Bureau reported, with newcomers settling in the Midwest as well as traditional immigrant gateways like Texas, California and Florida.

The Puerto Rican and Cuban populations in this country also rose significantly during the 1990s, though to a lesser extent, said a Census 2000 report being released today. The once-a-decade head count found nearly 13 million more Hispanics in the country in 2000 than in 1990, of which over half were Mexican.

The report offered the first new details of the country's Hispanic population, which at 35.3 million strong, now is approaching non-Hispanic blacks as the nation's largest minority group. Non-Hispanic blacks totaled about 35.4 million.

With Hispanics, especially Mexicans, increasing in size in most states, advocacy groups seized on the new numbers to call on political leaders to give more attention to issues affecting those groups. These include improving educational opportunities and attacking racial profiling.

"The growing number of Hispanics is a catalyst, not only for discussing the changing face of our nation's demographics, but also for discussing the changing face of our nation's democracy,"

said Juan Figueroa, president of the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The report did not address how much of the Hispanic population increase resulted from illegal immigration — a question that bureau officials said could be better answered when additional figures are released later this year.

Among the findings:
■ There were 20.6 million Mexican-Americans in the country in 2000, up 53 percent from 1990. Mexicans outnumbered all other Hispanic groups.

■ Puerto Ricans were the next biggest Hispanic group, increasing 25 percent to 3.4 million. New York had the largest Puerto Rican population, at 1.1 million, but was also the only state to see a decline among that group (down 3 percent).

■ The Cuban population, the third largest group, was up 19 percent, with the highest growth in the South and West. The Cuban population decreased in New York, New Jersey, Louisiana and the District of Columbia.

■ Nearly 5 percent of all other Hispanics in 2000 were from Central America, and 4 percent were from South America.

Now, Hispanics must continue to unite their diverse groups and turn the population gains into political and social gains, said Angelo Amador, policy analyst with the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

For instance, President Bush's nomination Wednesday of 11

lawyers to federal judgeships included one Hispanic, a statistic that is "unacceptable," said Arturo Vargas, executive director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

As Democrats and Republicans rethink political strategies to reach out, Hispanic Americans must continue to effectively articulate policy priorities, encourage citizenship and exercise their right to vote, Vargas said.

Both parties offered glimpses last Saturday of their increased attention. Bush gave his weekly radio address in both English and Spanish for the first time and Democrats also gave a bilingual radio response.

Among Mexicans, growth rates surged in places that have not tra-

ditionally drawn immigrants as people flocked to small towns and cities for jobs at manufacturing and meatpacking plants. The Mexican population in North Carolina, for instance, rose 655 percent.

But California, with 8.5 million Mexicans and Texas, with 5.1 million, were still the top two states, as in 1990.

The report renewed discussions over how much of the population growth was due to legal and illegal immigrants. The bureau does not ask people to divulge their legal status.

Between 11 million and 12 million people immigrated to the United States in the 1990s, the Census Bureau estimated in March, based on an earlier survey. Updated immigration estimates

from the Census Bureau will not come out until late this year, at the earliest, after figures on the foreign-born population are released.

A preliminary estimate from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, pending the release of more detailed census figures,

placed the illegal immigrant population at the time of the 2000 census at between 6.5 million and 7.5 million, up about 1 million from a previous estimate.

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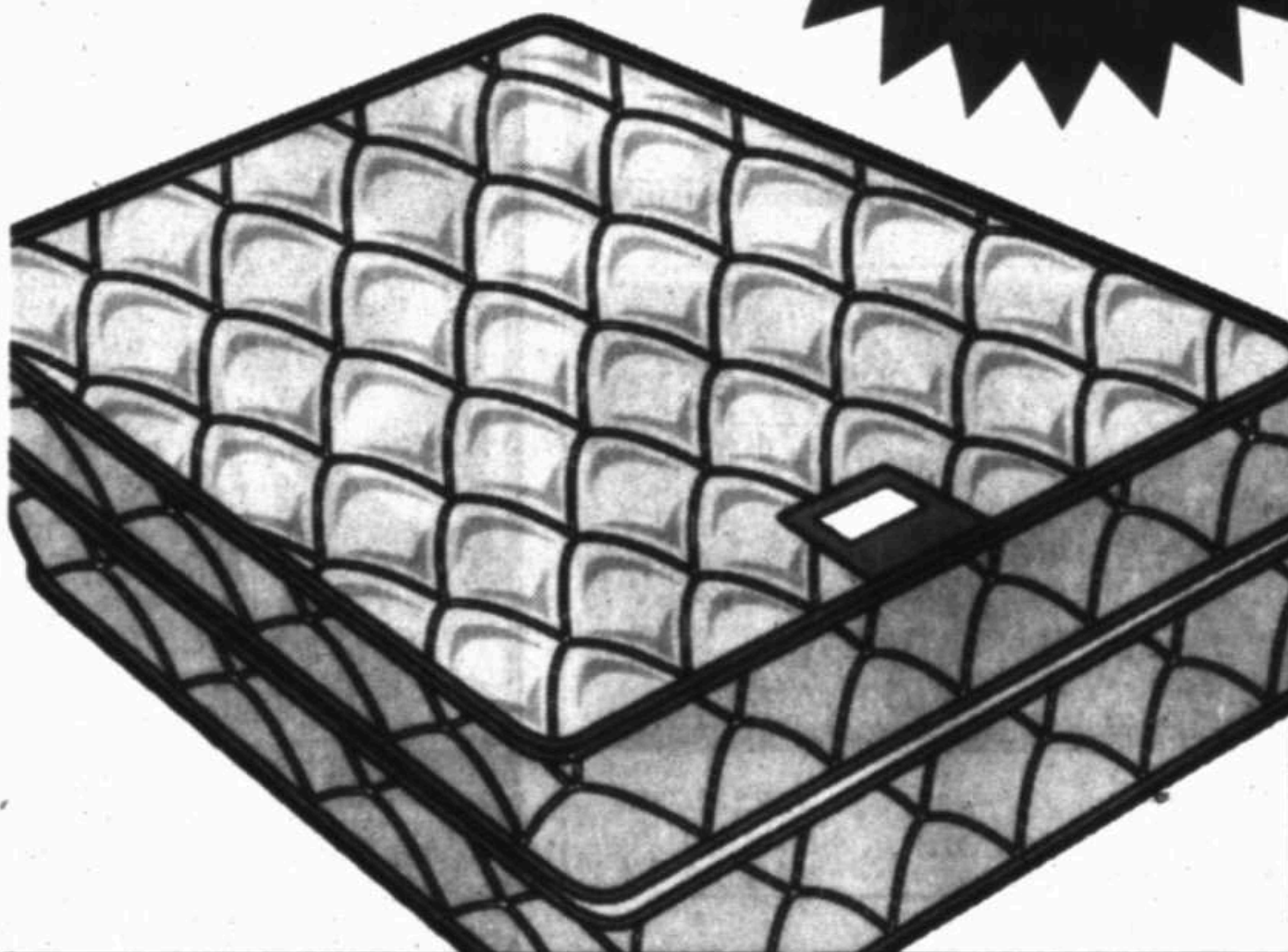
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Villagers arising from Congo's rebel-held east speak of years in hiding from war

By Ellen Knickmeyer
Associated Press

KABINDA, Congo — Ntambue Ntambue fed his seven children rats and cassava leaves for the 15 months they hid from rebels in warring Congo. When there were no more rats, they ate only leaves.

Sent running by shelling that set their southern village aflame on March 15, 1999, the 36-year-old farmer and his neighbors watched from the scrub as Rwanda-backed rebels laid claim to the village's cattle and stripped its fields.

"We would go in the night, to enter the fields and see what had been left by the rebels," but sometimes "it was nothing," said Ntambue, who lost two of his malnourished children to measles while in hiding.

With a cease-fire in Congo's 2 1/2-year-old war taking hold, Ntambue's account is one of many revealing the hidden humanitarian disaster in rebel- and Rwandan-controlled eastern Congo. Just this week, a study released by the New York-based International Rescue Committee estimated the war left 2.5 million people dead — most from disease or hunger — in eastern Congo alone.

Rebels — who block access to their territory — deny the hunger is severe. Adolphe Onusumba, leader of eastern Congo's dominant rebel group, the Rwandan-backed Rally for Congolese Democracy, told The Associated Press in late April that "aid agencies exaggerate the scale of the problem to justify pleas for additional funding."

But AP reporters, visiting isolated communities and hospitals in Congo's northeast and southeast, saw emaciated children and adults and heard direct accounts of years of running and hiding and of starvation that persists to this day.

"I wanted to save them," said one woman, whose family carried two young sisters 30 miles on foot in hopes of finding help at Kabinda's hospital, already overcrowded with the starving and the sick.

The younger sister, Mwembo Nkongolo, who weighs only 26 pounds at age 11, sat on a cot at the hospital begging strangers for food.

Her 13-year-old sister died the



AP Photo
Young children seeking medical help, arrive at a hospital in the government-held town of Kabinda from the rebel occupied zones around Kabinda, a frontline town in Congo last Saturday.

day before. The villagers straggling into Kabinda — a government-held southeastern city of 140,000 encircled by rebel territory — spoke of many more dying at home.

"There's so much suffering. Too much," said Omasombo Tshole, who on Sunday was among a stream of bony, ragged men trudging or pushing bicycles laden with peanuts more than 120 miles, a one-week journey, in hopes of trading them for other food and salt in Kabinda.

Some of the men sold whole bags of precious corn just to buy clothes to cover themselves for the journey, said Kasongo Lupongo, who hoped to buy food for his seven remaining children — two others, ages 5 and 4, died late last year.

"There are some who are still in the bush. They don't have clothes, so they are ashamed to come here to Kabinda," said Basa Ngoyi, the mother of an emaciated 5-year-old at the Kabinda hospital.

Rebels and their Rwandan and Ugandan allies control 60 percent of northern and eastern Congo. Congo's government holds the rest only with the help of Zimbabwe, Angola and Namibia, which poured troops and military hardware into Congo after Rwanda and Uganda — with their Congo rebel allies — invaded in August 1999.

Congo's interior is opening up slightly since a U.N.-monitored troop disengagement began March 15. The pullback is meant to be a step toward the withdrawal of foreign forces and disbanding of the rebel armies.

Ntambue, the father of seven at the village of Ejimba, said rebels ordered him and his neighbors out of the bush and back into their villages and fields on Dec. 27.

Cultivation is resuming; in

recent weeks, rebels at Ejimba have begun allowing families with sick people or those with goods to buy or sell to come to Kabinda, he said.

At Kabinda's market, girls from nearby rebel-held villages said rebel authorities were permitting them to come to town to sell manioc. Corns and beans, more nutritious and thus more prized, were being kept out of the government-held town by rebel order, the girls said.

Nurses and doctors with the Roman Catholic health services in Kabinda are afraid to venture outside the city — although they agonize with worry for those they cannot reach.

"Security there is not assured," said Sister Jacqueline Bipingane. She broke into tears as soon as she put her thoughts into words. "If the sisters go there, some can be killed."

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Director of Prisons Fabio Figueredo said most of the late Tuesday night deaths and injuries occurred when one prisoner tossed a hand grenade. He said security officials have regained control of the situation.

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Pope closes biblical travels with 'prayers for peace' in Mideast

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press

VALETTA, Malta — Pope John Paul II ended his journey through biblical lands Wednesday, but his attention was drawn back to the Middle East by unrelenting bloodshed near places where he once prayed.

"Once again, today, we hear sad news from the Holy Land of terrible violence even against innocent young people," the pope told more than 200,000 people at an outdoor Mass in the Mediterranean island nation of Malta. "We must intensify our prayers for peace in the land of Jesus."

Two 14-year-old Israeli boys were found bludgeoned to death Wednesday in a cave near a Jewish West Bank settlement. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon called them victims of "Palestinian terror." Later, a 3-month-old Palestinian girl and her mother were injured in the Gaza Strip by shrapnel from Israeli tank shells.

The pope's appeal was a somber departure from a day set aside for celebrations: elevating three Maltese religious figures to the final step before possible sainthood and honoring Malta's deep Christian roots that stretch back to the shipwreck of the Apostle Paul in A.D. 60.

It also echoed the pope's pleas for peace in the Middle East since he began his biblical pilgrimages last year to mark the millennium.

"The future of peace in the

world depends on strengthening dialogue and understanding between cultures and religions," said a written papal statement issued before the pope departed for Rome to close a six-day voyage to retrace the steps of Paul.

His flight arrived back in Rome on Wednesday evening. The trip — which also passed through Greece and Syria — was the last of the pope's biblical travels for the millennium. Last year, he visited Egypt and the Holy Land.

"In the footsteps of St. Paul, I have come back to you," the pope said at the Mass in Malta that drew more than half the country's population. A canopy shielded John Paul from a bright sun, which glinted off the island's yellow limestone buildings.

The 80-year-old pontiff, who has battled fatigue during the trip, also offered a personal note to others slowed by age and illness.

"I remember and feel very close to the elderly," he said. "To the sick I say: Have hope and be strong."

After extremely sensitive contacts with Greek Orthodox clerics and Muslim leaders in Syria, the pope basked in pure adoration in Malta — which he first visited 11 years ago. Nearly 98 percent of the country's 392,000 people are baptized Roman Catholics, and divorce and abortion are illegal.

Identity with the faith runs deep in Malta — back to Paul and the centuries under the pro-

tection of the Order of St. John, or the Knights of Malta, which turned back a siege by Muslim Ottoman forces in 1565.

The pope added another milestone with the beatification of a local priest, the Rev. George Preca, and two 19th-century Catholic figures, missionary Nazju Falzon and cloistered Benedictine nun Sister Maria Adeodata Pisani. Beatification is the last formal step before possible sainthood.

Preca, who died in 1962, founded the Society of Christian Doctrine, a religious society whose members — both men and women — pledge themselves to celibacy, teaching and a routine of private prayer. The society now has about 1,100 members.

The pope recalled Preca's writings on Christian tolerance and drew apparent connections

with his gestures of reconciliation to Muslims and Eastern Orthodox churches during the trip.

"Is not this message of mutual respect and forgiveness especially needed today in Malta and in the world?" asked John Paul.

The pontiff also noted the "ecumenical spirit of respect and dialogue" associated with Falzon, who founded a Christian association that attracted many British military members in the former colony.

The pope used the cloistered life of the Italian-born nun to urge "a renewed appreciation of the deeper theological reasons."

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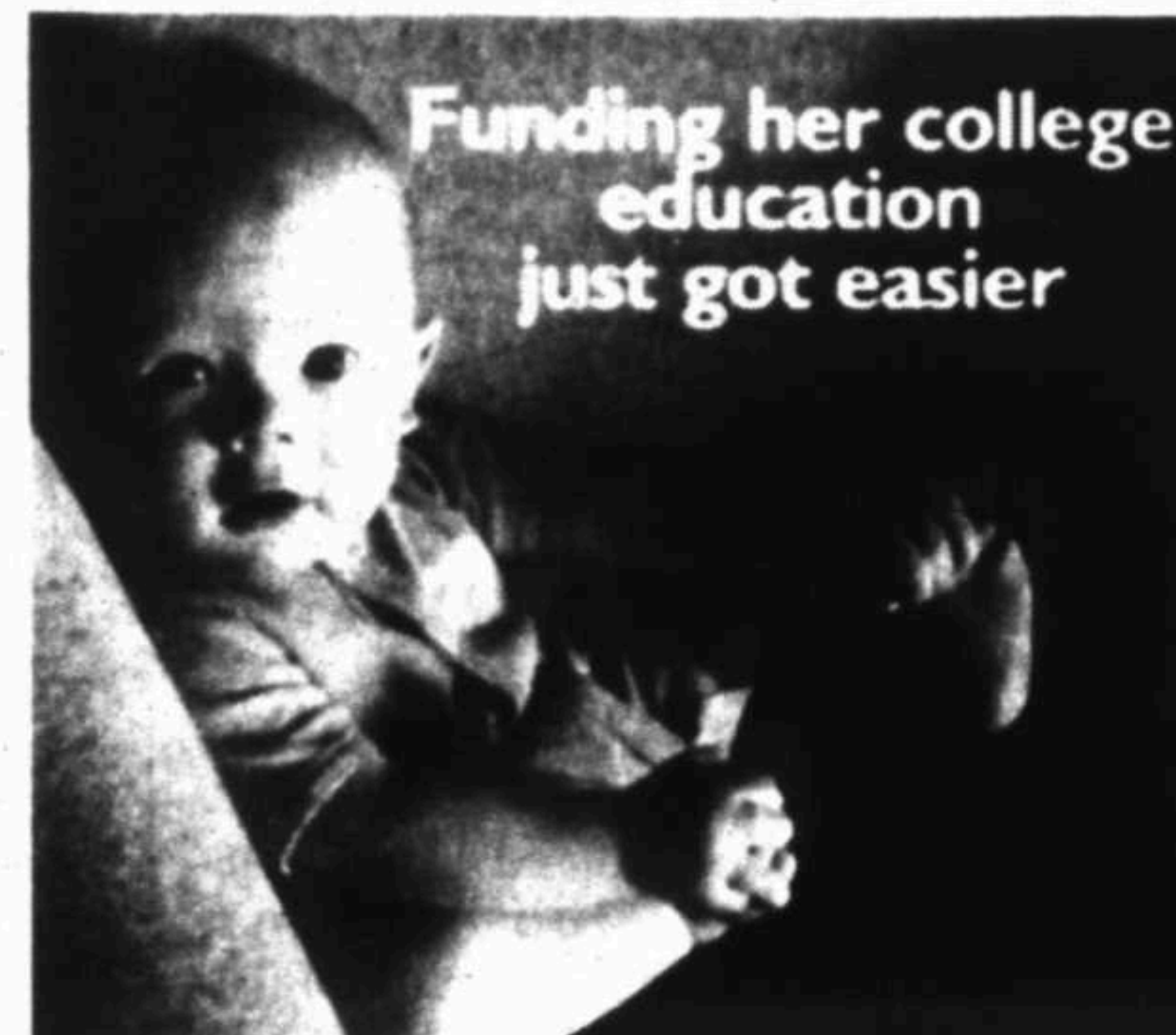
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Ritz renovation may bring life back to downtown

We applaud the Midland City Council for granting a special use permit to Midland attorney Nover Morales who is renovating the historic Ritz Theater in downtown Midland.

There are plenty of people working hard to revitalize downtown Midland. Like others, we are concerned our downtown district has lost its luster and its place as the heart of our city. Our famous skyline is in danger of being obliterated as many of our once proud downtown buildings remain vacant.

A handful of citizens has worked hard to create special events that bring people back downtown. But Morales is focused on putting the "life" back into "nightlife" with regard to our city's downtown.

Morales, a bright, young, energetic man who comes from a family with a long tradition of hard work, dedication and giving, looked at the decaying old theater and saw possibilities when others had turned their backs on it.

To many Midlanders, the theater evokes memories of big movies and first dates. It's a part of the city's history.

But Morales sees it as a part of the city's future. That's why he's been sinking money and hard work into the old structure. He plans to rebuild and reopen the Ritz, rechristening it The Ritz Downtown Avenue.

There are those who don't want to see a nightclub open downtown. They fear it'll attract the worst elements of society, that a nightclub could lead to the ruin of our downtown.

Those who know the Morales family know better.

They have operated businesses in Midland, including restaurant Gerardo's Casita, for years. The family is a real asset to the community. Some downtown business owners are fearful that the permit would be transferable to the next owner of the building and it could be someone less respectable than a member of the Morales family. While we understand those fears, we also know the Morales family is a fixture in this community and their concern for our city runs deep. Between the Morales family and our vigilant city administration, we don't see a problem developing down the road.

We are excited to see a young man interested in making a commitment to our city's downtown. We believe this could be an important step toward the long-term goal of downtown revitalization.

We salute the City Council for recognizing this as an opportunity — not a risk.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, May 10, the 130th day of 2001. There are 235 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On May 10, 1869, a golden spike was driven at Promontory, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.

On this date:

In 1774, Louis XVI ascended the throne of France.

In 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys captured the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, N.Y.

In 1865, Union forces captured Confederate President Jefferson Davis in Irwinville, Ga.

In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was given the job of FBI director.

In 1933, the Nazis staged massive public book burnings in Germany.

In 1940, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned, and Winston Churchill formed a new government.

In 1941, Adolf Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess, parachuted into Scotland on what he claimed was a peace mission. In 1968, preliminary Vietnam peace talks began in Paris.

In 1981, Socialist Francois Mitterrand defeated incumbent Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in the second round of France's presidential election.

In 1994, the state of Illinois executed convicted serial killer John Wayne Gacy for the murders of 33 young men and boys.

Ten years ago: Alexander Bessmertnykh became the first Soviet foreign minister to visit Israel as he met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister David Levy.

Five years ago: Two Marine helicopters collided in the dark and crashed in a swamp at Camp Lejeune, N.C., during a U.S.-British training exercise, killing 14 people.

One year ago: High wind drove what began as a deliberately set fire into a New Mexico canyon, forcing the evacuation of the entire town of Los Alamos and its 11,000 residents. (The fire had been set to contain an earlier blaze intended to clear brush.) Actor Craig Stevens, who'd starred in the 1950's TV series "Peter Gunn," died in Los Angeles at age 81.

GEORGE WILL

Missile system doesn't have to be perfect

WASHINGTON — By the logic of some commentators hostile to President Bush's determination to deploy defenses against ballistic missiles, the government should stop trying to develop an AIDS vaccine. Attempts to produce a vaccine have encountered failures and have not yet produced a product that works "perfectly" or "fully."

The day Bush announced — reiterated, really — his commitment to missile defense, ABC News said: "He wants to spend a vast amount of money, and it doesn't matter if the system doesn't work perfectly." An ABC correspondent said critics accuse Bush of proposing something that would "scare" potential enemies even if it does not "fully work." But what do such people mean by the verb "work"?

Critics announcing their thumping certitudes about military possibilities should be chastened by the history of false prognostications, from "the bomber will always get through" to the asserted impossibility of ballistic missiles traveling intercontinental distances. As to whether missile defenses can work "perfectly" or "fully," have you ever owned a car that worked "perfectly"? What would it mean to say that any complex system — a bomber, a tank, a destroyer — "fully works"? Weapons have varying degrees of usefulness in various contexts.

During the Cold War, Gov. Mario Cuomo accused President Reagan of building missiles "we can't even afford to use." Well, yes. Avoiding what



Will

Cuomo thought of as the "use" of the missiles — launching them — was the point of deterrence constructed around sea- and land-based ballistic missiles. The missiles were being used just by being there, complicating, to the point of paralysis, the calculations of any potential aggressor. Even less-than-perfect missile defenses can serve the same function — not supplanting deterrence, but strengthening it.

Reagan deserves accolades for reviving missile defense as a strategic aspiration, and for presenting it as a moral imperative: It is not just imprudent, it is unworthy of America to base its defense on mutual assured destruction, a military policy condemned for a thousand years, that of holding civilian populations hostage. But debate about missile defense still is bedeviled by Reagan's imprudent talk about an impenetrable shield. Such talk enables critics to argue that any defense screen less than impenetrable — and any shield can be penetrated by a sufficient multiplication of offensive systems — is useless.

The immediate use for missile defenses would be to prevent a rogue nation from using possession of a small missile force to deter the United States from acting against that nation's regional aggression. If in 1990 Saddam Hussein had possessed a few nuclear-armed ICBMs capable of striking European capitals, the task of assembling the Desert Shield coalition would have been much more difficult. And even a nation with a more-than-minimal missile force would find that even a less-than-perfect U.S. shield would complicate an aggressor's ability to make a credible threat.

Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, ranking Democrat on the Armed Services Committee, says Bush's proposal could irritate Russia enough to "risk a second cold war." Evidently, he thinks Russia will

respond to U.S. defenses by multiplying its ICBMs. But even if Russia could afford to, which it cannot, Russia is not an enemy. Anyway, does Levin think U.S. precautions in the face of various emerging threats (from North Korea, China, Iran, Iraq) should be controlled by the sensibilities of a fading Russia?

If Russia's high mortality rate and low fertility rate continue, by mid-century its population, currently 146 million, will have declined by 30 percent, and will be smaller than the populations of Iran or Vietnam. Russia is becoming a Third World country with a hunter-gatherer economy. In the words of Jeffrey Taylor, in *The Atlantic Monthly* ("Russia is Finished"), Russia is becoming "Zaire with permafrost." It is "following the path of Mobutu's Zaire, becoming a sparsely populated yet gigantic land of natural resources exploited by an authoritarian elite as the citizenry sinks into poverty, disease and despair."

Russia's economy, which is now about the size of the Netherlands', is negligibly based on manufacturing products competitive in world markets. It is based on extraction industries — oil, gas, minerals. Oil alone provides one-third of state revenues. The military is impoverished, with officers' salaries, adjusted for inflation, having fallen 50 percent in five years.

Opponents of missile defense are going to need arguments better than "it won't (fully, perfectly) work" or that this technologically sophisticated undertaking will reignite the rivalry with a Russian military that cannot pay its officers or cope with Chechens primarily using only weapons they can carry.

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MARIANNE MEANS

Social Security panel needs opposing views

WASHINGTON — The special panel that President Bush selected with great fanfare to ratify his cause of partially privatizing Social Security is not an independent commission in the traditional sense. It is a cheerleading squad.

As such, the panel's recommendations can never carry the objective aura necessary for political credibility. Its work is suspect even before it has begun.

This is no way to produce the bipartisan congressional consensus required to responsibly overhaul the federal retirement system that millions of elderly Americans depend on.

Former Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., one of few Democratic leaders on record as willing to allow workers to sink part of their Social Security payroll taxes into private investments, was named co-chairman to provide Bush some political cover. But his legendary stature cannot transcend the fakery of a stacked deck. Although half the panel members are Democrats, they assured White House aides in advance that they share the president's opinions.

He can now say that he has taken the first step by naming a commission, even a useless one doomed to fail. At the same time, he has held off pressure to get moving on this particular campaign promise until his panel reports sometime in the fall.

Bush contended that the panel was instructed "to make sure that there's an objective analysis of Social Security." But not one of the panelists approaches the task without a subjective bias in favor of diverting Social Security funds into stocks, bonds or other equities. The only uncertainty is how far they will agree to go.

Social Security is a touchy issue because without a financial overhaul reasonably soon, the benefits it now provides may have to be drastically reduced. No politician wants to take the blame for allowing that to happen. It would surely cut short his or her career.

Yet the system's trust fund threatens to go broke in 37 years if sizable financial adjustments to cut costs and increase revenue are not made. Retiring baby boomers will begin draining its funds in 15 years by

taking out more money than workers are putting in.

That time frame is short enough to force politicians to fret about the looming crisis but long enough to allow them to put off the inevitable for a while. Bush is not endangering anyone's retirement safety net at the moment by temporarily hiding behind the protective shield he expects his panel to provide.

Indeed, a rush to privatize Social Security before a public consensus has formed would be a terrible folly. All those ringing phrases from conservatives about the joys of letting people invest their own money suddenly sounded terrifyingly discordant after the recent stock market gyrations. It dawned on people that subjecting their pensions to the whims of Wall Street and the international markets might not be a good idea after all.

The momentum that Republicans had generated on Capitol Hill for privatization has evaporated. Polls show that voters, once inclined toward the idea, are now fairly evenly divided.

White House economic adviser Larry Lindsey said he hoped that the panel's conclusions, even though preconceived puffery, would rally new support for the president's plan because Congress would see that "real people" agreed to it.

It is dangerous for a White House aide to exclude those who are not in the Bush camp from the category of "real people." It betrays an intolerant attitude toward competing ideas that can easily lead to electoral defeat.

Most Democratic officials argue that Bush's approach would weaken the collective stability of Social Security by diverting a portion of the taxes that support the system into the private financial markets. "Risky," snapped House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt. Senate Democratic Leader Thomas Daschle complained once again the president is refusing to work with Democrats to resolve a polarizing issue on which he will need their support.

This is another example of the unwise Bush strategy of governing in splendid isolation — refusing to balance competing interests and to consider a variety of options. Nonconformists who are snubbed are free to strike back, and they usually do.

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DAVE MCNEELY

Redistricting vital to next state speaker

AUSTIN — Tom Craddick stood in the well of the Texas House of Representatives late Monday night, recalling his warning 30 years ago that the House's 1971 redistricting plan would wind up in court. And it did.

He predicted the same fate for this year's plan, because it comes nowhere near giving Republicans the 85 or 90 districts from the 150-member House that Craddick thinks the GOP deserves.

Craddick has ramrodded Republican efforts to gain that majority: "76 in '96," and "8 in '98" two years later, when that would have given the GOP 76 members.

On election night in 1998, when Republican Gov. George W. Bush was coasting to victory, word was Craddick and his troops were on standby at the Four Seasons Hotel to kick off his speaker campaign. He denies it. They fell four short.

In 2000, the hope was Bush's presidential race coattails would help reverse the Democrats' 78-72 advantage. But the Democrats held 78 seats.

But some Democrats — not all — say redistricting is bound to give the GOP at least a slight majority.

And it could be bigger if the House plan is drawn by the Republican-dominated Legislative Redistricting Board — either because of failure of the House plan to pass the Senate, a veto by Republican Gov. Rick Perry or court invalidation.

But if Republicans win just a slight House majority in 2002, many believe Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, could hold enough Republicans to win another term as speaker in 2003. But if the GOP gets into the mid-80s, Laney might not make it.

So which Republican becomes speaker? Some say Craddick will win only if there are enough new Republican House members indebted to him that he can get the Republican Caucus to agree to vote in lockstep for whichever candidate wins a majority of the caucus.

Several observers think a lockstep vote unlikely — particularly since other Republicans want the job.

Observers on both sides of the aisle think most Democrats could unite with several Republicans and pick a GOP speaker. And not Craddick or Ken Marchant of Coppell — too partisan, say several Democrats and some Republicans.

"We need a uniter, not a divider," said one moderate Republican, sold on keeping bipartisan organization of the House.

Front-runners are thought to be Kim Brimer of Arlington and Ed Kuempel of New Braunfels — though a dark horse mentioned by everyone is Brian McCall of Plano. There are reservations: Brimer, too heavy-handed; Kuempel, nice but maybe not deep enough; McCall, very bright, but perhaps not tough enough.

Toby Goodman of Arlington is also mentioned. And a distant dark horse is former Democrat Warren Chisum of Pampa, if he thought a candidate might win who would divide the House in a partisan way.

There's precedent for coalitions: the last three Democratic speakers won their jobs with significant GOP support.

Despite the Republican talk, the non-dark horse is still Laney. "I would hope I'll be speaker in two years regardless of what happens" with redistricting, Laney told reporters Tuesday.

"I" said one moderate Republican, "would put my money on Laney in '03."

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Israel

By Burt Herman
Associated Press

BERLIN — Israel's new embassy in Berlin, evoking its past glory with Germany by the extermination of Jewish life in the Holocaust.

The embassy ceremony was different because even the impressive, gleams and the wailing of the siren said Israeli Foreign Minister Peres, who attended the ceremony.

The facade of the building: an old villa remodeled to serve as a residence for the ambassador's residence. The structure built in the 1930s.

The facade of the building contains six arches like structures crowning green roof. Architectural firm said it meant to create with the 6 million in the Holocaust.

"The terrible and of history casts a dark will continue to home," Peres said. The house of Israel, those who were evicted, even here.

The residential war before World War II, businessman, Herdorf, whose family Paris in 1934 after

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Israel dedicates its new embassy in Berlin

By Burt Herman
Associated Press

BERLIN — Israel dedicated its new embassy in Berlin on Wednesday, evoking its painful shared history with Germany and the void left by the extermination of Germany's rich Jewish life in the Holocaust.

"This embassy building is different because even though it is new and impressive, and the marble gleams and the walls exude light, it enfolds the screams of the past," said Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who led the opening ceremony.

The embassy consists of two buildings: an old villa that has been remodeled to serve as the ambassador's residence and a newly built structure that serves as the embassy.

The facade of the embassy building contains six abstract column-like structures crowned by a sweeping green roof. Architect Orit Willenberg-Giladi said the design was meant to create an association with the 6 million Jews who died in the Holocaust.

"The terrible and painful cloud of history casts a dark shadow and will continue to do so on this home," Peres said. "It is not only the house of Israel, but also that of those who were evicted from their homes, even here in Berlin."

The residential villa was owned before World War II by a Jewish businessman, Hermann Schoendorf, whose family fled Berlin for Paris in 1934 after the Nazis came

to power.

In a symbol of postwar German-Israeli friendship, Peres and German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer planted two flowering apple trees on the embassy grounds.

Fischer underscored Germany's special relationship with Israel, rooted in atonement for the Holocaust, and he noted that Germany has the fastest-growing Jewish community in Europe — largely due to an influx from the former Soviet Union.

"It is for us a wonderful present of history," Fischer said.

He also alluded to a recent surge in neo-Nazi crimes in Germany, which the government is trying to fight in part by seeking to outlaw the far-right National Democratic Party.

"We want Jewish people to live in Germany as freely as others and to grow as a part of society," Fischer said.

Hundreds of dignitaries, including former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and leaders of all political parties, attended the ceremony in Berlin's upscale Grunewald district.

Peres reminded his guests of the current Israeli-Palestinian violence. Two Jewish teen-agers were found beaten to death Wednesday in the West Bank, further inflaming Mideast passions. "It's not easy to speak and work on such an occasion," Peres said.

Willenberg-Giladi, a Tel Aviv-based architect, said she sought to retain the interplay of old and new

in the design, and used the same stone in the facade of the embassy as in the villa.

"The tragic historic background, as well as the strong relations that exist between the two countries, should both be accounted for without one overshadowing the other," Willenberg-Giladi wrote of the principles underlying her design.

The embassy is the first that Israel has built from scratch in Germany, as opposed to using older buildings. The previous Berlin location was the scene of controversy after Israeli guards fatally shot four demonstrators at a Kurdish protest in 1999.

Although security is very tight around the new building, located in a neighborhood far from the city center, Ambassador Shimon Stein has pledged to make the embassy a place where regular people can come for cultural events.

Stein took over the ambassador's post in January after it had been vacant for 1 1/2 years.

New embassies have sprung up across Berlin as the diplomatic corps makes its move from Bonn to the revived German capital along with the government, which returned to Berlin in 1999.

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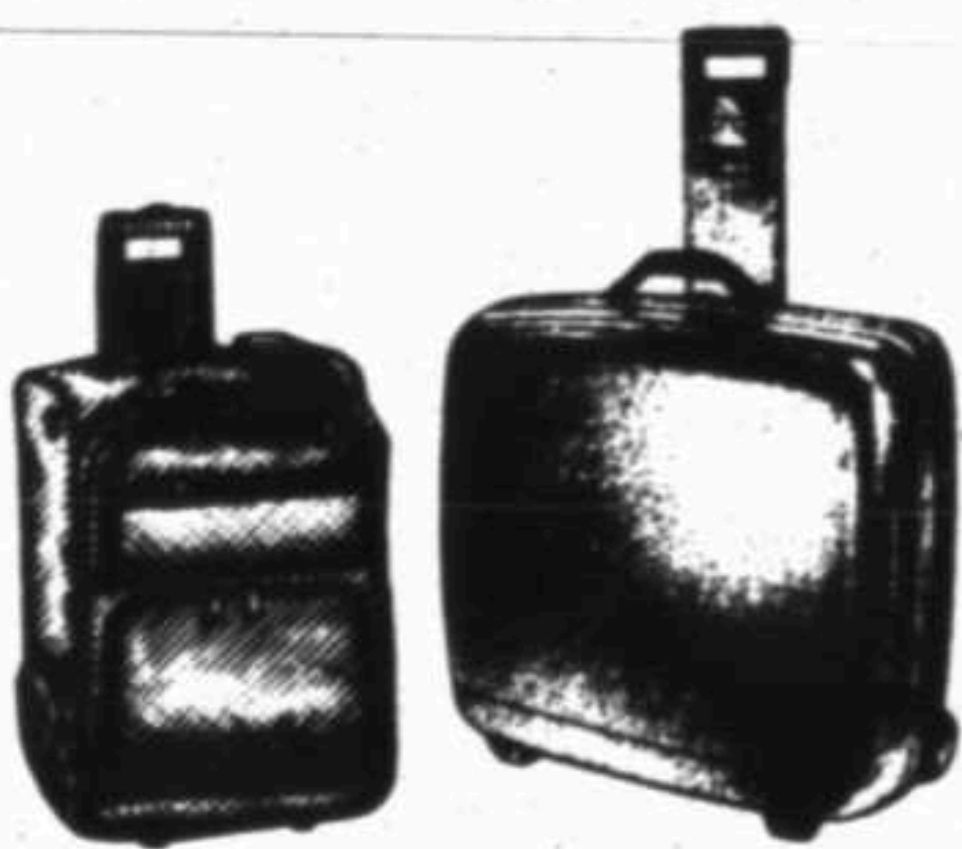
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Two Israeli boys stoned to death; Sharon says Arafat no longer partner

By Karin Laub
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Two Jewish teen-agers — one an immigrant from Maryland — were beaten to death with rocks in a West Bank cave after skipping school to go hiking. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Wednesday he held Yasser Arafat personally responsible.

The boys' bodies were found around dawn Wednesday in a cave in the Judean Desert. The walls of the cave were covered with blood, reportedly smeared there by the killers, who dipped their hands in the teen-agers' blood.

Sharon blamed Arafat for the killings, saying the Palestinian leader was doing nothing to stop attacks on Israelis and was not a partner for peace.

Asked about the slayings, Arafat responded by saying Palestinian children have been victimized by Israel. He cited a 3-month-old Palestinian girl who was wounded Wednesday when she was hit in the head with a piece of shrapnel in an Israeli shooting attack on a Gaza Strip refugee camp.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher called the killings "horrible, brutal," adding, "Our chief concern at this point is to be in touch with the families." And Pope John Paul II said in Malta that he was saddened by "news from the Holy Land of terrible violence even against innocent young people."

In Gaza, meanwhile, Israeli troops staged four separate incursions into Palestinian-controlled territory Wednesday and early Thursday.

Israeli tanks fired shells and machine guns at the Rafah refugee camp early Thursday as bulldozers tore down Palestinian homes, residents of the camp and Palestinian security officials said. At least 12 people were hurt, they added.

The Israelis also made a foray into the eastern edges of Gaza City with tanks and bulldozers that razed farmland, Palestinian police said.

Soldiers wrapped the bloodied bodies of Koby Mandell and Yossi Ishran in tarps and tied them to stretchers to carry them from the cave up the rocky slope of Wadi Hariton, a dry riverbed about a half mile from the boys' homes in the Tekoa settlement.

Yossi was 14, and Koby was a month shy of his 14th birthday, his grandmother Marilyn Lederman said in New York.

Israel's Channel Two TV said police believed there were at least three assailants who dipped their hands into the boys' blood after the killing and smeared it on the walls of the cave. The killers remained in the cave for a considerable time after the slayings, the report said.

Ultra-Orthodox Jewish volunteers wearing white gloves searched the cave for remains Wednesday, scraped blood off a wall and overturned blood-stained rocks. Jewish law says all remains must be collected for burial.

Koby and Yossi left home Tuesday morning, but instead of going to school, had stopped at the Tekoa grocery to buy provisions for their secret wilder-

ness hike.

Only one friend knew about their plans. Their parents were not alarmed when the boys did not return in the afternoon, believing they had gone to an anti-government protest in Jerusalem, said Yossi's mother, Rina, a nurse.

When the boys weren't home at midnight, the parents alerted security forces. Searchers found the bodies at daybreak.

Eighteen Palestinians were arrested, including several shepherds. Israel's Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said the killers would be tracked down one by one.

Police spokesman Rafi Yaffe said it appeared the boys were killed in a chance encounter. He said it was not clear whether the killings were linked to the theft of dozens of goats from Tekoa in the night from Tuesday to Wednesday.

Koby's family immigrated to Israel from Silver Spring, Md., in 1996 and settled in Tekoa two

years ago. About 40 of Tekoa's 250 families are from the United States. Koby's father, Seth, a rabbi, once headed the Jewish students' organization Hillel at the University of Maryland. His mother, Sherri, is a free-lance writer.

Recent photographs showed Koby wearing a light blue baseball cap and flashing a shy smile. In another snapshot passed around by mourners Wednesday, Yossi, an innocent-looking boy with wire-rimmed glasses, posed next to a portrait painted for his Bar Mitzvah, the Jewish rite of passage into adulthood.

Sharon said he was revolted by the killing. "It was a heinous deed in which children were intentionally attacked," Sharon said.

Asked whether Arafat was still a potential negotiating partner, the prime minister said "anyone who causes the killing of Israeli citizens cannot be a partner." If violence stopped, Israel would

be ready to resume peace talks, Sharon said.

Jewish settler leaders demanded that Sharon declare Arafat an enemy of Israel and work to bring down the Palestinian Authority.

In the Rafah camp, meanwhile, 3-month-old Reema

Ahmed was hit in the back of the head by a small piece of shrapnel, Dr. Ali Musa said.

The girl's mother, Aida, 25, said she was at home with her daughter when Israeli troops began firing at the camp with machine guns mounted on tanks. "A bullet hit the door and then

other bullets entered the house," she said.

The army said troops were responding to an anti-tank grenade Palestinians fired at an Israeli patrol in the area. Palestinian witnesses said troops also razed a Palestinian police outpost in the camp.

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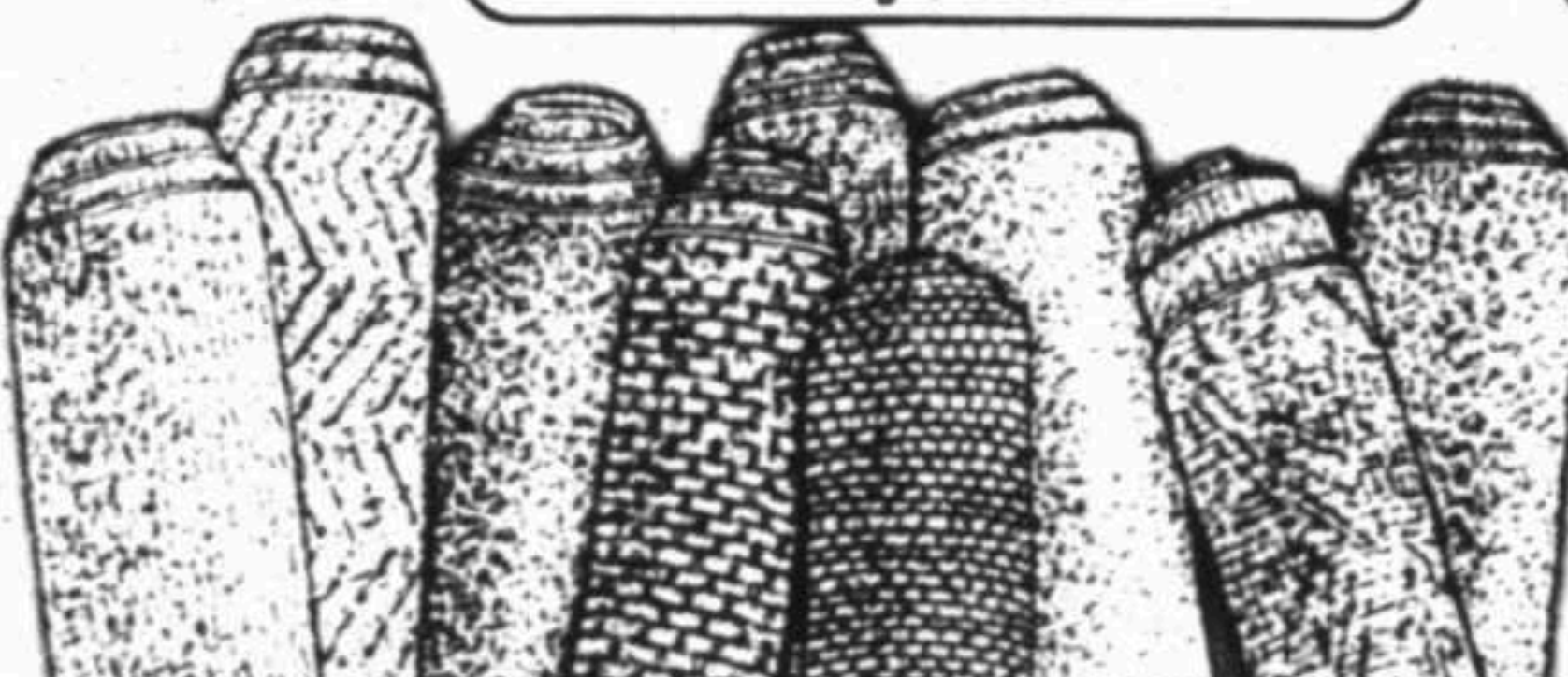
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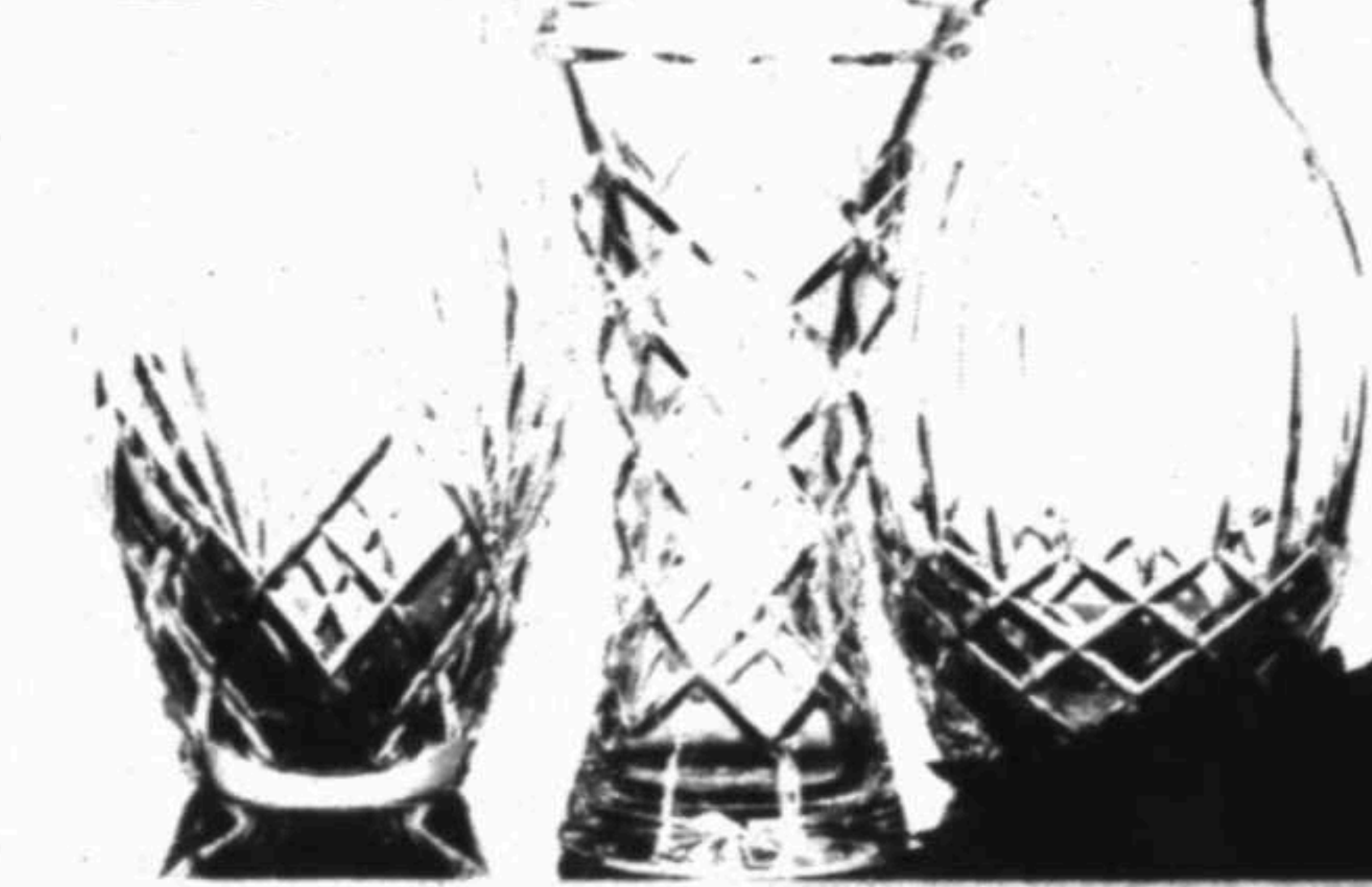
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By Stewart D.
Staff Writer

The City of Midland, not only water is beneficial, plenty to go around.

According to the City of Midland, the Colorado River, Thomas, Lake Iliw, wells have helped "good condition."

The plentiful water demands that. According to city and pumps an average per day in the winter in the summer.

Also noted was about 180 gallons

Expo
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By Mella McE.
Staff Writer

An estimated 10,000 people displayed their support for the Midland Chamber of Commerce Expo 2001.

Companies and business professionals encouraged to look for business opportunities in the City, Mexico and

Guillermo Guzman, president of the Chamber of Commerce, Chavez from the City of Midland, has been talking with the City of Midland about the possibility of a new business center.

Chavez, speaking at the Expo, said the city offers many opportunities and is interested in Midland business and its industrial base.

For tourists, the city offers a variety of resorts and "fine dining." Philip Fleming, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said the city is interested in business.



Mayor

By Mella McE.
Staff Writer

"Did you swallow your pride, medical director?" Mayor Bobby Burns asked at the Midland Medical Center.

Another patient at the Midland Medical Center, a CT scan, joked it took him to the third floor of the hospital.

Wednesday morning, Mayor Bobby Burns, to help highlight not only the age of nurses nationwide.

For 45 minutes, the city's medical director, Burns, charged a patient.

Accompanying him were several city officials. Burns said he agreed to the event and highlighted the city's commitment to the medical profession.

"They've got a very good reputation and there's a lot to recommend them."

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From Staff Report

The University of Texas Permian Basin has announced the Spring 2001 graduation ceremony will accommodate graduates, friends and families. The ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 12. Receptions will follow the ceremony. The public is invited to attend. Midland's scheduled graduation ceremony, Daniel Allen, with a degree in Business Administration, Amy Barker, a degree in Business Administration, and Bentley, a BS in chemistry, a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in history, and Janet Blue, BA in history.

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Week offers proof of healthy water supply

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

The City of Midland is using Drinking Water Week, not only to promote the idea that drinking water is beneficial to the body, but that Midland has plenty to go around as well.

According to Ken Jones — the director of utilities for the city of Midland — three lakes along the Colorado River Municipal Water District (Lake Thomas, Lake Ivie and Lake Spence) and city-owned wells have helped insure the drinking supply is in "good condition."

The plentiful water sources have also helped meet the demands that the citizens have placed on it. According to city figures, the city of Midland treats and pumps an average of 15 million gallons of water per day in the winter and 35 million gallons per day in the summer.

Also noted was that the average Midlander uses about 180 gallons of water per day, and on average,

60 percent of that is used for outdoor watering.

Still, Jones said there are misconceptions about the city's water supply. He said there is plenty of water. "We caught a lot of flack last year because we didn't ration water, and the fact is we didn't need to," Jones said.

John Grant, general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, agreed. The CRMWD provides Midlanders with approximately 85 percent of its water.

Grant said the water district could always use rain, adding the lack of rain is always going to be a problem when located in a semi-arid climate, but currently there are 400,000 acre feet of water to draw from.

"This year, we will deliver probably 75,000 acre feet between all of our customers," Grant said.

CRMWD customer cities include Midland, San Angelo and Stanton. Member cities include Odessa, Snyder and Big Spring. Since the district began delivering water in 1951, the district has never rationed water to any of its customers. In fact, recent agree-

ments have been made with other districts around the state to make sure the water in West Texas stays in West Texas.

"That doesn't mean that our customers need to waste water. I think that the success of the district is that we planned," Grant said. "West Texans understand how important water is, and you can't waste it."

This week provides an opportunity to heighten public awareness of public and private water issues. One issue is the need to drink quality water, and Jones said Midland fits the bill, even if many local residents buy bottled water because of the taste. The city must regularly test for 103 contaminants, so while some might have reservations about drinking tap water, it is not because of the water is unhealthy.

"We have a lot of minerals in the water," Jones said.

Jones said it is the taste issue which many communities around the United States deal with.

For those wanting more information about the

Typical Indoor Water Use

Use per person	Gallons	Percentage of Daily Use
Showers	12.6	17.4
Clothes Washers	15.1	20.8
Dishwashers	1.0	1.4
Toilets	20.1	27.7
Baths	1.2	1.7
Leaks	10.0	13.8
Faucets	11.1	15.3
Other Uses	1.5	2.1

city's drinking water, the best place to look is the Water Quality Report — issued annually in July. This report lets customers know first hand where their water comes from, what contributes to the quality of water and what treatments and technologies are used by the city's water purification plant to make water safe.

Expo encourages businesses to think internationally

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

An estimated 100 businesses, large and small, displayed their goods and services throughout the Midland Center Wednesday as the Midland Chamber of Commerce presented Business Expo 2001.

Companies participating in the Expo and business professionals attending were all encouraged to look outside the Permian Basin for business opportunities with the presence of representatives of two sister cities, Chihuahua City, Mexico and Wirral, England.

Guillermo Guzman with the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Edgar Chavez from Chihuahua City said they had been talking with people interested in Chihuahua City as both tourists and business owners.

Chavez, speaking through Guzman, said his city offers manufacturing and technology systems and is interested in establishing contacts with Midland businesses to continue developing its industrial base.

For tourists, Chavez added, his region offers a tropical climate, lakes, mountains, resorts and "fine desserts."

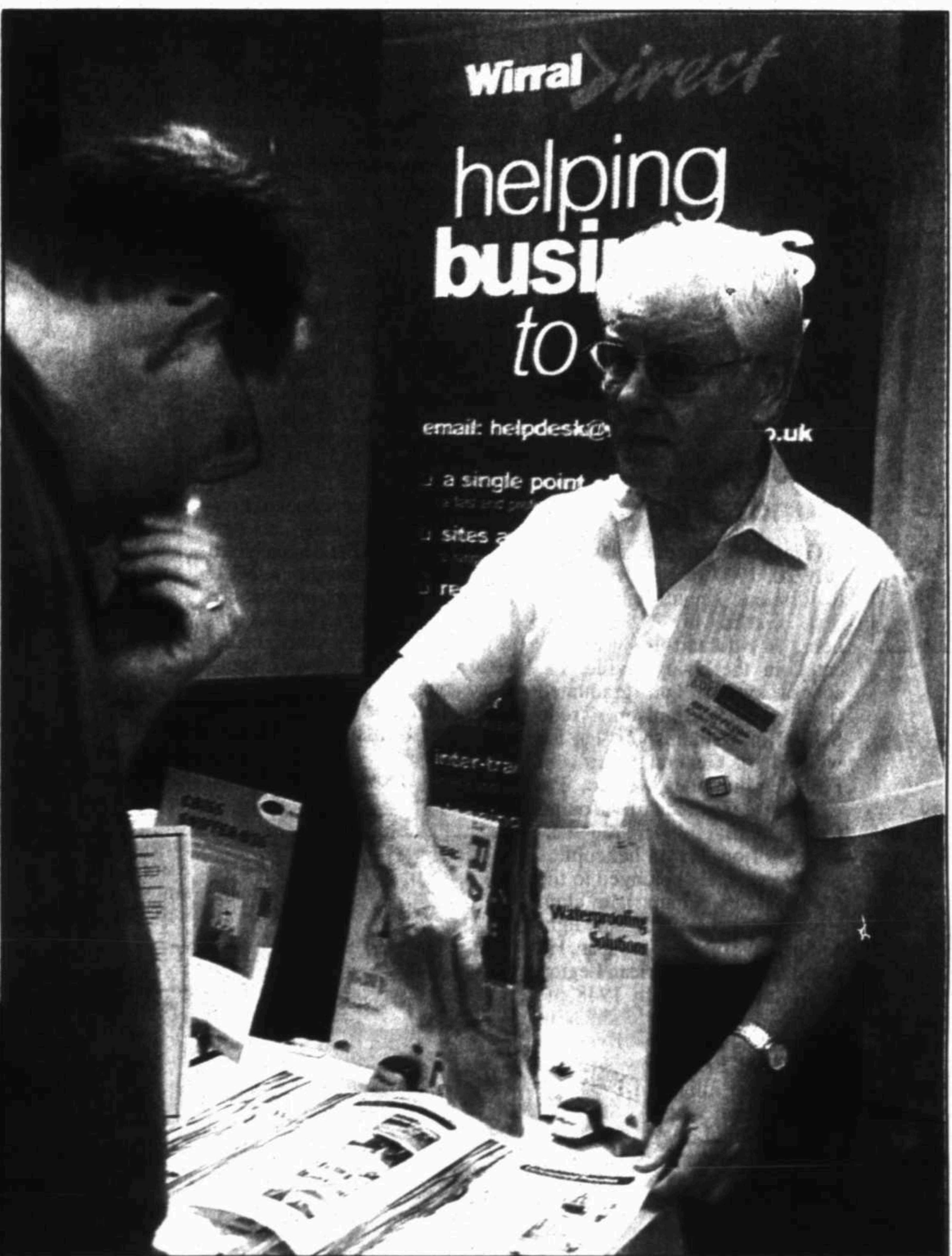
Philip Fleming with the Federation of Small Business in Wirral said visitors had been interested in business relationships with Wirral businesses.

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LEFT: Ed Innerarity, left, talks with Cliff Chalmers with The Fire Place about a new grill, The Big Green Egg, a completely ceramic grill that seals to "keep in the juices," according to Chalmers, Wednesday. ABOVE: Bryan Flynn, right, managing director of Rawell Water Control Systems Ltd. of Wirral in northern England, explains how the Rawmat HDB product his company produces to Darrell Baumbach of Linco Electromatic Inc. Wednesday. The rawmat product is a high density bentonite product that is used for waterproofing in various industries.

Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram



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Potential rival for District 31 to visit Midland

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

Outgoing Amarillo mayor and potential District 31 state senator candidate Kel Seliger will be in Midland today to talk with the board of the Tall City Equity Fund and potentially to do a little politicking.

It has been reported that Seliger, who has served as the Amarillo mayor for eight years, would run for the District 31 state senate position should current incumbent Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, opt to step down and not seek re-election.

The news of Seliger's visit came one day after Odessa businessman Bob Barnes, 47, told the Reporter-Telegram he would run for the District 31 seat should Bivins not seek re-election and should the race be "winnable."

Making the meeting with the Equity Group even more coincidental is the fact Barnes is a member of the equity group and will be sitting in on the meeting as Seliger addresses economic development and the possibilities the venture capital group brings to Midland.

"I can't imagine that somebody will not joke about it," Barnes said.

How much will be said remains to be seen. According to Scott Dufford, a future Midland City Councilman and member of the venture capital group, this is an economic meeting first. Armed with a half-cent economic development sales tax and a conservative city government, Amarillo's property tax rate is among the lowest in the state, and less than half of Midland's.

Midland doesn't currently have an economic development sales tax, although one could be at the ballot box in the near future. What the city does have is the equity group, which is expected to contribute somewhere in the neighborhood of \$5 to \$15 million in revenue to bring in new businesses to the area.

So Dufford sees politics being put on the back burner for a while.

"He (Seliger) fully understands pretty much everybody in Midland, Texas will support a Permian Basin candidate. There is no question about that. I think he is aware of that," Dufford said. "That doesn't preclude him from taking about the positive things that have happened in Amarillo. I have no problem with copying success and I think they have been as successful a community as has Tyler, and I think we need to look at everything."

Of course, Seliger may have different ideas about how much politicking he could do here. Seliger has had this trip planned for at least a month, according to Dufford, but in the first part of the week as the rumors started to circulate about Bivins' future, Seliger arranged a meeting with Ector County Republican Chairman Gary Johnston.

"He had to have heard something or why would he be out?" Johnston said.

Mayor learns about nursing shortage first hand

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

"Did you swallow all your pills?" cooed Cathy Durham, a registered nurse, medical director and catheter lab nurse, to a patient at Westwood Medical Center.

Another patient A.J. Coe, drinking some contrast in preparation for a CT scan, joked it tasted like a banana split as Durham made her rounds on the third floor of the hospital.

Wednesday morning, however, she was accompanied by Midland Mayor Bobby Burns, who "shadowed" the nurse for almost an hour to help highlight not only National Nursing Week but the growing shortage of nurses nationwide.

For 45 minutes, they visited five patients as she explained different procedures to Burns and watched as a doctor gave him orders for discharging a patient.

Accompanying him back to the nurse's station, she said "In that 45 minutes you've generated about six hours of paperwork."

Burns said he agreed to participate to help promote the nursing profession and highlight the shortage.

"They've got a very tough life," he said. "It's a very demanding job; there's a lot to remember, a lot of tasks to complete correctly. I can

see why we have a shortage. It's hard work with long hours and low pay. It's important for us to acknowledge that we have a nursing shortage, why we have a shortage and fix the problems."

Of her student, Ms. Durham said "It was neat. He gave it his best shot and the patients were pleased he was coming."

Of the nursing shortage, she pointed out the patients are beginning to outnumber the staff and are suffering more acute conditions that further strain resources.

Her staff, she said "tends to have a 3 p.m. power rejuvenation thing, even if it means sitting down over a glass of water and having a pep talk or talking over a Kit Kat bar."

The work is hard, she acknowledged, saying "Sometimes you'll put in a 12-16 hour day and go home and realize 'I never had lunch,'" she said. "But you walk away at the end of the day knowing you gave 110 percent, you gave it your best and the patients are better for it. You can't get that out of a book. That's why I'm in nursing."

Dan Gideon, president and chief executive officer of Westwood, observed that the nursing shortage is caused by supply and demand, noting there was a similar shortage about eight years ago that was eased when salaries rose and additional funds were poured into education.

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UTPB announces Midland candidates for Spring 2001 graduation

From Staff Reports

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin has announced candidates for the Spring 2001 graduation. In order to accommodate graduates, and their friends and families, the university will conduct two commencement ceremonies, one at 10:30 a.m. and one at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the gymnasium. Receptions will follow each ceremony. The public is invited to attend.

Midlanders scheduled to graduate are Daniel Allen, with a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in management; Amy Barker, a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in biology; Melissa Bentley, a BS in chemistry; Andrea Blair, a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in art; Janet Blue, BA in humanities; Jonathan

Bodey, BS in computer science; Susan Bryant, BA in art; Olen Burns, BBA in management; and Leslie Busby, BA in Spanish.

Others include Michael Carrasco, BS in kinesiology; Dagoberto Casares, BBA in accountancy and information systems; Andrew Collins, BA in history; Lisa Deavours, BS in kinesiology; Jennifer Dodd BS in kinesiology; Trista Dutchover, BBA in finance; Andrea Elliot, BBA in management; Cory Emerson, BA in economics, and Ana Estor-ga, BA in sociology; Laura Fuentes, BA in humanities; and San Juana Gonzales, BS in mathematics.

Others include Rosie Gransberry, BA in psychology; Deborah Green, BS in kinesiology; Lindsay Hansen, BS in mathematics; Michael Henry, BS in envi-

ronmental science; Tonya Holladay, BS in kinesiology; and Christian Holzgraf, BA in history.

Others include Susanna Johnston, BA in English; Katherine Jones, BA in English; Kasey Kelly, BA in mass communications; Edward Kohler, BS in computer science; Anita Kornegay, BA in political science; Jeffrey Langemeier, BBA in accountancy and information systems; Martina Llanes, BA in humanities; Eva Longoria, BA in Spanish; Maria Martinez, BA in speech; Kimberly McKandless, BBA in accountancy and information systems; and Jeanne McMurrey, BS in biology.

Others include Omar Mendoza, BA in Spanish; Hope Mills, BA in English; Samuel Morales, BA in criminology; Joanna Mupding, BBA in accountancy

and information systems; Karen Murdoch, BA in speech; Robert Nethery, BBA in management; Stephanie Norris, BA in psychology; Kristina Odom-Fish, BA in humanities; Lanny Overby, BS in computer science; John Pelletier, BBA in accountancy and information systems; and Joe Pisklak, BBA in marketing.

Others include Robert Porter, BA in history; Patti Prude BA in humanities; Adelaida Ramos, BA in Spanish; Casey Ritchie, BS in computer science; Rafael Santiago, BS in computer science; Nora Toscano, BA in humanities; Jessie Tucker, BBA in management; and Seba Wagner, BA in humanities; Stephanie Webb, BA in humanities; Jeremy Wheeler, BS in computer science; and Donald Yoder, BS in computer science.

Midlanders scheduled to graduate

with a master's degree are Kay Kolb, Master of Arts (MA) in English; Dalys Atkinson, MA in History; David Screws, MA in history; Stephanie Brown, MA in clinical psychology; Deborah Guillen, MA in clinical psychology; Rodney Kemp, MA in clinical psychology; Jill Wittekiend, MA in education-administration; Stephanie Howard, MA in education; Jody Stamps, MA in education; Maria Roundtree, MA in education-reading; Jody Vetter, MA in education-reading; Jeanie Randle, MA in education-early childhood; Michael Dixon, MA in education-secondary; Linda Armour, Master of Science in geology; Denise McE-naney, Master of Professional Accountancy; and Debby Smetzer, Master of

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Westwood Medical Center patient A.J. Coe talks with his nurse, Cathy Durham, RN, and Mayor Bobby Burns Wednesday morning as Burns followed nurses around the hospital.

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OBITUARIES



David Alkire

David Alkire died in a local hospital on Sunday, May 6, 2001.

Memorial services have been scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Friday, May 11, 2001 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Lee Lyndol officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

David Mays Alkire was born July 31, 1927. He graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. On November 3, 1962, he married Peggy Thacker in Wichita Falls, Texas. Mr. Alkire was the Vice President of Baker Hughes Tubular Corporation and worked in the Petroleum industry for over 35 years.

David was preceded in death by his parents and a brother. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Alkire of Midland; his son, David Mays Alkire II of Dallas, Texas; his 4 daughters, Mary Sue Gronsby of Houston, Texas, Carol Ann Matting of Lubbock, Texas, Becky Phillips of Crane, Texas and Clara Johnson of Midland; and his nine grandchildren.

Panhandle, 1967; Abilene Fairmont 1968 to 1970; Happy, 1971; and Midland First United Methodist, 1972 to 1976.

Following his initial retirement in 1976, J.B. continued to serve Midland First United Methodist for many more years as a minister of visitation, finally retiring after nearly fifty years of ministry.

J.B. was preceded in death by Mary, his dear wife of sixty-six years who passed on to glory November 17, 1999, and by his sister Hazel. He is survived by his sisters, Bessie Ames Stewart, Cornelia Faye Hirsch and Marjorie Vanderworth; his sons and their families: John Ballard Stewart, Jr. and Jane of Avon, Connecticut; Don Arlos Stewart and Becky of Palestine, Texas; his grandchildren: John Ballard (Trey) Stewart, III of Kalamazoo, Michigan, Tiffany Stewart of Houston, Texas, Wendy Stewart of Austin, Texas, Tyler Stewart of Portland, Oregon, Cicely Waneck of Livingston, Texas, Amy Shackelford of Greenwood, Arkansas; and his three great-grandchildren, Sadie Shackelford, Cody Shackelford and Blair Waneck.

Pallbearers will be Trey Stewart, Tyler Stewart, Ron Gold, Daniel Waneck, Stewart Shackelford, and Pat Yocham.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Hospice of Midland.



Eddie Lee Harmon

Eddie Lee Harmon (City Boy) was born January 19, 1941 in Dallas, Texas to the late Mrs. Lester Lee (Harmon) Rhodes and the late Mr. Sidney Harmon. He departed life May 7, 2001. Services will be Saturday, May 12, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

He attended school in Midland, Texas. He was employed with Midland Independent School District. He was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church and a member of the West Texas Amateur Golf Association.

Eddie's warm smile touched the lives of many. He never met a stranger. He was always kind-hearted and never one to pass judgment, or say any unkind word to anyone. Eddie was a legend who cannot and will not be forgotten. Now there will be no more pain and sorrow, only everlasting peace and joy.

Eddie leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Rosemary Harmon, five children: Marilyn Harmon of Dallas, Texas, Michelle Harmon (Bowers) of Arlington, Texas, and Denita Harmon, Gwen Harmon and Eddie Lee Harmon Jr., all of Midland, Texas, five grandchildren, three stepchildren: Sammy, Alvin and Carolyn, all of Midland; one brother, David Harris; two sisters, Marie Webster and Willie Mae Jackson, all of Midland; seven nieces and six nephews, twenty one great-nieces and fourteen great nephews and a host of friends. Preceding him in death were his mother and father and one brother, James F. Harmon.

Cora Bell Damon

Cora Daman was born March 6, 1905 in Indian Territory, Oklahoma to Henry and Mary Smart. Mrs. Daman worked as a teacher, and at Southwestern Bell Tele-

phone and the Social Security Administration.

Mrs. Daman was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon W. Daman April 15, 1970. She was also preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and two sisters. She is survived by her son, Gordon Daman and his wife, Glenda; three grandchildren, Geri Lynn Daman, Gordon L. Daman Jr., and Greg Daman of Midland, and a sister, Lucille Wilson or Checotah, Oklahoma.

Cora Daman died on Monday, May 7, 2001 at a local nursing home.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 10, 2001 at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma with Rev. Benie Waller and Rev. Bob Winslow officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Paylor Funeral Home.

The family request that memorials be directed to Alzheimer's Association or the charity of choice.



George J. Kundrat

George J. Kundrat was born July 20, 1917 in Nanticoke, Pa. to John and Anna Michak Kundrat. He died May 7, 2001 in his home in Midland. He was educated in the Swoyersville, Pa. school system and graduated from the Williamson Trade School in Williamsport, Pa. He worked for General Electric in Philadelphia and Moosic, Pa. Later he worked for Boeing Company as a tool and die maker in Morton, Pa. on helicopters for 29 years. He belonged to the Mobil Sixers, a ham radio club. He served in the 597th army light equipment Company in Japan. He belonged to the American Legion in Springfield, Pa. In 1948, he married Marcella Wooditch in Luzerne, Pa. They lived in Springfield, Pa. for 43 years, then moved to Midland in 1994. He was a member of St. Stephens Catholic Church.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 11, 2001 in St. Stephens Church, on Neely Avenue, with Father James Bridges officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

George was preceded in death by his father, mother, and grandson, Garrett Lee Kundrat. He is survived by his wife, Marcella Kundrat of Midland; his 2 sons, Mark G. Kundrat and his wife, Judy, and Lee J. Kundrat and his wife, Catherine of Broomall, Pa.; his sister, Anna Walcko of Swoyersville, Pa.; a granddaughter, Tatiaga Kundrat of Midland; and many nieces and nephews.

Many thanks to Hospice of Midland caregivers; especially, Carlos who was most gentle with him in his last days and hours.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Hospice of Midland, Alzheimers Association or St. Stephens building fund.



Joseanne Walker

Joseanne Evangeline Walker was born in Midland, Texas at Midland Memorial Hospital on January 5, 1961 to Bertel and Josephine Walker. She departed this life in Melbourne, Florida at her contingent residence on May 4, 2001. It was her desire to be transported back home to Midland to be laid to rest.

At the early age of 2, Jose went to Ms. McNeil's Early Childhood nursery school and there the foundation was laid for one of the most brilliant young women of her time by Mrs. McNeil. Her family relocated to the North, where she attended private schools. She graduated high school at Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire in Lake Winepossaki. After leaving high school she was accepted in Pace University and received a Bachelors Degree in Humanities and in Psychology, graduating Sigma Cum Laude in 1983. While at Pace, she was President of the Dorm Council, cheer person and tennis champion.

She then attended graduate school at New York University where she received her Master of Arts and PhD at the school of Education, Health, Nursing and Arts Professions in 1985. She completed her residency fellowship at NYU and was an assistant professor to Professor Chauler as well as other professors while working on the Goldberg Program, which sponsored young eager achievers in various fields of the Arts Professions, educating them in the various disciplines.

Jose then moved to Florida to be

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

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

closer to her ailing mother. While in Florida she became a staff member at the Board of Education in Palm Beach County. Her career then ended from a devastating automobile accident.

She leaves to cherish her memory her mother, Josephine Walker of Florida; her father, Bertel Walker of Midland; two brothers, Jonathan C. Walker of Florida and Bertel M. Walker Jr.; sisters Rita Collier Walker of Dallas and Olivia Walker of Midland; her grandmother, Edith Wells of Midland; four nieces; two nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Graveside services will be Thursday at Fairview Cemetery at 10 a.m. under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.



Doris McCabe

Doris Moritzky McCabe left this world Wednesday, May 9, 2001, following a battle with

cancer. Doris was born on November 15, 1926. She was born, reared and educated in Osage, Oklahoma. She married John Q. McCabe in 1954, and they moved their family to Midland, Texas, in 1964. She dedicated her life to raising her five children. She loved family gatherings, bowling, gardening, jokes, puzzles, and visiting with her friends at the beauty salon.

She was well loved by a large family and a close circle of friends.

She is survived by her husband, John Q. McCabe, and her children, Johnny, Roger, Ed, Greg, and Rozena.

Pallbearers will be her four sons and two grandsons, Greg Jr., and Joshua.

There will be a memorial service at 3:00 P.M., Friday, May 11, 2001 at the Ellis Funeral Home, Midland, Texas, and also a memorial service will be held in Cleveland, Oklahoma, 10:00 a.m. at the Chapman-Black Funeral Home, Monday, May 14. Her final resting place will be in the Osage Cemetery, Osage, Oklahoma.

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Reverend J.B. Stewart Sr.

Reverend J. B. Stewart Sr. died May 7, 2001.

A visitation has been set for Thursday, May 10, 2001 at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services have been scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 11, 2001 at the First United Methodist Church with Reverend William McReynolds officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Reverend J.B. (John Ballard) Stewart Sr., known to everyone as J.B., was born in Boswell, Oklahoma on August 31, 1908 to Joshua Lafayette Stewart, a farmer, and Elwa (White) Stewart, a school teacher. For the first thirty years of his life, J.B. was a farmer, first alongside his father in Oklahoma and later around Haskell, Texas. As a boy he loved to go fishing in nearby Boggy Creek, Oklahoma. After moving to Lake Creek, Texas, he met Mary Willie (Muse) Stewart during the summer of 1933, and they were married on December 28 of that year. J.B. was a very hard worker, especially well-organized and dedicated, and a gifted speaker. He greatly enjoyed visiting with and helping people. Like many who grew up in the years before television, J.B. could tell fascinating, detailed stories about his life and the people he had known, and he retained this special talent until the very end. One of J.B.'s best friends was John English, a Methodist preacher, who was a major influence in his life. In the summer of 1938, J.B. answered the call to the Methodist ministry, and he was granted his first license to preach, serving four small churches on the Blair Circuit prior to graduation from McMurry College in Abilene. His other churches included Trent, 1941 to 1943; Leuders, 1944; Groom, 1945 to 1947; Stanton, 1948 to 1949; Midland Asbury, 1950; Spearman, 1951 to 1953; Tahoka, 1954 to 1956; Amarillo Buchanan Street, 1957 to 1959; McLean, 1960 to 1965; Abilene Elmwood West, 1965 to 1966;

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TODAY'S FUNERALS

GRACE LEACH
11:30 a.m. Graveside — Blanket, Texas

T.J. STARK
3 p.m. — Ellis Funeral Home Chapel

LAVIS VENUS
3:30 p.m. Graveside — El Dorado, Kansas

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DEATH NOTICES

Louis Huerta

Louis Huerta died Tuesday, May 8, at his residence.

A rosary will be held today, May 10, at 7 p.m. in the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 11, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Huerta was born Aug. 28, 1930 in Chicago Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Francisca G. Huerta of Midland; two daughter, Josie M. Huerta, and Diara M. Dixon, 10 grandchildren; two brothers, Frank Huerta and Sally Huerta; four sisters, Bertha Loperma, Helen Stelcer, Elvera Nix and Alice Montijo, all of Chicago, Ill.

Thomas Stark

Thomas John Stark died late Saturday evening, May 5, in his home following a lengthy illness.

Services will be at 3 p.m. today, May 10, in the chapel of Ellis Funeral Home with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Private burial will be in Resthaven Mausoleum, directed by Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 8, 1911, in Comanche County, where he grew up. He married Marie E. Richey, July 10, 1932, in Comanche County. They moved to Midland in 1945. Years after his wife's death in 1983, he married Virginia Walker.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church and a member of Oddfellow Lodge #384.

He is preceded in death by his

wives, Marie Stark and Virginia Stark.

Survivors include a son, Bill Stark of Midland; a daughter, Debbie Oien of Suisun, Calif.; a sister, Reha McGinnis of Dumas, two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Frances Griffin

Frances Griffin died in Midland, Wednesday, May 9.

A memorial service has been scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday, May 11, at First Baptist Church.

Charlene Bell

Charlene Bell died in Midland on Wednesday, May 9.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

DEAR ABBY

Letter carriers' food drive delivers help to the hungry

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Studies have shown that hunger in America is a much more serious problem than most people realize. A staggering 30 million people (10.4 percent of the population in the United States) depend on food banks and other charities in order to eat. The need for food increases in the summer because many children are out of school where they often receive free breakfasts and lunches. For some of them, the free food offered by the schools is their main meal of the day.

Because food supplies at food banks and charities diminish during summer months due to increased demand for assistance, a program in which letter carriers accept food donations and deliver them to food banks has been instituted.

Last year, nearly 3.5 million pounds of food were donated by postal customers, making it the most successful single-day food drive to date.

This year, on Saturday, May 12, 100,000 letter carriers across the United States will collect food donations. The National Association of Letter Carriers is proud to sponsor this drive, our ninth nationwide food drive to feed hungry children and adults.

Abby, your readers can help by leaving unopened containers of nonperishable foods next to their mailboxes for the carriers to pick up and deliver to local food

banks and charities to replenish their supplies for the summer. Your assistance in making this the most successful food drive to date will be greatly appreciated by letter carriers, as well as the less fortunate who might otherwise go to bed hungry. — JILL LEMONS, FOOD DRIVE COORDINATOR, CANOGA PARK, CALIF.

DEAR JILL: I'm pleased to publicize your food drive. People often don't realize that many of those who utilize these community food shelves are not homeless indigents, but working-poor families who are unable to earn enough to cover their monthly expenses. It's shocking and deplorable.

Readers: Deserving people will appreciate your special delivery of food from the heart. Almost all of us can afford to leave a little something. I know I can depend on you.

DEAR ABBY: One night last week, I accidentally poisoned my cat and almost killed him. All I did was put a small amount of flea and tick powder on him that was meant for my dog.

To make a long story short, the next morning I rushed my poor sick kitty to the closest vet. While the doctor was treating my feline, he told me that the mistake I made is a common one that he has seen many times.

Since then, I have spoken with two people whose pets died because they made the same unfortunate mistake.

I can't thank the good doctor and his staff enough for saving my beloved cat — and for all their kindness when I was so distraught. Abby, I hope this warning will prevent other pet owners from making this same terrible mistake. — JAMES C. EMERICK, VERO BEACH, FLA.

DEAR JAMES: I'm pleased your cat survived, and thank you for alerting other cat owners about the potential danger. Spring and summer are flea and tick season, so your warning is a timely one. P.S. Please don't be so hard on yourself. Nobody is purr-fect.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips, aka Abigail Van Buren, and daughter Jeanne Phillips. Their column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

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Area briefs

Disposal areas

As the warm weather approaches and spring arrives, residents will create more yard waste by mowing, raking and pruning trees. The City of Midland is providing disposal areas for yard waste to alleviate the overflowing of neighborhood dumpsters.

The following four locations now feature 30 yard open top containers for yard waste:

■ The corner of Powell and Roosevelt streets (one block off Wall St.);

■ "A" Street and Wadley (across from Claydesta just before "A" turns into AirPark);

■ Shell and Midland Dr. near the water tower;

■ North of Fire Station #2 (701 E. Florida off of Mineola).

Residents are encouraged to place their yard waste inside the containers. Once the containers are full, city staff empties them and brings the yard waste to the landfill where it is put through the mulching process of grinding the tree limbs. The mulch is then used at the sewer farm. This ultimately lengthens the life of the city's landfill. For more information call 685-7262.

Reception slated

ODESSA — A reception will be held Friday, May 11, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversifications, 1400 FM 1788, to say good-bye to University of Texas of the Permian Basin President and Mrs. Charles A. Sorber, and to meet President-elect and Mrs. W. David Watts.

Installation

Midland Retired Teachers Association will have its 30th year installation of the officers and luncheon at Midland Woman's Club, E. Wadley at 11:30 p.m. Friday, May 11. Tom Pritchard, state vice president for membership, will install the officers. For more information call 684-6811.

Reception

Santa Rita Elementary School will host a retirement reception to honor Bob Watkins, the school's principal, at 3:30 p.m. on May 17 in the Santa Rita Library. For more information, call 689-5090 or 697-1205.

Concert

The Lee High School Choral Department will be presenting "Musical Mayhem" Friday and Saturday, May 11 & 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall, First Baptist church, 2104 West Louisiana. No admission charged. Gourmet popcorn and homemade lemonade will be served. For more information call 697-4828.

Award recipient

The Junior League of Midland will be presenting "The Elizabeth Award" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at the Green Tree Country Club to Bobbie Vaughan — recipient for 2000.

Miss Vaughan is a senior at Midland Christian School. Her volunteer commitments have included Christmas in Action, Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, Make a Difference Day and a variety of church volunteer activities.

The Elizabeth Award provides an opportunity for the Junior League of Midland, Inc. to celebrate and encourage the involvement of young women in Midland in community service.

Awards banquet

The Math and Science Booster Club will be holding an awards banquet to honor the top performers in math and/or science at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Green Tree Country Club.

Students — 30 from Lee High School and 30 from Midland High School — will be recognized for their exemplary achievement in math and science.

For more information, call 689-1033 or 689-1018.

Graduation

ODESSA — The Odessa Police Department's 15th citizens Police Academy class will graduate Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the Temple Baptist Church, 1000 N. Texas Street, 337-3641.

Food drive

The Ninth Annual National Letter Carriers Food Drive will begin Friday, May 11, at Midland WalMart Super Center parking lot at 6 p.m. and the Midland High School Air Force JROTC Cadets will begin setting up the

postal truck. Afterwards, one cadet will be placed at each entrance with a shopping cart to collect canned food donations or non-perishables, while another cadet in Class A uniform accompanies them to inform the general public about the JROTC at MHS, and their community support program. The first shift of cadets will be at the Midland Wal-Mart from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m.

Saturday, May 12, at 6 a.m.,

a second group of cadets will replace the first and hourly shifts will rotate until 1 or 2 p.m. The last group of cadets will finish off the drive, and go to the West Texas Food Bank to sort out the cans and other non-perishable foods. Then they will celebrate their accomplishments with a party in which there will be pizza, deserts, pastries and soft drinks.

If you are going to be out of town drop your food by your

local post office or food bank. For more information, call 687-5961 or 580-6333.

Brunch

The annual Mother's Day program and brunch is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday at Midland Community Center, Butternut Lane and Scharbauer Drive.

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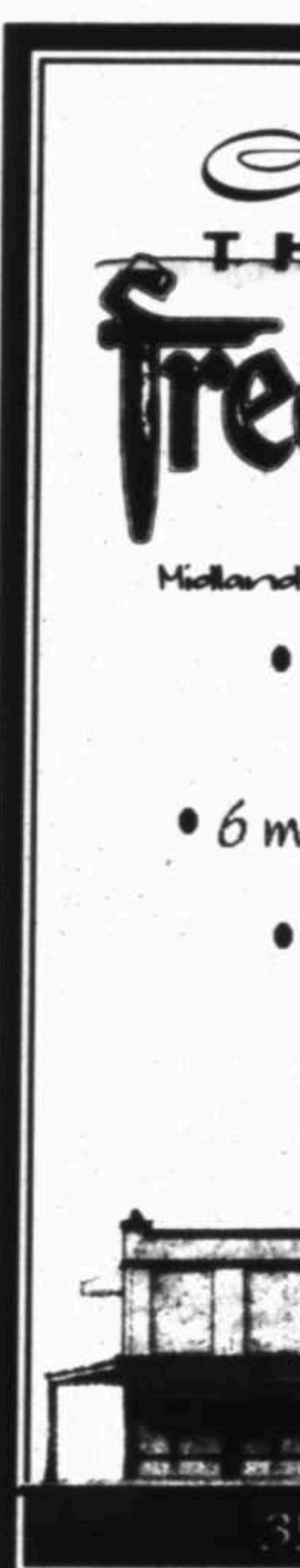
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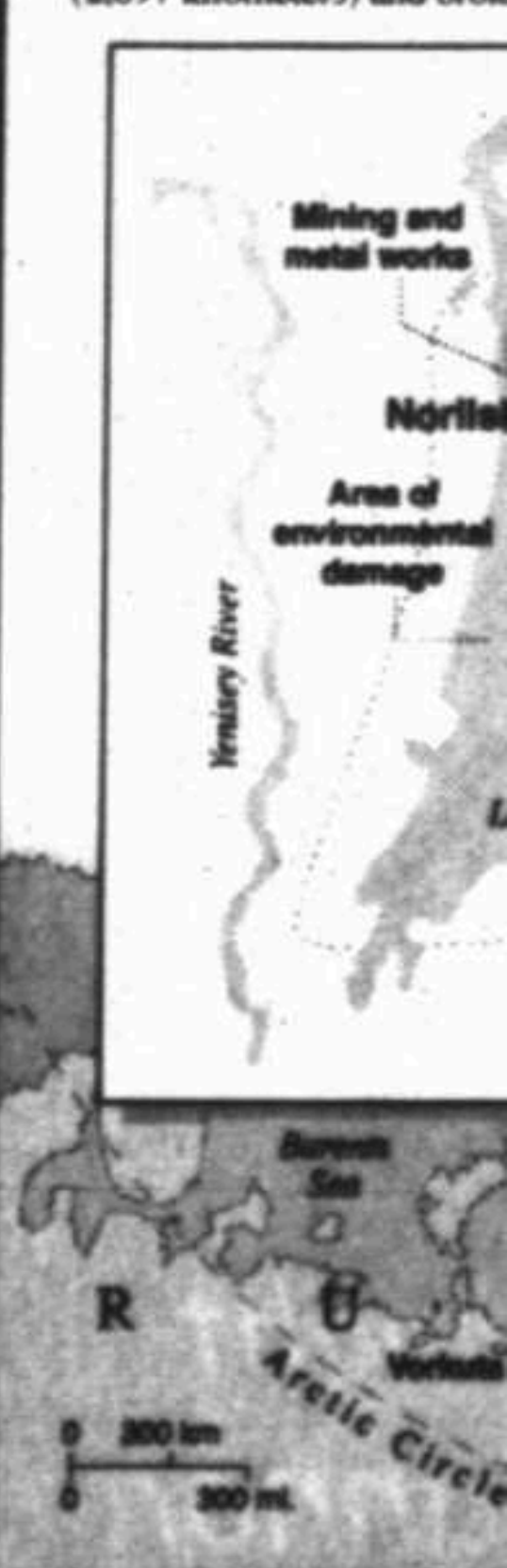
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GEOGRAPHY

Two hundred miles (320 kilometers) north of the Arctic Circle in the wilderness lies a massive area where the size of the state of Nevada makes up the Pacific Plateau. It was formed 250 years ago when a massive "lava" — a magma plume — 1,800 miles from the earth's (2,897 kilometers) and broke



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SHORTAGE: Burns hopes to raise awareness through shadowing

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Recently, he said, Midland Memorial and Medical Center in Odessa both raised salaries, taking some nurses from Westwood.

In response, he said, Westwood has increased its salaries and also imported four nurses from the Philippines, who are expected to join the staff once they pass their board exams in the next several weeks.

What's also affecting the Midland-Odessa area, Gideon said, is the fact that large urban areas like Dallas and Houston are offering large salaries for agency nurses to fill their staffs and that has also attracted nurses from Midland.

Dorothy Joy, program director of associated nursing degree at Midland College, said she is seeing students preparing to graduate being offered bonuses from met-

ropolitan hospitals of \$12,000 or more to sign on with the hospital and others are offering to help with relocation or additional training.

She said the profession has seen students going into other professions that are less demanding and offer higher salaries, like computer science.

"You're dealing with a more in-depth program," she said. "You're dealing with human life. A person has to have real dedication to do a lot of study and preparation, whether it's for an associate degree or a bachelor's degree."

Her program has space for 24 students each semester, but the number of graduates varies because some students decide the profession is not for them.

To help attract new people to the industry, she said, "We need to recruit early. We do recruitment in high school, but I think we need

to get into the middle schools, expose them to what is available in nursing, and also in recruitment have a younger person that they can identify with, someone just out of school."

Alongside the need to attract students to the profession, Ms. Joy said, is the need to attract faculty

to educate those students.

"The average age of the nursing faculty is 55," she pointed out. "A lot of nurses want to be nurse practitioners rather than nurse educators."

One way to attract new people to the profession, Ms. Durham said, is to lower the cost of edu-

cation, perhaps with grants from the state.

"It's now expensive, extremely expensive, to go to school to become a nurse," she said.

Ms. Joy said Midland College is fortunate to be able to offer scholarships and grants "because this community sees that need and

provides the funds."

Gideon and Ms. Joy said they are pleased the Texas Legislature is considering legislation to increase funding for nursing education, though that assistance will take a couple of years to have an impact.

EXPO: Midland's sister cities attend

(From 1B)

nesses, and the group had also visited with Britons now living in Midland.

Midland-based Tomcat USA has already established a manufacturing facility in Wirral and Bryan Flynn said Wirral businesses encourage similar interest from other Midland businesses.

The Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance (MOTRAN) had an exhibit between Wirral and Chihuahua City detailing the proposed La Entrada Al Pacifico, a series of highway expansions and additions that would lead to moving goods from Mexico's Pacific Coast through Midland-Odessa into markets throughout the United States.

Gloria Pena with MOTRAN said educating residents about La Entrada and what it could mean to their businesses is very important.

Without that education, she said, response could be too late because the trade route "will need a lot of warehouses here."

As part of the international focus of the Expo, D'Ann Harris, director of market development for the Northwest Texas Internation-

al Trade Center in Lubbock presented a seminar on how to expand overseas.

That seminar was followed by one on how to increase the average sale, presented by Midland CPA Mott Williamson of Wurster Armstrong Williamson CPAs and AWW Consulting.

By using a few techniques, from cross-selling to creating packages to merchandising to not discounting the price of the product or service, he said, a business can see sales increase.

"It can work in Midland, Texas," he told those attending the seminar, citing the case of a local business he worked with that had seen revenues fall 7 percent from 1998 to 1999 yet, trying some of the techniques he just suggested, saw revenues rise 27 percent from 1999 to 2000.

Such seminars and exhibits are part of the chamber's efforts to help local businesses improve their bottom lines, said Bruce Partain, communications and membership director for the chamber.

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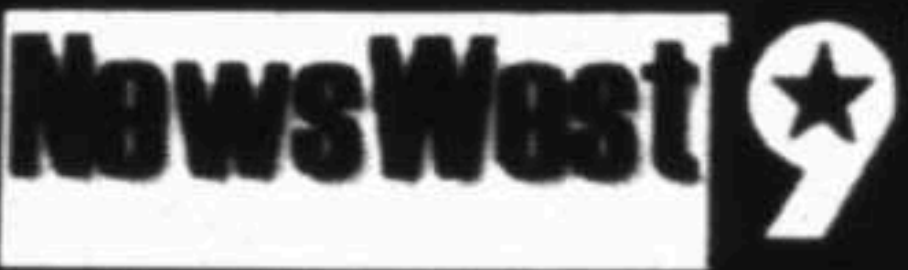
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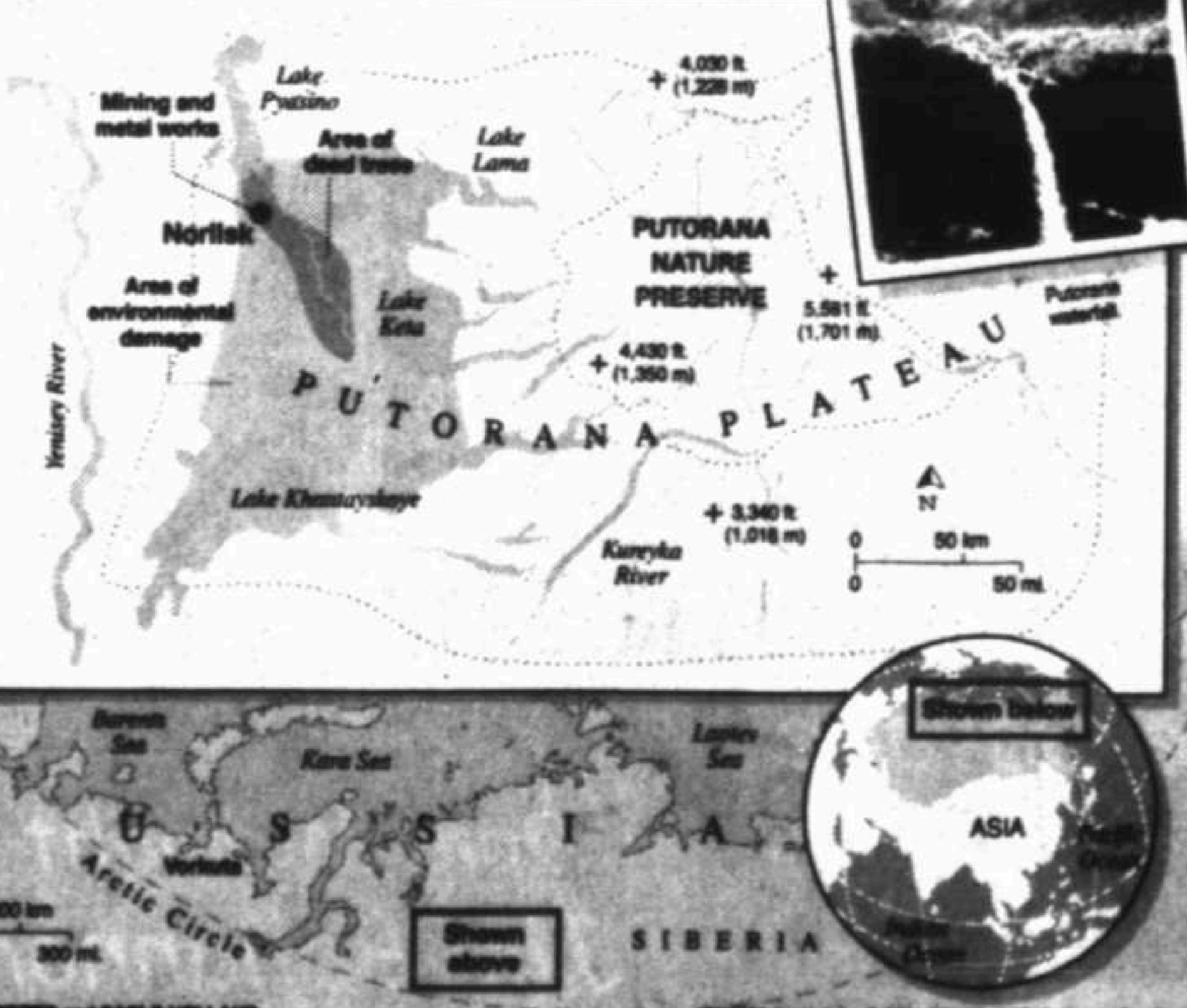
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GEOWEEK

Where is the Putorana Plateau?

Two hundred miles (322 kilometers) north of the Arctic Circle in the Siberian wilderness lies a massive ancient lava flow the size of the state of Nevada that makes up the Putorana Plateau. It was formed 250 million years ago when a massive "bubble" of lava - a magma plume - rose 1,800 miles from the earth's center (2,897 kilometers) and broke through to the surface, spreading a layer of basaltic lava 10,000 feet (3,048 meters) thick.

The area is barren and harsh. Some parts are pristine and wild. Others are polluted from mining and metal works on the western region of the plateau. Trees have been killed in huge areas of forest as far as 75 miles (121 kilometers) away from the manufacturing center at Norilsk, and



The surrounding environmental damage is immense. Still, the plateau is a treasure trove for biologists intent on understanding the fragile northern ecosystem. Nearly two dozen glaciers can be found on the plateau, and hundreds of waterfalls slice their way through the ancient lava on a landscape as eerie as any on earth.

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THURSDAY, MAY 10 TIP:

The City of Midland Utilities Department wants to help our customers with their yard work. As part of National Drinking Water Week, we are offering the City's residents some simple, practical ways to improve water use in gardening and lawn maintenance around the house.

According to the American Water Works Association, North American households use about 172 gallons of water per person every day. Approximately 58 percent of that amount - 101 gallons - is used outdoors for various purposes, including landscaping activities such as lawn maintenance and gardening. However, regular lawn and garden watering doesn't guarantee a homeowner's successful landscape. In fact, a full 85 percent of landscaping problems are directly related to overwatering!

To help Midland's residents practice good watering habits this spring, the following are recommended by the Utilities Department:

- * Know your climate. Some plants are better suited to the soil and weather conditions present in your area. Trying to plant vegetation that is not well suited to the conditions in Midland can be a frustrating waste of time, money and water.
- * Use sprinklers in the early morning or in the evening to water lawns. This will give your grass the even water distribution it needs without losing much of the water to evaporation from the hot sun.
- * Make sure sprinklers or irrigation systems deliver water close to the ground to avoid evaporation from sun or wind.
- * Provide your trees, shrubs and gardens with shallow basins or ditches to retain water and seeps into the ground.

Look for more Drinking Water Week News Tips continuing through Friday.

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McCamey couple sentenced in federal court

From Staff Reports

A McCamey couple was sentenced in Midland federal court Wednesday for their role in Internet credit scams. U.S. District Judge Royal Ferguson sentenced 33-year-old Cliff Cross to 49 months imprisonment and 31-year-old Amy Cross to three years probation.

According to the U.S. Attorney's office,

during 1997 through February of 1999, the pair owned and operated "Build-it-fast" in Andrews. The business was designed to market false credit repair information. The defendants would sell a false credit repair program over the Internet. After charging a fee anywhere between \$5 to \$175, the defendants would mail people material to teach them how to make false credit documents, accord-

ing to a written statement by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The information showed people how to create a false business name, and how to create a false IRS Employer Identification Number, the statement said. The defendants would teach the people how to turn the false EIN into a Social Security Number, which individuals could use when applying for credit.

Nursing home official to stand trial on felony charge

ODESSA (AP) — The owner of a failed nursing home chain faces a criminal charge of injury to an elderly person, a third-degree felony.

Rocky Lemon, who operated Crescent Healthcare and TLC Healthcare, was indicted in November by a Crane County grand jury after his arrest on suspicion of causing bodily injury to Chloea Bryant, a resident of Crane Care Center, according to a report in Wednesday editions of the Odessa American.

In early April, state officials

assumed management of 14 nursing homes in Texas operated by Crescent Healthcare and TLC Healthcare because of the nursing home chain's financial troubles. Lemon's also had homes fail in Oklahoma and California.

Lemon had until Tuesday to accept a plea agreement and avoid a trial. The case is scheduled for trial later this year. If convicted, Lemon faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Lemon, who lives in California,

is represented by Fort Worth attorney Jeff Kearney and Odessa attorney Steve Steen.

Steen characterized the incident as a "bedsores case."

"Mr. Lemon has been charged with three other people. Of the four people, two of their cases have been dismissed," Steen said.

Steen said responsibility for the incident went up the chain of command to Lemon.

"He was an administrator, so he didn't have any contact with Bryant," Steen said. "The two people with dismissed cases are

the ones who had hands-on contact."

Lemon remains free on a \$20,000 bond.

Crescent HealthCare, is currently in bankruptcy proceedings, Steen said. Lemon is also fighting a malpractice suit in connection to his Crane nursing home.

Steen said the problems arose after Medicare and Medicaid cut funding and Lemon had to cut staff. The plaintiffs in the suit are alleging wrongful death and the case will probably be handled by the bankruptcy court, Steen said.

House defeats proposal to allow more damages in bonfire lawsuits

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House shot down a measure Wednesday that would have let voters decide if families of the victims of the 1999 Texas A&M University bonfire collapse could sue for more money than the state now allows.

The legislation by Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, was pushed by families of victims of the Nov. 18, 1999, collapse that killed 12 Aggies and injured 27 others.

The measure failed 55-82. "My conscience is clear," Wilson said after the vote. "I feel like I did the right thing."

Nancy Braus, whose 20-year-old son, Dominic, was injured in the bonfire accident, was so emotional after the vote she could not immediately speak to reporters.

Asked if she thought the vote was a slap in the face of the parents, she said, "It's a slap in the face to the men who took the vote." Braus said she thought victims were denied their day in court.

"We have lots of other options because the truth doesn't have a dollar sign," she said.

The measure also would have benefited the families of victims of a van crash in February 2000 in which four members of the Prairie View A&M track team were killed. Six others were hurt in the accident on the way to a meet.

Some recovering students have medical bills more than \$1 million, Wilson said.

"What I'm asking you to do today," Wilson told the House, is approve "a constitutional amendment which would provide some relief for those families."

State law requires individuals to get permission from the Legislature to sue the state or its entities. Law also limits damages in those lawsuits to \$500,000 per incident.

That means families of the 12 bonfire victims who died, as well as those injured, would have to split an amount up to \$500,000, should there be a court victory.

Under Wilson's measure, voters would have had to approve changing the state constitution to

allow the cap to be increased for the two incidents.

Following the collapse, A&M created a bonfire relief fund to help victims' families with expenses. But the families have said it is not enough.

The most heated debate came when Rep. Fred Hill, R-Richardson, proposed a provision that would limit the amount lawyers could charge.

Hill said he wanted to "make sure that any award that comes from these tragedies is paid to the families and to the victims."

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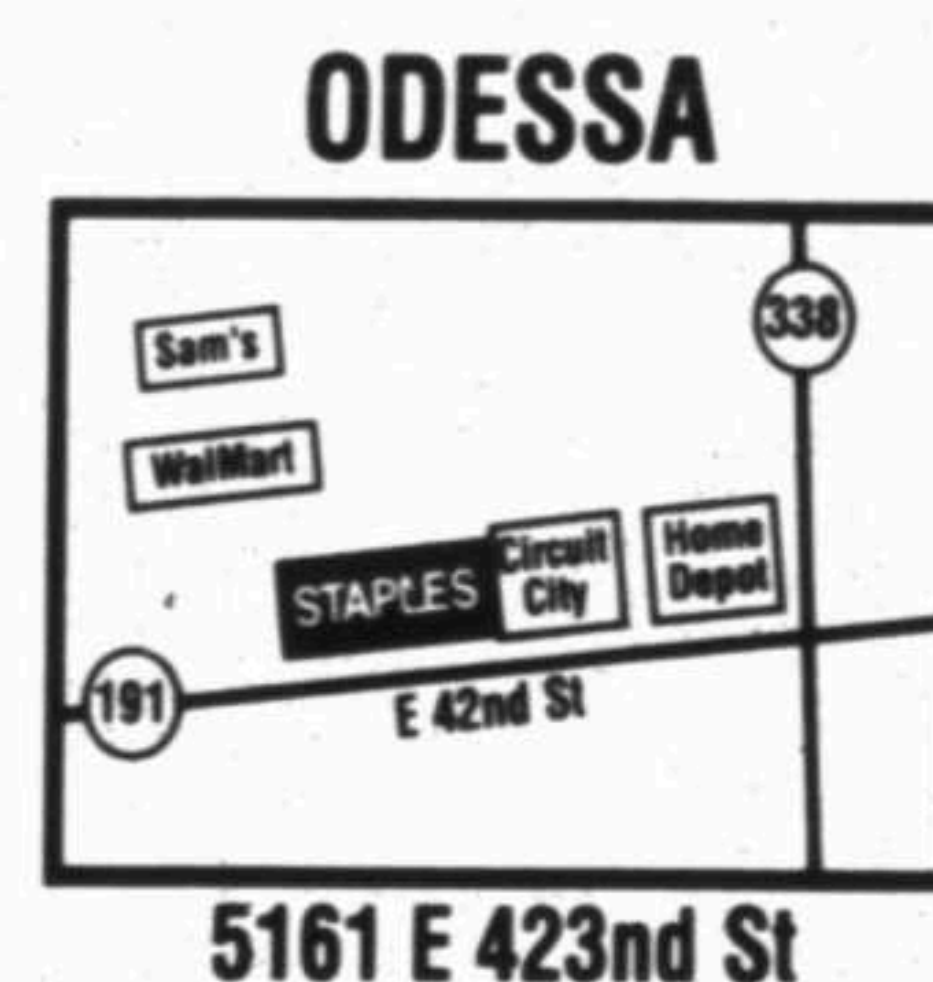
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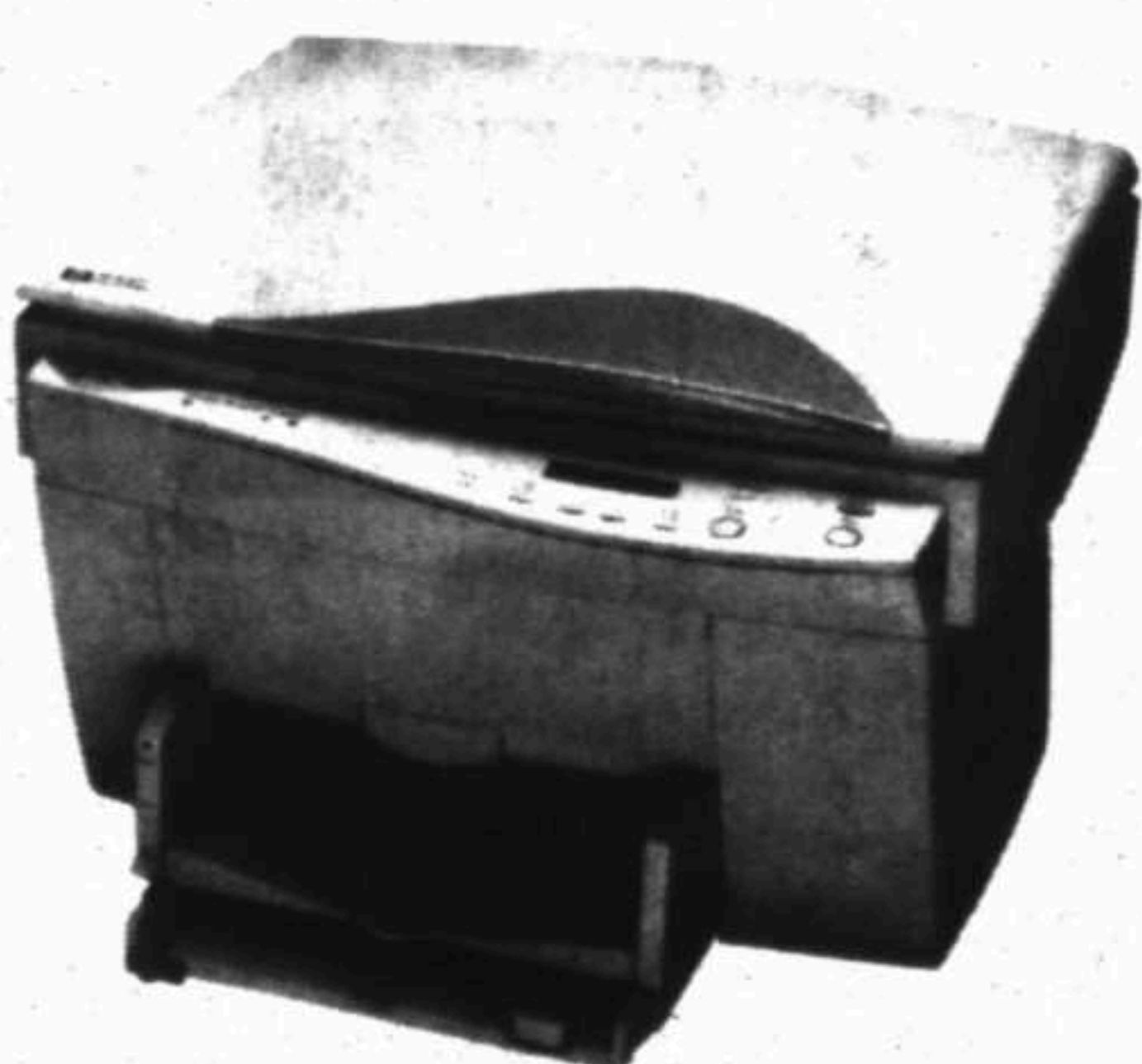
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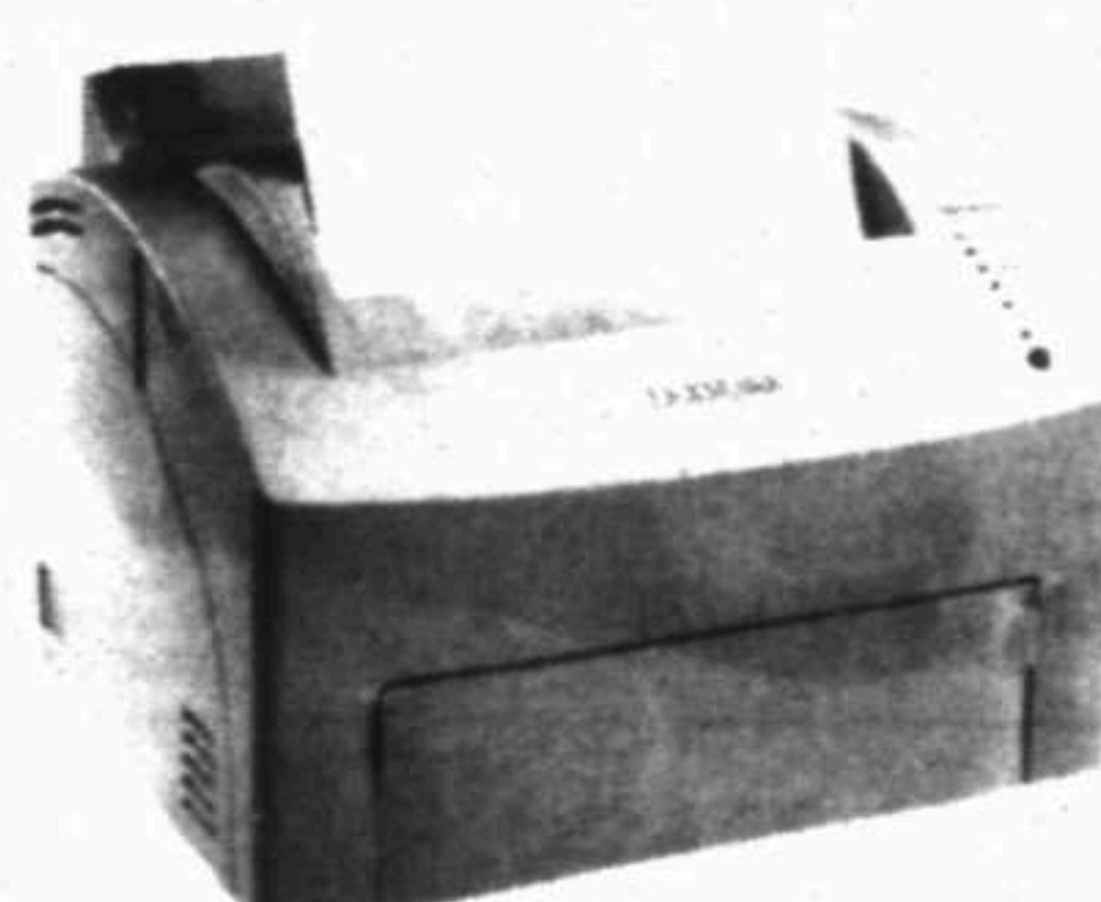
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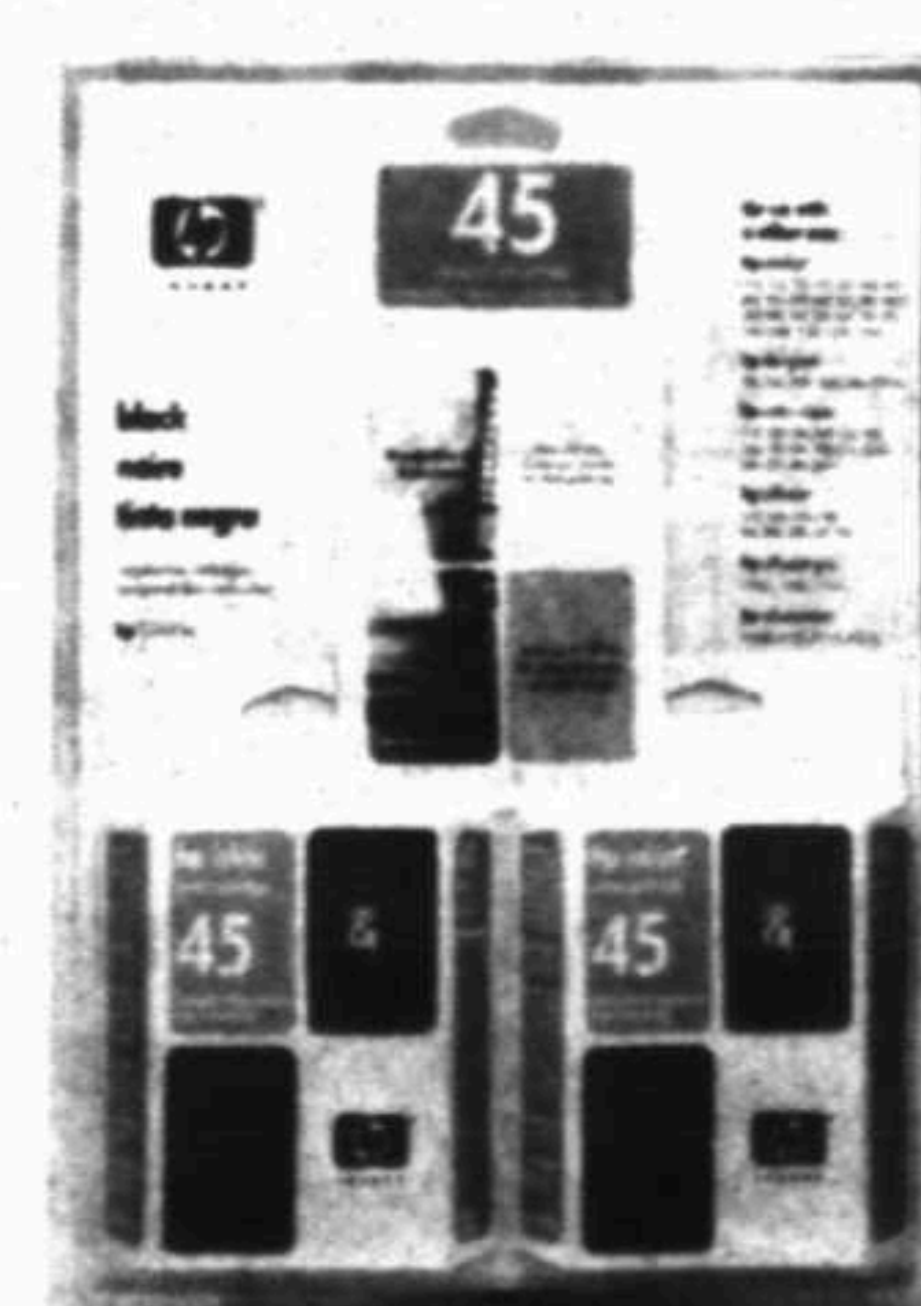
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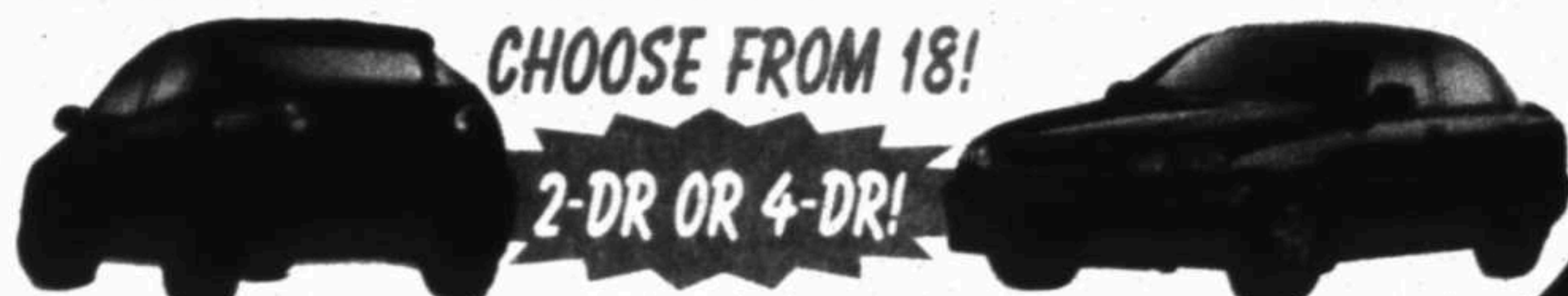


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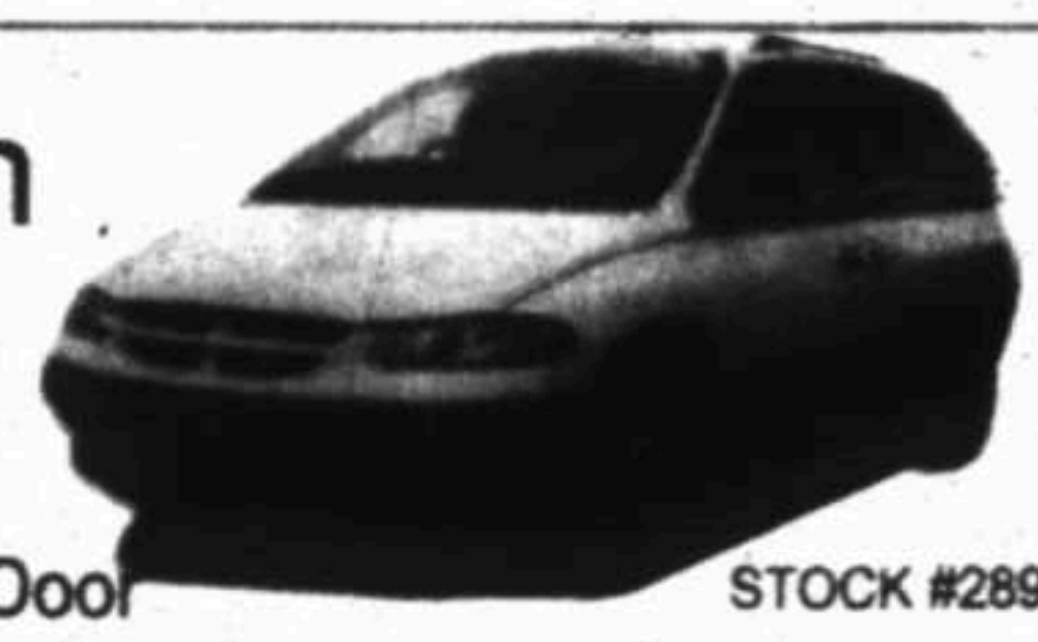


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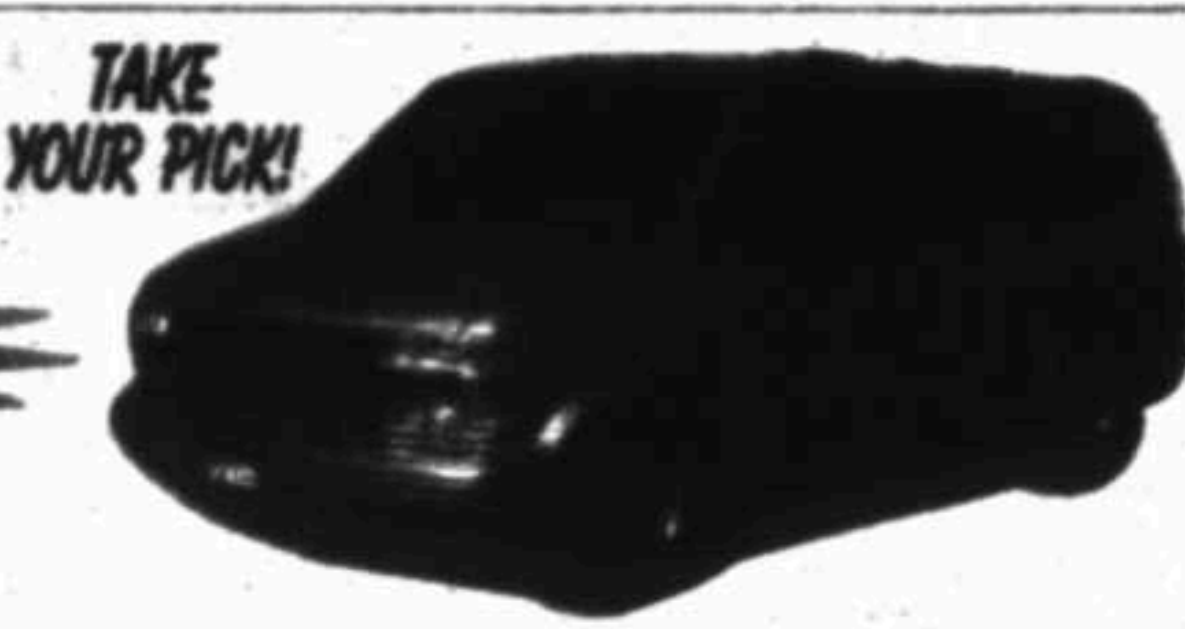


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Stanton's Ramos hoping for medal

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

AUSTIN — J.D. Ramos has won a few medals in his time as a distance runner for Stanton. In fact, he's got quite a collection.

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But there's a gaping hole in his collection — one he hopes to fill as the UIL State Track and Field Championships begin Friday at the Mike A. Myers Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas.

"I just want a medal," said Ramos, a senior who has been to one state track meet and two state cross country meets, but hasn't brought any hardware back to Stanton.

He's got six chances. He qualified for two events — the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs — and the top three finishers in each event get medals.

"When you run from junior high through high school, you get all kinds of medals," he said. "I've got big medals, small medals, all kinds.

This is my senior year, and I just want one of those (a state medal). I have a ton of medals — and I'm not one to brag — but that's one I've missed. I have ones from regional meets and district meets and regular meets, but that's the one I want."

Ramos has a pretty good chance of finally climbing an awards stand this year, particularly in the 1,600, an event in which he finished seventh last year. Comparing all of this year's qualifiers' times from their respective regional meets — which is by no means an accurate way of predicting a race — Ramos has the third-best time in the 1,600.

Ramos won the 1,600 at the Region I-2A meet with a time of 4:31.98. Only Cody Wells of Crawford (4:28.05) and Chance Edwards of San Saba (4:28.88) had better times at their regional meets.

Neither of those times indicates that either runner is capable of running away from the field. Furthermore,

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Stanton's J.D. Ramos has qualified for the state meet in two distance running events. Ramos has won several medals in his career, but has never taken one home from the state meet.

Goodwin carries jumping legacy

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Of the three athletes from Garden City who qualified for this week's UIL State Track and Field Championships, two were definitely no surprise. Seniors M'Lynn Niehues and Michelle Fuchs are old hands at competing at the state level, and they each own more than one medal.

The other Bearkat qualifier, first-timer Kendall Goodwin, may have been less well-known outside the area, but his state qualification wasn't such a surprise to those who know the family. Goodwin has triple jumping written in his DNA.

His mother, Donna Goodwin, was quite a triple jumper when she was known by her maiden name, Plagens. In fact, she held the Garden City school record for a long time — until Niehues broke it last year.

Goodwin, a junior, credits his mother with some of his success.

"My mom gives me a lot of support," he said. "She comes to every track meet. She's always there."

And she'll probably be there at the

■ Class 1A

Mike A. Myers Stadium on the University of Texas campus when Goodwin competes in the Class A triple jump. The event starts at 10 a.m. Saturday — the day before Mothers' Day.

While his mother gave Goodwin a good start, he's made the most of his opportunity. He's improved by leaps and bounds.

"He started out the year hurt and didn't jump the first two weeks," Garden City boys' track coach Johnny Willis said. "After that, he competed at the Stanton track meet. Our school record was 42-4, set by him last year, and he broke it. He jumped 42-11 3/4 at his first track meet (of the season). He'd already improved

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MIDLAND HIGH IN BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Bose Knows Baseball

Bulldog senior contributes at several spots

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

By the time many young baseball players reach high school, they are often very specific about where they are on the field.

Some are pitchers, who if pressed could play somewhere else in the field. Others are shortstops, centerfielders, third basemen or other players, who if pressed, could pitch.

Midland High's Matt Bose, though, isn't so

picky.

"I started out playing a little bit of left field in my sophomore year, then I moved to third base and pitched a little," said Bose, as senior, describing his journey around the diamond in his three years as a starter for MHS. "Just put me somewhere and I'll play."

And chances are, Bose will play quite well. As a third baseman and a pitcher, Bose has been equally valuable to the Bulldogs in both roles, and is a big reason Midland High won District 4-5A and opens the area round of the playoffs Friday against El Paso Eastwood at 5 p.m. at Alpine's Kokernot Field.

MHS coach Barry Russell will send Bose to the mound for Game 1 of the best-of-three series against Eastwood. Whether the Bulldogs play a one-game series or a best-of-three from here on out, Russell has the ultimate confidence in Bose.

"He's such a great competitor," said Russell of Bose. "There's nobody who wants to do well more than him. Whenever I've asked him to make a move, it's never been 'No' or 'Why?'"

More often than not, Bose has provided the answer more than he has been a question mark. After spending much of his sophomore year in the outfield, Bose has spent most of his last two seasons at third base.

Typically, Bose has stayed at third even though he and Russell acknowledge it might not be his best position. That would be catcher, where Bose has played little the last



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Midland High senior Matt Bose emerged as the team's top pitcher during District 4-5A play, which has been a pleasant surprise, but he's done every bit as well as expected at the plate and playing third base.

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Spurs rout Mavs to grab 3-0 lead

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — The San Antonio Spurs have just about wrapped up their season in Playoffs 101.

Tim Duncan had 18 points and 14 rebounds and helped the Spurs open the second half with a 21-6 run as they beat the Dallas Mavericks 104-90 Wednesday night to take a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven second-round series.

"I thought we stepped it up mentally in the second half," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "This is a really good group. They know what to do in those situations."

San Antonio was so balanced inside and out that Dallas never knew how to try stopping the Spurs. Their only deficit was 2-0 and their lead peaked at 28 early in the fourth quarter. They'll try finishing off the sweep Saturday.

The Mavericks, who haven't played this late in a season in 13 years, continued their slide into summer vacation with another horrendous shooting performance.

After shooting a franchise playoff-low 34.2 percent in Game 2, Dallas

missed eight of its first nine shots and finished at 34.7 percent.

The Mavs also tied their franchise playoff low of 11 points in a quarter, the third; they set that record in Game 1.

"This was probably the worst game we played all year," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "I didn't see it coming. It wasn't for lack of effort. We just couldn't get anything working."

Mavs leading playoff scorer Michael Finley was 5-of-21. Steve Nash was 4-of-12 and Dirk Nowitzki was 5-of-15 for a team-best 15 points missing a morning shootaround with an upset stomach.

Some anger was jolted back into the series in the closing minutes when Dal-

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UTEP football players arrested for steroids

By Chris Roberts
Associated Press Writer

EL PASO — A day after two Texas-El Paso football players were charged with possessing steroids, athletic department officials announced Wednesday the school will begin random monthly tests for the performance enhancing drug.

"The message is we're not going to tolerate it," coach Gary Nord said at an afternoon news conference. "We will test them. I told them that today."

Chad Matthew Kennedy, listed as UTEP's No. 1 punter, and Joseph Antonio Young, a backup defensive back, were arrested at 5 p.m. Tuesday by U.S. Customs Service officials who discovered nearly a pound of the controlled substance in their car. The two were driving back to El Paso from Ciudad Juarez.

The drugs, more than 14 ounces of steroids that included oral and injectable forms, were found in the spare tire compartment, said Customs

Service spokesman Roger Maier. Inspectors became suspicious after a short conversation with the athletes.

When asked if he thought the drugs were to be distributed among his players, Nord responded, "I feel real strong that they were not coming back to be used by our team."

UTEP athletic director Bob Stull said the football and track programs will begin randomly testing one or two athletes every month. The first monthly tests will be done in June when athletes return, he said.

UTEP began random testing for steroids in the spring, but it was only going to be done twice a year, he said.

Since he was selected as head coach last year, Nord said he has picked about 10 athletes who gave indications, through appearance or mood, that they might be using the drug. They all tested negative, he said, adding that he will continue to test any player who appears to be using the drug.

Stull said the athletic department

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Early homer eases things for Adkins, 'Hounds

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Give Midland pitcher Jon Adkins an early lead and you have something to sink your teeth into.

The RockHounds took a 6-1 lead in the third inning, then turned the game over to Adkins and reliever Chris Enochs for a 6-2 win at Christensen Stadium Wednesday night.

That early lead was mostly due to a third inning, three-run home run by Midland third baseman Josh Hochgesang. It was all Adkins and Enochs needed.

Adkins, 3-2, went seven innings, giving up only two Shreveport runs in a solid outing and Enochs pitched the last two innings with shutout ball in a mop up role. Adkins came into the game with a 2.70 ERA, and with the wind blowing out at Christensen on Wednesday, holding the Swamp Dragons to a meager two runs is a sweet gift.

Leading only 2-1 in the bottom of the third, Hochgesang took Shreveport starter Jeff Urban deep with Jacques Landry and Ryan Ludwick on

base. The 'Hounds never had many worries after that blast to deep center field.

"I got hold of a change up," Hochgesang said. "I was just looking for a pitch over the plate that I could drive and I was able to stay on that one."

The Hochgesang drive to center surely made life easier for Adkins.

"I think it always helps when you give a pitcher an early lead," Hochgesang said. "Adkins, though, is going to keep you in the game. He's the kind of guy who isn't afraid to give you a high-five when you make a good play behind him. He keeps everyone in the game."

And the Midland defense did turn in three double plays, two for Adkins and one for Enochs.

If there was a negative to this game it was the fact that Midland didn't stash the game away when it had some major scoring opportunities. The RockHounds pounded out 13 hits but left 12 runners stranded.

The 'Hounds had runners at first and third with

only one out in the fourth — and failed to score. Midland had the bases loaded with one out in the sixth — and failed to score. Midland had runners at second and third in the eighth — and failed to score. The machine got stuck on six.

"That was a little disappointing," Hochgesang said. "We've been bitten enough already this season by not getting the runners home that we should have already learned that lesson."

"But that's the way baseball is. It's a game that can humble you and then someone gets hot and it gets contagious and everyone gets their confidence up. You just can't pinpoint it."

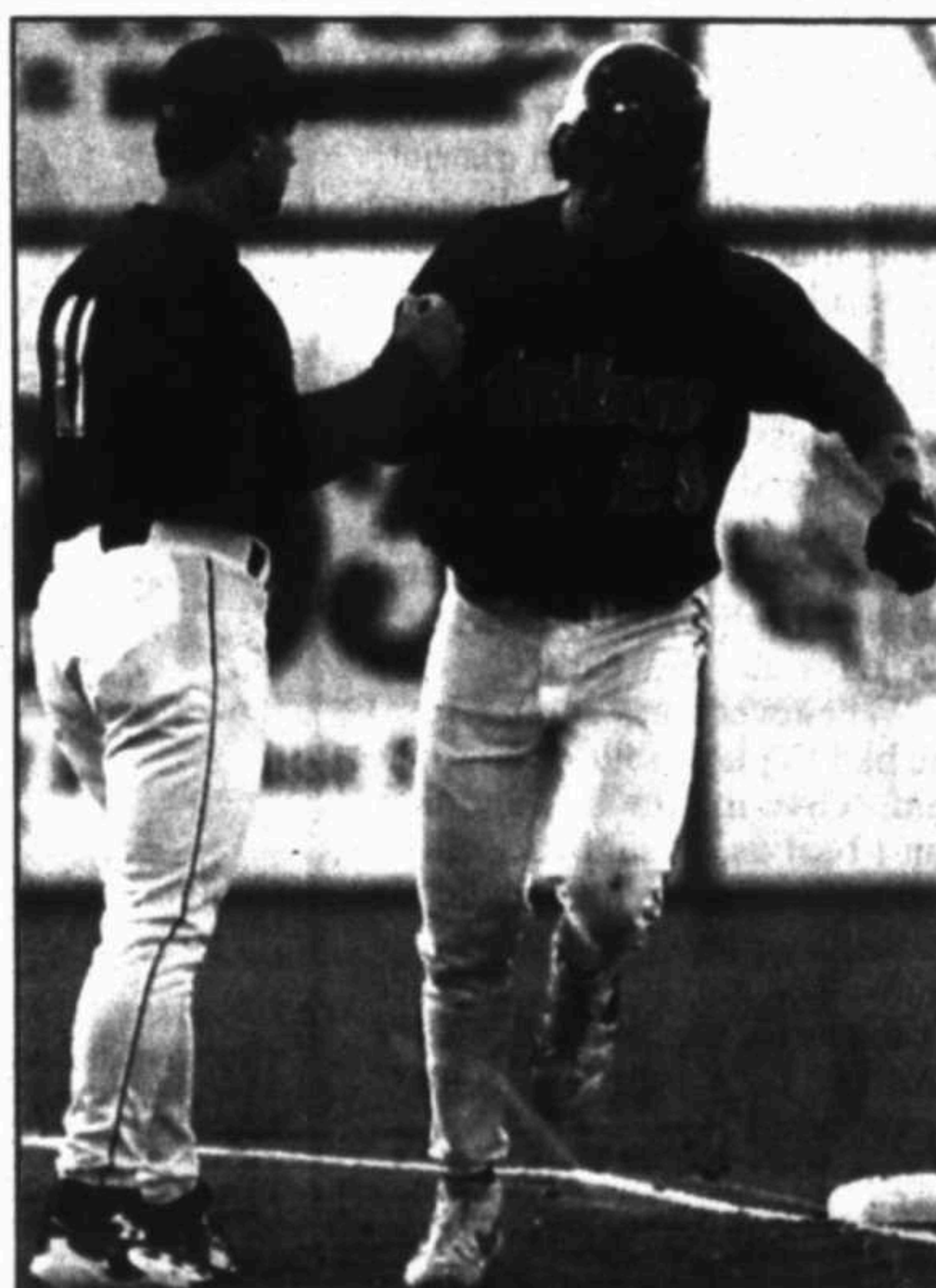
"We've got to bear down more in those situations. But this is a pretty laid back team and we do what we have to do to win."

Midland has now won three games in a row over

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Josh Hochgesang (right) gets congratulated by manager Tony DeFrancesco after hitting a three-run home run for the Midland RockHounds at Christensen Stadium Wednesday night. The 'Hounds defeated Shreveport 6-2.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Valdez signs with Tyler JC

Becky Valdez, the standout player on the Midland High volleyball team, signed a letter of intent on Wednesday to play volleyball next year at Tyler Junior College.

Valdez was a first-team selection on two all-state teams: the Texas Girls Coaches Association and the Texas Sports Writers Association. She was also selected to play in the TGCA's all-star game this summer.

She was named the Most Valuable Player in District 4-5A after leading the Lady Bulldogs to a 29-5 record and a district co-championship last season.

As a setter, Valdez led the Lady Bulldogs in assists with 623, and she also led the team with 23 aces. She excelled all the way around the court, recording 58 kills, 67 blocks and 314 digs.

She will continue to set at Tyler. She will start for Tyler and run a 5-1 offense, said Terri McColloch, her coach at MHS.

MCHS has 7 on all-district

Seven members from the Midland Christian baseball team made the TAPPS All-District 1-4A team. MCHS had the most out of any other school.

Pitchers Kacy Groves and Shane Wright, infielder Coy Riley, catcher Brandon Tobias and outfielders Jamie Beeghley, Drew Scott and Chase Feeler were all first team selections.

Groves, a senior, went 6-3 this season and allowed just eight earned runs in 49 1/3 innings. Groves also had a school record 89 strikeouts and a 1.14 ERA. Wright, a sophomore went 6-1 and allowed just seven earned runs in 37 innings. Wright also had 49 strikeouts and recorded a 1.32 ERA.

Riley, a junior, played third base for the Mustangs and batted .388 with 32 RBIs, six doubles, five home runs and stole six bases. Brandon Tobias, a senior, hit .328 with 13 RBIs and three doubles.

Beeghley, a junior, led the team with a .473 average. Beeghley also had 22 RBIs, seven doubles, four home runs and 12 stolen bases. Scott, a senior, stole a school record 41 bases this season as well as hit .388 with 15 RBIs, seven doubles and three triples. Scott also scored 31 runs.

Feeler, a senior, hit .314 with 23 RBIs, eight doubles, three home runs and stole eight bases.

Making the second team from MCHS were senior infielder Jordan Wilson and senior utility man Ry Weaver.

Midland Christian went 17-7 this season, finished second in the district with a 5-3 mark, and went to the Regional round of the playoffs.

Here is the TAPPS All-District 1-4A first team as selected by the coaches:
MVP: Bobby Livingston, Sr., Lubbock Trinity.
Infield: Dustin Gault, Sr., Lubbock Trinity; Coy Riley, Jr., MCHS; Matt King, Jr., Denton Liberty; John Highley, Sr., Lubbock Trinity; Ryan Admire, Soph., Denton Liberty; Travis Gist, Fr., Fort Worth Christian.
Pitchers: Kacy Groves, Sr., MCHS; Shane Wright, Soph., MCHS; Shawn Thomas, Jr., Lubbock Trinity.
Catchers: Brandon Tobias, Sr., MCHS; Kurtis Campbell, Jr., Denton Liberty.
DM/Utility: Dillon Lovelace, Soph., Denton Liberty; Cole Smith, Sr., Fort Worth Christian.
Outfield: Jamie Beeghley, Jr., MCHS; Drew Scott, Sr., MCHS; Chase Feeler, Sr., MCHS; Brendon Bollinger, Sr., Fort Worth Christian.

Playoffs at MUGS

There will be two UIL softball playoff games this week at MUGS-Ulmer Park.

Big Spring will take on Andrews in the Class 4A Regional Quarterfinals at 6 p.m. today on Field No. 7. At 8 p.m. Friday, Monahans faces Fort Stockton on Field No. 7 in the Class 3A Regional Quarterfinals.

Walker holds lead at GTCC

Sharon Walker held onto first place at the Green Tree Country Club Ladies Golf Association Handicap Golf Tournament Wednesday with a 69 second round to give her a 127 total.

Doris Schultz is in second place with a 129 after a 67 on Tuesday.

Here are the top 10 leaders after the second round of the Green Tree Country Club LGA Handicap Golf Tournament:

1. Sharon Walker 69-127; 2. Doris Schultz 67-129; 3. Ellen Guthrie 69-134; 4. (tie) Mary Brown 69-135 and Bob Lloyd 69-135; 6. (tie) Pat Dougherty 72-136 and Kate Heck 70-136; 8. Kathy Thompson 71-137 and Linda Maxwell 69-137; 9. (tie) Dawn Dearsley 70-138; Marty Yeater 74-138; Joy Stark 68-138; Emma Jane Wilkes 75-138.

Ladies Playday

Here are the results of the Ladies Playday competition held at The Club at Mission Dorado.

First Flight: 1st Gross: Laveta Hergenreter, 84; 1st Net: Mary Jane Duffy, 70; Charlene Jarnagan and Linda Crume tie low putts with 33.
Second Flight: 1st Gross: Alice Watkins, 95; 1st Net: Becky Cliff, 67; Amparo McMill, 27 low putts.

Midlanders make nationals

CORSICANA — Midland College will see some familiar faces when the NJCAA National Softball Tournament is held in Kissimmee, Fla., on May 17-20.

Midland College won the Region V title last week to earn its national berth, but two Midland High graduates will also be making their second consecutive appearance in the tournament — but with different uniforms.

Amberleigh Berry, who helped guide El Paso Community College to the nationals last year, and Megan Clingman, who also made a national tournament appearance with Central Arizona College (second place last year in nationals), will both be back in the national event, but this time with Navarro College.

Berry, an infielder, and Clingman, a pitcher, helped lead the Bulldogs to their second consecutive NJCAA Region XIV championship with a nine inning, come-from-behind win over Blinn College. Both Clingman and Berry were voted All-Conference and All-Region while playing with Navarro.

MHS to hold spring banquet

Midland High will hold its Spring Sports Banquet on Monday at Chaparral Center at 6:30 p.m.

All sports, except football, will be recognized at the banquet. Tickets for the banquet are \$7 and can be purchased in the Midland High gym before school, at lunch and after school.

Ride for Arts becomes event

There's a new sport at Celebration of the Arts this year. For the first time in the festival's 18-year history, there is a Medical Center Ride for the Arts.

The new event is being held Celebration weekend, May 18-20 with an all-day Bike Briterium race on Saturday and a Sunday morning bike tour.

The Criterium is a Grand-Prix style bike race through the streets of downtown Midland. The Sunday bike tour takes riders on a 10, 20 or 40 mile ride into the country, starting and ending at Midland Center.

The Saturday Criterium begins at 10 a.m. with an .82 mile figure eight race with eight 90 degree turns per lap. Registration closes 30 minutes before start time.

Registration fees for the Criterium Race are \$25 before May 11 and \$30 after. Registration for the 20 or 40 mile tour is \$20 and \$25 and \$15 and \$20 for the 10 mile tour.

Sponsors are Westwood Medical Center, World Gym, Johnny Carino's, Peyton's Bikes and Fit for Life. For bike information, call John Beane at 699-1718 or 1-800-373-4764 or email ride@peytonsbikes.com.

Mirage '88 takes first

The Midland Mirage '88 soccer team won first place in the 12-14 division of the Sun Bowl International Soccer Tournament held recently in El Paso.

In round robin play, Mirage defeated the El Paso Kixx 10-0, tied the El Paso Kangaroos 1-1, and beat the El Paso Force 2-0 and the El Paso Hurricanes 2-0.

Members of Mirage '88: Jana Bradley, C.C. Copeland, Gattlin Gravelle, Lisa Gussinger, Hailee Hamm, Kate Hamm, Lauren Herr, Sarah Hicks, Anica McGovern, Brittany Murphree, Alex Ochoner, T.J. Richter, Nicole Vest, Haylee Wright and Kellye Cox. Coaches are David Stall and Jerry Murphree.

Heat players on Olympic Dev.

Ten West Texas Heat soccer players were recently selected from the State Pool to the North Texas State Olympic Development teams.

Ryan Leeton was selected to the '85 boys team, while Jules Camarillo was selected as an alternate. Kelly Kinzer, Ryan Outlaw, Kenny Worrell and Carlos Guillermo were selected to the '87 boys teams, Blake Mosler was selected to the '88 boys teams and Kirby Posey, Heather Lowery and Taylor Venable were selected to the '88 girls teams. Austin Anderson and Ryan Hembree are still trying out for the '84 United States Southern Regional Team.

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A-Rod hits into double play to end Rangers' 3-2 loss to Tigers

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Texas Rangers are not paying Alex Rodriguez \$252 million over 10 years to do what he has done twice this week — hit into double plays with a chance to win games.

Rodriguez hit into a game-ending double play with the tying and go-ahead runs on base as the Detroit Tigers beat Texas Wednesday 3-2 night. In a 7-4 loss to Chicago at home on Monday, he hit into a double play with the bases loaded in the eighth inning.

Rodriguez said the money he's making has nothing to do with his recent struggles.

"I think it goes beyond the contract," said Rodriguez, who was 0-for-5 with two strikeouts. "I think it's more that I care too much about what this team does and its success. I have to go back to simplifying things and not try to do too much. The temptation is to hit a five-run homer with nobody on base."

Texas manager Jerry Narron said Rodriguez played despite being sick. Rodriguez declined to comment when asked if he was not feeling well.

Narron, who is 1-4 since replacing Johnny Oates, said it is not deflating to see Rodriguez hit into double plays twice in three days.

"We know if he gets up there in those situations, he's going to come through a lot more than he isn't," Narron said. "I hope he gets up there every night in that same situation because we'll win a lot of ballgames."

It's Detroit that is winning while the Rangers are not.

The Tigers (14-17) have won nine of 12, and five of those wins have come against Texas, which has lost nine of 10 and 15 of 20. The Rangers (12-21) have their worst record after 33 games since 1985.

Dave Mlicki (3-2) pitched seven strong innings and Brandon Inge hit a two-run single to lead the Tigers.

Mlicki has won three straight games, two of them against Texas. He struck out eight and allowed four hits and five walks.

Todd Jones pitched the ninth for his seventh save in nine opportunities. He allowed one-out singles by Rusty Greer and Randy Velarde before Rodriguez's double play.

"I got lucky tonight," Jones said. "I can dream up about six other scenarios that I'd rather face other than him with the game on the line."

Mlicki struck out the side on 12 pitches in the first. He then

AL Roundup

struck out Doug Mirabelli to end the second after giving up a single to Rafael Palmeiro and loading the bases with walks.

"We're having fun and when you have fun you start playing better," Mlicki said. "It sure beats April right now. Guys are doing the little things, the defense is playing well, we're making pitches when we need to, we're getting some wins."

"It makes it a lot more fun coming to the yard."

Doug Davis (2-3) pitched 6 1/3 innings and gave up 10 hits and three runs.

Roger Cedeno doubled, advanced to third on a double by Jose Macias and scored on Tony Clark's groundout, giving the Tigers a 1-0 lead in the first. Detroit scored two more runs in the fourth on singles by Dean Palmer, Juan Encarnacion and Damion Easley, loading the bases before Inge followed with his two-run single.

After giving up a single to Cedeno, loading the bases again, Davis struck out Macias and got Bobby Higginson to fly out. Frank Catalanotto ended Mlicki's hopes for a shutout with a two-out homer in the sixth, making it 3-1.

Palmeiro homered off C.J. Nitkowski in the eighth to pull the Rangers within a run.

"We stayed in a game that we had no business being in," Narron said.

The Tigers will go for a three-game sweep against the Rangers, for the second time in a week, on Thursday afternoon.

"That's what is great about this game, you have tomorrow," Rodriguez said. "But we keep talking about tomorrow, tomorrow."

Indians 5, Royals 1
CLEVELAND — The Indians extended their longest winning streak in seven years to 10 games as rookie C.C. Sabathia got his fourth win in a victory over the Royals.

Sabathia (4-1) took a shutout into the sixth inning before Indians manager Charlie Manuel turned to his bullpen to keep the majors' longest winning streak this season alive.

Russell Branyan hit a three-run homer off Dan Reichert (3-3), and Ellis Burks had a solo shot for the Indians, whose 10-game streak is their best since June 11-20, 1994.

Mariners 10, Red Sox 5
BOSTON — David Bell

snapped out of a slump with four RBIs, and Seattle used a five-run eighth inning to beat Boston.

Bell came into the game in a 1-for-18 slump and was just 1-for-14 against Boston this season. But his third hit, a two-run double, highlighted the two-out rally in the eighth against Rolando Arrojo (1-1).

The Mariners reclaimed the best record in baseball at 24-9. The Red Sox, who had won three straight games, lost despite homers from Manny Ramirez, Troy O'Leary and Trot Nixon.

Yankees 2, Twins 0
NEW YORK — Roger Clemens pitched eight strong innings and Bernie Williams snapped an 0-for-13 drought with a go-ahead RBI single for New York.

Williams, dropped from fourth to fifth in the lineup for the game, hit a first-pitch bouncer up the middle off Joe Mays (4-2) to bring home Paul O'Neill, who walked with one out in the sixth. Chuck Knoblauch hit his third homer off Eddie Guardado after the reliever struck out the first two batters in the seventh.

Athletics 8, Blue Jays 5
TORONTO — John Jaha, playing his first major league game since last July, hit a two-run double in the fifth inning to lead Tim Hudson and Oakland over Toronto.

Miguel Tejada homered for the Athletics, who have won 11 of their last 12 games at SkyDome. Tejada has homered in five straight games at Toronto.

Jaha, whose 2000 season was cut short by surgery on his left shoulder, was activated from the 15-day disabled list before the game.

Orioles 8, Devil Rays 6
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Cal Ripken keyed a six-run seventh inning with a two-run single, and Baltimore ended a six-game losing streak.

Delino DeShields drove in the first two runs of the seventh against Ryan Rupe (2-4), who entered the game with a 4-2 lead. Ripken's hit put the Orioles ahead 6-4, and Melvin Mora, who began the inning with a bunt single, followed with a two-run double to give Baltimore a four-run lead.

White Sox 6, Angels 5
CHICAGO — Jose Valentin doubled home the winning run with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning for Chicago, who won despite Troy Glaus' two homers for Anaheim.

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Inspired Devils beat Leafs, win East semifinal

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Even in street clothes, Scott Niedermayer helped the New Jersey Devils come back against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Patrik Elias scored twice and Scott Stevens had a goal and an assist in a four-goal second period that carried the defending Stanley Cup champions to a 5-1 victory in Game 7 of their Eastern Conference semifinal on Wednesday night.

It marked the second straight year the Devils staged a major comeback to keep their hopes of a championship alive. This rally was particularly sweet since New Jersey did it with Niedermayer sidelined the last three games with a concussion caused by a vicious elbow by Tie Domi late in Game 4.

"Everybody was thinking of Nieder," fellow Devils defenseman Colin White said. "We wanted to give Nieder a chance to play again, and I think we may have just done that."

Niedermayer was close to returning for Game 7 but he was scratched from the lineup after developing post-concussion headaches after skating on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

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Late bad throw helps Astros slip by Philadelphia in ninth

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Ricky Bottalico fielded the ball cleanly and made the right decision to try for the lead runner. After that, his plan went awry.

With the score tied 6-6, Moises Alou and Lance Berkman both walked off Bottalico (1-2) with no outs in the ninth.

Chris Truby attempted to bunt the runners over, and Bottalico fielded the ball and threw to third in a bid to erase Barker, who was pinch-running for Alou. The throw was wild, and third baseman Scott Rolen was unable to stop it from going down the left-field line as Barker scored, giving the Houston Astros a 7-6 victory over Philadelphia on Wednesday night.

"Bottalico made a really good play getting to the ball," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "Fortunately for us, he threw it wild, because he did everything else right."

Truby thought Barker's reputation for speed helped Houston's cause.

"I think with Barker running, (Bottalico) might have rushed the throw because Barker's so fast," Truby said. "I thought I had bunted it too close to him, but it worked out."

Bottalico pitched a strong eighth, allowing only Craig Biggio's infield single.

Manager Larry Bowa had no complaint with Bottalico's decision to throw to third.

"Ricky made a good play to get to it, and that just happens," Bowa said. "The guy at second is a good runner. He made the right play because a good throw gets him out. It's easy to second guess after he threw it away."

Billy Wagner (2-1) was one out away from his seventh save in seven chances, but Pat Burrell's double off Alou's glove in right field drove in Mike Lieberthal from first, tying the game. Charlie Hayes' sacrifice fly in the seventh gave the Astros a 6-5 lead.

Hayes, subbing at third base for Truby, drove in his first run of the year. Hayes, just 2-for-14 for the season, brought in Richard Hidalgo with a fly ball to right field.

Houston starter Wade Miller lasted six innings and gave up five runs, three of them earned, on nine hits. Phillies starter Bruce Chen went five innings and allowed five runs on seven hits.

Rolen's base-loaded single drove in two runs in the third inning, giving Philadelphia a 2-0 lead. Jeff Bagwell's three-run homer, his 10th homer of the year, put Houston in front in the bottom of the inning, but Marlon Anderson's RBI single in the fourth tied the game at 3.

Philadelphia scored twice in the fifth on Bobby Abreu's solo homer and a sacrifice fly by Anderson. Berkman's eighth homer scored Alou ahead of him to tie it 5-5 in the sixth.

Rockies 6, Mets 0

DENVER — Mike Hampton tormented his former team, pitching his eighth career shutout to lead the Rockies over the Mets.

Hampton (5-0), the MVP of the NLCS last Octo-

ber for the Mets, became a free agent after the season and signed a \$121 million, eight-year contract with Colorado.

The left-hander who went 15-10 in helping lead the Mets to the World Series last year held them to seven hits. He struck out five, walked three and was backed by four double plays.

Hampton helped his cause with a pair of hits, including an RBI infield single in the second. He also hit a two-out single ahead of Todd Walker's homer.

Todd Walker hit a three-run homer off Rick Reed (4-2) in the seventh, an inning after Larry Walker had a solo home run.

Cardinals 6, Pirates 2

ST. LOUIS — Dustin Hermanson threw six strong innings and the Cardinals handled Pittsburgh hitters for the third straight game.

The Cardinals have outscored the Pirates 21-4 and held them to 13 hits the first three games of a four-game series. They'll go for the sweep on Thursday with troubled left-hander Rick Ankiel pitching.

Ray Lankford homered and drove in three runs for the Cardinals, who are two games above .500 for only the second time this season. Brian Giles and Pat Meares homered and Aramis Ramirez hit two doubles for the Pirates, who are 4-11 against the Cardinals the last two seasons.

Hermanson (3-1) allowed two runs on five hits, with five strikeouts and a walk for his 50th career victory. Bronson Arroyo (2-4) took the loss.

Cubs 6, Brewers 3

MILWAUKEE — Sammy Sosa and Matt Stairs hit home runs and Chicago relievers combined for four perfect innings as the Cubs beat the Brewers.

Sosa connected for his 11th homer of the season. It was his 397th career home run, moving him ahead of Joe Carter for 35th place on the all-time list.

Stairs, acquired from Oakland in a trade last November, hit his first home run for the Cubs.

Kevin Tapani (5-1) allowed six hits in five innings before being taken out for a pinch-hitter after the Brewers closed within 4-3. Cubs reliever Courtney Duncan retired six straight batters. Kyle Farnsworth worked the eighth and Tom Gordon closed in the ninth for his second save.

Diamondbacks 5, Reds 2

PHOENIX — David Dellucci hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning, lifting the Diamondbacks over Cincinnati.

Dodgers 3, Marlins 2

LOS ANGELES — Chan Ho Park allowed three hits over seven scoreless innings and Mark Grudzielanek homered for the second straight game as the Dodgers beat the Marlins.

Braves 3, Padres 0

SAN DIEGO — Former Padre Quilvio Veras homered and John Burkett pitched seven shutout innings as the Braves won to snap San Diego's season-high five-game winning streak.

UIL STATE TRACK MEET

Here are events at the UIL State Track and Field Championships in which an area athlete or a District 4-5A athlete has qualified. Times and distances listed are performances from regional meets.

CLASS 5A

Girls' 400-Meter Relay

Houston Lamar, 46:36
Galveston Bay, 46:56
Spring Westfield, 46:74
Duncanville, 47:06
Odessa High, 47:22

Girls' 100-Meter Hurdles

Janelle Whitley, San Antonio East Central, 14.04
Diana Pickler, Garland Rowlett, 14.24
Julie Pickler, Garland Rowlett, 14.35
Adriane Lapsley, San Antonio Brackenridge, 14.43
Caitie Corley, Abilene High, 14.44

Girls' 300-Meter Hurdles

Dona Appleberry, Dallas Skyline, 41.88
Karietha Cook, Dallas Kimball, 41.97
Natalie Young, San Antonio O'Connor, 42.56
Joelyn Stevens, Schertz Clemens, 43.64
Chatters Blake, Houston Lamar, 44.50
Lashare Elbow, La Porte, 44.71
Kelly Wilson, Odessa Permian, 44.77
Kara Cramer, Odessa Cooper, 45.56

Girls' Discus

Carista Ward, Alief Elisk, 138-8
Tinshea Wesley, Klein, 136-10
Sabrina Mitchell, Corpus Christi Carroll, 133-0
Allie Booker, Cypress-Fairbanks, 131-8
Kristal Robinson, Corpus Christi Carroll, 131-8

Girls' Shot Put

Tinshea Wesley, Klein, 45-4 1/2
Heather Wood, Rockwall, 44-11 3/4
Sabrina Mitchell, Corpus Christi Carroll, 43-11 1/4
Tamiha Hamilton, Corpus Christi Miller, 42-0
Lashare Elbow, La Porte, 41-10 1/2
Onyechek Chinnwe, Hightower, 39-9 1/2
Emma Vea, Euless Trinity, 39-4

Girls' Long Jump

Marshette Hooker, San Antonio Southwest, 20-1 3/4
Schilling Walker, Freeport Brazoswood, 19-6 1/4
Latoya White, Southlake, 19-0
Enca McLain, Plano East, 42-7
Chaytan Hill, Converse Judson, 40-6 3/4

Girls' Triple Jump

Paige Diggins, Lubbock Coronado, 39-10 1/2
Dona Appleberry, Dallas Skyline, 39-8 1/2
Brandi Depland, Katy Cinco Ranch, 39-5 1/2
Brenda Falaude, Katy Mayde Creek, 38-9
Crystal McBrady, Del Rio, 38-8 1/2
Trina Woodard, Odessa Permian, 38-6

Boys' 400-Meter Relay

Houston Washington, 40:94
North Garland, 41:01
Bryan, 41:01
Abilene High, 41:15
Beaumont Central, 41:25

Boys' 1,600-Meter Relay

Converse Judson, 41:28
DeSoto, 41:37
Corpus Christi Carroll, 41:63
Houston Washington, 41:81
Humble, 41:84
Klein Forest, 41:43
Arlington Houston, 41:57
San Antonio Holmes, 41:59
Temple, 41:76
Converse Judson, 41:47

Boys' 100-Meter Dash

Tyree Gales, Abilene High, 10:32
Edrian McCullough, North Garland, 10:41
Morris Brothers, Converse Judson, 10:52
Jerome Lewis, Carrollton Turner, 10:54
Reggie McNeal, Lufkin, 10:58
Matt Miller, Corpus Christi Carroll, 10:56
Dafrel Moore, Houston Washington, 11:04
Terrance Thomas, Houston Washington, 11:16

Boys' 800-Meter Run

Jonathan Johnson, Abilene High, 1:50.72
Will Fitts, DeSoto, 1:52.25
Mitch Sanders, Cypress-Springs, 1:55.57
Adam Redford, Tyler Lee, 1:55.69
John Arnold, Katy Taylor, 1:55.72
Ronnie Strange, Pasadena Dobie, 1:56.12
Jonathan Koller, San Antonio Clark, 1:56.98
Joel Lopez, PSJA North, 1:57.04

Boys' 300-Meter Hurdles

Bennie Brazell, Houston Westbury, 36.34
Jason Mathenia, Copperas Cove, 36.53
Karon Clement, La Porte, 36.94
Marvin Brown, Dallas Kimball, 37.55
Anthony Arline, San Antonio Madison, 37.58
Manny Diaz, El Paso Socorro, 37.78
Shawn Harris, Abilene High, 38.16
Michael James, San Antonio Southwest, 38.17

Boys' Shot Put

Jonathan Reeves, Sugar Land Austin, 59.20
Shay Sims, Tomball, 62-0 1/4
Mark Williams, Pasadena Rayburn, 61-11
Jonathan Spillman, Round Rock McNeil, 61-11

Boys' 110-Meter Hurdles

Dante Ray, Houston Forest Brook, 14.03
Courtney Jones, Lancaster, 14.13
Warren Wilson, Texas City, 14.13
Luke Whiting, Fredericksburg, 14.27
Josh Hadley, Andrews, 14.33
Jermene Spears, Pflugerville Connally, 14.40
Chris Chaste, Waco Connally, 14.49
Clinton Solomon, Fort Worth Eastern Hills, 14.61

CLASS 3A

Girls' Long Jump

Ychindra Spears, Luling, 19-11 1/4
Ashley McCarty, Luling, 18-9 3/4
Angela Carter, Longview Spring Hill, 18-8 1/4
Michelle Choate, Llano, 18-0 1/2
Marlene Spain, Greenwood, 17-9 1/2
Bridgette Brackens, Waco Connally, 17-7 1/2
Angela Gonzales, Merkel, 17-7
Tova Holman, Huntington, 17-5 1/2

Girls' Triple Jump

Ychindra Spears, Luling, 43-1
Maranda Thompson, Willis Point, 39-7 3/4
Angela Carter, Longview Spring Hill, 39-7 1/4
Alisha Fowler, Diboll, 37-10 1/2
Bridgette Brackens, Waco Connally, 37-8 3/4
Ashley Leach, Wimberley, 36-11 1/4

Meredith Vestal, Greenwood, 36-8 1/2

Marlene Spain, Greenwood, 36-5 1/2

Boys' Discus

Brian Robinson, Splendora, 182-10
Adrian Awason, Stafford, 175-0
Pat Washington, Atlanta, 175-4
Jacob Rodriguez, Taft, 171-5
Kevin Folger, Greenwood, 171-2
Spencer Tyler, Liberty Hill, 167-4
Brett Unger, Abilene Wylie, 156-1
Kent St. Clair, Forney, 154-6

CLASS 2A

Boys' 1,600-Meter Run

Cody Wells, Crawford, 4:28.05
Chance Edwards, San Saba, 4:28.88
J.D. Ramos, Stanton, 4:31.88
Rolando Rios, Premont, 4:33.38
Tommy Rushing, Holliday, 4:33.81
Joey Giattino, Universal City Randolph, 4:33.88
Brent Hanson, Alba-Golden, 4:35.00
Jeremiah Oden, Waskom, 4:44.60

Boys' 3,200-Meter Run

Cody Wells, Crawford, 9:43.08
Rolando Rios, Premont, 9:55.37
Lance Boxell, Ponder, 10:01.65
J.D. Ramos, Stanton, 10:06.83
Freddy Cantu, Premont, 10:07.72
Cole Bartee, Canadian, 10:10.38
Chris Wileben, Warren, 10:23.10

CLASS A

Girls' 400-Meter Dash

Ragna Lacy, Overton Levetts Chapel, 58.55
Joy Jones, Bremont, 59.17
Heather Rohack, Thrall, 59.20
Laure Welch, Munday, 1:00.88
Brandi Jennings, Iran, 1:00.88
Rachael Hoelscher, Miles, 1:00.84
M. Lynn Niehues, Garden City, 1:01.03

Girls' 1,600-Meter Run

Jessica Partin, Pridy, 5:26.60
Landra Stewardson, Detroit, 5:26.89
Jordan Skelton, Era, 5:33.09
Kirby Twiggear, Leakey, 5:34.54
Mandy Gesch, Miles, 5:36.86
Bliss Peacock, Santo, 5:39.55

Girls' 3,200-Meter Run

Rachael Hoelscher, Miles, 12:17.50
Jordan Skelton, Era, 12:08.58
Bliss Peacock, Santo, 12:10.54
Michelle Fuchs, Garden City, 12:13.75
Jessica Partin, Pridy, 12:17.50
Juliana Canez, Petersburg, 12:25.90

Boys' Long Jump

Albert Booker, Trent, 22-7 3/4
Bo Simpson, Trent, 22-10 3/4
Gerald Palmer, Bartlett, 22-7 1/4
Alfred Dixon, Karnack, 22-7 1/4
Alfred Tucker, Runge, 21-10 3/4
Nick Anthony, Roscoe, 21-10 1/2
Jermene Armentarez, Rankin, 21-6

Boys' Triple Jump

Chris Kitchens, Cross Plains, 45-11
Albert Booker, Trent, 45-10
Alfred Dixon, Karnack, 45-4 1/2
Gerald Palmer, Bartlett, 44-10 1/4
Samuel Blanco, Ogleby, 44-5
Kendall Goodwin, Garden City, 43-11
Lance Moore, Roby, 43-5 3/4
Herman Brooks, Karnack, 43-2 1/2

BEARKATS: Niehues, Fuchs return

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from last year in his first time out. The next week, he comes to Rankin and improves himself by a foot.

Goodwin stayed in the 43 range for most of the rest of the season. Willis said, but then he rose to the occasion at the Region I-A meet two weeks ago. He won the meet with an effort of 44-2 3/4 — another school record.

"I'm getting stronger," Goodwin said. "I've improved every year since I was a freshman — about two feet every year. My goal is 45-6 this year. It'll be 48-6 next year."

While reaching that goal of 45-6 on Saturday would be quite a leap, it's about what Goodwin will need to get one of the medals that go to the top three finishers in the field of eight.

"I'm really excited," he said. "I can't wait to go. I've been waiting the last two years to go."

Unlike Goodwin, Niehues and Fuchs didn't have to wait. Niehues has been to the state meet in each of the last three years, and she finished third last year in the 400-meter run, the event in which she qualified this year.

Niehues is getting in a full week of high-level competition. On Wednesday, she was in California for a national competition put on by the Business Professionals of America. She was to fly into Austin late Friday night.

The Class A 400 will be run at 1:55 p.m. Saturday.

While Niehues claimed third place in the 400 last year, she may have to run faster than she did at the regional meet to get another medal. Her regional time of 1:01.03 places her seventh.

But comparing regional times is not an accurate method with which to predict a race. Fuchs, for example, ran a regional time in the 3,200 was 12:13.75, putting her fifth in the state field. But her time in the district meet was 11:55.

"She hasn't been pushed in either race," Willis said. "She's got a good shot at winning the (3,200)."

Fuchs will get to run her races on two different days. The Class A girls' 3,200 starts at 9 a.m. Friday and will be the first event completed in the meet.

Fuchs will get nearly 30 hours to recuperate, because the Class A girls' 1,600 will be run at 2:55 p.m. Saturday.

RAMOS: Runner has shot in 1,600

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there are four more runners whose times are within three seconds of Ramos. The 1,600 could be a tight race.

"We're hoping he'll medal," said Albert Chavez, the Stanton assistant coach who works with the distance runners. "I know he has his sights set high. We'd like a state championship, but with eight runners, you never know about the bumping at the start of a race, or about getting boxed in. But he's set his sights pretty high."

Ramos' chances in the 3,200 look less good. His regional time of 10:06.83 is the fifth-best in the field, and three of the times are more than 10 seconds better.

That's all right with Ramos, who didn't expect to be competing in the 3,200, anyway.

"Last year at regionals, I got third with a 10:06. This year I won it with a 10:06," he said. "I figured I'd get third again, and I was going to be happy with that. As a senior, you've got to be mature and learn to accept things."

Ramos certainly seems mature, especially in his approach to the state meet. On Friday, he'll run the 3,200 very early, at 10 a.m., then run the 1,600 rather late at

9 p.m. That's plenty of time to rest between races, but is it too much time?

And what about the humidity in Austin, which usually hits West Texans like a wall?

Mere details, says Ramos.

"In Austin, the humidity is different from here, and it's going to play (a factor)," he said. "At a normal track meet, you don't run that late. But when you get there, you can't be griping about too many things."

"When you get to Austin, you can worry about so much stuff," he said. "You can worry about the (big crowd), or the weather. But when you get on the track, it all goes away."

Ramos' experience can be helpful in many ways. When the boys run the 1,600, there will probably be more people in the stands than there are in any of the Class 2A towns that the competitors live in.

Ramos already knows to expect that.

"The way I look at it, I think I'm the only guy in the (1,600) that's back from last year," he said — and he is the only qualifier who has returned. "Last year, to tell you the truth, I was a little scared with all those people. At a normal track meet, there's about 100 people (in the stands).

When you go to Austin, there's a couple of thousand."

He's learned some lessons the hard way — like what kind of socks to wear.

"At regionals (last year), I wore brand new socks, and I got a blister the size of a quarter," he said. "I didn't practice for the two weeks before state."

This year, wearing old socks, he's reasonably healthy. He has a bruise on the inside of his lower right leg, but he said he doesn't expect that to be a problem.

"He'll be OK," Chavez said. "We've kind of scaled back (the workouts) a little bit, and we're doing grass-work. I think he'll be ready to go by Friday."

The lighter workouts may even help Ramos.

"By now, the week before state, you can't get any better," Ramos said, "but you can wear yourself out."

Ramos plans to run for Stephen F. Austin State University next year. But he's still got some unfinished business.

"He's a unique individual," Chavez said. "We pretty much knew early on that he had his ambition and his goals. He's pretty much accomplished those goals."

He just needs another medal. From state.

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Tournament ends - 12:00 pm
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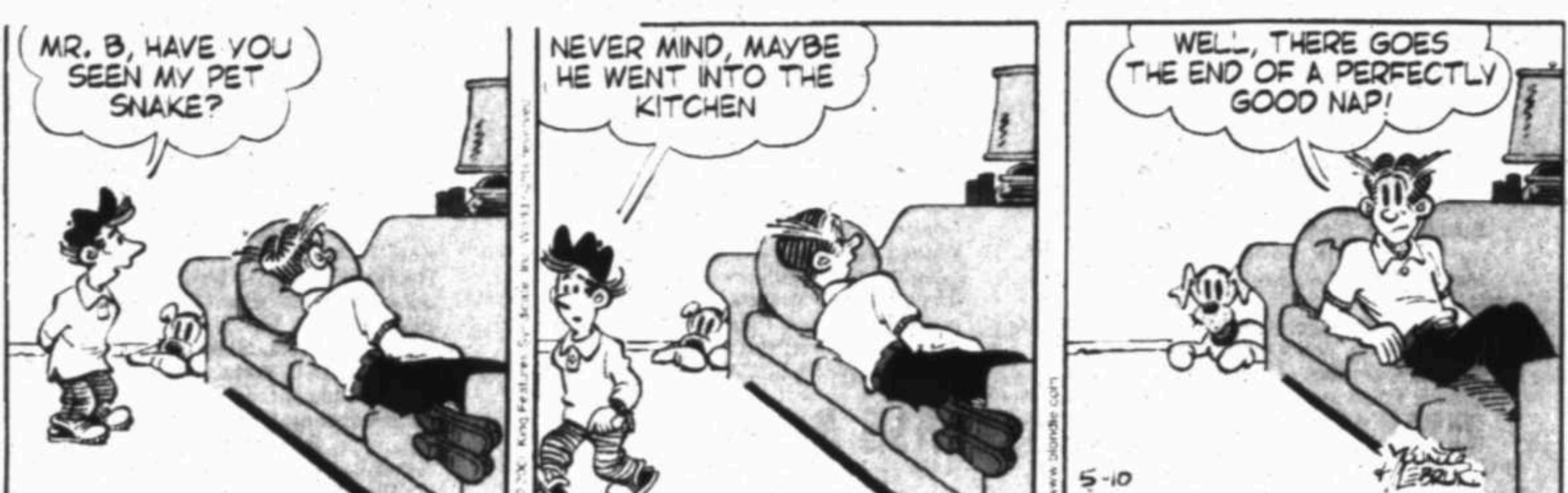
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Kidman files restraining order on man; He will file countersuit

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Nicole Kidman has filed a petition seeking a restraining order against a man she alleges has shown up at her home begging to go out with her and her children.

The actress claims that Matthew E. Hooker is "stalking me and my family and I am fearful for our safety and security," according to documents filed Monday in Santa Monica Superior Court.

Hooker, 40, said Tuesday night that he never behaved in a threatening manner and merely wanted to date Kidman.

"I'll be in court fighting this restraining order and countersuing for damage to my reputation," he said.

Kidman claims in her petition that Hooker sent her letters stating he would like to tutor her two children, 8-year-old Isabella and 6-year-old Connor, and that "tutoring them would give us the chance to get to know each other, which is the real goal."

The petition also claims Hooker went to Kidman's house trying to take her and her children out for ice cream and returned another time hoping to take the actress to the ballet.

Hooker runs various Internet sites, including one for aspiring artists that includes a poetry section with a love poem titled "Nicole." On another of his Web sites, Hooker said he is running for president in 2004 and is destined to become the world's first "trillionaire."

She filed court papers last week seeking joint legal custody of her children with Tom Cruise as part of the celebrity couple's divorce proceedings.

LOS ANGELES — The Tennessee nurse who braved the Australian Outback to win the second "Survivor" competition barely made a plane trip to Los Angeles.

After taking a prescribed sleeping pill, Tina Wesson passed out Tuesday before a plane from New York left the ground.

Wesson, 40, was traveling cross-country to appear Tuesday night on CBS' "The Late Late Show" with Craig Kilborn.

"I'm not good at taking medication, I never take any, so when I took it I was so exhausted that I completely passed out into the aisle," Wesson said. "When I came to, they brought a doctor in and everything to check my blood pressure, my pulse and all that stuff."

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Former Kansas Sen. Bob Dole characterized Harry S. Truman as a great leader and American hero and said today's politicians can learn from the 33rd president's wisdom and values.

Dole, the 2001 recipient of the Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award, spoke Monday at a luncheon in Kansas City.

"No matter how far Harry Truman traveled anywhere in the world, he never forgot where he came from or the values he learned in the American heartland," Dole said.

He said one quality people admired in Truman was his authenticity — which isn't seen in politics very often.

"From his earliest days as a Jackson County judge, he never inhaled the hot air of political self-importance. Take it from one who knows, United States senators have always loved to hear the sound of their own voices. ... As a senator, Truman was a rare exception."

The Truman Award is presented by the Truman Good Neighbor Award Foundation, formed to honor people in public life who have improved the community and the country through citizenship, patriotism, self-reliance and service.

Previous recipients include Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, former Chief Justice Earl Warren, former New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and Dr. Jonas Salk.

NEW YORK — There have been casts of "Saturday Night Live" over the years where you couldn't quite imagine actors happily performing skits with their moms.

Not this one.

"It's a different era at 'Saturday Night Live,'" comic Ana Gasteyer told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "It's a much kinder, gentler era, although (executive producer) Lorne (Michaels) might not like me saying this."

Gasteyer and several other cast members perform with their mothers in a prime-time Mother's Day special airing Sunday on NBC. All the moms sing a Jennifer Lopez song together.

Gasteyer's skit is about growing up with an artsy mom, and she said it has a ring of truth. Marianna Gasteyer makes clay sculptures in Corrales, N.M.

Mom said she was very frightened at the prospect of performing on her daughter's turf, but it turned out easier than she expected.

ed. "It's a hard job and a complicated world that I live in, and I didn't expect her to slide so easily into it," Ana Gasteyer said, "which maybe says something about my job."

PHILADELPHIA — Janet Reno has been honored by the American Academy of Neurology for her "frank approach and dignity" in dealing with Parkinson's disease.

The group gave the former U.S. attorney general a public leadership award Tuesday.

Reno was diagnosed with the degenerative brain disorder in 1995. She said she wanted to do everything she could to demonstrate that the disease does not prevent people from serving their community or their country and pursuing goals important to them.

"My hand shakes; otherwise I feel fine," Reno told reporters while signing autographs. "Even if you have a disability, even if your hand shakes, even if you have seizures, you can still try to be productive in this world."

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports

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THURSDAY EVENING

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 10, 2001:

Pay special attention to a loved one this year. Changes occur so suddenly that you might forget to acknowledge those closest to you. You could lay out money for education. Don't worry — it will pay off in the future. Travel might be another possibility, as you will be exposed to different lifestyles and customs. You might not be sure where you are going career-wise, but trust in a bigger picture than you can see now. Good news regarding your work is likely in January. If single, you might travel to see a special person in October, or you might meet someone exotic. If attached, take your partner along on a business trip at that time. CAPRICORN helps you to appreciate your progress.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** Heated arguments can be avoided if you meet someone halfway. Success at all costs — even when you're the winner — can damage a relationship. Focus on what you want, and stay connected to those who can help you. Climb the professional or social ladder. Tonight: Consider all possibilities. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Is it your way or the highway? When you have the perfect solution, you don't want to hear negative comments from someone else. Take a chance, even if it spells change. Express your uniqueness and be a Taurus who can bend a little. Tonight: If you can't please everyone, at least please yourself. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** If you want, ignore what's really going on. Your carefree attitude might fool other people,

but not yourself. Schedule time to deal with your problems. You'll feel genuine happiness when you know you have taken care of business. Tonight: Ask a friend to join you for dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Travel might be necessary if you want to be with loved ones. What you have to say must be said in person. Spread your wings. For once, you don't mind a crowd. Tonight: Work out a complex problem.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** You have to make something right. A loved one could be upset if you recently stole the limelight. Now, you must fade into the background a little, even though this might be hard for your Leonine personality. You will actually get more attention when you put others first. Tonight: Help a relationship heal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** A mental breakthrough creates more work for you, but you are up to the job. In fact, you might be delighted at how quickly your mind operates. Tonight: Accept applause for a job well-done. You've earned it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** You might be more interested than usual in a certain person. Compliments flow as you seek to turn a casual friendship into something more. You're not even worried about coming on too strong and scaring off the other person, but your assertive behavior might scare you! Tonight: Give a situation some serious thought.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Discern the difference between inspiring and preaching. You won't be convincing if you don't acknowledge the other perspective. Making a pitch too soon and too

strongly can send emotions spiraling.

Tonight: Divert your mind with a little fantasy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** How many things can you do at one time? You decide that success is essential, and you're willing to do whatever it takes. So buckle down and go on as many avenues as necessary. You'll enjoy the adventure. Tonight: Nothing but activity will please you. What's your favorite sport?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Ambition drives you until the end of the day, when you must pay attention to what you have ignored. Adjust your schedule and keep your relationship on-track. Tonight: Explain your project to another person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Enjoy being yourself during the early hours. Duty calls later in the day. If you are anxious about getting things done, enlist someone's help. Sometimes graciousness means letting another person be the humanitarian for a change. Tonight: Focus on your unique talents.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Trust your creative insights. Inspiration flows. Don't seek opinions from others until you have completed your work. A negative remark can hamper your creativity. Verbal or artistic skills flow best without appraisal from others. Tonight: Always a Pisces — off to help a friend in need.

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Crude rallies

NEW YORK — Crude and products futures rallied Wednesday at the New York Mercantile Exchange on more reports and rumors of refinery problems, rebounding from a weak start after inventory data showed moderate builds.

Gasoline and crude futures bounced off key support levels, buoyed by talk of operational problems at Sunoco's Point Breeze refinery in Philadelphia. There was also talk that a Venezuelan refinery in El Palito shut down due to flooding, which also boosted futures.

And, a Phillips Petroleum desulfurization unit will be shut for ten days of planned maintenance from Monday, trading sources said.

June gasoline futures rose to \$1.0767 a gallon, up 3.23 cents.

Analysts continue to study the growth in inventories reported late Tuesday by the American Petroleum Institute and early Wednesday by the Department of Energy, which agreed on little, except a build in gasoline stocks and a drop in refinery utilization for the week ended May 4.

The API reported a smaller-than-expected build of 1.118 million barrels in gasoline reserves — including a build of 797,000 barrels in stocks of summer reformulated gasoline, which is mandated in smoggy urban areas.

The more bearish Department of Energy report showed gasoline reserves increased by 1 million barrels — with stocks of summer reformulated gasoline growing by 1.2 million barrels. Both reports showed total stocks at or near the 200 million barrels widely considered an acceptable cushion.

Other energy futures were mixed Wednesday. Crude for June delivery rose 84 cents to \$28.23 a barrel; June heating oil rose 1.88 cents to 76.77 cents per gallon; June natural gas fell 7.7 cents to \$4.202 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Dollar mixed

LONDON — The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading Wednesday.

The euro was quoted at 88.52 cents in late European trading, up from 88.41 cents Tuesday. Later in midday trading in New York, the euro had returned back to 88.41 cents.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Tuesday, included 122.01 Japanese yen, up from 121.80; 1.7398 Swiss francs, down from 1.7427; and 1.5402 Canadian dollars, down from 1.5446.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.4229, down from \$1.4305. In midday trading in New York, the dollar bought 122.14 yen, and the pound was worth \$1.4205.

Based on euro rates, the dollar is worth 2.2085 German marks, down from 2.2110; 7.4069 French francs, down from 7.4170; 2.4884 Dutch guilders, down from 2.4918; 2.186.39 Italian lire, down from 2.189.36.

Gold rises

Gold closed in London at \$267.50 bid per troy ounce, up from \$265.15 on Tuesday. In Zurich the bid price was \$267.55, up from \$264.85.

Gold fell \$0.70 in Hong Kong to \$264.95.

Silver climbs

Silver closed in London at \$4.36 bid per troy ounce, up from \$4.31.

Growth continues in Houston

By Kristen Hays
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Homes near Houston's downtown area may be getting snapped up at top-dollar prices by commute-weary residents, but the vast majority of the city's population growth is still landing in suburbs, according to a University of Houston economist.

"Suburbs still remain one of the bargains," Barton Smith, director of the university's Institute for Regional Forecasting, said regarding his annual Houston Real Estate Market Forecast, which he unveiled Tuesday.

Smith, among the few economists who predicted Houston's oil bust of the early 1980s, said real estate prices have appreciated much like in the pre-bust days.

That doesn't mean Houston is facing another bust in light of the country's economic slowdown. Smith said the city's strong energy industry is cushioning Houston, which maintains a healthy real estate market and a 2.5 percent job growth rate.

Neighborhoods within Interstate 610

— outside of downtown, but considered the inner city by Houstonians — are gaining 7 percent of all metropolitan population growth and 14 percent of all employment growth. Homes in those areas are selling for up to \$200 per square foot.

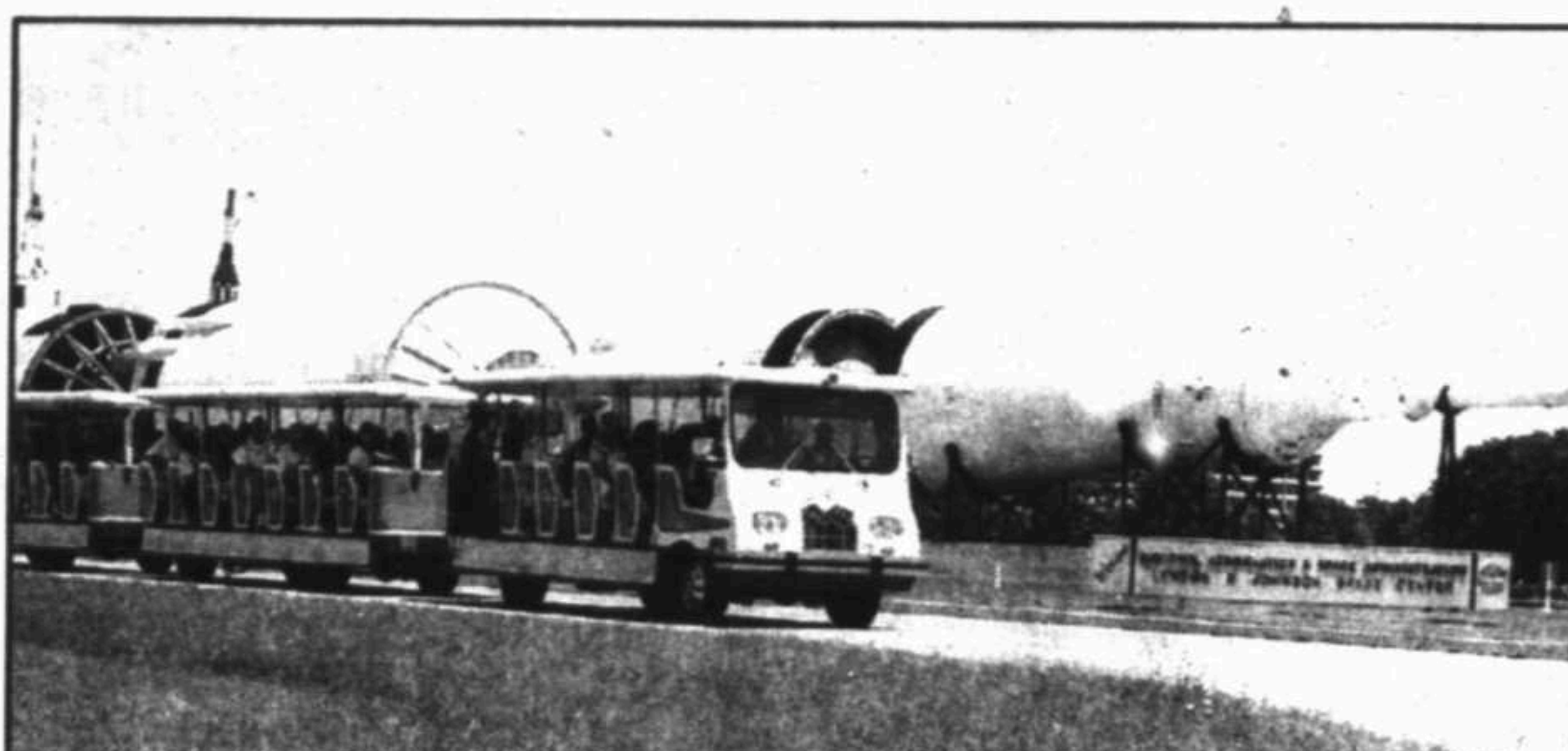
But Fort Bend, Montgomery and other surrounding suburban counties are gaining 57 percent of the region's population and employment growth.

Smith said suburban Houston homes sell for an average of \$60 per square foot, while homes in Denver and Seattle suburbs command \$100 per square foot or more.

Shad Bogany, chairman-elect of the Houston Association of Realtors, said the most popular properties inside I-610 have two bedrooms and one bathroom — because most buyers can't afford more.

"We're taking buyers outside the loop because for the same money they can get so much more house," Bogany said. "It looks like the growth in the loop is slowing down, but prices are continuing to stay high."

The suburban growth doesn't mean



AP Photo
A tram full of tourists from Space Center Houston drives past the Apollo spacecraft at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston Tuesday.

suburbanites lock themselves into hour-plus commutes to downtown jobs, Smith said. Increasingly, jobs are following residents to suburbs.

"Of all the new office buildings built in the last five years or under construction now, two are downtown — the rest are in suburbs," Smith said.

Since most Houstonians can't afford much more than \$150 per square foot, high home prices inside I-610 likely

will block much more growth. Property owners investing in inner-city homes should beware that double-digit gains common in the past several years likely will not continue, he said.

"The extent of the reverse migration to the inner city will progressively be thwarted by high prices," Smith said. "The long-run equilibrium continues to be one where jobs will move out faster than people will move in."

New mining vehicle



AP Photo
Geologist Rich Rains demonstrates a hydrogen powered vehicle for interested spectators from mining and related industries at the Research Labs facility north of Reardan, Wash. The Spokane Research Lab is developing this hydrogen powered vehicle for the mining industry. The lab, intended to make miners safer while assuring a constant supply of strategic minerals, celebrates its golden anniversary this year.

Wall Street falters on Cisco news

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street pulled back Wednesday as investors, reacting to a cloudy earnings forecast from Cisco Systems, sold off technology and some blue chip shares.

Analysts also attributed the decline to expected profit-taking from April's big advance, as well as the lack of any compelling reason to buy.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 16.53 at 10,866.98, coming back from an 80-plus point deficit earlier in the session. The index has closed lower five of the last six sessions.

The loss was more pronounced in the technology-focused Nasdaq composite index, which dropped 42.14 to 2,156.63. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 5.66 to 1,255.54.

Trading was choppy as investors unloaded stocks to lock in profits from the recent run-ups in technology and other sectors, but hesitated to make any bigger moves.

"The fundamental outlook remains

murky, the outlook for second-quarter earnings remains murky. The cup's half-full because the market's holding, but those who say the cup's half-empty wonder what's going to drive the market higher?" said Larry Wachtel, market analyst at Prudential Securities. "You have a stalemate here."

Much of the selling appeared related to Cisco, which reported earnings slightly ahead of reduced expectations late Tuesday but failed to indicate if and when a turnaround might occur. Many were looking to the tech bellwether for indications that business was improving. The stock fell \$1.28 to \$19.09.

The weakness in technology also weighed down the Dow, where Intel tumbled \$1.63 to \$29.85, a 5 percent loss. Intel wasn't helped by news that Microsoft is waiting until October roll out its latest version of the Windows operating system, Windows XP — after the back-to-school buying season.

Non-technology issues had a more mixed day. General Electric's news that

it would report earnings "solidly above" \$1.45 a share initially sent the stock higher, but it ended the session down 5 cents at \$49.43. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call were expecting \$1.47 per share.

Retailers also struggled to keep up on worries the sector will be hurt by the sluggish economy. Home Depot slipped \$1.50 to \$48.51, while Wal-Mart dropped 39 cents to \$51.59.

The few bright spots included Alcoa, up \$1.04 at \$41.38, and Procter & Gamble, rising \$1.71 to \$66.19.

Analysts said Wall Street's cautious mood is likely to persist.

Federal Reserve officials are widely expected to lower interest rates for the fifth time this year on May 15, but, beyond that, incentives to buy may be scarce. With companies like Cisco still unable to project when business will improve, corporate profits are unlikely to provide a catalyst anytime soon.

Furrs to close three El Paso supermarkets

By Mary Perea
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Furrs Supermarkets Inc. is closing three stores in El Paso and one each in Albuquerque and Clovis to save \$12 million in annual operating costs.

Furrs president Steve Mortensen described the five stores as unprofitable.

The privately held Albuquerque-based company filed a Chapter 11 petition for

reorganization with U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Albuquerque in February.

Furrs has said it was forced to file because it could not restructure debt in time to meet obligations. Sales have increased 15 percent since the company filed, "but the cash flow is negative at this time," Mortensen said.

Furrs targeted the stores for closure "based on sales volume and operating losses," he said.

The Albuquerque store opened earlier this year. Each of the stores has about 50 employees, Mortensen said. Workers who belong to unions will be offered jobs in other Furrs stores based on their seniority, he said. He estimated all but 15 to 20 of the employees belong to unions.

He said 11 contractor and temporary staff jobs also will be cut. "These decisions were very difficult but necessary," Mortensen said.

Larry Cantwell, who was shopping Wednesday at the Clovis store, said closing it wouldn't be good for the community.

He told the Clovis News Journal that he and co-workers at Eye Associates shop at Furrs for lunch.

"Like everything else, (the closing) cuts down on your options," he said. "I live in Portales, so I've already watched one Furrs store close there."

Cantwell himself once worked for Furrs as a bag boy in the 1950s, earning 75 cents an hour.

THE ECONOMIST

Situation at Dell, Compaq part of bigger efficiency picture

By M. Ray Perryman

In the topsy-turvy battle for supremacy in the worldwide market for personal computers, Dell has (at least temporarily) edged out Compaq. As Texans, we can take pride in this contest between two homegrown firms in this most visible of high-tech sectors.

Unfortunately, the two have also seemed engaged in a different war of late — the most workers. Both firms have recently announced multiple waves of thousands of job cuts. The reasons are not as simple as they appear on the surface, and they point to certain universal truths that transcend bits and bytes. The saga is worth a brief exploration beyond the headlines.



Perryman

The obvious, conventional wisdom is the layoffs reflect slackening demand in a sluggish domestic and international economic environment. Sales are down, and thus, fewer workers are needed. Period! End of story! — Hardly.

There is certainly some truth to this notion. A slowdown in the rate of business expansion undoubtedly takes its toll. But there is a lot more to it. First, regardless of the state of the economy, competition in this market is fierce. Consumers regard computers largely as a commodity — an amalgam of disk space, speed, memory and capabilities. The name on the box tends to be far less important than the price.

At the same time, the Internet has affected the market in at least two fundamental ways. Virtually everyone in the market has access to the specifications and prices of all brands on an instantaneous basis. There is no second chance to offer the optimal combination of factors and value. It all happens with a click of a mouse.

The Web has also changed the wants and needs of many traditional and emerging consumers. The need for a lot of bells and whistles is no longer there for folks who simply want to surf. The result is a notable market segment for lower-end machines that is even more sensitive to price.

The combination of cost conscious consumers and a global marketplace puts a real premium on efficiency. That fact leads to the rest of the story. Try as they may, it is virtually impossible for even excellent firms to grow extremely rapidly while simultaneously reducing cost significantly. They can do one or the other, but not both. When you are scrambling to push product out the door, inefficiencies inevitably creep into the process.

Thus, when demand slows, it's often time for a good housecleaning. Layoffs occur as a result of the slowdown, to be sure, but there is also an element of making changes that were sorely needed for other reasons. To exacerbate matters fur-

ther, there is even some public relations benefit to cutting jobs during a slowdown. There's just something unseemly about announcing record sales and profits while eliminating the livelihood of workers.

The situation at Dell and Compaq, while highly visible, is nothing new. It has happened many times before. The economic sluggishness is surely a reason to reduce the workforce, but it is much more. It is also an excuse to rethink the organization and achieve greater overall efficiency. This pattern is normal and produces substantial gains in profits when things turn around. And, believe me, they will.

Dr. M. Ray Perryman is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Perryman Group (www.perrymangroup.com). He also serves as Institute Distinguished Professor of Economic Theory and Method at the International Institute for Advanced Studies.

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Charles Anzalone, a search and rescue officer with the Border Patrol, talks with an injured Mexican national, in this Sept. 1, 2000 file photo, taken after the man's sport utility vehicle rolled over on Interstate 10, near Tucson, Ariz. Border Patrol agents arrested the Mexican national near the accident scene. Border area medical facilities and ambulance services are in financial jeopardy because they can't recover many of the costs of treating illegal immigrants, officials said. In addition, President Bush wants to cut in half federal spending that helps state and local governments pay to jail illegal immigrants who commit crimes.

AP Photo

Bush plan to cut illegal immigrant reimbursement faces opposition

By Suzanne Gamboa
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush wants to cut in half federal spending that helps state and local governments pay to jail illegal immigrants who commit crimes, but he's getting opposition from governors, county officials and fellow Republicans.

Last year, all 50 states and 350 local governments shared \$575 million from the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. The Justice Department said 100 more local governments applied for help than in 1999.

Bush's budget proposes cutting \$299 million from the program. The administration says the compensation — covering about one-third of the \$1.5 billion cost of such incarcerations reported last year — would be better spent on crime prevention programs.

But the National Governors Association and the National Association of Counties say the money is important to local governments already struggling to pay their bills. The counties group wants an increase in spending.

'If the federal government cannot do its job of enforcing the borders ... then it owes the states monies to pay for its failures.'

— President Bush

"Any reduction in that particular fund would adversely affect us. The amount of money that was already available was insufficient, totally insufficient," said Jose Rodriguez, the county attorney for El Paso, Texas.

Rodriguez's county hugs the border with Mexico. The sheriff's department spent \$4.5 million last year detaining undocumented immigrants.

Sens. Bob Graham, D-Fla.; Jon Kyl, R-Ariz.; and Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. say the federal government should shoulder more of the cost because controlling the borders is a federal duty. They plan to introduce a measure Thurs-

day that would increase the reimbursement to \$750 million each year through 2006.

"It seems just fundamental fairness that the federal government should pay a portion of this cost," Graham said.

The Bush administration says while it wants to take away money from this program, it's increasing spending in other criminal justice programs that benefit local governments. Among them: \$50 million to Southwestern border prosecutors to help clear a backlog of drug trafficking cases, said Chris Ullman of the Office of Management and Budget.

Still, Bush's proposed cut surprised some because as Texas governor he was outspoken about the federal responsibility on immigration costs.

"If the federal government cannot do its job of enforcing the borders ... then it owes the states monies to pay for its failures," Bush said in 1995.

Local officials say border enforcement has not improved enough to cut their payments. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Depart-

ment spent \$80 million last year housing criminal illegal immigrants who make up almost a quarter of its prison population. The federal government reimbursed the county \$10 million, Commander Robert Hoffman said.

He said his agency won't quit arresting criminal illegal immigrants if it gets less money, but the reduction will put a further strain on the agency.

"He's from a border state and Texas suffers from a large influx of illegal immigrants," Hoffman said of Bush. "I thought he would be more sympathetic and want to raise the reimbursement."

The reimbursement program has grown in recent years as the immigrant population has swelled. While Los Angeles and El Paso were likely participants, other areas not known for illegal immigrant problems also are involved. They include McDonough County, Ill., which received \$74 last year, and Black Hawk County, Iowa, which got \$21,891.

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Mexican made wine? It's no joke

By Bonnie Walker
N.Y. Times News Service

Mexican wine.

If those words prompted a laugh, hold on just a moment.

Mexico does make wine and, while the product has not made significant inroads into the beer-, tequila- and pulque-drinking market of that country, it may soon be wooing wine drinkers north of the border.

Here are a few quick Mexican wine facts from "The New Sotheby's Wine Encyclopedia" by Tom Stevenson:

■ Mexico is the oldest wine-producing country in the Americas. The first vines were planted by the Spanish conquistadors in 1521, who soon thereafter were making wine.

■ By 1595, the country was almost self-sufficient in wine, and shipments from Spain began to dwindle.

■ As of the late 1990s, there were more than 125,000 acres of vines planted in Mexico, with much of the harvest going to raisins, table grapes and brandy.

■ Eight of Mexico's states grow grapes, from Baja California in the north to San Juan del Rio, just north of Mexico City.

■ Mexico's consumption of wine per capita is less than one-thirtieth of that in the United States, which in turn consumes less than one-tenth of that of Europe.

This last fact, according to Stevenson, is what has limited the growth

of the wine industry — not the climate, not the soil, as some might suspect.

Another reason wineries in Mexico have been closing in the last decade or so is that younger, upscale Mexicans who can afford wine, as well as the upper-class wine drinkers, prefer to uncork foreign bottles. The upper class, in particular, has traditionally preferred European wines.

Lindajoy Fenley, writing in Mexico Business magazine, notes that after World War II, the Mexican government quadrupled tariffs on foreign wine to help the domestic industry, but the recent wave of free trade agreements "has now drastically reduced that protection."

Developing international markets for their wines has been a problem in the past, according to Chris Thomas, a wine sales manager for Glazer Distributing Inc. in San Antonio.

"I don't know that any wineries are 20th century in their marketing practices," he said. "Until recently, we really hadn't seen any Mexican wines at all."

According to Fenley, Mexican wines are getting more coverage lately in wine publications such as Wine & Spirits and Wine Spectator.

More than 20 countries are now importing Mexican wines (exporting began in 1993) and more wineries are racking up medals at international competitions.

So, what does one want to look for when buying Mexican wines?

Two wineries in particular, Monte Xanic (pronounced SHA-nic) in Ensenada and Casa Madero in Monterrey, are selling some decent wines locally.

Monte Xanic is "blossoming well" as one of the finest wineries in Mexico, says Stevenson in "The New Sotheby's Wine Encyclopedia."

Look for a sauvignon blanc-merlot blend, as well as a cabernet sauvignon. The cabernet, says Pollard, is of a "big, old-world style." In other words, it has plenty of tannin and can be put down for a few years.

Casa Madero, on the other hand, sells an easy-drinking \$9.99 cabernet sauvignon that "can compete with anyone else's cab," says Pollard.

"When I first tasted it, I thought, 'this is a decent wine' — not 'this is a decent wine for Mexico,'" he added.

This winery is described as either the first or second winery on the American continent, with 1,000 acres of vineyards.

Is there a future for Mexican wines? Stevenson, in the wine encyclopedia, theorizes there is.

"Because Mexican wineries cannot compete in price with American jug wines, they will have to focus on quality to survive. This will lead to a whittling down of its vineyards, so that in a decade's time, with only the best areas cultivated with site-specific clones, the full potential of Mexico might finally be realized," he said.



Photo courtesy of Gannett photo network
Mexico's wine may soon be wooing wine drinkers north of the border. More than 20 countries are importing Mexican wine.

Mexican beer: the perfect drink with Mexican food

By John Griffin
N.Y. Times News Service

Mexican food, with all its spices, cries out for a fresh and lively drink that matches its boundless spunk.

In other words, Mexican food cries out for Mexican beer.

"Beer brings out the flavor of those spices," says Dianko Barajas of Guajillo's and Taco Inn in San Antonio, adding that they provide the perfect complement to each other. "It's like in cooking where you don't want to exaggerate any one flavor, so it is with beer and food. You don't want something that's going to overpower the food."

You also don't want a brew that would be over-

powered by the food. Yet to those who know beer only through marketing campaigns, Mexican beer is synonymous with Corona, an extremely light beer made almost featherweight in its reduced-calorie version.

Corona, with its whisper of hops and short finish, seems to derive much of its body from the addition of lime. That, by the way, is a more American than Mexican tradition, though some say the practice started in the northwestern town of Tecate, where the locals would drink the beer named after their hometown out of a can garnished with lime and salt.

Tecate, Sol and, if you can find it, Superior, all belong to this group of light beers meant to be drunk as cold as possible, more to escape the heat

than to be enjoyed for its flavor.

Fortunately, Mexico's other beers are more varied, though, strangely enough, most are lagers and are brewed with yeast at cool temperatures for a relatively long period of time.

Dos Equis Special Lager has appreciably more heft, not surprising for a beer created by a German brew master in European style. Golden lagers such as Pacifico Clara, Bohemia and Modelo also brighten the scene with more rounded flavors.

Pacifico is, by far, Barajas' favorite Mexican beer, with a sweetness from excellent malts that is balanced by the bitterness of top hops on the finish. Barajas says he reaches for one "10 times out of 10" when he's having beer with dinner.

Darker, stronger brews include the Viennese-

style Dos Equis Amber and the black gold of Negra Modelo. The latter's rich nature makes it a perfect partner for the dense spices of a mole negro.

Mexican beer dates back to the mid-1500s, though the industry didn't flourish until Cerveceria Cuauhtemotoc of Monterrey was founded in the late 19th century, according to "The Hungry Traveler: Mexico." Cerveceria Modelo came along in 1925, and today, the two breweries account for 99 percent of all beer sold in Mexico.

Beer expert Michael Jackson singles out one Mexican beer in his "Great Beer Book." That is the Noche Buena, a Christmas beer from Motezuma cited for simultaneously displaying "malty sweetness and hoppy dryness in its long finish."

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Immediate opening for Collector in a busy drug testing laboratory. Professional attitude preferred. Must have previous experience. Apply in person at Universal Toxicology, 9930 W. Hwy 80, (915)561-8851.

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LABORATORY ACCESSIONER position available immediately. Tuesday thru Saturday, 7am-5pm. Data entry included. Must be self motivated, energetic, team players. This position rewards top performers with unlimited income. Good health/dental, and 401K. Send resume to PO Box 52441, Midland, TX 79705 or fax to 915-684-9838.

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On site Apartment Leasing Manager/ Agent Ideal candidate must be customer friendly & detail oriented. Please apply in person at Hunter's Ridge Apartments, 421 Andrews Hwy, Midland, Texas 915/520-5271. Brittany Place Apartments, 3965 Penbrook, Odessa 915-522-0823.

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17056 AZALEA Picture pretty 3 bdrm, 2 bath home in Gardendale. Large sequestered master bedroom, nice covered patio, gazebo and a workshop. \$78,000

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OUT BY Midland Country Club-Brick house for sale. Beautiful, large two bedroom, two bath, two car garage, new paint and carpet, formal dining or 2nd living area, ceiling fans, fireplace, exercise room, 4 car, barn, built-in stove top, new dishwasher, fenced yard and dog run. House sits on just under 1 acre. Zoned A-1, up three horses can be kept on this property. \$51,000. 570-5648, leave message.

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CUTE 3 BEDROOM, one bath, 2 car garage, 525 monthly \$400 deposit, 103 McDonald. 683-3763.

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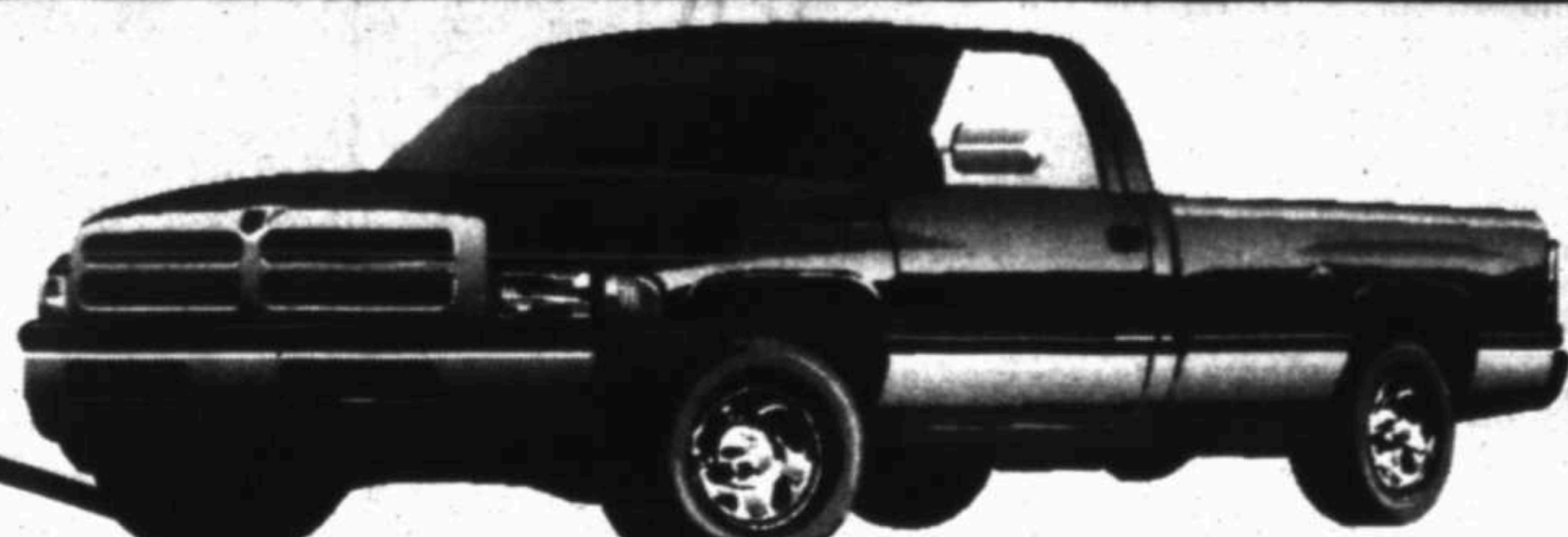
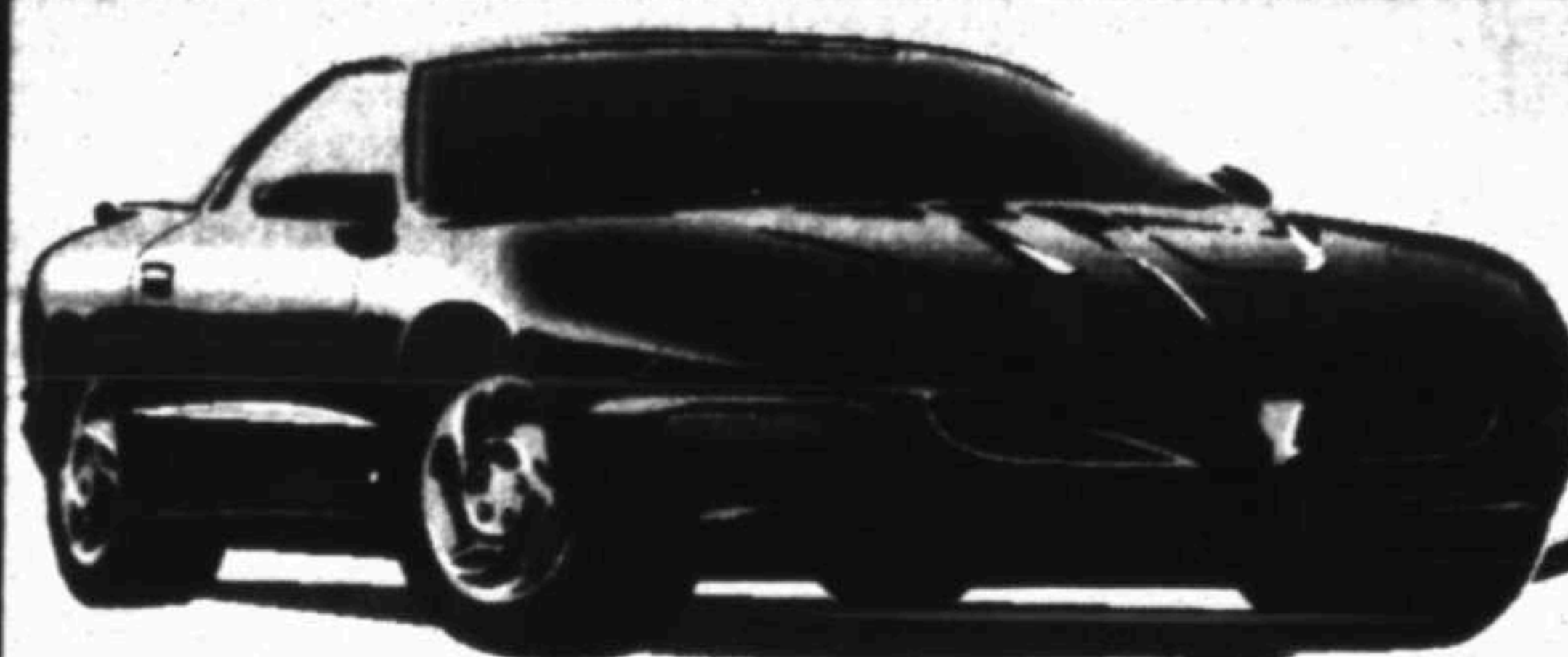
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