



MONDAY MORNING

Role model

Dallas man gives up his life and dreams to care for five nieces and nephews left out in the cold./1C



SPORTS

Bulls win preview

If Sunday was a preview of conference finals, the NBA is in for a treat. Chicago, Orlando battled down to the last possession./1B

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Rodeo rules flap

HOUSTON — She may have won awards for writing about Texas history, but Claudia Pena may not even be considered for a rodeo scholarship. The high school honors student and aspiring lawyer is a legal resident of the state but not a U.S. citizen. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo now is requiring scholarship applicants to be U.S. citizens, a policy that has come under fire from some Hispanics and Asians who say academics, civic service and Texas residency should be the main considerations./8A

Business loses

WASHINGTON — When Ron Brown died in a plane crash, American capitalism lost its staunchest ally in the Clinton administration. Now business executives wonder who will champion their cause the next time commercial interests clash with other priorities./5A

New foods blur

WASHINGTON — Americans with high blood pressure can buy a new salt substitute that tastes like real salt, but they won't find it in grocery stores — it's in pharmacies near the aspirin. Cardia Salt Alternative is blurring the line between medicine and nutrition because it's eaten under a doctor's orders to fight disease. Welcome to the new world of "medical foods," one consumer advocate says may be an expensive gimmick, but an emerging field that's attracting attention./7A

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FBI builds time line in Unabomber case

Two people say they had seen suspect in Sacramento, Calif., an area where last four bombs were mailed.

Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — As federal agents searched for proof that Theodore Kaczynski left Montana to mail bombs, two people said Sunday they had seen the hermit in Sacramento, Calif. — in the area where the Unabomber mailed his last four bombs.

Frank Hensley, a desk clerk at the Royal Hotel, next door to the bus depot in downtown Sacramento, told

The Associated Press he saw Kaczynski in the neighborhood or staying at the hotel almost annually during the last five years. He stayed at the hotel two or three times, usually in the late spring or summer, Hensley said.

"If it wasn't for all this, I'd be expecting to see him about now," Hensley said, referring to Kaczynski's recent arrest.

At a Burger King restaurant next to the bus depot, manager Mike

Singh said he saw Kaczynski a few times in recent years. On one occasion, Kaczynski was carrying an armload of books.

"He said he was doing research," Singh said. "He looked like one of those bums who come in in the morning and have a sandwich and cup of coffee and walk out."

FBI spokesman George Grotz confirmed that agents were investigating whether Kaczynski had traveled to the Sacramento area.

The New York Times reported today that federal agents had un-

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AP Laserphoto

Pope's appeal

Celebrating Easter Mass before 100,000 people outside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Pope John Paul prayed for peace in the world's war zones and for comfort for the victims of violence./4A



Easter Bunny eggs 'em on

Michael Contreras, 3, left, gets some help from aunt Tina Bautista at the Midland Jaycees annual Easter egg hunt at Reyes-Mashburn-Nelms Park. The Easter Bunny, above, scurries out of the way as more than 100 children dash onto the field to gather nearly 4,000 eggs. Besides the hard-boiled and candy eggs, six Easter baskets and five stuffed toy bunnies were given away. The event was held Sunday after being postponed because of Saturday's bad weather.

Photos by Joe D. Williams
Reporter-Telegram



Officer who awoke from 7½-year coma has long road back

By Michelle Williams

Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Gary Dockery has spoken only a few sentences since that extraordinary day nearly two months ago when the brain-damaged former policeman broke seven and a half years of silence.

But relatives who had once given up hope are still encouraged by his ability to give appropriate, if brief, responses to questions and to say good morning or hello.

He can read letters, short words and recognize numbers, said Dr. James Folkner, his longtime physician. He once correctly read numbers on both an analog watch and a digital thermometer.

One thing he needs now, his relatives feel, is encouragement. His brother, Dennis Dockery, is disappointed that all the relatives and friends who clamored to see him after the initial publicity over his sudden improvement aren't showing up to visit him at the Alexian Village nursing home.

"I told them there would be plenty of time once all the attention blew over and he was back at Alexian," Dennis Dockery said. "Now, I'm having to call peo-



This is a 1988 photo of Walden, Tenn., Police Officer Gary Dockery, taken one month before he was shot in the head.

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IRS finds taxing time in move toward future

By Dave Skidmore

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tax return processing at most Internal Revenue Service centers looks much the same as it has for decades.

Hundreds of canvas bags, stuffed with returns, are dumped onto concrete loading docks in the early morning darkness. From there, returns are shunted through a series of rooms, as vast as football fields, where row upon row of employees remove them from their envelopes, check to see if they're signed and key-punch the information into 1960s-vintage computers.

But in the Cincinnati service center, the IRS' old-style processing system operates side by side with the

system the agency envisions as its future.

A half dozen refrigerator-sized computers, tended by a handful of employees, silently record a steady flow of data filed electronically through commercial tax preparers, punched into telephones by taxpayers with the simplest returns and transmitted through services such as CompuServe from taxpayers' home computers.

It's a contrast as stark as that between the wire-and-plug telephone switchboard that Lily Tomlin's Ernestine might have used, and modern, automated call-switching equipment.

In Cincinnati, 2,553 employees, occupying 128,300 square feet, will process an estimated 12.6 million

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After 11 years, 'subway vigilante' Goetz civil lawsuit hits courtroom

By Larry McShane

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The day William Kunstler had long awaited is finally here, but the late lawyer won't be around to see Bernhard Goetz's civil trial.

More than 11 years after an encounter with four threatening youths transformed Goetz from unknown electronics nerd to notorious subway gunman, the \$50 million lawsuit filed by one of his victims finally goes to trial this week.

"The poignancy of this case is going through the files, seeing Bill's notes, suggestions and writings," said Ronald Kuby, Kunstler's long-time law partner. "The only sad thing about this case taking so long is that Bill isn't here as lead counsel."

Kuby will handle the case alone, after working it side-by-side with Kunstler for more than a decade.

Over that time, the Goetz case was seized by advocates on

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Bernard Goetz, in a May 1990 file photo, indicates where he shot Darrell Cabey, who is now partially paralyzed.

Teachers show 'sole,' foot bill for student in need of size 22

CAIRO, Ga. (AP) — Robert Thursby wears a size 22 shoe. That was a big problem for the high school junior until he discovered that the residents of his southwest Georgia hometown have even bigger hearts.

Thursby, 18, was chosen to represent his region in a statewide plumbing contest. The only problem: he's required to wear work boots and finding ones that fit was proving to be difficult. He couldn't find any at area stores and didn't have the

money for a custom pair.

Hearing of his plight, the teachers at Cairo High School set up a footwear fund for Thursby in late March. By early April, people from the community had donated about \$450.

Of that, \$339 will buy custom-made work boots. The rest will go for a work shirt and pants and to help pay for the trip, said teacher Nancy Kemp.

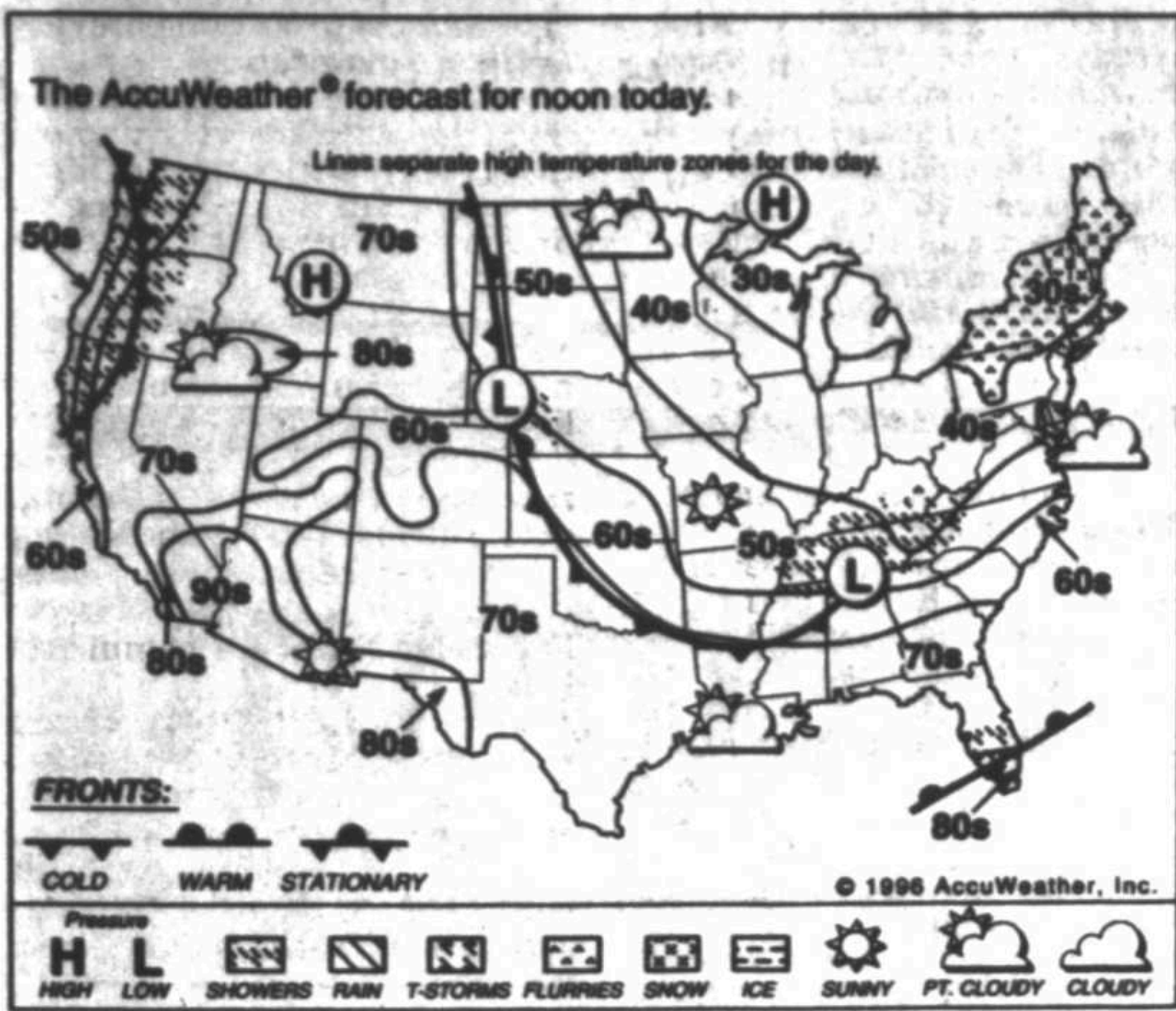
"South Georgia's just like that," Ms. Kemp said. "It's a good place to live."



Christina Boehm uses a hand stamp to number tax returns at the Cincinnati Internal Revenue Service Center in Covington, Ky., recently. At this center, the IRS' old-style processing operates side by side with the more technical systems.

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WEATHER WATCH



After snow, sunny days on tap

Staff Report

April's snowy day is turning to April's sunny days. That, pretty much, is the forecast for today and Tuesday in the wake of last week's rain-sleet-snow event in a 24-hour period.

For today, the weatherman at the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport is calling for a mostly sunny day and a peak temperature in the mid-70s. Winds are to be variable at 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight's low temperature is to be in the upper 40s.

Sunny Tuesday's temperature is to reach into the mid-80s.

Sunday's high temperature was 68 degrees, and the overnight low temperature was 35 degrees.

The record high temperature for April 7 is 93 degrees in 1989, and the record low temperature is 23 degrees in 1939.

STATE

One classic spring day is expected to lead to another in Texas. Clear to partly cloudy skies prevailed across the North Texas on Sunday with temperatures in the 60s and 70s as southwest winds from 10 to 20 mph maintained mild temperatures.

Much of the rest of the state saw mostly sunny skies and the same mild temperatures as other parts of the state, although a thunderstorm dropped pea-sized hail at Eagle Pass early Sunday, and Victoria saw some brief, very light showers.

Mid-afternoon temperatures ranged from 53 at Guadalupe Pass to 66 at Longview and near Abilene to 75 at Wichita Falls to 78 at Childress.

More of the same was in the North Texas outlook for today, with partly cloudy skies and gradually rising temperatures through Tuesday. High today in the mid-70s. Low tonight in the low 50s. High Tuesday in the upper 70s. Low Tuesday night in the mid-50s.

South Texas should see partly to mostly cloudy skies, except for a slim chance of widely scattered, isolated showers today in the Hill Country. Highs in the 70s today and 80s Tuesday. Lows in the 50s and 60s.

West Texas expected mostly sunny days and fair nights are expected tonight through Tuesday. Lows in the 30s in the mountains and Panhandle, 40s elsewhere. Highs in the 70s and 80s, except for 90s Tuesday in the Big Bend.

NATION

A mixture of snow and rain fell throughout the Great Lakes region and East on Sunday as temperatures dropped below normal.

It was sunny in the South, with Georgia and Alabama reporting temperatures in the 50s and 60s. It was dry in the West.

Southwest Michigan picked up to 4 inches of snow. Parts of central New York reported up to 5 inches, and rain fell in New York City. Pennsylvania got 4 inches of mixed snow and rain.

Temperatures were more typical of February than Easter, dropping below 40 degrees in most of New York. In Ohio, readings were in the 30s and low to mid-40s, at least 20 degrees below normal.

Snow was expected from the Great Lakes into the Appalachians and northern East Coast, with accumulations up to 3 inches.

Heavier snow was possible from the higher elevations of Pennsylvania to New England.

Rain and snow were forecast from the Plains to the southern Appalachians. Rain also was expected over the Florida peninsula.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Midland statistics

FORECAST
Today: Mostly sunny with a high temperature in the mid-70s. Variable winds at 5 to 15 mph.
Tonight: Fair with a low temperature in the upper 40s.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a high temperature in the mid-80s.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS
Yesterday's High: 68degrees
Overnight Low: 35degrees
Sunrise today: 6:13 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow: 7:27 a.m.
Precipitation:
Last 24 hours: 0.00
This month to date: 0.12
Year to date: 0.13 inches

Area forecast

West Texas: Partly sunny/Upper Trans Pecos — Today, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-70s. Tonight, fair. Lows in the upper 40s. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-80s. Tuesday night, fair. Lows around 50. Extended forecast, Wednesday through Friday, fair. Highs in the 80s. Lows in the 50s.

Concho Valley/Guadalupe Plateau — Today, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-70s. Tonight, fair. Lows around 50. Tuesday, sunny. Highs in the lower to mid 80s. Tuesday night, fair. Lows in the 50s. Extended forecast, Wednesday through Friday, fair. Highs in the 80s. Lows around 50.

Far West Texas — Today, sunny. Highs near 80. Tonight, fair. Lows around 50. Tuesday, sunny. Highs in the mid-80s. Tuesday night, fair. Lows in the 50s. Extended forecast, Wednesday and Thursday, fair. Highs in the 80s. Lows in the 50s. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 50s. Highs around 80.

Border forecasts

NEW MEXICO — Today, partly cloudy north with mostly to partly sunny skies south. Warmer most areas. Highs in the upper 50s to 60s mountains with mid-60s to near 80 elsewhere. Tonight through Tuesday night, mostly fair. Lows in the mid-50s to 60s mountains with mid-50s to 40s elsewhere. Highs Tuesday in the 60s to mid-70s mountains with 70s and 80s elsewhere. Extended forecast, Wednesday, increasing cloudiness west and mostly fair skies east. Breezy Wednesday afternoon. Highs in the upper 50s to near 70 mountains with mid 70s to 80s lower elevations. Thursday and Friday, partly cloudy with breezy afternoons. Slightly cooler south Thursday with a low mountain showers possible. Lows in the 30s and 40s mountains with 40s to mid-50s lower elevations. Highs in the mid-60s to near 70 mountains with mid-70s to 80s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Today, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-60s to mid-70s. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the mid- to upper 40s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s to 80s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s and lower 50s. Extended forecast, Wednesday and Thursday, fair. Lows in the upper 40s to mid-50s. Highs in the upper 70s to mid-80s.

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT.	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	70	35	
Austin	71	41	
Beaumont	68	38	
Bryan-College Station	72	38	
Corpus Christi	68	42	
Dallas	74	40	
El Paso	68	36	
Fort Worth	74	37	
Galveston	68	52	
Houston	74	37	
Laredo	72	46	
Lubbock	74	34	
Marfa	74	33	
San Angelo	69	33	
San Antonio	70	35	0.01
Victoria	71	37	
Week	72	34	

Weather elsewhere

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 6:31 p.m. CDT.	Hi	Lo	Pre	Out.
Albuquerque	71	39	only	
Albany	50	35	only	
Albany	49	36	14	only
Baltimore	41	37	0.05	only
Charlotte	55	35	n	
Chicago	39	25	n	
Cincinnati	44	19	only	
Cleveland	37	28	only	
Dallas	45	35	only	
Detroit	38	21	only	
Flagstaff	28	22	only	
Indianapolis	45	35	only	
Kansas City	54	38	only	
Las Vegas	58	47	only	
Little Rock	58	36	only	
Los Angeles	61	41	only	
Louisville	51	28	n	
Memphis	58	35	n	
Minneapolis	37	23	only	
Mobile-St. Paul	44	22	only	
Nashville	52	31	n	
New Orleans	58	47	only	
New York City	54	34	only	
Oklahoma City	75	43	only	
Philadelphia	41	38	41	only
Phoenix	84	65	cr	
Pittsburgh	39	27	only	
Reno	78	35	only	
Sacramento	54	35	only	
St. Louis	63	39	only	
San Francisco	70	40	cr	
San Diego	82	59	only	
San Jose	79	52	only	
Santa Fe	73	29	only	
Seattle	77	54	n	
Tampa-St. Petersburg	73	54	only	
Tucson	81	49	only	
Washington, D.C.	53	40	01	only

CASE: Worker says he saw suspect near mailings

(From 1A)

ered hotel records placing Kaczynski in Sacramento on the same days that some of the Unabomber's package bombs were mailed from the city. The report was attributed to unnamed federal officials.

The last four bombs from the Unabomber were mailed from Northern California: Two bombs postmarked in Sacramento exploded in June 1993, wounding one person in San Francisco and another at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. A bomb mailed from San Francisco in 1994 killed a New Jersey advertising executive. And a fourth bomb postmarked in Oakland, Calif., exploded April 24, 1995, killing a timber industry lobbyist in Sacramento.

Years earlier, on Dec. 11, 1985, a man was killed by a bomb he found near his computer rental store in Sacramento.

Federal investigators tracking Kaczynski's movements are trying to learn how the former math professor, who had no visible means of support, could get to other states where the Unabomber's bombs were mailed or left.

They reportedly are checking whether he rode buses to those states; two bus line employees in Montana told the AP that Kaczynski was a passenger numerous times.

Kaczynski, 53, was taken into custody at his cabin near Lincoln, Mont., on Wednesday and is being held without bail in a Helena jail. He has been charged in federal court with possession of bomb-making materials.

The charge is intended to keep Kaczynski in custody while investigators build a case against him for the Unabomber attacks that killed three people and injured 23 in nine states over the past 18 years.

Hensley said FBI agents approached him in March and showed him Kaczynski's photo. "I

recognized him right away," he said.

Hensley described Kaczynski as "quiet and intelligent."

FBI agents collected registration cards from the Royal and three other hotels in the neighborhood under the same ownership, Hensley said.

The agents were searching the Royal records for a guest registered by the last name of Konrad, but did not explain why, he said.

The Chicago Tribune reported Sunday that federal agents in mid-March searched a shed at the Kaczynski family home in the Chicago suburb of Lombard, Ill., and found matches, traces of gunpowder and half-empty containers of compounds used in making explosive devices.

The first bombs contained either wooden match heads or gun powder. One of the devices contained both, the Tribune reported.

The newspaper, citing unnamed sources, said agents also determined that Kaczynski was in the Chicago area when the first four Unabomber devices were planted or mailed from there in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Newsweek magazine reported Sunday that Kaczynski approached a grocer in Lincoln in the summer of 1994 to ask about getting a job.

"He said he was running out of funds," grocer Becky Garland told the magazine. "He said, 'I don't know how to go out and get a job. It's been so long since I've done something like that.'"

He gave her a handwritten letter that included his difficulties growing up as "a genius in a kid's body and sticking out like a sore thumb in his surroundings as a child," Garland said.

The painstaking search of Kaczynski's 10-foot-by-12-foot cabin also continued Sunday. Grotz said investigators were combing the cabin and the surrounding forest.

The cabin search already has turned up a

partially completed pipe bomb, bomb-making chemicals and components, and notes on making bombs.

One law enforcement official said a typewriter found in the cabin appears to be the one the Unabomber used to type his 35,000-word manifesto and letters. Another said investigators defused a live bomb in the cabin on Friday that they believe was intended for someone in particular.

Kaczynski's brother, David, led authorities to his brother after he found old writings of Theodore's that resembled the Unabomber's 35,000-word manifesto in the family home.

David Kaczynski initially tried to get prosecutors to agree not to seek the death penalty against his brother, The Sacramento Bee and Newsweek reported. Prosecutors refused and he eventually turned over his brother's writings.

Tony Bisceglie, the Washington lawyer who acted as an intermediary between David Kaczynski and the FBI, said he would hold a news conference at 10 a.m. Monday in Washington, D.C. The Kaczynski family will not attend the news conference and will not speak with reporters, he said.

U.S. attorneys from California, New Jersey, Montana and Utah were scheduled to meet today in Washington, D.C., to discuss where to hold the Unabomber trial.

The Sacramento Bee has reported that officials are leaning toward Sacramento as the site because two of the killings were there.

Former attorney general Dick Thornburgh said it is unlikely the case would be tried in state court, as California Gov. Pete Wilson has requested.

GOETZ: 11-year-old civil lawsuit hits courtroom

(From 1A)

opposing sides of urban issues: Crime. Race. Gun control. Vigilante justice. Much of the national attention surrounded his 1987 criminal trial. Goetz, acquitted of attempted murder, spent 1 1/2 months in jail on a weapons conviction.

The civil lawsuit was filed by Darrell Cabey, who was paralyzed in the Dec. 22, 1984, shooting. A pre-trial hearing was set for today, with jury selection to follow.

Cabey, 30, slipped into a coma after being shot and suffered brain damage. He now has the mental capacity of an 8-year-old.

Cabey's case is simple: Goetz was a racist who overreacted when he needlessly shot the four black youths. After wounding Cabey, Goetz walked up to the bleeding youth and delivered the paralyzing gunshot, announcing,

"You don't look too bad, here's another."

Goetz's defense is just as plain: He fired in self-defense when approached by four menacing muggers who tried to shake him down for \$5. He declined to expound on that when reached by telephone last week, saying he was "too busy" to talk.

The two versions have remained constant in the 135 months since Goetz pulled his nickel-plated Smith & Wesson .38-caliber handgun. The familiarity is reflected in Billy Joel's hit song "We Didn't Start the Fire" with the lyric, "Foreign debt, homeless vets, AIDS, crack, Bernie Goetz."

Kunstler died of a heart attack on Sept. 4, 1995, at age 76. Goetz, who survived a 1989 bout with cancer, has spent most of his money on legal costs. Two of the other wounded youths — James Ramseur and Troy Canty — wound up

in jail for, respectively, rape and robbery.

Goetz, 48, no longer rides the subway and has mostly spurned the spotlight, preferring the solitude of his Greenwich Village apartment. He spoke with The Associated Press shortly before the 10th anniversary of the shootings; last month, he told NBC News that he was on a hallucinogenic drug when he made racist comments three years before the shootings.

Goetz, in a pre-trial deposition, never mentioned any drug use, although he's become an advocate of marijuana legalization.

Kunstler's death denied him the chance to follow through on a dispute that had become more personal over the years.

"This was the kind of thing Bill thrived on," Kubly said.

It was Kunstler who won a fight to keep the case in Cabey's home

borough of the Bronx, where a recent study showed civil trial jury verdicts favor the plaintiff 79 percent of the time (the national figure is 57 percent.) Goetz wanted a change of venue to Manhattan, where he lives and the shootings occurred.

When Kunstler wrote in his autobiography that Goetz was "a murderous vigilante" with "venomous feelings" toward blacks, the subway gunman sued — one of two unsuccessful libel lawsuits he filed against Kunstler and Kubly. He also filed an assortment of ethics charges against the pair; all were dismissed.

When Goetz was diagnosed with testicular cancer, Kunstler's response was pointedly unsympathetic.

"It possibly makes me believe in God," he reflected.

COMA: Long-mute officer is lonely, his mother says

(From 1A)

ple to visit. It's very disappointing. This is the time he needs them the most."

Dockery, now 42, had been mute and motionless since he was shot in the forehead in 1988 while responding to a report of a domestic disturbance.

Brain damage left him partially paralyzed. He couldn't talk, walk or feed himself.

He occasionally communicated by blinking, nodding or grimacing, but that stopped when visitors diminished after a few years. It was "as if he'd just given up," said Dennis Dockery.

Earlier this year, he developed life-threatening pneumonia. He was taken to a Chattanooga hospital on Feb. 11, and his family was given the choice of risky surgery or letting the disease take his life.

"Some thought he had suffered enough. Others thought we needed to do everything we could to help him," Dennis Dockery said.

Two family members argued that night in Dockery's room about whether to let him die.

Four hours later, he started talking, and he kept talking for about 18 hours.

"I couldn't get angry at them for talking in front of him because that may be what caused

him to reach into his inner self and save himself," Dennis Dockery said.

Encouraged, family members opted for the surgery. Six days after the operation, he spoke again.

One of his sentences was: "I don't want to go back to the village."

"When he said he didn't want to go back, the doctor asked him what the village was and he said a nursing home," said Dockery's mother, Corena Thompson.

However, he was returned to Alexian Village in mid-March.

Folkening said Dockery's illness, the change of environment, an onslaught of visitors after years of sparse contact and hearing discussions of his death may have contributed to his awakening.

"We will probably never know what caused it," he said. "Our focus now is to take what we got and work with it."

Asked if he knew he hadn't talked in seven and a half years, Dockery answered yes. When asked how he felt during that time, however, he did not respond.

He correctly identified his youngest son, Colt, only 4 when his father was shot, and never asked why the boy was taller or older.

Folkening said Dockery has little short-

term memory. He sometimes has to be reminded who people are, and may have to be reminded again after a few minutes. Other times, he easily recognizes people.

"It's a fuzzy and inconsistent thing," Folkening said.

Dockery's mother visits daily. She said her son is lonely and wants company. Both she and Folkening said Dockery has said "No!" when they leave.

"It breaks your heart," Mrs. Thompson said.

Occasionally, Dockery will "play possum," pretending to be asleep when he's not.

"There are times when he almost plays these games with us where we feel we are dealing with a childlike personality," Folkening said. "Other times, when he is able to interact or relate, there's obviously an adult personality."

"He's a lot more further along now than he was," Dennis Dockery said, "and that gives us hope. We're just going to have to work it and be patient. If it never happens again, we did have that one day. It's a chance most people don't get. How can you not be happy about something like that?"

TAXING: IRS tries to move from past into future

(From 1A)

paper returns this year. At the same center, a computer and just 50 employees in 2 percent of the space will process 36 percent as many electronic and telephone returns.

But, although the IRS' future is literally a short walk from its past, the agency just can't seem to get there from where it is, according to critics.

The IRS has stumbled badly and repeatedly since launching its Tax Systems Modernization program in 1986, according to Congress' General Accounting Office. It has spent more than \$3 billion, yet may not reach its goal of transforming its paper-heavy system by 2001 into a telephone-based system where paying your taxes is as easy as buying a sweater from a mail-order catalog.

IRS Commissioner Margaret Miner Richardson conceded the validity of some criticism but said critics miss real progress at the agency.

"The fact of the matter is... we are providing better service to taxpayers than ever before," she said in an interview.

However, the GAO's Gene L. Dodaro told the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee that the modernization program "is jeopardized by persistent and pervasive management and technical weaknesses."

The IRS' attempts to improve so far "do not provide enough evidence that weaknesses will soon be

corrected," he said. "IRS continues with plans to spend billions more...with little assurance of successfully delivering effective systems."

The most recent example is the Cyberfile program, designed to allow personal computer users to file their returns directly to the IRS, without an intermediary. They would file either by telephone through their computer's modem or via the Internet.

Dodaro said the program has proceeded without regard to the security of confidential taxpayer information.

It's housed in a dusty subbasement room exposed to the danger of both fire and flooding. Anyone can enter the room by flipping a latch on the main door with a finger. And employees share passwords, making it impossible to trace the use of the system.

Meanwhile, a committee of the congressionally chartered National Research Council also has harshly criticized the IRS.

Robert P. Claggett, the engineer who chaired the panel, told congressional committees that until recently the IRS' management of the modernization project has been disjointed and directed by longtime IRS executives who lack the specialized training and experience needed.

"They have not grasped our recommendations as to what it takes to develop a huge information system," Claggett said.

In October, a 35-year employee, Judy Van Alfen started as the new associate commissioner for

modernization. Beginning April 15, Arthur Gross, will report to her as the new chief information officer, who led New York state's modernization program. And the Treasury Department and IRS have strengthened the authority of a joint supervisory group of senior officials who oversee the effort.

But according to the GAO, management of the project still is not completely consolidated. The IRS research and development division retains authority for technology research and prototypes.

The GAO also faulted the IRS for what it calls "ad hoc and sometimes chaotic" development of computer software. And, it said, the IRS has yet to develop a comprehensive strategy for persuading taxpayers to file electronically once all the alternatives are fully developed.

IRS Commissioner Richardson, though, pointed to telephone filing available nationwide for the first time this year for many single taxpayers without dependents. Of 61.1 million returns received through March 29, 2.5 million have been filed by telephone and 10.6 million electronically.

New technology, she said, is allowing the IRS to serve more taxpayers more efficiently this year, despite a cut in the IRS budget from \$7.5 billion in 1995 to \$7.3 billion this year and a cutback in walk-in office hours.

The IRS has a home page on the Internet. Computer users can search for answers to their tax questions and download many forms and publications. Forms

also now are available by fax.

In other improvements, equipment routes taxpayer calls nationwide to the least-busy service center, employers can electronically deposit payroll withholding and revenue officers have online access to taxpayer account information.

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Hong Kong lawmaker stands firm on keeping elected legislature

HONG KONG (AP) — Deep into the night, Frederick Fung lay in his hotel bed in Beijing, wrestling with the dilemma of a Hong Kong man who is neither slavishly pro-China nor in thrall to Western-style democracy.

Two Chinese officials had tried to talk him out of casting a dissenting vote on a committee working on China's takeover of Hong Kong on July 1, 1997.

They strongly implied that unless he supported the motion — to disband Hong Kong's elected legislature — he would jeopardize his career and be cut out of future decision-making.

"It was a very, very difficult time for me," Fung recalled. But the Hong Kong lawmaker stood firm. The vote by the Preparatory Committee on March 24 was 144-1, and a senior Chinese official immediately announced that Fung's lone "no" vote would cast him out of the loop.

Hong Kong had just been given a short, sharp lesson in the power politics of its soon-to-be ruler.

China has promised Hong Kong it can rule itself, remain capitalist and keep its civil liberties for at least 50 years.

But the tens of thousands who lined up for British passports in the last week of March suggest a degree of skepticism, and a desire to keep at least some link with the colonial power that has ruled Hong Kong since 1841.

On the other hand, stocks and property prices are surging, and the days are gone when every bump on the road to 1997 jarred the stock market.

All is well, Hong Kong businessmen insist. The skyscrapered jewel of empire will survive 1997 unscathed, if only because Beijing needs it to go on injecting fuel into China's own economic transformation, they say.

But the fate of the elected legislature, and the cold-shouldering of dissenters like Frederick Fung, cloud the horizon.

China firmly believes the legislature elected last September is a plot by Gov. Chris Patten, in league with the popular Democratic Party, to perpetuate British influence over post-1997 Hong Kong.

The legislature was elected under rule changes drawn up by Patten without China's approval. Therefore, China says, it must be disbanded, and a provisional legislature set up to arrange fresh elections under pre-Patten rules.

Patten, growing ever more blunt in his criticisms of China, says the attacks on the legislature are designed to shut out the irksome Democrats. Calling the Preparatory Committee vote "a black day for democracy in Hong Kong," he saluted Fung for being the lone dissenter.

Since then, China has hit Hong Kong with more bad news. In what amounts to a loyalty test, it has said that Hong Kong civil service heads who want to stay in office must endorse the provisional legislature.

Thus the last 15 months of British rule are becoming an increasingly bitter struggle for the hearts and minds of Hong Kong's 6 million people.

It pits the outgoing administration and elected legislature against a shadow Chinese government based on an unelected legislature and Preparatory Committee with zero tolerance for dissenting voices.

Optimists believe the troubles will ease once China formally takes over. In their view, with the departure of Patten, the major irritant, China will stop treating all dissent as Patten-inspired and leave Hong Kong to get on with ruling itself.



Frederick Fung, Hong Kong legislator, is taking heat over his decision to keep Hong Kong's elected legislature in tact. China would like to see the legislature disbanded.

They are heartened by signs of a charm offensive from the Chinese side. Beijing has given the British government a list of "requests for cooperation" with the Preparatory Committee. And the committee has published full-page newspaper ads soliciting the public's view on how to make the transition work. But even after Patten flies out for the last time, the Democrats, Hong Kong's largest elected party, will still be around, and pessimists fear dire consequences if they are frozen out.

"Driven out of the establishment, (they) will take their fight onto the streets," warns Terry Cheng, editor of the Hongkong Standard. Fung believes his brand of gentle persuasion can help keep the peace.

"That is why I joined the Preparatory Committee," he said in an interview. "I want to tell the Chinese officials that if you want one country, two systems, and Hong Kong people ruling Hong Kong, you should respect Hong Kong's culture, norms and customs." He wants the committee of 150 Hong Kong and Chinese public figures to behave like a parliament, open to all opinions. "No minority votes, no negative votes — I can't accept that."

However, he sees some merit in China's argument that Patten broke the rules. He believes the changes can be reversed with minimal disruption, and a provisional legislature set up that is little different from the existing one.

N.Korea still defiant over zone

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Armed North Korean troops marched into the buffer zone with South Korea again Sunday, their third violation in as many days of the 43-year-old armistice their government says is worthless.

The U.S. military command said 150 to 160 North Korean soldiers entered the demilitarized zone at Panmunjom at 8:05 p.m., occupied fighting positions and emplaced mortars.

The communist state announced Thursday that it no longer would observe the armistice that ended the three-year Korean War in 1953.

"The North Korean soldiers are doing exactly the same things they had done in the previous two nights. We see it as a serious violation of the armistice, but we do not view it with particular alarm," said Jim Coles, spokesman for the American-U.N. combined forces command.

"The situation along the 151-mile border remains the same, tense and dangerous, but there is no change" in the troop deployments on either side, he said.

Northern troops made similar incursions Friday and Saturday.

The latest move came despite U.S. efforts to contact North Korea

on Sunday to protest the previous armistice violations.

"I don't have all the information. But I know that if we try to call them, they will refuse. I don't know whether we are lodging the protest through different channels," Coles said.

In an attempt Saturday, the North's duty officer in Panmunjom refused to accept a hotline call.

Otherwise, the demilitarized zone between the two sides was quiet Sunday. Tourist spots along the border reported the usual crowds gawking through binoculars at the sealed-off communist land.

South Korea's 650,000-strong military remained on heightened alert. Much of the 37,000-man U.S. contingent is already deployed near the border area, and there have been no fresh U.S. troops movements because of the North Korean incursions.

None of the North Korean soldiers crossed into the U.N. side of the joint security zone at Panmunjom. On Friday and Saturday, the Northern troops stayed for about three hours each time and left without incident.

Iranian pilgrims head for Mecca

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — The first of some 70,000 Iranian pilgrims on Sunday left for the Muslim holy city of Mecca, where Saudi Arabian officials emphasized that political demonstrations would not be tolerated this year.

Iranians previously have staged what they describe as anti-pagan rallies that usually are marked by anti-Western slogans. Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani has said the pilgrims will hold such rallies again this year.

A Saudi Interior Ministry statement said the kingdom would not allow political meetings "and will show no tolerance toward those who violate God's limits," the Saudi Press Agency reported Saturday.

Some 402 pilgrims, most of them Iranian, were killed in a 1987 clash with Saudi police during a political

demonstration at Mecca. Iran's brand of militant Islam has been viewed with deep suspicion in conservative Saudi Arabia since Iran's 1979 revolution. Saudi Arabians predominantly follow Islam's Sunni sect, while Iranians largely are of the minority Shiite branch.

Serbs face aid suspension because of noncompliance

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bosnian Serb officials submitted files on 16 suspected war criminals but have not complied with all international demands concerning prisoners of war, the top civilian administrator in Bosnia said Sunday.

The statement from the office of Carl Bildt did not say whether the Bosnian Serbs would be banned from a crucial donors' meeting in Brussels starting Friday, which could cut them off from desperately needed reconstruction funds.

Bildt, who is in Tokyo, will make the final decision on who will be invited to the conference, organized in hopes of raising \$1.1 billion for urgent projects in Bosnia this year to supplement up to \$700 million already raised.

The U.N. Security Council, Bildt's office, NATO and many Western governments demanded the release by midnight Friday of all prisoners not indicted by the U.N. war crimes tribunal.

Bildt and other international officials threatened to withhold reconstruction funds if the prisoners were not released.

The Bosnian Serbs said they fulfilled their obligation under the Dayton accords by handing over

documents Saturday night on 12 Croat and four Muslim prisoners suspected of war crimes.

But Bildt's office said the documents concerned only 13 of the 16 prisoners registered by the Red Cross. No files were submitted on the three other registered prisoners, but the Bosnian Serbs did hand over files on three people not registered by the humanitarian organization, it said.

Under an agreement worked out by Bildt's office, all prisoners who were not suspected of war crimes were to be freed immediately.

Those prisoners suspected of war crimes had to be moved to central facilities either in Sarajevo or near Pale, where the Bosnian Serb government is headquartered.

The prisoners then would be monitored by U.N. police and the Red Cross.

Bildt's office said Sunday that the prisoners detained by the Bosnian Serbs are still being held in different locations rather than a central facility. In contrast, the Bosnian Croats and Bosnian government have met all the conditions, the statement said.

The Bosnian Croats freed 28 prisoners and the Bosnian gov-

ernment released 18 on Friday, and they provided files on alleged war criminals to the tribunal.

If prisoners are not indicted or held for further investigation, they should be freed, Bildt's deputy Michael Steiner said, adding that he expected decisions on indictments within a month.

In a letter sent Sunday to Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic, Steiner said a March 30 agreement to rejuvenate the moribund Muslim-Croat federation "has begun to show positive results."

The NATO-led peace force views the federation as crucial to implementing the peace agreement and long-term stability in Bosnia.

"There is now concrete progress

in establishing a joint customs system, removing internal roadblocks and other areas," Steiner said.

However, he complained that "public sniping" by some politicians still was hurting the agreement.

"The agreement and the federation need the full backing of all responsible political leaders. Those who prefer a stalemate and those who want to turn the wheel back should not hold public office," he said.

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Autonomous Spanish region finds new influence in politics

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Delirious over a victory in national elections last month, supporters of Spain's leading conservative party aimed an ugly chant at a diminutive politician from the autonomous region of Catalonia.

The slur had been chanted at the Popular Party's rallies throughout the campaign as an attack on Jordi Pujol and his region's increasing use of its own ancient language, Catalan.

After polls closed on March 3 and first results showed the Popular Party winning, the crowd outside party headquarters in Madrid popped open bottles of alcoholic cider and chanted the insult one more time: "Pujol, you dwarf, speak in Spanish!"

They had to swallow those words a few hours later. The final results came in, and the Popular Party didn't win as many seats in Congress as expected. It would need the help of Pujol's coalition for Popular Party leader Jose Maria Aznar to win easy election as prime minister in Congress and form a stable government.

With the vote for prime minister expected as early as mid-April, the conservatives are now humbly wooing Pujol's coalition and offering Catalonia even greater autonomy.

Catalonia's resurgent political prominence comes as the northeastern region, a Mediterranean power in the Middle Ages, is reasserting its identity after surviving efforts by Francisco Franco's dictatorship to stamp it out.

Catalonia is creating its own police force. Newspapers are starting to switch from Spanish to Catalan, and schools teach in Cata-

lan.

The irony of Catalonia becoming a linchpin in national politics is not lost on Pujol, 65, who was imprisoned from 1960 to 1962 for conspiring to have fellow Catalan nationalists sing a banned Catalan hymn at a concert attended by Franco.

"The Spanish state structured itself by destroying our own structure, and almost succeeded in destroying the Catalan identity," Pujol said in an interview in the 600-year-old stone palace in Barcelona where he serves as president of Catalonia's autonomous government.

"Now the moment has arrived when (we) can positively influence the rest of Spain."

With an eye to increasing trade beyond Spain's borders, Pujol is expected to pressure Aznar to reform Spain's economy to meet European Union requirements to participate in the bloc's single currency in 1999.

Pujol is also expected to push for a greater share of Catalan tax revenues and for more power for its police force, which began patrolling duties three years ago and is at one-fifth of its planned full strength of 10,000 officers.

Pujol appears to harbor no grudges against the conservatives. Instead, he and his aides have been bargaining with them, a natural reaction for a Catalan.

Manuel Vazquez Montalban, a best-selling novelist and political commentator, said Catalans have long been noted for being hard workers and pragmatists.

Despite a lack of natural resources, Catalonia is Spain's economic powerhouse, producing 21 percent of the economy with 15



Police cadets raise the Catalan flag, right, alongside the Spanish flag during early morning drill sessions. The autonomous region has reinstated their traditional dialect and customs, and is gaining influence in Spain.

percent of its population and 6 percent of its land.

"Catalans feel a great need to work to survive," Vazquez Montalban said. "It is a culture of pacts, negotiations and barter."

In medieval times, Catalonia was a Mediterranean power, ruling — in a confederation with a neighboring state — Sardinia, Sicily, Corsica and parts of Greece and trading as far as the Sudan in Africa.

Catalan expansionism was backed by a militaristic tradition. Its flag of four red bands on a yellow field symbolizes a 9th century transfer of power by a wounded king who streaked his bloodied fingers across a commander's gilded shield.

Catalonia also pioneered democratic rights, creating in 1359 one of the world's first parliamentary

governments.

Seized by Spain in 1714 and now limited to an area slightly larger than Maryland, its capital is Barcelona.

One of Europe's most cosmopolitan cities, Barcelona boasts fine restaurants, cafes, shops and architectural wonders by Antoni Gaudi and other modernist pioneers. Museums feature the work of former Barcelonans Miro, Picasso and Dalí.

"We would live much better without Madrid," declared Angel Colom, leader of the Catalan Leftist Republican Party, which wants to sever ties with Spain.

But few Catalans speak of breaking with Spain's central government. Unlike Spain's Basque country, Catalonia has no violent separatist movement.

Breakaway republic of Somaliland struggles for recognition

HARGEISA, Somalia (AP) — Somaliland has a national anthem, a flag, an army, a police force, its own currency. Even better, it has relative peace, while the rest of Somalia is still wracked by clan warfare.

What the self-declared Republic of Somaliland — a Pennsylvania-size patch of parched plains in northern Somalia — doesn't have is international recognition.

President Mohammed Ibrahim Egal says that lack has cost his 5-year-old state badly needed aid and trade, and he fears it could jeopardize the security and nascent prosperity of the region.

He keeps a wary eye on the south, where United Nations peacekeepers pulled out a year ago. The southern warlords, who do not recognize Somaliland's independence, have been escalating combat in their struggle for power and Egal worries about the violence spreading northward.

"The international community ... is refusing to give us credit for what we have done here," Egal said in an interview.

"We have managed to extricate ourselves from the vicious cycle of violence destroying Somalia. We have established the rule of law, the courts, the police force ... but nobody is prepared to give us help."

The breakaway republic claims the northern leg of Somalia in the Horn of Africa, from the Djibouti border east along the Gulf of Aden for 350 miles.

The region was known as British Somaliland until it became independent on June 26, 1960. Five days later, it united with Italian Soma-

land as the Somali Republic. But the union faltered with the failure of its dream of annexing land where ethnic Somalis live in bordering Kenya, Ethiopia and Djibouti.

In 1981, the north became the first region to rebel against dictator Mohammed Siad Barre, touching off a national civil war that led to his downfall and Somaliland's declaration of independence a decade later.

Somaliland paid a high price for its uprising. Barre's warplanes and tanks flattened the largest cities, causing an estimated 40,000 deaths and the flight of about 400,000 refugees into Ethiopia.

"We ran away when the guns started firing — chacka, chacka, chacka," said Muna Yusuf, 25. "Three years later, when we came back, only the trees were standing. We had no homes, no schools, and our young men were killed. So many I cannot count."

Today it is the only major region of Somalia with a working, if fragile, government. The annual budget of 30 billion Somaliland shillings, about \$30 million at black market rates, is split evenly between security forces and spending for social services and reconstruction.

Egal, who was prime minister of Somalia before Barre imprisoned him in 1969, said Somaliland has been able to fend for itself because British rule left clan and cultural traditions intact.

The Italians destroyed those systems in the south, so when Barre fell in 1991, there was no cultural system to counterbalance southern warlords who began fighting for power, Egal said.

The 1.2 million people of Somaliland are proud of the peace they have made.

They didn't wait for the government to solve their problems, either. They volunteered their resources and talents to revive the trade-based economy, replant abandoned farms, clear rubble from the streets and rebuild schools.

"Here we've never waited for a government. We've taken care of ourselves," said Ali S. Gulaid, 39, who owns a restaurant, hotel and construction firm.

For the first time, it is possible to direct dial international phone calls from Hargeisa because of the efforts of two private companies. Another group has strung power lines and is starting to sell electricity.

Two radio stations and several newspapers spread good news and bad.

In Hargeisa, 15 percent of children go to primary schools and nearly 60 percent go to Muslim religious schools, where they have homemade lesson books and pens and their teachers have chalk.

According to a recent survey by UNICEF, 57 percent of people in urban areas have safe drinking water and only 9 percent suffer from malnutrition — healthy figures for an African country recovering from civil war.

The port of Berbera is busy, exporting about \$100 million worth of livestock to Persian Gulf states in the past year — 2.67 million sheep, goats, cattle and camels. Trucks take imported products and locally produced goods, including sugar and soap, as far as Ethiopia and Kenya.

Pope leads outdoor Easter Mass

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Celebrating Easter mass under a glorious spring sky, Pope John Paul II appealed Sunday for support for the "artisans" of peace in Bosnia, northern Ireland and the Holy Land.

The pope also read Easter wishes in 56 languages with an appeal to predominantly Catholic Italy to keep in mind its Christian roots.

Many in the crowd of about 100,000 in St. Peter's Square shaded themselves with prayer books from the bright sun after the chilly, gray skies of the last few days.

Speaking after mass from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica overlooking the square, John Paul prayed that Christ may "enlighten and guide all those who are building peace, every day in every corner of the globe at the cost of great sacrifices."

He appealed for strength for the "artisans of justice and peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in Ireland and the Middle East, and particularly in the Holy Land, where hopes for peaceful co-existence

are still jeopardized by recourse to force and violence."

"Comfort those who reject the inevitability of ethnic rivalries in Burundi and Rwanda," the pope prayed. He also recalled the bloodshed in the Caucasus, Afghanistan, Algeria and Sudan.

The gray cobblestoned square was alive with vivid yellow, pink and green: More than 15,000 tulips and hundreds of lilies, as well as azaleas, roses and potted trees, adorned the altar area and aisles between groups of pilgrims and tourists.

The pope said thanks for the blossoms in Dutch.

The mass was the last public appointment of the heavy Holy Week schedule for the pope, who has been dogged by health problems for the last few years. Last month, he had to cancel and postpone engagements after suffering what the Vatican said was a fever and digestive problems.

A cough has been bothering the pope lately, but his voice rang out strongly Sunday morning for the traditional mass.



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Israel investigates information leak

JERUSALEM — The Israeli army has seized journalists' cellular telephone records to try to deduce which high-ranking officers may have leaked information, the army spokesman said Sunday.

He did not say what information was leaked or how many records had been seized.

Israeli news media first reported the seizures. The Federation of Israeli Journalists, which said it did not know how many records had been seized or what may have been leaked, filed a complaint with the army.

"This measure leads to grave damage in protecting journalists' information sources and threatens journalistic freedom," the group said in a statement.

The army spokesman, Brig. Gen. Amos Gilad, said officers, "who have made a written pledge to comply with army secrecy," are breaking the law if they leak information.

Bomb explodes in Bahrainian arcade

MANAMA, Bahrain — Bombs gutted one shop and damaged two others early Sunday at a chic shopping arcade in the heart of Bahrain's capital. There were no reported injuries.

The Bahrain Shopping Complex was closed when the bombs exploded at about 2 a.m. A security source at the scene said it was not immediately known how many bombs were planted.

"They must have used very sophisticated explosive devices," said the security source, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "They could not have been bigger than cigarette boxes for them not to be detected when planted."

The shopping complex is an annex of the luxury Sheraton hotel, a short distance from the prime minister's office and the "diplomatic" neighborhood that houses several ministries and many offshore banks.

"I have lost everything," said Khaled Shah Gilani, the owner of a music shop that was completely destroyed. "I shall have to start all over again."

Arafat travels to Arabia for closure

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat asked Saudi leaders Sunday for the kingdom's help in ending Israel's closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Saudis, for decades Arafat's main financial backers, have no formal relations with Israel but support Arab-Israeli peace. Arafat met Crown Prince Abdullah and other top officials, including the foreign minister, the Saudi Press Agency reported. It did not give details.

"We need the support of our brothers in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to lift this Israeli siege," Arafat said upon arriving in Riyadh, the Saudi capital.

Israel sealed the Palestinian territories after Islamic extremist groups claimed responsibility for four suicide bombings in February and March in Israel that killed 62 people, including the bombers.

Relations between Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization and Gulf Arab states, including Saudi Arabia, have improved as Arafat has distanced himself from Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Rebels fight Liberian troops

MONROVIA, Liberia — Liberians in the capital fled their homes or holed up in army barracks as fighting raged Sunday between government troops and rebels.

The airport was closed during the worst fighting in the capital of this West African country in more than three years.

Fighting started Saturday morning as heavily armed government troops tried to drive deposed warlord Roosevelt Johnson from his home in the eastern suburb of Sinkor.

Johnson, recently sacked as minister of rural development, is wanted on murder charges stemming from clashes that killed several people in the capital last week. His Ulimo rebel group was blamed for the violence, and Johnson had been holed up in his house with armed supporters, refusing to surrender.

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Commerce secretary leaves legacy of hard work, expansionism

By Martin Crutinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Ron Brown died in a plane crash, American capitalism lost its staunchest ally in the Clinton administration. Now business executives wonder who will champion their cause the next time commercial interests clash with other priorities.

On a whole range of diverse issues, from fighting Japanese trade barriers to supporting high-tech research to pushing sales of U.S. products around the world, Brown was a forceful advocate.

"Ron Brown was the first commerce secretary to operate in the post-Cold War global economy. He understood it," said Willard Workman, head of international affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "He knew you can't sit at home and wait for business to come to you. You have to go out and get the contracts."

It was on one such effort — his 15th overseas trade mission — that Brown and a

group of U.S. executives lost their lives in Croatia last Wednesday.

While Brown was not the first commerce secretary to carry business executives on trade missions, none did it more aggressively, bringing the trademark intensity he honed as chairman of the Democratic Party to bear in the hunt for multimillion-dollar foreign contracts.

Brown's skills in this area will not be easily replaced, business executives said. "No other commerce secretary has been as active in promoting American products and services in the global marketplace," said Jerry Jasinski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

While the trade missions were high profile, they were only a part of his effort to transform the Commerce Department, long a backwater Cabinet agency, into a major player in economic debates.

With the Cold War over, Brown believed the United States no longer should sacrifice economic interests to other foreign

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policy goals and he used his close friendship with Clinton to push a business agenda inside the administration.

He forged alliances with U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor to overcome objections from officials at the State and Treasury departments to a hard-nosed bargaining stance that forced the Japanese, Chinese and Europeans to accept market-opening deals under the threat of U.S. sanctions.

He succeeded in battles with the

Defense Department in loosening Cold War-era export controls that American companies had long complained severely limited their ability to sell high-technology products such as computers and telecommunications equipment.

And he prevailed in getting Clinton to switch U.S. policy toward China, breaking the link between human rights and trade in the annual debate over whether to renew China's most-favored-nation status.

Brown's tenure at Commerce was not all successes. He was dogged by ethics questions involving his finances that led to the appointment of a special prosecutor last year. Brown denied all wrongdoing.

In addition, Republicans, intent on cutting back on government, drew aim on the 35,000-employee Commerce Department as a prime example of bloated bureaucracy.

Brown successfully fought off attempts to dismantle the agency last year, but GOP leaders said last week after Brown's

death that they planned to renew the effort.

"The force of Brown's personality was one of the major factors that saved the department. Now that is gone," said Gary Hufbauer, a trade expert at the Institute for International Economics, a Washington think tank.

The administration insists it will not begin the process of choosing a successor for Brown until mourning is over. Clinton on Friday formally designated Commerce Undersecretary Mary L. Good to head the agency as acting secretary until a replacement is named.

The two names mentioned most prominently as possible successors are Thomas "Mack" McLarty, Clinton's first chief of staff and now a presidential adviser, and Stuart Eizenstat, former President Carter's top domestic policy adviser who was just confirmed as the Commerce Department's undersecretary for international affairs.

Freeman negotiator not optimistic about quick resolution

JORDAN, Mont. (AP) — As the standoff between anti-government Freemen and FBI agents neared the end of its second week on Easter Sunday, one of the negotiators said he was not optimistic about a quick resolution.

"It's a very, very volatile situation," said Montana state Rep. Joe Quilici, who has met with Freemen representatives twice, along with three other legislators. "Right now, I can't be optimistic. It's so deep and complicated, it's hard to get a handle."

Quilici said some minor progress was made in negotiations Thursday and Friday, but he would not discuss specifics.

"Things are better than they were when we got over there," he said in a telephone interview from his home Sunday.

Quilici said Freemen leaders and the FBI would decide when and if talks would resume.

Easter services at St. John's Lutheran Church included prayers for the Freemen and the law officers who have been stationed outside their compound since March 25.

The Rev. Helen Young asked God to "turn (the Freemen) from their ways, to the peace and mercy you proclaim."

"These are just some of the people who have contacted me in the past two weeks offering their prayers," Young said, holding up two pages of typewritten names. "People are calling us from all over the country."

Temperatures, well below freezing when the siege began, soared to the 60s on Sunday and the warmth seemed to buoy the spirits of townspeople. Talk among churchgoers after services was more of calving and planting crops than of the Freemen standoff 30 miles away.

After days of activity, the compound was quiet Sunday. A mother and her daughter left Friday night, and on Saturday, two cars carrying relatives of the Freemen were allowed to visit.

About 20 men, women and children are believed to be barricaded inside the Freemen compound. Neighbors have said the group has stockpiled weapons and enough food and supplies to last months.

The standoff began March 25 after federal agents arrested Freemen leaders LeRoy Schweitzer, 57, and Daniel Petersen, 53.

About a dozen of the Freemen on the compound face state or federal charges, ranging from writing bad checks and impersonating public officials to threatening to kidnap and murder a U.S. district judge.

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Workers remove uranium fuel rods without incident

PHOENIX (AP) — Workers carefully dislodged a stuck bundle of uranium fuel rods without releasing any radiation Sunday during a painstaking operation at the nation's largest nuclear power plant.

The 1,500-pound fuel assembly was hoisted from the bottom of the reactor core at about 5 a.m. at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, said Bill Stewart, executive vice president for nuclear power at Arizona Public Service Co.

The entire procedure was conducted under 50 feet of water using equipment attached to a long pole and operated by workers on a bridge above.

"I'm very pleased," Stewart said. "Everything went relatively smoothly. We got the assembly out and that was the most significant step."

Stewart said no radiation was released during the operation at the reactor, which has been down since March 16 for a routine refueling process that led to the discovery of the stuck rods a week later.

Plant officials believe a damaged cap, part of a 100,000-pound device used to set the fuel in place, forced one of 241 bundles of fuel rods down and wedged it between pins at the bottom of the reactor.

For delays, workers used a manually operated hoist and hydraulic jacks to raise the assembly several inches and move it several feet to the side. Later Sunday, they planned to attach a metal plate to the assembly's damaged bottom and transport it to a storage building. The procedure was expected to be completed by Sunday night.

Plant officials had been concerned that efforts to dislodge the assembly could have ruptured some of the 14-foot rods, causing the uranium oxide pellets to fall out or releasing radioactive iodine, krypton or xenon gas.

There was no risk of a nuclear meltdown or of radioactive gases being released beyond the Unit 2 containment building, officials said.

APS is one of seven utilities that jointly own the \$9.3 billion, 3-unit reactor in Wintersburg, 55 miles west of Phoenix. The plant produces electricity for about 4 million customers in Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas.

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Gramm's proposal helps oil producers

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm's recent visit to Odessa brought the welcome notice that he plans to unveil legislation to exempt oil and gas producers from fees for transporting crude oil as required by the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act.

That exemption, which the Permian Basin Petroleum Association has worked diligently for five years to counter, would unfairly penalize the oil industry in that most oil producers do not transport crude oil — they produce it.

Sen. Gramm explained that unfairness by noting, "When Congress established a procedure to monitor hazardous material, which was a logical thing to do, it was expected that the monitoring process would be funded by imposing a fee

only on those companies transporting the hazardous materials. This fee is now imposed on both the transporters and the producers, even though most producers do not transport crude oil."

As U.S. Rep. Larry Combest of Lubbock correctly pointed out, oil and gas producers are one of the most over-taxed and overregulated businesses in the country. With that in mind, it's not only unfair but downright irresponsible to add this tax.

We certainly support what the Permian Basin Petroleum Association has done to fight this unjust transportation fee and we encourage Sen. Gramm to continue to do what he can to get oil and gas producers exempted from this onerous fee.

JACK ANDERSON

Russia may be awash in counterfeit currency

WASHINGTON — The House Banking Committee is investigating whether a team of U.S. officials pressured a top Russian currency expert into retracting a statement he'd made about the extent of counterfeit American currency in his country.

If Viktor Melnikov was correct last September, then the circulation of counterfeit American dollars in Russia is far greater than U.S. officials have admitted. It would also mean that the much-heralded introduction of redesigned \$100 bills could not have come at a better time.

The new currency was unveiled in Russia in February, along with a \$35 million public relations campaign to acclimate the public to the change. The new currency contains a number of security features that makes it much harder for criminals to copy.

Foreign counterfeiting has been an increased concern for U.S. government officials since 1990, when the Secret Service first encountered the "superdollars" — extremely high-quality fakes that are believed to originate in the Middle East.

American dollars are by far the most popular hard currency in Russia, where the ruble has been notoriously unstable since the fall of communism. More than two-thirds of the \$390 billion in U.S. currency circulates outside the United States.

Melnikov is the director of foreign exchange control for the Russian Central Bank — that country's version of the Federal Reserve. On Sept. 13, he met with a U.S. State Department official to discuss the growing problem of American counterfeit notes in his country. A State Department cable, marked "sensitive," summarizes their conversation.

"Viktor Melnikov expressed great concern about the state of the Russian banking system, citing estimates that anywhere from 50 to 80 percent of Russian banks were under the control of organized crime," reads the cable, which was obtained by our associate Jan Moller.



Anderson

"He reported that over the last two years, over \$40 billion had been imported into the country, a large part of which he suspected was being used for illegal purposes. He also noted that of the \$15-20 billion dollars of U.S. currency in Russia (more, he noted, than the entire value of ruble notes in circulation), 15-20 percent is counterfeit."

Melnikov's statement flies in the face of statements made by American officials, who have repeatedly stressed that the counterfeit problem is well under control. In a February statement to the House Banking Committee, Theodore Allison of the Federal Reserve said that the Fed has found an average of only 55 counterfeits per 1 million \$100 bills that come in from outside the United States.

If 15 percent of American currency in Russia is indeed counterfeit, it could ultimately threaten the worldwide stability of the dollar. Should Russian citizens who currently hold American dollars become convinced that their money is fake, they may be more likely to switch their reserves to other denominations, possibly German marks or British pounds.

Less than five months after his astonishing statement, Melnikov retracted. At a Jan. 31 news conference in Moscow to announce the

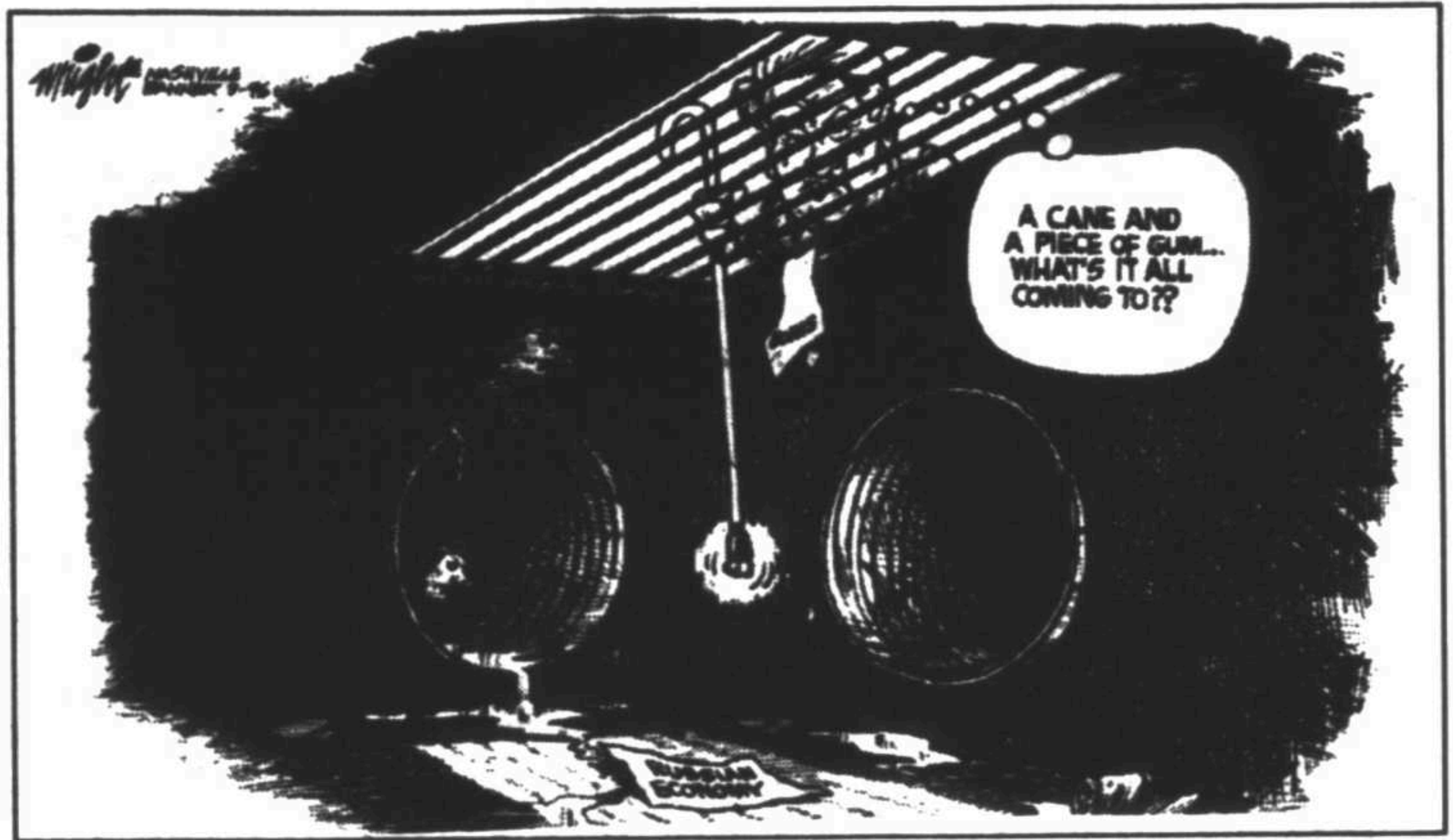
public relations campaign, Melnikov was asked about his remarks to the State Department official.

"I think an error has crept in," Melnikov said. "So, 15-20 percent counterfeit money in this country is something absurd. I cannot vouch that we have several percent of counterfeit money, not to speak of 10 percent." Later, in the same remarks, Melnikov added, "I am used to working with precise figures. If I name a figure, I always know what it exactly means."

According to congressional investigators, Melnikov's retraction came in the wake of sharp pressure by a team of officials from the Fed, Treasury Department and Secret Service. These sources say the team traveled to Russia in part to urge Melnikov to change his story — even though it was recorded by the State Department.

Other sources dispute the extent to which Melnikov was pressured, and add that there is little hard evidence available to judge exactly how much counterfeit currency is circulating in Russia.

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CHARLEY REESE

Robert E. Lee offers inspiration for society today

Because April is, for Christians, the month of the Easter season and, in most Southern states, Confederate History Month, a word about Gen. Robert E. Lee is appropriate.

He was a Confederate general, of course, but more to the point, Lee was a perfect example of a true Christian who lived his religion even amid strife and turmoil.

Frankly, I learned this only recently. Despite my Southern roots, I had never read much about the Civil War or, as Southerners call it, the War for Southern Independence. But a couple of years ago, as a relief from all the stuff I have to read to keep up with current events, I started reading older books.

One of these was "The Recollections & Letters of Robert E. Lee" by his son, Capt. Robert Lee. The publisher of the modern edition is William S. Konecky (1993, \$12.95). I can only say, wow, what a great guy Lee was.

Today, examples of true Christians who actually live their religious beliefs are hard to find. The most damning thing you can say of most people today is that you cannot tell from their lives whether they practice any religion at all. But for Lee, there was not a razor's difference between his beliefs and his life. Alexander Stephens, vice president of the Confederate States, said of Lee, "What I had seen General Lee to be at first — childlike in simplicity and unselfish in his character — he remained, unspoiled by praise and success."



Reese

To appreciate this, you should know something about his life. He had been a hero of the Mexican War and superintendent of West Point. So well regarded was he that when the secession crisis arose, he was offered command of the U.S. forces. But Lee resigned his commission. He had not favored secession, but he could not bring himself to war against his own state. It was his intention to retire to private life and fight only if Virginia called upon him.

He became world famous as a result of the war, but throughout it all, as Stephens said, he never changed. Lee never once claimed personal credit for any victory, never once made any excuses for any failure, never once spoke ill in public of any man, North or South, even when he was being unfairly attacked.

And after the war, though Lee was offered positions with large corporations and even an estate in England, he chose not to exploit fame won at the expense of so many lives and instead took the presidency of a small, nearly bankrupt college, which is today Washington & Lee University.

Compare that to some today who, on the basis of far less accomplishment, enrich themselves with book contracts and \$50,000-a-pop speeches.

Gen. James Longstreet said of Lee that his men respected him as a military leader, "but they loved him as a man." And in his letters you can see why. Lee loved his wife, who was an invalid, intensely.

He was already at an age when people today think about retiring, but despite being on horseback all day and up half the night in a tent, attending to his duties, he always found time to write letters to her and to his children.

To his daughter Agnes, he wrote, "My precious Little Agnes, I have not heard of you for a long time. I wish you were with me, for, always solitary, I am sometimes weary and long for the reunion of my family."

To Mildred, another daughter, he wrote on Christmas, "I will commence this holy day by writing to you. My heart is filled with gratitude to Almighty God for His unspeakable mercies with which He has blessed us in this day."

Even if you are not religious or interested in history, I commend the life of Robert E. Lee to you. He is an example of the best a human being can be. He was supremely competent, efficient, courageous, manly, tireless, yet kind, humble, humorous and loving. As strange as it is, even with this distance of time, I find myself inspired by his example.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Second bid for presidency would be ego trip for Perot

Unable to resist the national spotlight, Ross Perot seems headed for another independent presidential bid. While the Texas billionaire raises some legitimate issues, Americans should recognize him as little more than a long-winded egomaniac.

Perot's 1992 campaign made some sense because he focused on campaign-finance reform, a balanced budget and other issues Democrats and Republicans were ignoring.

But a 1996 Perot candidacy would be nothing more than a self-financed ego trip. That's the

only fair conclusion we can make after observing his actions the past four years.

During the Republican primary, Pat Buchanan sounded many of the same themes as Perot on international trade, NAFTA and GATT, finance reform and the like. But rather than make common cause with Buchanan, Perot has tried to accentuate the differences between the two men. The reason is obvious: Perot wants to be in the spotlight.

— The Lima News
Lima, Ohio

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, April 8, the 99th day of 1996. There are 267 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on April 8, 1946, the League of Nations assembled in Geneva for the last time.

On this date: In 1513, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon claimed Florida for Spain.

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration was approved by Congress.

In 1960, ballet dancer Vaslav Nijinsky died in London.

In 1962, President Truman seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike.

In 1970, the Senate rejected President Nixon's nomination of G. Harold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1973, artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near Mougins, France, at age 91.

In 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record.

In 1975, Frank Robinson, major league baseball's first black manager, got off to a winning start as his team, the Cleveland Indians, defeated the New York Yankees, 6-5.

In 1981, Gen. Omar N. Bradley died in New York at age 88.

In 1990, Ryan White, the teen-age AIDS patient whose battle for acceptance gained national attention, died in Indianapolis at age 18.

In 1992, tennis great Arthur Ashe announced at a New York news conference that he had AIDS. Ashe died the following February at age 49.

In 1994, Kurt Cobain, singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.

Ten years ago: Actor Clint Eastwood was elected mayor of Carmel-By-The-Sea, Calif., defeating incumbent Charlotte Townsend by a landslide. Eastwood served as mayor until 1988.

Five years ago: Secretary of State James A. Baker III toured refugee camps near the Iraqi border, praising relief efforts but saying "hope must be given to these people for a return to home." Jockey Willie Shoemaker was left paralyzed after an automobile accident.

One year ago: Former Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, in an interview with AP Network News and Newsweek magazine to promote his memoirs, called America's Vietnam War policy "terribly wrong."

Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Betty Ford is 78. Actor Edward Mulhare is 73. Opera singer Franco Corelli is 73. Television personality John Bartholomew Tucker is 65. Lyricist Fred Ebb is 63. Investigative reporter Seymour Hersh is 59. Basketball Hall-of-Famer John Havlicek is 56. Rock guitarist Steve Howe is 49. Actor John Schneider is 42. All-Star catcher Gary Carter is 42. Singer Julian Lennon is 33.

Thought for Today: "The world has achieved brilliance without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants." — Gen. Omar N. Bradley (1893-1981).

MIKE ROYKO

Norwegians, Swedes, you haven't been forgotten

As any sensitive person knows, especially those of the modern liberal persuasion, ethnic jokes are considered socially offensive.

So I was appalled by an e-mail letter from a man who actually asked me to tell an ethnic joke in my column.

He said: "Having read you over the years in three Chicago newspapers, I have noted that you man- age to upset just about every ethnic and racial group at one time or another."

"However, I can't remember your ever saying anything insulting about Swedes or any other Scandinavians. In fact, I don't remember ever hearing a Swedish joke in my entire life."

"Because I am of Swedish ancestry, I feel left out and a little hurt at being ignored. So does my wife, who has some Norwegian in her background."

"We lead quiet lives, except when the holiday season requires that we drink hot glogg, and we would appreciate having you write something that would get our normally tepid Scandinavian blood boiling with rage."

"With your knowledge of ethnic matters and your gift for giving offense, even when it is not intended, I am sure that you have a Scandinavian joke tucked away. If so, please share it so we, too, can feel part of the insulted mainstream of American life."



Royko

Well, that is what I call a lot of gall. And selfishness, too.

Just to satisfy his warped need to feel insulted, he expects me to expose myself to the anger of one of the largest and oldest ethnic groups in the Chicago area.

That's all I need these days — thousands of blue-eyed blond people named Sven and Ole and Inge gathering outside my office, wearing Viking helmets, flinging smoked herrings and boiled potatoes at my window, and chanting: "Fire dee boom."

On the other hand, there is something in what the man says about his feeling left out of the "insulted mainstream of American life."

His complaint is that he has nothing to complain about. In that sense, he is a victim because he is being made to feel dull.

If I ignore his plea for help, I will be shirking my journalistic duty to try to help society's victims.

So as much as I abhor ethnic humor and ethnic jokes in any shape or form, just this once I will stifle my nausea and fulfill this man's request.

At this point, I will understand if sensitive readers choose to flee to another part of this paper where they can find something more uplifting.

In fact, I encourage it, since I want to offend as few people as possible, which has always been my policy.

Having said that, I will now grit my teeth and get on with this distasteful business.

One day this Swedish guy walks into a dingy little storefront travel agency, holds up a page out of a newspaper, and says: "You say in this ad that you have a wonderful luxury cruise for only \$69.95. I want to go on this vogn-

derful luxury cruise."

The guy behind the counter says: "Sure. Do you have the \$69.95 in cash?"

"I sure do," says the Swede, plunking the money on the counter.

At that point, two big thugs leap out of a closet, whack the Swede on the head, drag his unconscious body out the back door, stuff him in a barrel, and drop the barrel into a river that flows past.

A few moments later, a Norwegian guy walks into the same dingy storefront travel agency, holds up the newspaper and says: "I want to go on this \$69.95 vunderful luxury cruise."

The guy behind the counter says: "Sure, you got the fare in cash?"

"You betcha," says the Norwegian, slapping the money on the counter.

Again, the two big thugs leap out, pound him on the head, drag his limp form out the back door, shove him in a barrel and drop it in the river.

After a while, the Swede and the Norwegian regain consciousness, and they find that their barrels are bobbing along together.

The Norwegian says: "Good afternoon. Tell me, do you happen to know if they serve dinner on this cruise?"

The Swede shakes his head and says: "No, I don't think so. They didn't last year."

There, the foul deed is done and I really feel dirty. So I must go and bathe before someone asks me to tell the really disgusting one about the Italian general and the German field marshal.

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DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I reprint of a letter about tance of being a good neighbor compelled me to write to you for the first time in 30 years.

Being too friendly with the neighbors can be risky business. What if it turns out that you don't really want to be friends with these people after you get to know them? Then what do you do?

Abby, neighbors should be one another's privacy. I have had neighbors seemed to think that always nice to them preach their religion how to vote, dress

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DEAR ABBY

Sometimes being a good neighbor means just keeping your distance

DEAR ABBY: Your recent reprint of a letter about the importance of being a good neighbor compelled me to write to you for the first time in 30 years.

Being too friendly with the neighbors can be risky business. What if it turns out that you don't really want to be friends with these people after you get to know them better? Then what do you do — move?

Abby, neighbors should respect one another's privacy.

I have had neighbors who seemed to think that because I was always nice to them, they could preach their religion to me, tell me how to vote, dress and raise my

kids. Sometimes I wish I'd never said more than a casual hello.

My idea of a good neighbor is one who is cordial, minds his own business and is willing to help in an emergency.

If a friendship develops over the years, fine. If not, you've still got a good neighbor. — MINDING MY OWN BUSINESS

DEAR MINDING: There's an old saying, "Too thick doesn't stick." Before you and your neighbors became neighbors, you were strangers. After getting to know one another, you — and they, too — can decide how much you want to see of one another.

DEAR ABBY: A letter you published recently reminded everyone not to store a fire extinguisher above the stove. In the event of a fire, you might not be able to reach the fire extinguisher. Having experienced a car fire at our home a few weeks ago, we learned a few more fire-safety tips the hard way.

Place a smoke detector in your garage. Car fires can start after the engine has been turned off, and since most of us keep flammables like paint and paint remover in the garage, a smoke detector located near these items can save lives and property.

Small fire extinguishers that

can be easily lifted and used are great, but you probably need several located throughout your home. Don't store them in the most likely place for fires to break out, i.e. above the stove, in the water-heater closet or near the furnace.

In our case, we were able to reach our extinguisher and nearly had the car fire under control when our lone extinguisher ran out. If we'd had even one more, the fire could have easily been controlled before the fire department arrived. — DEBI MEANS, PLANO, TEXAS

DEAR DEBI MEANS: Good

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DEAR ABBY: Re computer voicemail systems: The best defense is a good offense. Here's what I'm tempted to record on my machine:

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

New medicinal salt not found in supermarket

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans with high blood pressure can buy a new salt substitute that tastes like real salt, but they won't find it in grocery stores — it's in pharmacies near the aspirin.

Cardia Salt Alternative is blurring the line between medicine and nutrition because it's eaten under a doctor's orders to fight disease. Welcome to the new world of "medical foods," one consumer advocates say may be an expensive gimmick, but an emerging field that's attracting attention.

"This is where food is going in the next 20 years," said Scott Bass, a Georgetown University food policy professor and attorney. "It's a very hot topic."

For years, medical foods were considered the special mixes hospitals tube-fed the seriously ill, or those for people who physically can't digest regular foods. Some newborns, for example, are allergic to proteins and need special formula to survive.

Now food makers are branching out to healthier people. The idea is to harness foods' best benefits in the hopes they'll keep the slightly ill from getting worse.

Take Cardia, which last week hit pharmacy shelves in Florida and Pennsylvania and will be sold nationwide later this year.

It looks and tastes like salt but has half the sodium — plus doses of potassium and magnesium, minerals proven to help lower blood pressure.

Salt substitutes have been around for years, sold in grocery stores next to the pepper, although some people complain they don't taste salty.

Cardia is sold in pharmacies. It claims to "help in the dietary management of hypertension," and warns: "For use under medical supervision." Some pharmacists even keep it behind the counter with potent medicines.

Unlike most foods, Cardia was tested by Applied Microbiology of Tarrytown, N.Y., like drug makers test medicine.

Gang warfare heats up Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — The three men were shot as they stood beside a car in the pre-dawn darkness of a suburban crossroads. And within hours, two more were gunned down in ambushes on Chicago streets. In all, 10 have died.

Authorities say the burst of violence over the last month is a sign that gang warfare of classic Chicago proportions has broken out again.

A federal crackdown on the 10,000-strong Gangster Disciples street gang has caused a power vacuum among its leaders. The result is a brutal struggle as lower echelon members try to shoot their way into control of the gang's lucrative heroin and cocaine trade.

"This thing is market driven," says George Knox, a Chicago State University gang authority, who says the gang's business can turn ruthless thugs into instant millionaires.

The violence began following the March 6 conviction of eight Gangster Disciples, the first in a federal investigation that has led to the indictment of 39 of the gang's leaders and their associates.

President Clinton is promising Chicago "gang-suppression" funds. He had planned to denounce the Gangster Disciples on Wednesday in a speech at the Justice Department, but the session was canceled because of the plane crash that killed Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and 32 other Americans in Croatia.

The session was to take place just three days after three men were killed at a crossroads near Lockport, south of Chicago. Two of them were identified by police as Gangster Disciples, one through a gang tattoo and the other because of his arrest record.

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Democratic candidate pledges good education, responsibility

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Joe Sullivan, a Democratic congressional candidate and San Antonio psychology professor, has proclaimed that he is a dedicated man who wants "to serve the people of this (23rd Texas Congressional) district and this nation."

"I will give seven days a week, 24 hours a day, if necessary to make sure we have adequate representation to all the people in this district," said Sullivan, who expressed particular interest in ensuring "quality education" for the nation's youngsters, in rewarding hard-working people, and in preserving the "government's commitments" to its older citizens.

Sullivan, who was in Midland last week, is seeking to win the Democratic Party's nomination for Congress by defeating Charlie Jones in Tuesday's runoff election. Winner of that race will challenge the incumbent, Republican Congressman Henry Bonilla of San Antonio, in the Nov. 5 general election.

With his toil and "God's help," Sullivan said he would serve the people, whereas Bonilla "really is not representing the people."

"He seems to be rather insensitive to the needs of the people and, also, he doesn't seem to be doing anything for us," Sullivan said of Bonilla. "He votes wrong. He just doesn't serve the people."

Sullivan, a retired United States Air Force lieutenant colonel, a pastor and a San Antonio College psychology professor, suggested that effective student-loan and research programs could help make "education more beneficial to society. Right now, students can't get loans properly, and there's a lot of red tape. And that

(education) is one of the best investments we can make in our (nation's) future."

"Quality education is important," Sullivan said. "Right now, a lot of schools don't give us quality education. And kids drop out of school or they flunk out. They lose interest or whatever, and they enter into the streets of the world at 16. They can't take care of themselves."

Schools, he said, "have got to fill in the gap" when homes don't provide the motivation for students to strive for the education that will provide them livelihoods and living skills.

"And we need to have counseling programs in the schools and not just for vocational counseling but also for personal counseling," Sullivan said. "We have academic counseling already. But we need more counseling, and it is a good investment. A lot of these youths have troubles that can't be solved by themselves."

In large measure, American society is building more penitentiaries and more jails and is hiring more policemen "instead of trying to solve the problems" through education.

"I think for the 18 years of a child's life, the government does have (the) responsibility to make sure that they (the youngsters) have adequate training so that they can have a livelihood," Sullivan said. "Then they won't get into crime. They won't get into troubles that cost us big money for the rest of their lives. Jails are expensive; law enforcement is terribly expensive."

Meanwhile, "the working people have been forgotten," Sullivan said. "I am going to help the people, God help me, that want to



Democratic candidate Joe Sullivan hopes to oppose Henry Bonilla this November in the race for the 23rd Texas Congressional district.

work to get training and to get places to work where they can have a livelihood."

In another realm, Sullivan said, "It is pathetic what is happening to the elderly of this country."

"Our government makes a commitment to these people, and now we are trying to back off from it. We need to make sure there is adequate funding to take care of these nutrition programs and take care of the elderly, Social Security and Medicare (programs). Those are working programs; they do work. They need to be continued."

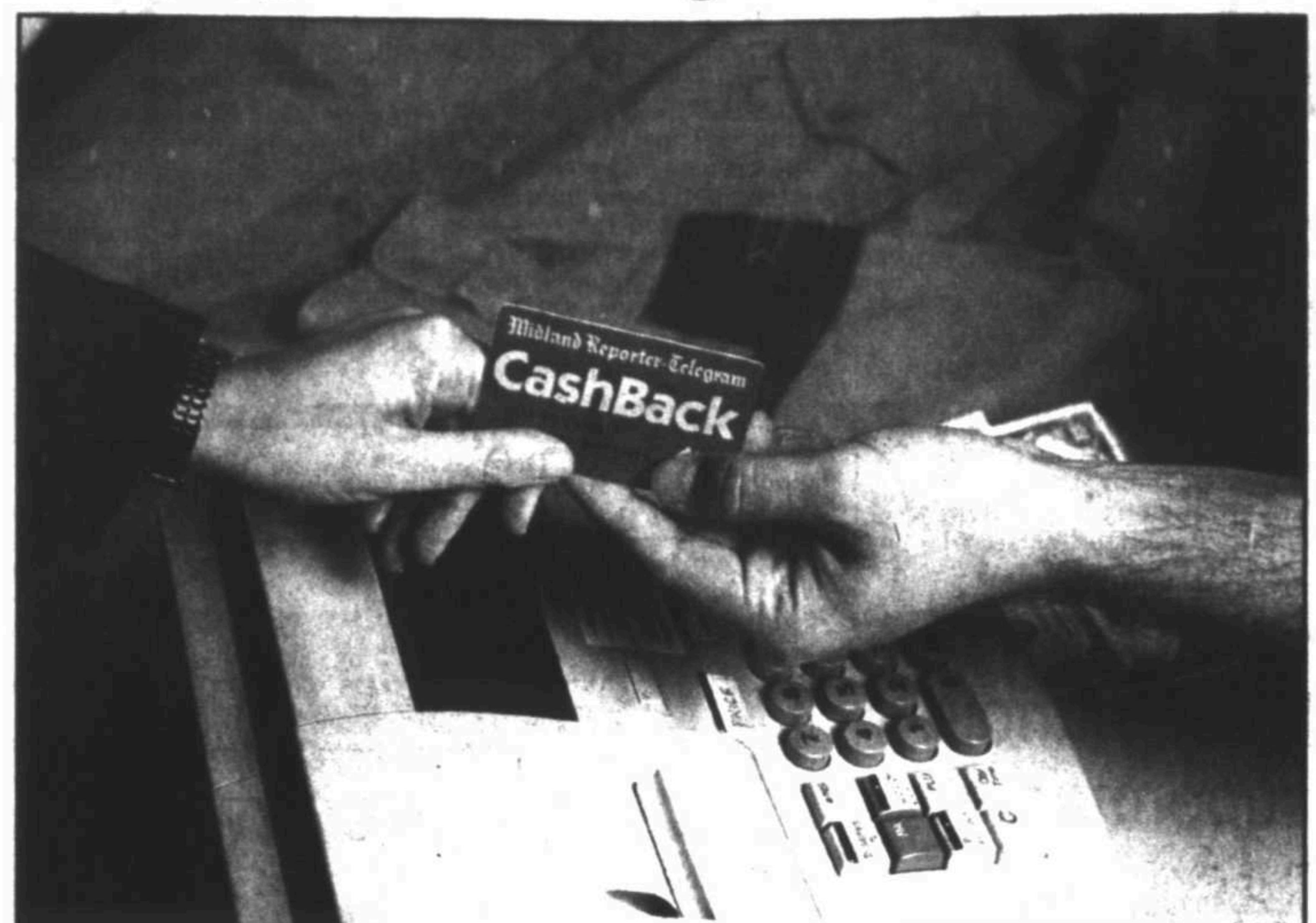
Though he is 66 years old and has "a lot of mileage," Sullivan noted that he has "a lot of energy" and "a lot of diversity."

And while the nation "a lot of times... rewards people for doing nothing or for doing bad things, we need to start rewarding people for doing good things and doing something for themselves," Sullivan said.

"That is the kind of government I will be pushing for."

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Student tries to change rodeo's citizenship rules

HOUSTON (AP) — She may have won awards for writing about Texas history, but Claudia Pena may not even be considered for a rodeo scholarship.

The Eisenhower High School honors student and aspiring lawyer is a legal resident of the state but not a U.S. citizen.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo now is requiring scholarship applicants to be U.S. citizens, a policy that has come under fire from some Hispanics and Asians who say academics, civic service and Texas residency should be the main considerations.

But rodeo officials have said that so many qualified students who are U.S. citizens are in need of scholarships that they should receive priority.

Besides Miss Pena, at least 30 other applicants may be disqualified from among the several hundred seeking rodeo scholarships.

"I believe I will get citizenship next year. It's a long process that I'm going through," said Miss Pena, 18, who moved to Houston with her family from Cali, Columbia, when she was 5.

"It seems very unfair that I worked hard for good grades and now I don't qualify for scholarships."

Miss Pena, who works part-time as a law firm receptionist and was chosen as a congressional intern, has been accepted at Rice University and her goal is to major in business or economics at the private institution. She has been offered sizable scholarships to attend two public universities.

The high school senior says she isn't giving up without a struggle. She submitted her scholarship application March 21, and so far has received no reply.

Rodeo officials could not be reached for comment on Miss Pena's case. Previously, they have declined to reveal information on specific cases for reasons of confidentiality.

Miss Pena wrote to Tony Cava-zos Bruni, chairman of the rodeo's Go Tejano Committee, who has

argued against the citizenship requirement.

"Her studies, her SAT scores, her standing in her class certainly would qualify her" as a winner

of the \$3,000 Go Tejano scholarship, Bruni said.

"She is a perfect example of the student we're losing because of this policy."

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McQuay, 32, is scheduled to be placed in a privately contracted Wackenhut Corrections facility that qualifies as a halfway house.

McQuay's placement will be "much more secure than a conventional halfway house, not in a neighborhood," said Allan Polunsky, chairman of the State Board of Criminal Justice.

McQuay's release is causing concern primarily because of his admission that he has abused an estimated 240 children and feels sure that he will molest children again once he is out of prison.

With his mandatory release from Skyview psychiatric prison at Rusk, McQuay will join about 300 sex offenders under parole officers' active supervision in San Antonio.

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Vicario conquers

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — After a decade of trying, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario finally won the Family Circle Cup, beating surprise finalist Barbara Paulus on Sunday. Sanchez Vicario won 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 to earn the \$200,000 first prize in the year's opening clay court tournament at Sea Pines Racquet Club. "I was coming every year, hoping to do a little better than the year before," she said. "Finally, the 10th time has been the one."
Sanchez Vicario started playing Hilton Head as a 15-year-old in 1987. But even after becoming known as an elite clay court player, she always seemed to run into someone hotter at the Family Circle. Sanchez Vicario lost to eventual champion Steffi Graf in 1989 and 1993, eventual 1991 winner Gabriela Sabatini, and in 1990, as a No. 2 seed, lost to Jennifer Capriati in the American's debut tournament.

Hill wins GP

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Britain's Damon Hill cruised to his third straight Formula One victory of the season in the Argentine Grand Prix Sunday, beating Canadian teammate Jacques Villeneuve by more than 12 seconds.
In an action-packed day in which only ten drivers completed the race, world champion Michael Schumacher of Germany was forced out on the 46th lap after his Ferrari suffered damage to the back wing.
The victory for Hill, whose Williams-Renault led the field from start to finish, brought his overall record to 16 Formula One victories, matching that of Britain's Jackie Stewart.
Benetton's Jean Alesi of France finished third, 14.8 seconds behind Hill.

Olympic Update

DAYS UNTIL OPENING CEREMONIES: 101

OLYMPIC UPDATE: Skeet shooting qualifying continues in Atlanta.
MARCH TO THE MEDALS: Next up for United States boxers on the road to qualifying for the Olympic team are the April 18-20 box-offs in Augusta, Ga.

OLYMPIC FOOTNOTE: Three Philadelphians were among the 12 trials winners seeking berths on the Olympic boxing team. They are: David Reid (156 pounds), Terrence Caution (132) and Zahir Raheem (119).

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Midland gets doubleheader sweep

By Mike Butts
Sports Writer

After 32 innings in two days, the Midland Angels have a 3-1 record thanks to a bottom of the tenth-inning home run by Tony Moeder Sunday. The dinger gave Midland a 5-4 win and a doubleheader sweep of the San Antonio Missions.

The Angels won the first game 3-1 behind the pitching of Geoff Edsell.

Moeder ended over five and 1/2 hours of baseball when he sent a two-out, 2-1 pitch from Ryan Henderson over the left-center field fence.

The second game was the Angels' second extra inning affair in two days. Midland scored three runs in the sixth to tie the game at 4-4. And the Angels did it while hitting only one ball out of the infield.

Jamie Burke reached on a wild pitch strikeout followed by two infield hits by Tony Moeder and Jose Monzon. Two runs scored on ground outs to first base and one on a pinch-hit single to left field by Greg Shockey. This game was an exercise in frustration for Mid-



Doubleheader First Game

Missions	1
Angels	3
Second Game	
Missions	4
Angels	5

land in the early going. The Angels left two runners on base in the second through fourth innings. Moeder was thrown out at home in the second and Aaron Guiel stood on third to end the third. In the fourth, Monzon was stranded at third after he singled and moved there on a Basilio Ortiz double.

Angel starter Kyle Sebach gave up five hits but only one run through the first five frames.

Edsell made a complete about face from last year when he didn't get a win for over a month at the start

of the season at Single A Lake Elsinore. He sat down the last 12 batters he faced and struck out four of the last five hitters. Edsell moved up to Midland last summer for the last month of the season.

The righthander had a slippery start Sunday, allowing all of his four hits in the first two innings. Those included a one-run home run by Paul Konerko in the second, the Missions' only score.

"I was a little nervous, I won't lie to you," Edsell said. "I started loosening up about the third inning and mixing my pitches a little better. I finally started getting a little better feel for my slider."

Edsell expressed a little surprise at being replaced by Mike Freehill for the eighth and final inning. But he understands the Angels' free use of the reliever.

"I was looking to get the CG (complete game) but I have all the confidence in Freeman," Edsell said. "When he goes out there, you know it's over."

The Midland starter also finished his regular season last year with a win against the Missions. But he's not expecting to make a living throwing against them.

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1996 DAVIS CUP

Czech-ed out

United States' 'third team' upset in quarterfinals of Davis Cup

By Stephen Wade
Associated Press

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — Turns out the United States needed more than its third team to advance in the Davis Cup, after all.

With its best players — Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi among them — bowing out in favor of more lucrative events, the Americans lost 3-2 to the Czech Republic on Sunday when Peter Korda defeated MaliVai Washington in three sets in the decisive match.

In losing in the quarterfinals, the defending Davis Cup champions again are faced with trying to get their best players to participate.

"Right now I can't see how you would work out the schedule," said U.S. Tennis Association president Les Snyder, referring to bigger paydays chosen by the likes of Sampras, Agassi, Michael Chang and Jim Courier.

"You either have to get rid of some tournaments or you have to do some other type of configuration that I can't see. This will happen from time to time — the U.S. is unique that is has so many good players."

Entering Sunday's play on the indoor court, the Czech Republic led 2-1 after a thrilling doubles victory on Saturday before an enthusiastic crowd. But Todd Martin, ranked 17th, came through for the United States in the first reverse singles, defeating Daniel Vacek 7-6 (7-1), 6-3, 6-1 to tie the match 2-2.

Korda, though, won the pivotal first set against Washington, ranked 19th, and went on for a 7-6, 6-3, 6-2 win. And the U.S., Davis Cup champions 31 times,

were eliminated.

Washington had Korda in trouble in the opening set. He led 5-4 and twice had break point to close out the set. Instead, Korda fought back, forced a tie-breaker and won it 7-5.

"When you win that first set, it changes the whole complexion of the match," Washington said. "If I could have won that first set it would have been a lot different. It was hard-fought all the way and he won the tiebreak and pulled it out."

The victory moved the Czechs into the semifinals — they will play Sweden in September — for the first time since 1986.

"I've been on this team eight years, and now we've finally broken through — coming against the Americans is all the better," the 41st-ranked Korda said. "I don't care who the Americans had — that's up to them to choose. They chose the best they had, it's too late now to cry about it."

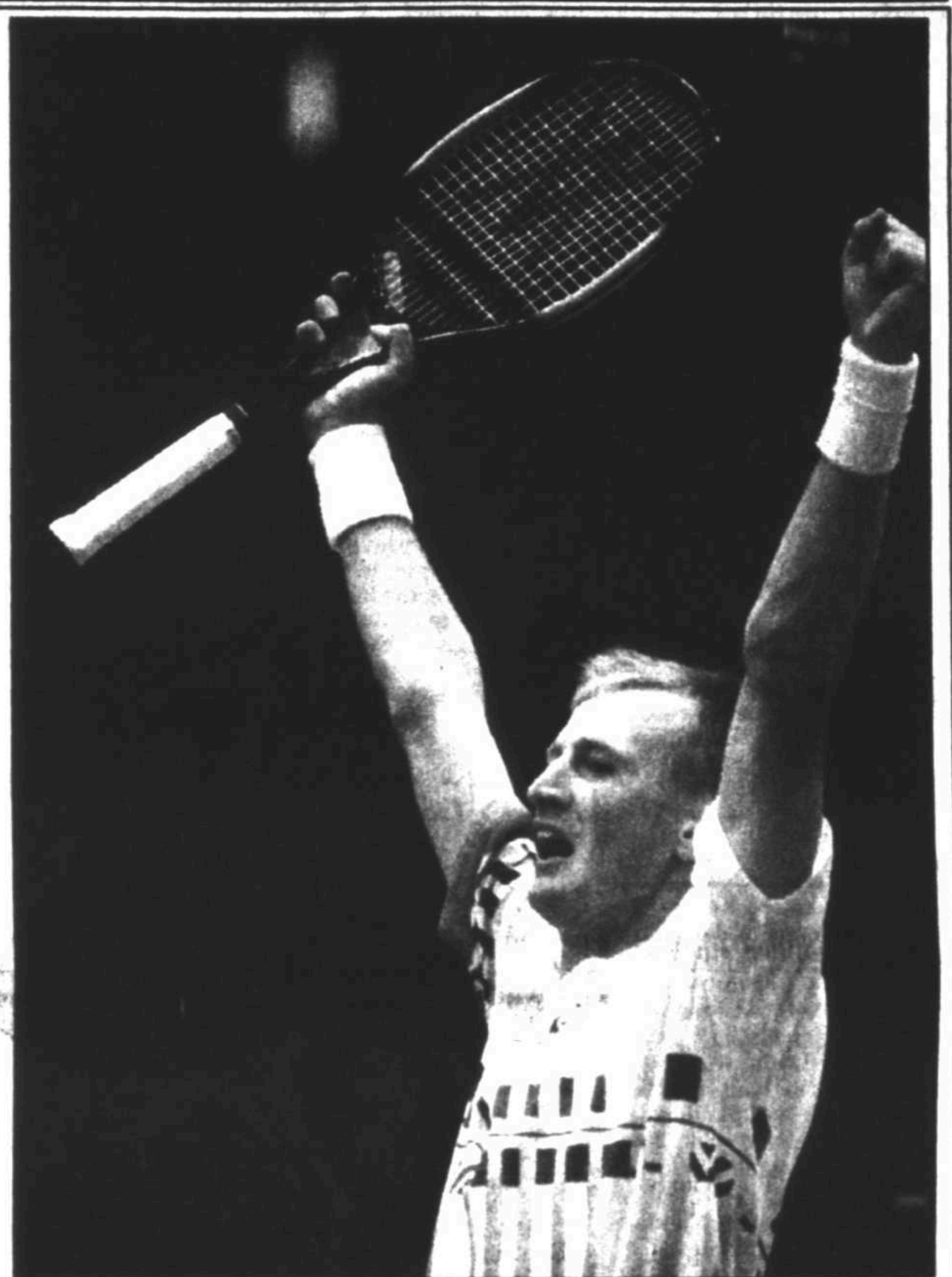
As usual, the issue of not having the best Americans turned to money.

"Even what I think I might be able to pay them one day, I can't match what the players earn in an exhibition," Snyder said. "That's not in the cards. Not even close."

In Saturday's doubles, it was Korda and Vacek beating Patrick Galbraith and Patrick McEnroe 6-2, 6-3, 6-3. American captain Tom Gullikson declined to discuss the missing U.S. stars, choosing instead to focus on the Washington-Korda match.

"If there was one telling point in the match, it was Korda saved a few break

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Petr Korda celebrates the Czech Republic's first-ever win over the United States in the Davis Cup. Korda defeated MaliVai Washington in the fifth match of the quarterfinal.

Lee-MHS has certain 4-5A importance

■ Loser of game will find itself in a serious hole for the top-three district spot.

By Sean Wallace
Sports Writer

If a Midland Lee-Midland High game wasn't big enough, the District 4-5A race has put a little more emphasis on this meeting.

The Rebels and Bulldogs meet today at Christensen Stadium at noon for the third time this season and the second in District 4-5A play, with the winner in good position to challenge for a playoff spot while the loser facing a tougher road to the playoffs.

"You really hate to say that, but it seems to be the truth," MHS coach Lew Kennedy said. "It's definitely a big game. This (baseball) is a game of streaks and hopefully we can get back on one."

The battle was rescheduled after Friday's snowstorm that hit the Tall City.

The two inches of snow was enough to make Christensen Stadium field unplayable for Saturday's 1 p.m. start. Lee has a 2-0 lead so far this season, winning a close 7-6 game in the Tournament of Champions then taking an 8-5 decision on March 12 to open the district season.

Both teams are expected to throw their aces today, setting up a second meeting between MHS' Keith Lant and Lee's Mark Holly. Holly (2-0, 2.85 ERA) gave Lant (6-1, 2.20 ERA) his only loss this year, and hasn't lost a district game in three seasons.

The Bulldogs (14-7 overall, 3-3 in 4-5A) had their three-game district winning streak snapped at home on Thursday in the 3-1 loss to San Angelo Central while the Rebels (11-11, 3-3) also come into the game off a loss. The Rebels had Tuesday off as the district finished up its first half and haven't played since last Saturday, a 6-3 loss to Abilene Cooper.

"I know the kids really have wanted to keep playing and not have the off day, but we try to keep in the same routine when

4-5A Baseball

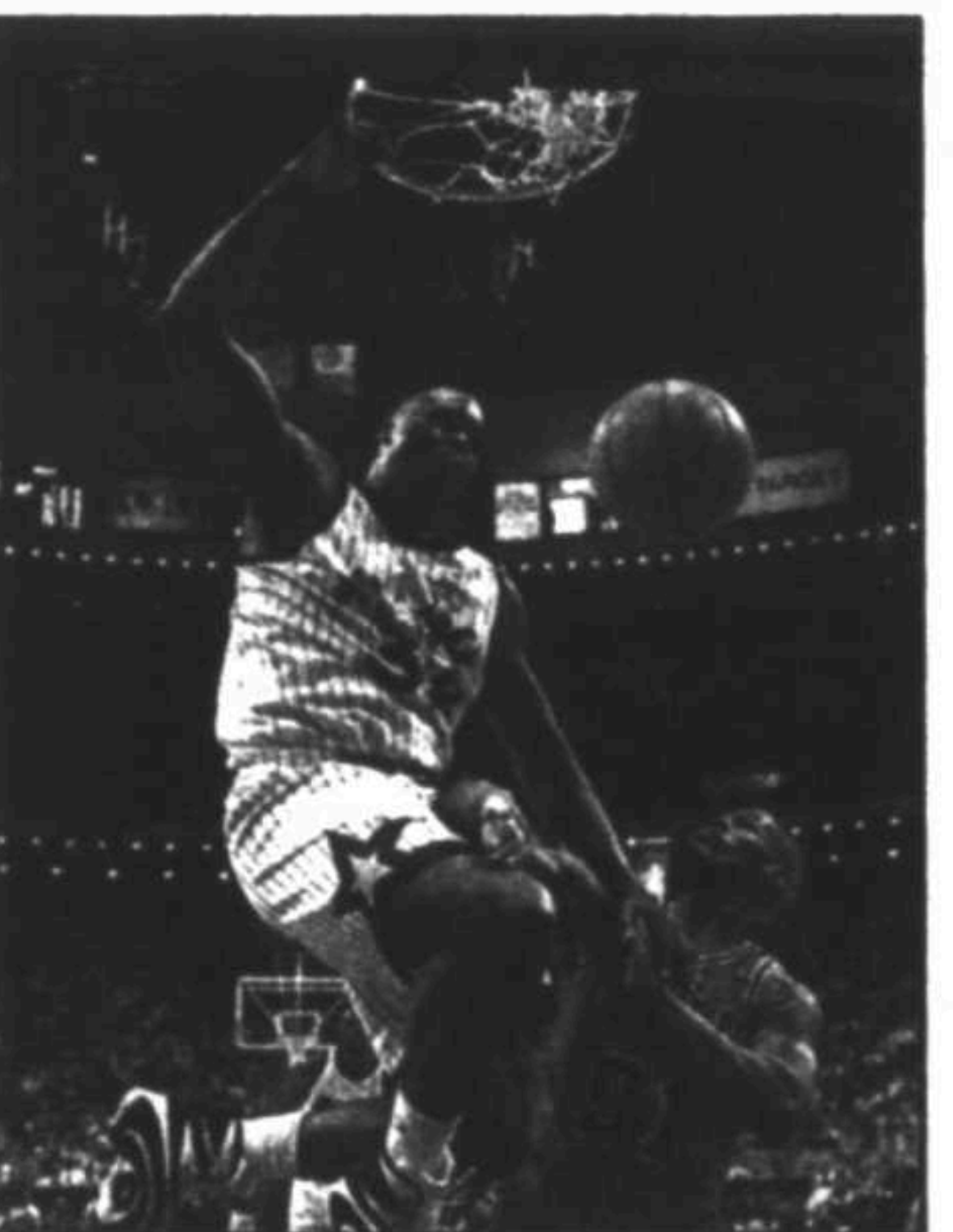
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Abilene Cooper	4	2	.667	13	8	.619
SA Central	4	2	.667	12	10	.545
Midland Lee	3	3	.500	11	11	.500
Midland High	3	3	.500	14	7	.667
Odessa Permian	2	4	.333	14	8	.636
Odessa High	0	6	.000	7	12	.368

Saturday's Game
Midland Lee at Midland High, noon, Christensen Stadium, Christensen Stadium; Odessa Permian vs. Odessa High, 4 p.m.; Abilene High vs. Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m. San Angelo Central is open.

that happens," said Lee coach Jesse Benavidez, who took his team through a intersquad scrimmage on Tuesday. "Hopefully we can keep sharp and going into the Midland High game with some confidence."

Lee is the defending district champion, but the Rebels have failed to find the consistent pitching and timely hitting this year which carried them to a 10-2 mark

Please see BASE/2B



The Magic's Shaqille O'Neal dunks over Chicago's Dennis Rodman.

Chicago survives Magic, victorious in playoff preview

By Fred Goodall
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — If Sunday was a preview of the Eastern Conference finals, the NBA is in for a treat.

Michael Jordan hit a turnaround jumper with just under a minute to go, while Anfernee Hardaway and Shaquille O'Neal missed shots in the final 10 seconds as Chicago and Orlando battled down to the last possession before the Bulls escaped with a 90-86 victory.

The Magic, who won their first 33 home games this season, lost for the third time in their last four home games.

"It's unfortunate that we had to lose that game," Orlando coach Brian Hill said. "I thought in the second half, we did everything we had to do to win. We said going in that if we held them to 90 points, we would win the basketball game."

In the final 10 seconds, Hardaway missed on a drive and O'Neal, who returned to Orlando's lineup after sitting

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Golden Bear continues Tradition with 100th win

■ Jack Nicklaus shoots final round 65 to win the seniors' first major of the year. Nicklaus defeated Hale Irwin by three strokes.

By Mel Reisner
AP Sports Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Jack Nicklaus was already one for the ages.

So his victory on Sunday in The Tradition — enough to start a legend for many — would have taken its place on the shelf of other storied triumphs except that it was Nicklaus' 100th pro victory.

The total includes foreign tournaments, and Nicklaus said he wasn't as sure about it as Larry O'Brien, his administrative assistant.

"Let's call it 100," said Nicklaus, who won his fourth Tradition title, becoming the first to win a Senior PGA tournament four times. "After I won (Feb. 18) in Tampa, I went to see Larry O'Brien, and he said, 'Jack, your next win will be your 100th.' And I said, 'Great. Now I have a monkey on my back.'"

Nicklaus has won 70 titles on the regular tour, 10 as a senior,



Jack Nicklaus shakes hands with some fans after his fourth win of The Tradition on Sunday.

and 20 others around the world. He was the defending champion in the 8-year-old tournament. He also won on his first attempt, in 1990, and in 1991.

He vaulted past Hale Irwin with a three-shot swing on the

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Rangers sweep Yankees

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Texas spoiled Dwight Gooden's first big-league appearance since June 1994 with two home runs in five innings en route to a 7-2 victory over New York in the first game of a doubleheader. In the nightcap, the Rangers outlasted David Cone and victimized the Yankees bullpen for a 4-1 victory.

The win kept Texas undefeated — 6-0 — and helped the Rangers match their best start in club history. The 1985 NL Cy Young winner finished the fifth, then was pulled after allowing five runs on five hits, including a homer by former New York Mets teammate Kevin Elster. He walked four, struck out seven and hit a batter.

Ken Hill (2-0) allowed two runs and six hits in 5 1/3 innings.

The nightcap was a 1-1 game for seven innings as Roger Pavlik (2-0) matched Cone. The only runs came from Bernie Williams and Warren Newson, who traded solo homers in the second.

Steve Howe (0-1) relieved Cone to open the eighth and he allowed a leadoff single to Darryl Hamilton.

Then Newson — starting because Juan Gonzalez was hurt by a Gooden pitch in the opener — drove him in with a two-out single. Jeff Nelson relieved and gave up RBI singles to Dean Palmer and Rusty Greer.

Pavlik, pitching on three days rest, limited the Yankees to five hits in eight innings. He walked one and struck out six.

The victories allowed Texas to tie the start of their 1979 club. The Rangers also kept alive an impressive streak in which all six victories have gone to their starters.

Angels 6, White Sox 5

ANAHEIM, Calif. — NL transplant Don Slaught and Tim Wallach hit two of California's four homers. Slaught gave California a 5-0 lead with a two-run homer in the fourth, his first AL homer since July 14,

1989, when he was with the New York Yankees.

Chuck Finley (1-1) allowed four runs and six hits in 6 2/3 innings, and Troy Percival got four outs for the save. Wilson Alvarez (1-1) gave up six runs and nine hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Mariners 3, Brewers 1

SEATTLE — Sterling Hitchcock won his second start with a two-hitter over eight innings, and Seattle scored twice on three wild pitches in the eighth.

Hitchcock (2-0), acquired in a five-player trade with the New York Yankees in December, gave up an infield single in the fifth inning and a bunt single in the sixth. He struck out seven and walked three.

Athletics 7, Tigers 6

LAS VEGAS — Geronimo Berroa hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning and Oakland finished its stay at Cashman Field with a 2-4 record.

The A's, who pulled their first triple play in 13 years earlier in the game, were forced to move for the first week of the season because of construction at the Oakland Coliseum.

Red Sox 3, Royals 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Boston Red Sox avoided their worst start in 69 years, becoming the last major league team to win a game Sunday with a 3-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

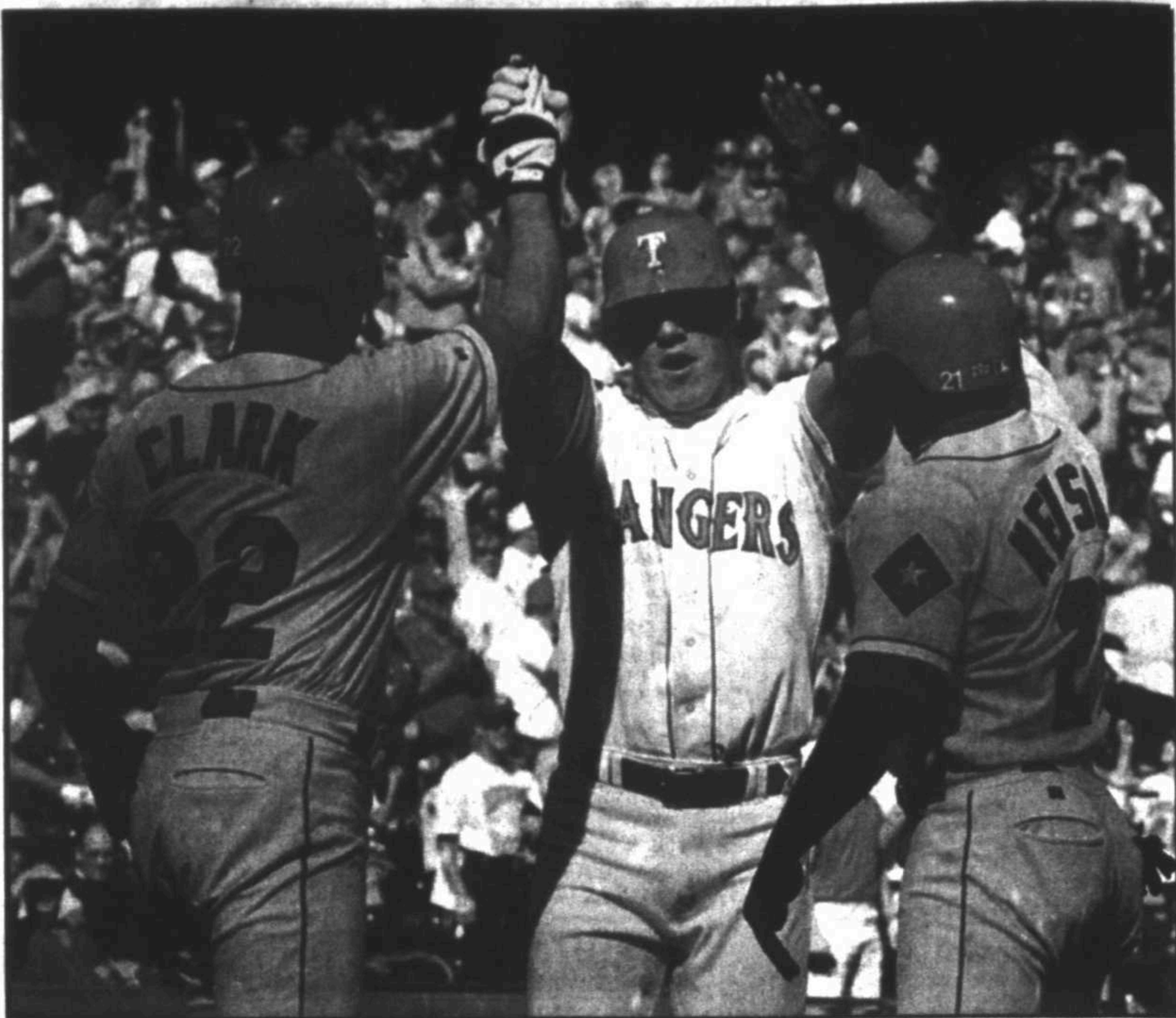
Indians 8, Blue Jays 3

CLEVELAND — Albert Belle hit two of Cleveland's four home runs as the Indians' offense finally started up.

Manny Ramirez had three hits, including a home run and a triple, and Carlos Baerga also homered for Cleveland, which won its second straight after an 0-3 start.

Orioles 4, Twins 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Mike Mussina pitched eight strong innings and Bobby Bonilla homered as the Baltimore Orioles beat Minnesota for their fifth win in six games this season.



Mickey Tettleton is congratulated by Will Clark and Warren Newson after Tettleton's home run in the fifth inning. Texas won both games of the doubleheader.

San Diego drums Houston pitching, Atlanta drills St. Louis

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The San Diego Padres recorded their biggest victory ever and sent Houston to its worst loss in seven years, routing the Astros 17-2 Sunday as Craig Shipley had a career-high five hits.

San Diego matched its franchise-record for runs, a mark set against Pittsburgh on July 18, 1989, and equaled on Aug. 24, 1993, against St. Louis.

The Padres previous record for victory margin was 14, accomplished twice, the last time against Philadelphia on July 17, 1974.

Houston, which made five errors that led to eight unearned runs, hadn't lost by 15 runs since Aug. 3, 1989 when they were beaten 18-2 by

NL Roundup

the Phillies.

The Padres had eight extra-base hits, including a two-run homer by Brian Johnson in the ninth and solo home runs by Marc Newfield in the second and Shipley in the sixth. Johnson drove in five runs and Archi Cianfrocco drove in four.

Greg Swindell (0-1) was tagged for six runs — five earned — and eight hits in four-plus innings. Doug Brocail gave up four runs in two innings and rookie Mark Small allowed seven runs — all unearned — in three innings.

Braves 13, Cardinals 3

ATLANTA — Chipper Jones

went 4-for-4 and drove in four runs in his second game back from the disabled list and Marquis Grissom hit a grand slam.

Jones, Ryan Klesko and Eddie Perez also homered for Atlanta, which led 13-3 after four innings.

The Braves ended a three-game losing streak and prevented St. Louis from sweeping a three-game series in Atlanta for the first time in eight years.

Rookie Jason Schmidt (1-0) allowed three runs and six hits in five innings and struck out eight.

Mike Busby (0-1), making his major league debut, allowed 13 runs — eight earned — and nine hits.

Expos 9, Rockies 1

MONTREAL — Jeff Fassero (1-

1) pitched a three-hitter for the first complete game in the major leagues this season. He was perfect for the first five innings.

Sherman Oando hit his first NL homer and drove in three runs. Mark Grudzielanek's two-run single highlighted a four-run sixth as Montreal beat the Rockies for the second time in three games.

Giants 14, Marlins 7

MIAMI — Mark Carreon homered twice, doubled twice and drove in six runs. Carreon went 4-for-5 and scored four times.

Andre Dawson, at 41 the oldest player in the NL, had four hits and drove in three runs for Florida, which out-hit San Francisco 15-14.

Steven Bourgeois (1-0) pitched 2 1/3 scoreless innings. John Burkett

(0-1) lasted just 4 1/3 innings against his former team, allowing eight hits and eight runs, seven earned.

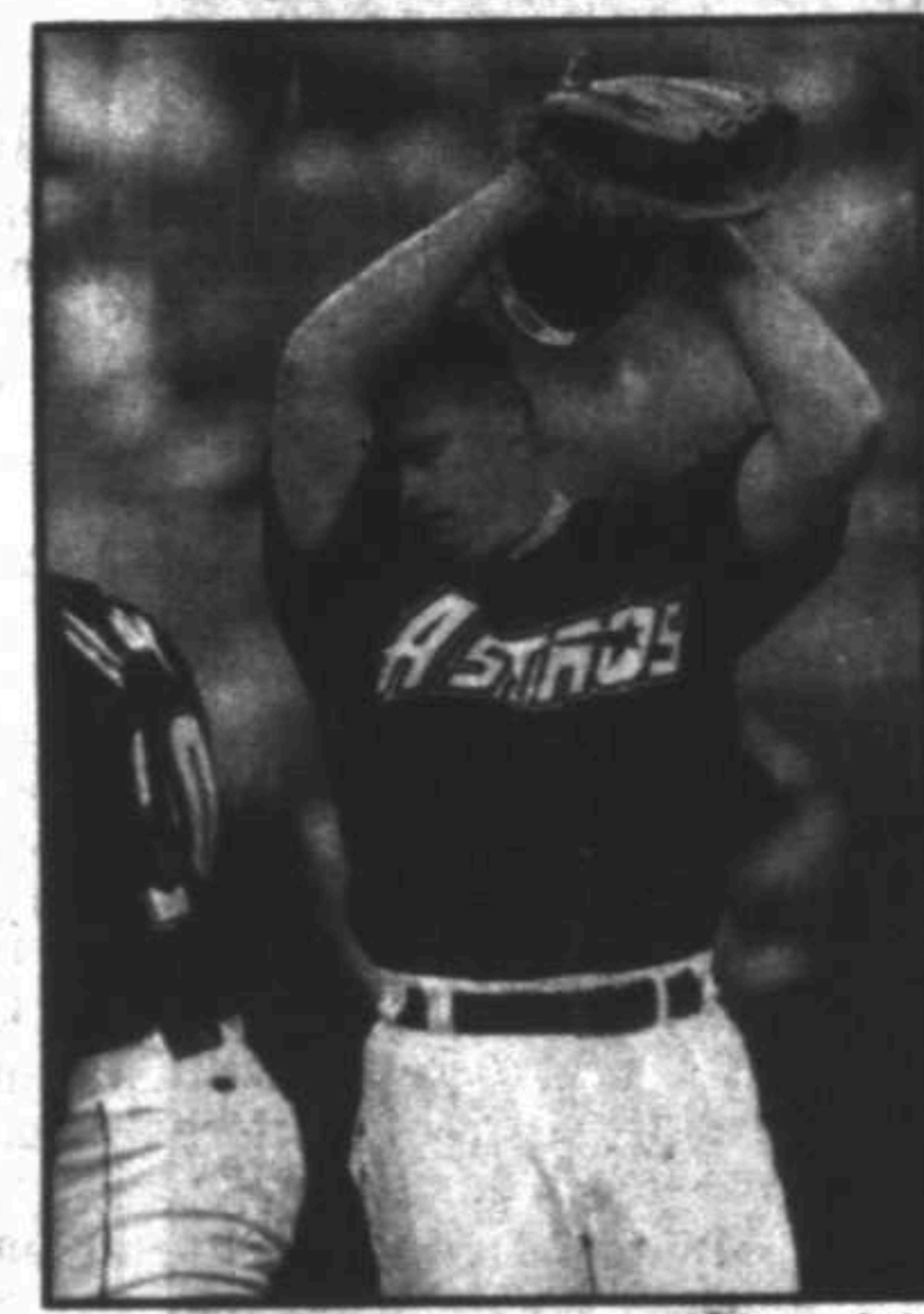
Cubs 5, Dodgers 4

CHICAGO — Mark Grace singled home the winning run with two outs in the ninth.

Temperature at gametime was 36 degrees, and it averaged 38 degrees for the Cubs' six-game homestand.

Jose Hernandez drew a leadoff walk in the ninth from Antonio Osuna (0-1) and was sacrificed to second by Ray Sanchez.

After Ozzie Timmons struck out, Brian McRae was intentionally walked. Pedro Astacio relieved and walked Ryne Sandberg, load-



Houston pitcher Greg Swindell wipes his face after being pulled.

GOLF: Nicklaus slams field for 100th win

(From 1B)

12th hole and stayed ahead, finishing with a 15-foot birdie putt on the last hole to put the finishing touch on a second straight round of 7-under-par 65 for a 16-under 272.

"He played fantastic," Nicklaus said about Irwin, who led by three shots on the back nine but lost by three. "He was playing perfect golf. My goal was just to not let him get out of sight."

Irwin began the round at 10-under, one shot ahead of Nicklaus and two up on Raymond Floyd, and reached 15-under by No. 10. But he couldn't overcome three straight bogeys on Nos. 11-13 and shot 69 for 275.

"I felt it was my opportunity to prolong the legacy of Jack Nicklaus," Irwin said. "He did play well. He saved a lot of little shots, and my hat is off to him."

Floyd had two bogeys and a double bogey in the last five holes of the front nine and needed a strong finish to get back to 281.

Gary Player, who nearly dropped out after the second round until acupuncture relieved the pain in his aching back, and second-round leader J.C. Snead were at 285.

Everything in his game was flawless in the bogey-free final round.

Last year, Nicklaus had to hold off Isao Aoki in a three-hole playoff to claim the trophy. This time, he shaved five strokes from par in two days at No. 12, a 500-yard par-5 on the Cochine Course he designed for Desert Mountain.

Nicklaus had a double eagle Saturday. This time, he hit a similar huge drive, blasted an iron high but in the fringe about 25 feet from the pin, and chipped in for

eagle.

Meanwhile, Irwin had a disastrous second shot on the hole, blasting out of rough into a transition area. His wedge from the sand and gravel bounced on the green, failed to hold and rolled into a bunker. Irwin's next chip left him an 8-footer for par, which he missed.

On that hole, Nicklaus reached 14-under, while Irwin, who had been three shots ahead, backed up to 13-under.

He won \$150,000, raising his 1996 earnings to \$299,000 in three tournaments and his career money to \$7,521,744, including \$2,081,388 on the senior tour.

Multiple championships are no stranger to Nicklaus, who has won five PGAs, four U.S. Opens, three British Opens, and two U.S. Amateurs along with his record number of Masters jackets.

BASE: Lee, MHS tied for fourth in 4-5A

(From 1B)

in 1995. A closed-door team meeting before the Permian game helped produce a big road win for the club, but the Rebels couldn't extend it into the Cooper game. The Cougars jumped out to a 6-0 lead before a three-run homer by Britt Harper kept the score respectable.

"I really think we're going to make the playoffs; we're not worried about that," Lee senior catcher Jeff Burrows said. "We know that we've got to win the rest of our games to have a chance to win district, and Midland High is one of the teams we have to beat."

The Rebels' offensive numbers are down a bit from last year with its .287 average, but the team is still scoring six runs a game. Harper has continued his hot hit-

ting of late and is leading the team with a .384 average, two home runs and 17 RBIs.

"Britt's been swinging the bat really well lately," said Benavidez, who has seven .300 hitters in his lineup. "All of our senior leaders have started to produce for us."

But what makes the Rebels' offense go has been leadoff hitter Chad Crow, who gets on base with his .373 average and leads the team in runs scored with 23.

"There's really no one else like Chad in the district," Benavidez said. "He's getting on base for us and making things happen for our offense."

The Bulldogs' offense started hot by helping the team win six of its first seven, then went through a bit of a slump but has rebounded over the past two weeks to get MHS back into playoff contention.

Center fielder Clay Johnston has flirted with batting .400 all year and is currently at .361, tops on the Bulldogs, and is second on the club in RBIs with 18. Jason Rogers (.339 average) leads the team with 20 RBIs. Junior Russell Dunlavy has driven in 11 with his .340 mark as well.

But with all the big bats in the middle of the lineup grabbing most of the run production, shortstop Mike Carrasco has quietly played himself into an important role with the Bulldogs.

The 5-foot-10 junior has given the Bulldogs a solid defensive shortstop with a little pop with the bat. Carrasco drove in the winning run in last Saturday's big win over Abilene High, and has seen his batting average climb to .348.

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David Robinson scores 40, Spurs still lose to Lakers

Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Vlade Divac had 19 points and 11 rebounds and Eddie Jones scored 13 of his 19 points in the third quarter Sunday as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the suddenly cold San Antonio Spurs 107-97.

San Antonio's David Robinson had 40 points and 11 rebounds in a losing cause, the third time he's scored 40 or more points in a game this season.

After being held to three points in the first half — all on foul shots — Jones came alive as the Lakers outscored the Spurs 29-23 in the third period to go ahead for good.

After Jones scored five straight points to give the Lakers a 78-69 lead — their largest of the game to that stage — the Spurs scored six consecutive points.

After winning a franchise-record 17 straight games and going 16-0 in March, the Spurs have lost three of four in April.

Nuggets 111, Rockets 105
DENVER — Jalen Rose and LaPhonso Ellis hit key baskets down the stretch, rallying Denver to a 111-105 win over the Houston Rockets on Sunday night as the Nuggets kept their slim playoff hopes alive.

The Nuggets outscored the Rockets 11-3 over the final 1:14,

with Rose and Ellis accounting for eight of the points.

Celtics 98, Pistons 97
BOSTON — Todd Day scored 11 of his 16 points in the third quarter run that put Boston in the lead for good.

It was the lottery-bound Celtics' second consecutive victory over a team in the playoff hunt. Boston beat the Magic 100-98 Thursday night in Orlando, the first Eastern Conference team to win there in two years.

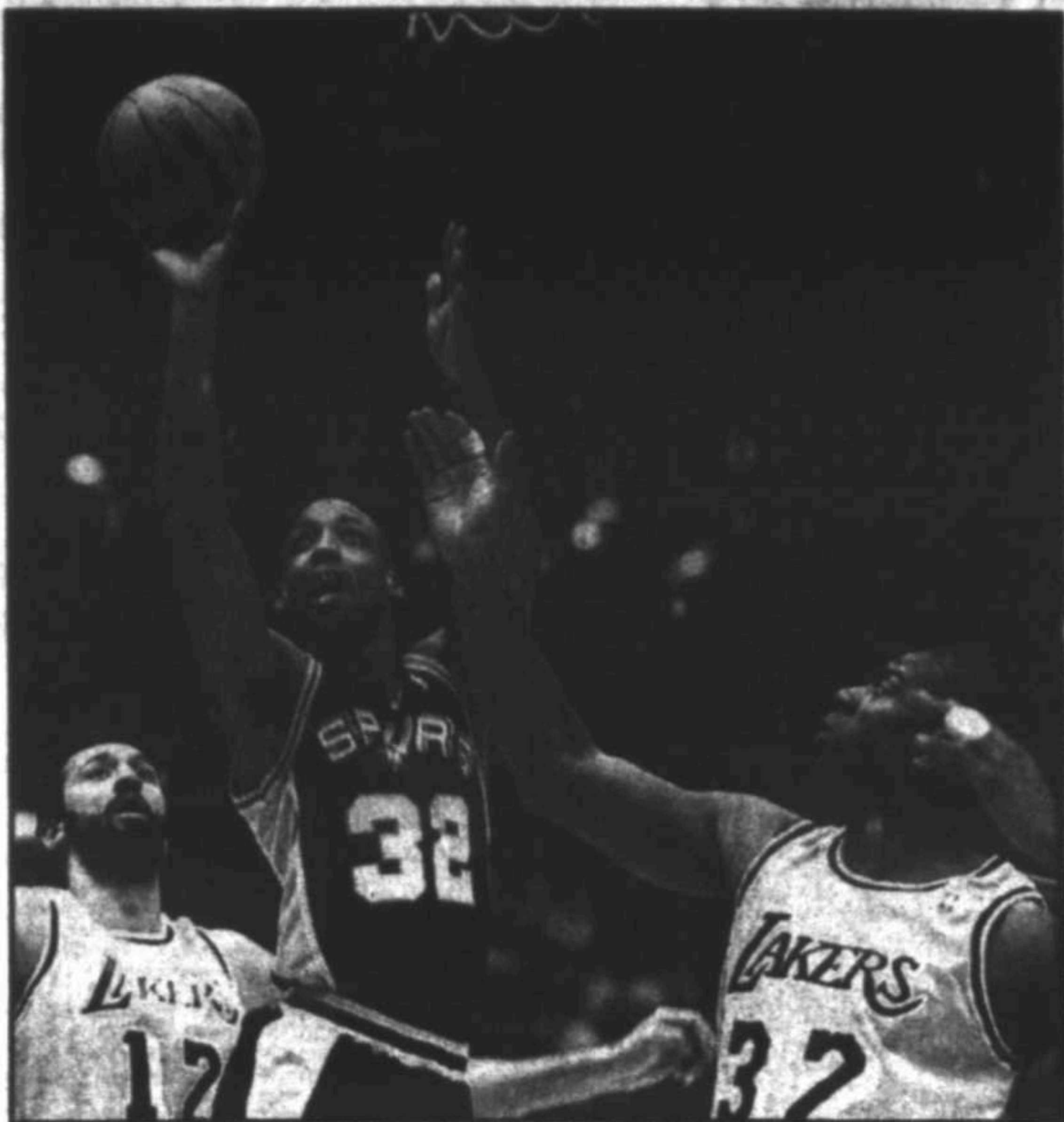
Grant Hill scored 16 with 10 rebounds and 10 assists but shot just 6-of-20 from the floor.

Suns 112, Grizzlies 92
VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Kevin Johnson scored 26 points and Wesley Person made six 3-pointers as Phoenix broke its four-game road losing streak.

The Suns swept the four-game season series. Wayman Tisdale added 20 points and Charles Barkley had 13 points and 15 rebounds in 28 minutes.

The loss was the 31st in 32 games for Vancouver, which drew its 10th sellout crowd of the season.

Jazz 107, Kings 92
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Karl Malone had 35 points as the Utah Jazz broke a season-high four-game losing streak with a 107-92 victory Sunday night over the



San Antonio's Sean Elliott takes the ball to the hoop against the Lakers' Magic Johnson and Vlade Divac.

Sacramento Kings.

The loss cut the Kings' margin over the idle Golden State Warriors to 1 1/2 games in the battle for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference. Denver is 2

1/2 games back.

Malone scored his 27th point on a free throw late in the third quarter, passing Adrian Dantley to move into 11th place on the NBA's career scoring list.

BULL: Jordan hits for 27, Kukoc nets 20

(From 1B)

out two games because of the death of his grandmother, rushed up an airball.

Dennis Rodman rebounded and got the ball to Toni Kukoc, who sealed the outcome by making two free throws with less than a second remaining.

Jordan had 27 points despite a subpar 10-for-30 shooting performance. Kukoc hit five 3-pointers and scored 20 for the Bulls, who won their sixth straight game to move within four victories of becoming the first NBA team to win 70 games. The earliest they could reach the mark is next Sunday at Cleveland.

Scottie Pippen had 17 points and made Hardaway alter his potential game-tying shot.

Hardaway led Orlando with 25 points. O'Neal had 21 points and nine rebounds despite missing the first quarter after arriving at Orlando Arena as the game was starting.

The Magic battled back from a 79-70 deficit to tie the game, 86-86, on Horace Grant's jumper with 1:09 left. Jordan scored over Brian Shaw 13 seconds later, but then gave Orlando one more chance to tie or take the lead.

The Bulls held on despite shooting only 41 percent from the floor and scoring 15 points in the fourth quarter. Jordan was 2-for-10 in the

period.

"A win is a win," Jordan said after the Bulls captured the season series between the teams 3-1. "Sometimes you escape, sometimes you dominate and you're in control. I think in the first half we dominated. The second half we lost control, yet we were able to control it down the stretch."

The Bulls and Magic were both trying to become the first team in NBA history to go an entire season without losing at home. Chicago, which lost in its only other appearance at Orlando Arena, can accomplish the feat by winning its last four games at the United Center.

Hill said Sunday's result will not have a bearing if the teams meet again in the playoffs.

O'Neal arrived at the arena shortly before tipoff and received a standing ovation when he trotted out of the tunnel from the locker room and took a seat on the bench with just under four minutes remaining in the opening period.

Team officials who attended the funeral of O'Neal's maternal grandmother in Jersey City, N.J., said they had not spoken with the player since the services Saturday afternoon.

O'Neal said he had not planned to play, but caught an afternoon flight to Orlando from New Jersey at his mother's insistence.

DAVIS: Washington can't win, U.S. falls 3-2

(From 1B)

points," Gullikson said. "Mal could have been a break up in the second set, and he had two set points in the first he couldn't win."

In Sunday's first match, Martin had 13 aces in his one-hour, 52-minute win over Vacek. In a stretch during the first and second set, Martin ran off 30 straight points on his serve — including seven perfect service games — with-

out allowing the hard-serving Vacek a point.

So where were America's best tennis players?

Sampras and Chang were reported to be Asia preparing to play, while Agassi has said his top priority is the Olympics. He was in London early last week to kick off a \$500 million ad campaign for a soft drink. Courier is preparing on clay for the French Open.

Ross Perot Jr. among those interested in Mavericks

DALLAS (AP) — Some of the six serious bidders for the Dallas Mavericks are not local interests, according Ron Carter, son of the team's owner.

"But the first ones we'll be looking at are local," he said.

Ross Perot Jr. is among those eyeing possible purchase of the NBA franchise, unidentified sources told The Dallas Morning News and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"There's one buyer that (owner Donald Carter) wants to sell to that

isn't quite ready, another that is his second choice that's raring to go and a couple more waiting in the wings," a source told the Star-Telegram. "It's safe to say Perot's thick in the process."

According to one team source, Perot has "been in the picture a long time" and recently renewed an offer first talked about as long as four years ago. Another source said Perot has tentative plans to continue talks with the team next week in Dallas.

A source told The News that Per-

ot's interest is more in the new-area possibilities than in the team.

Perot has an unlisted number and could not be reached for comment Sunday by The Associated Press.

Carter, team executive vice president, said no front-runner exists in the list of potential buyers.

A source close to the negotiations told The News that possible scenarios include a corporation, and/or ownership group, buying the team then issuing a stock

offering so the public could purchase about 20 percent of the club. Both Carters have said their top wish would be for "fans" to have a chance at a piece of the franchise.

Another interested bidder is Tom Hicks, owner of the Dallas Stars hockey franchise, the source said. Last week, Hicks said he would like to get into the bidding process. As for Don Carter, he said Hicks was a candidate.

ANGEL: Midland moves to 3-1 in 1996

(From 1B)

"My last outing last year was a complete game in San Antonio," Edsell said. "I can't say it's a team I like to face because it's a good offensive club. But I've been lucky against them so far."

The Angels came up with all three of their runs in the fifth inning in Game 1. Catcher Ben Molina had a ground ball RBI and he scored on an error. San Antonio starter Jesus Martinez then walked in the third run with the bases loaded.

Freehill walked the second batter he faced. But he recorded a save by getting Ron Maurer and James Martin to fly out for the last two outs.

ANGEL DUST: Pitcher Jason Dickson became the first Texas Leaguer to hurl a shutout and a complete game with his win over the Missions in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader. Corey Keling needs one strikeout to move into a tie for third place in franchise history. He is 14 short of second place and 36 short of first. Matt Beaumont makes his first start for the Angels today in the last game of the San Antonio series. He will face the Missions' Tom Price, who won ten games last year at single A San Bernardino, at 7 p.m.

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HUMOR ON THE SIDE

Carlin on Life

Following are quotes from George Carlin's HBO Special, "George Carlin — Back in Town."

On common phrases: Undisputed heavyweight champion: "Well, if it's undisputed, what's all the fighting about?"

Takes the cake: "Where? Where do you take a cake? To the movies?? You know where I would take a cake? Down to the bakery to see the other cakes. And how come he takes the cake? How come he don't take the pie? Pie is easier to carry than cake — easy as pie. Cake is not too hard to carry either — piece of cake."

In your own words: "Tell us in your own words. Do you have your own words? Hey, I'm using the ones everyone else is using."

Other comments ... "And what's happening in this country that suddenly now everyone is walking around with their own personal bottle of water? Where do we get so thirsty in America? Is everyone so... dehydrated they have to have their own portable supply of fluids with them at all time? Get a drink before you leave the house!"

"Can anyone explain to me the need for one-hour photo-finishing? You just saw the thing! How can you possibly get nostalgic about a concept like 'little while ago'?"

"A tip for the guys — this whole thing with earrings? It's over. It's been over for a long time fellas. It doesn't mean anything anymore. It was supposed to fix off the squares, but the squares are wearing them now."

Dave's Top 10

- "Signs Dick Vitale is Nuts"
Presented by Dick Vitale
10. I like to run through a locker room wearing nothing but a referee's whistle and yelling "Baby!"
 9. I keep repainting the roof of my house to match Dennis Rodman's hair.
 8. Five seconds after my first child was born, I dumped Gatorade on my wife.
 7. I'm on a strict diet of shoelaces and floor wax.
 6. I've invited Dave Letterman to host next year's ESPY Awards.
 5. For a cheap rush, I take hits of stale air from old basketballs.
 4. My pet project: ESPN 3, a new channel devoted to the coverage of my Rogaine treatment.
 2. I've referred to everything as baby, except an actual baby.
 1. Right now, I think I'm whispering!

Moral: Don't cheat in Prague

In Prague, a woman distraught after learning that her husband had been unfaithful, jumped from a third-story window. She landed on her husband, who was entering the building at that moment. He died; she survived.

Another jump

Two guys were in a bar watching television when the 11 o'clock news came on. The program showed an obviously suicidal man about to jump from a bridge. "Becha \$10 he'll jump," said the first guy. "Becha \$10 he won't," said the other. Seconds later the man on the bridge closed his eyes and jumped. That done, the second guy pulls out \$10 and hands it to the first guy. "I can't take your money," said the first guy. "I cheated. I saw this on the 5 o'clock news already." "No, no, take it," said the second guy. "I saw the 5 o'clock news too, but I didn't think he'd be dumb enough to jump again."

MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

Uhh ... there's been a slight mistake on your report cards

VALPARAISO, Ind. (AP) — It was the worst nightmare of straight-A students — and a dream come true for many who struggle just to pass.

Valparaiso High School recalled its report cards before students could take them home Friday after administrators discovered a computer was giving out the wrong marks.

"Kids who normally get high grades began complaining to the office," said superintendent Michael Benway. "The computer scanner was reading high

grades as low and low grades as high."

Students received their report cards first thing in the morning, but before long the school announced teachers would be picking them up again.

"There are a couple kids who are disappointed because they had legitimate grades, and some kids were surprised and they didn't want to give their cards back," principal Ken Brist said.

Benway said cards will be reissued April 9 after students return from spring break.

Thank You Notes ...

With cooperation in our fair city, ANYTHING can happen! The all-day educational Storytellers and Readers Presentation by 30 volunteer educators and members of the West Texas Storytelling Guild was much appreciated by all who were lucky enough to be at Midland Park Mall, March 30.

The Celebrity Read-A-Thon was a cooperative event, encouraged by the mall stores, and mall staff and presented by both educators and personalities in Midland and Odessa. For 13 hours, a program of "Bunny Stories From Around The World" was presented to children of all ages. I don't know who had the most fun — the kids who attended or the adults who presented stories.

The display windows were decorated by managers of three mall stores: Spring clothing from Sears; Bunny stories from B. Dalton Bookseller and live Dutch and Lop-ear baby bunnies from Jerry's Perfect Pets. The cooperation of everyone made this all-day program a blast of fresh spring air!

So give our teachers, as well as other Celebrity Read-A-Thon member volunteers who took the time to personally give of themselves, for this special educational and fun-filled program, a hand-shake and a warm THANK YOU!

— Mrs. J.L. Williford
Director
Storytime Theatre
Association

Just say, 'Charge it, woof, woof!'

Associated Press

MONROE, N.C. — Think man's best friend deserves some credit? So does General Electric.

The company sent a letter to Janosch Vom Braunen Troll offering him a corporate credit card that's accepted at more than 12 million locations.

Just one bone of contention: Janosch is a 14-year-old miniature poodle.

"He's a champion and a prize winner, but a credit card?" asked an incredulous Vickie Mundy, who owns the chocolate-colored canine and the VIP Kennel

where he lives.

In a letter addressed to Janosch (pronounced YON-ush), GE offered the pooch a GE Corporate Plus Visa card, entitling the cardholder to discounts on car rentals, hotel rooms and long-distance telephone bills.

"I guess they thought he was the president of some big conglomerate," Mundy said.

GE spokesman Neal McGarity said the mistake "very obviously" resulted from bad information on a mailing list. "We have no record of a mistake like this ever happening before," he said.



Eugene Helm went from debating professors in Chicago to fixing hair, doing homework and tying shoes for his five nieces and nephews after a series of family tragedies and other problems forced him into an unplanned fatherhood.

role model:

Dallas man gives up his life and dreams to care for five nieces and nephews left out in the cold

By Laura Griffin
Associated Press

DALLAS — After a long day that includes eight bus rides to and from work, Eugene Helm settles into his nightly routine of raising five children. While cooking dinner, he juggles explanations of multiplication tables and critiques of essays. He judges crayon works of art

— "beautiful, sweetheart," he says, stirring canned corn and browning ground beef for spaghetti.

When they all sit down around the table, they hold hands to say a blessing, then dig in as each child talks about the day. Afterward there's more homework, baths for the girls and bedtime stories before the lights go out.

Tomorrow, which comes too early at 4:30 a.m., will be more of the same.

At 26, Helm does not have to be there. He is not the children's father, but their uncle, and until he had to drop out last summer, he was a college student in Chicago working to become a pharmacist.

He was figuring out calculus, reading the classics and debating his teachers when his mother died from an asthma attack.

The children had been with her in Dallas. The three boys were there because their mother had died of tuberculosis, and the twin girls were often left there by a mother addicted to drugs.

"Before I knew it I had five kids," said Helm, who did not want to split up the children or put them into foster homes. "What is a man who would turn his back on



Please see UNCLE/2C

JIMMY PATTERSON

Things sure can break down in a hurry

As we briefly discussed here last week, leaving home for a week on business can do the soul a world of good. Relaxing in a hotel room, as comfortable as you please, watching whatever you please, doing whatever you please. Just the thought of it can lower a person's stress level.

But as a dear friend and co-worker of mine reminded me before I left, "What goes around comes around." In other words, you go, you pay.

If you leave a wife alone to take care of a mess o' kids for seven days, chances are when you return home, you'll have a heavy-duty honey-do list waiting for you.

Let me put it another way. Ever hear this: "Welcome home, honey. I love you. I've missed you dearly but now the kids are yours and I'm going out with the girls for a night. There's leftover chicken in the fridge, the baby's diaper needs changing and both

the girls need help with their homework."

Welcome home. OK. No problem, you think. You're just glad to be home. Anything you can do to get the house back to normal, no prob. Besides, your wife needs a little breather.

So the night you get back everything's OK, but then comes the day after.

It went something like this. "By the way," my wife said, "the speedometer on the new car broke while you were gone and neither one of the toilets works anymore."

Great, I thought. One week away and everything breaks down.

"What do you mean the speedometer won't work?" I asked.

"Exactly what don't you understand?"

"You mean you actually can't tell how fast the car is going?" I asked.

Right. Or how much gas is in the tank or how hot the car is getting or how many miles we've driven. It's pretty much the entire dashboard thingy that's not working."

I immediately tried to change the course of the conversation in order to talk about something I felt I had half a chance at understanding and being able to fix.

"What do you mean the toilets are broken?" I asked. "What have you guys done for the last week? Never mind, I don't wanna know."

"Well silly, they're not broken all the way, they just don't seem to flush too well anymore."

"Both of them?"

"Both of them."

Can't a guy go away on a simple trip without his entire world crumbling in his absence? It's as if the car and the toilet were waiting until I wasn't around anymore so they could conspire to raise all sorts of havoc.

"Oh, and I forgot to tell you," my wife said. "The light in the dining room burned out yesterday."

"Did you fix it?"

"Of course not," she said. "That's your job."

"Where exactly is it written that changing a dead

Please see PATTERSON/2C

DAVE BARRY

Thinking about camping and going are two different things

Spring is here, and I'm thinking about camping. Don't misunderstand me: I'm not thinking about actually GOING camping, in the sense of venturing outdoors and turning my body into an All-U-Can-Eat buffet for insects. I'm just thinking about camping.

What got me on this topic is a book I'm reading, called "Undaunted Courage," by Stephen E. Ambrose, about the ultimate camping trip: the Lewis and Clark expedition. If you're a product of the U.S. educational system, you no doubt remember this historic endeavor, in which a tiny band (they didn't even have a keyboard player) set out in three tiny ships — the "Nina," the "Pinta" and the "Merrimac" — and became the first Westerners to make the perilous voyage around Plymouth Rock and dis-



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cover the Monroe Doctrine, without which the cotton gin would never have been invented.

That's pretty much how I remembered it, too, but the actual facts, as set forth in "Undaunted Courage," are these:

In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson made the Louisiana Purchase, in which he paid France \$10 million for a humongous batch of land without having any idea what was in it. Why would Jefferson make such a purchase? The answer is simple: he didn't have a wife. There was nobody to say to him: "You spent \$10 million for WHAT? Take it back RIGHT NOW!!" Guys without wives are always making impulse purchases that border on the insane. If hang gliders had been invented in 1803, Jefferson would have bought one of those, too.

Anyway, the United States found itself in possession of this extremely large parcel of land, and nobody knew what it contained in the way of geography, natural resources, shopping, etc. So Jefferson sent Lewis and Clark on an expedition to check it out and also see if they could find a way across the continent to the Pacific Ocean, which Jefferson

hoped would be a better trade route for beaver pelts bound for the Orient. Back then, the beaver pelts had to be transported by river to St. Louis, then overland to the East Coast, then by ship to London, then by ANOTHER ship to the Orient, where they had to be burned immediately because, as you can imagine, after all that travel they smelled like the inside of Marion Brando's laundry hamper.

"Forget it!" the Orientals would say. "We'll just go naked!"

So in 1804, Lewis and Clark set out in search of a better route. Reading about their brutally difficult, extremely dangerous trek across the continent, I was reminded of the summers when I was a counselor at Camp Sharpshooter, and I used to set off, leading a party of boys ages 10 and 11, into the vast uncharted wilderness around Dover Furnace, N.Y., fully aware that we would have to survive for an entire night with nothing to sustain us except roughly 200 pounds of marshmallows, graham crackers and Hershey bars. We used these to make the famous campfire treat called "s'mores." Sometimes we'd hook up with a group of girl campers and make

"s'mores" together; this is when I observed a fundamental difference between boys and girls:

HOW GIRLS MAKE "S'MORES" — 1) Place Hershey bars on graham crackers; 2) toast marshmallows; 3) place toasted marshmallows on Hershey bars to melt chocolate.

HOW BOYS MAKE "S'MORES" — 1) Eat Hershey bars; 2) eat marshmallows; 3) throw graham crackers at other boys.

Anyway, Lewis and Clark — whether because of religious reasons, or sheer ignorance, we shall never know — did not take any "s'mores" ingredients on their expedition, so they had to survive by shooting, and eating, things like elk. I am deeply impressed by this. I have always procured my meat by taking a number at the supermarket; you could leave me out in the woods for a year with a machine gun and an electronic Elk Detector and I'd still never be able to shoot an elk. And if I DID somehow manage to shoot one, I wouldn't have a clue how to eat it. I mean, what part do you eat? You can definitely rule out the eyeballs, but THEN what? You just pick up a haunch and start chewing? I don't

even know what a "haunch" is.

Guess what else Lewis and Clark ate? Dog, that's what. In fact, Lewis is quoted on page 32 of "Undaunted Courage" as saying that — bear in mind, this is after two solid years of camping out — he liked dog even better than elk.

My feeling is, you have to be pretty desperate to eat a dog. I mean, with elk, at least you know they don't like you. But a dog is going to be hanging loyally around your campsite, thrilled to be there, ready to fetch you a stick. How can you just pick up a frying pan and say, "Here, boy!"

The point is that things were pretty rough for Lewis and Clark, and since this year marks the 190th anniversary of their return, I think it would be nice if Americans commemorated their courageous effort to open up our continent. Perhaps some of us will even want to pack our sleeping bags and retrace their steps through some of the still relatively unspoiled wilderness they explored. Others of us will want to wait until there is plumbing.

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UNCLE: Man gives up college, girlfriend to care for nieces, nephews

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his family? What kind of man would I be?"

Helm's story is rare these days, when half a million children are in foster care and 16 million nationwide live with single mothers. Too often, the men in their lives just leave.

Now the six of them live in a two-bedroom apartment in East Dallas. Instead of studying for his own classes, Helm is helping the children with theirs. Instead of going out on dates, he's correcting grammar and wiping runny noses.

His life in Chicago now seems so far away, it's as if it belonged to someone else.

"If you had told me last year I'd be doing this, I'd have said, 'You are kidding.' I was so carefree. It was just me, me, me. All focusing on me. And no kids," he said, tying one girl's shoe as the other waited for him to fix her hair. "At first it was sort of strange, like 'Quantum Leap.' But you get used to it."

Like getting used to a constant tugging at his sleeve.

It all happened so fast. First, he decided to stick around just long enough to see that his sister was taking proper care of the children, he said.

"She tried to get me to go back to Chicago," he said, "but all she wanted was to get the benefits for all these children so she could buy drugs with it."

Before long, his sister tested positive for marijuana and was kicked out of the Exodus program for homeless ex-convicts with families who need help getting their lives together.

Though Helm is not an ex-con, program directors at Exodus took pity on him and let the family stay. He gets about \$500 a month in food stamps and \$5.50 an hour working part time. With the money saved by being in the program, he pays off student loans and saves for when they are on their own. Their stay at Exodus has been extended until June.

"We just couldn't put him out on the street, not with those five kids," said Debbie Rouse, Exodus' director of ministry.

"Besides, he's a great role model. When I first met him, I thought, 'This guy can't be for real,' but I'll tell you what, he is."

That is typical of the reaction people have to Helm and what he has taken on. Though he is beating the odds and shattering stereotypes, he doesn't see that as so impressive.

"The reward is that I know my family has a chance to make it," he said. "I would never want to feel that my family doesn't stand a chance. I would not have done it if I thought they would be in better hands."

EARLY START

Twice a day Eugene Helm has some quiet time to himself. Once is at 4:30 a.m., before he starts waking the children. The other is on the fourth bus that gets him to his pharmacy technician job at a Kroger across town, after he drops two of the children off at Head Start.

Life with five children is hectic, at best. So he uses those moments of solitude for meditation or prayer.

Then the work begins. Mornings start in the dark. The two oldest kids, 12-year-old Gabriel and 11-year-old Randy, sleep on a fold-out couch in the living room. He tries to rouse them by singing, "Good morning to you," and they groan. But, by now, they are used to the routine and roll out of bed and start getting ready, taking showers and folding their mattress back into the sofa.

Next, he awakens 7-year-old Chris, who shares a room with Laeunice (Lucy for short) and Darnisha. It takes him a while to become alert, lying on top of his covers and squinting at the light, as his new "sisters" sleep like spoons in the other bed.

In Helm's room are two little

chairs — a yellow one shaped like Sesame Street's Big Bird and a blue one shaped like Cookie Monster. On each chair, the four-year-olds' clothes for the day are laid out. On this morning: matching plaid jumpers, shirts, tights, shoes, underwear and bows for their hair.

He lets them sleep as long as possible because they are harder to control. Waking them up is like turning up a volume knob in the apartment.

"The girls have a different routine. They take their baths the night before, so we just wipe them down and put some lotion and powder on and we're ready to go," he said. "It took me a while to figure that out. We used to get up at four."

Helm showers last, making sure everyone has clean clothes for the day. As they get dressed, the boys clean the house.

"It makes life easier on us," he said. "It's too tiring to clean in the evening when we've got homework and dinner."

When the girls finally get up at 5:45, it's time for a morning prayer.

This particular morning, the family kneels around the girls' twin bed with the Donald Duck sheets and bow their heads. Darnisha, rubbing her eyes, recites the Lord's Prayer, and the others repeat after her.

"...Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil ... Amen."

The girls start singing "Amen" and clapping their hands, running from room to room.

Quiet time is over.

By the time Helm has a chance to shower and dress into his gray pin-striped suit, the sun is up. "Sesame Street" beams a snowy picture on the television set, and the din of morning squabbles has set in.

"Patience. Patience. Patience," he says as he knots his tie and sighs.

Despite the mild chaos, they're out the door by seven. Before walking the boys to their bus stop, he tells them to behave in school and to bring home notes from their teachers.

When he first arrived, he was alarmed to find the children behind in school. He has worked with them on math, reading comprehension and motivation.

"I see some goals they need to reach, and I want to set some standards for them to live by," he said. "I want to make sure they have an identity, too, that they feel they are important."

I wouldn't want to be mugged one day by one of my own nephews. I don't want them to be statistics — drug dealers or gangbangers or crackheads."

A few weeks ago, his work began to pay off. Gabriel won a trophy in the science fair at Robert E. Lee Elementary — third place for fifth grade with a tornado-in-a-bottle project.

Helm did all he could to get the boys to school on awards night so Gabriel could know how it feels to be a winner.

"He's one of our more involved parents," said Dawn Kinard, Gabriel's teacher. "He's positive, patient, and he's willing to implement discipline and take direction from the school."

Gabriel, who is in a class for children with learning disabilities, has done better in school since Helm became a constant in his life, she said.

"A big part of that is feeling more confident," Ms. Kinard said. "Instilling self-esteem is one of the most important things you can do for a child. The kind of involvement I get from Eugene is rare for a father figure."

On the night of the science fair, Helm was beaming as much as Gabriel. Afterward, they celebrated with a pizza party.

"When I see them winning prizes at school and bringing home good grades and I hear them speak of the future in a positive manner, I feel good," he said. "We make a big deal about that."

Within their routine, the children know what to expect and what is expected of them.

"Uncle is fun. He takes care of us and keeps us out of trouble," said Randy, who often calls Helm "Pops" when addressing him.

Part of that routine includes church. A deeply religious man, Helm wants religion to be something else the children can count on.

Every Sunday, they dress in their best clothes and wait for the church van to take them to Shiloh Baptist Church in the Oak Cliff section. They sit together and, if the sermon runs long, Helm gives the boys each a dollar as incentive to stay awake and listen. If they fall asleep, the dollar is revoked.

He rules with discipline and understanding. He wants them to feel free to be open and honest with him.

"I've learned by trial and error that you have to be strong. If you show weakness or they think they have the upper hand, kids will walk all over you," he said.

The children have seen a lot. The girls' mother is in jail. The boys watched two people they loved die. They have an uncle in prison. They've seen people smoking crack, and they used to live in a neighborhood where they would run to their bedroom when they heard gunshots.

"There were a lot of drive-by shootings," Gabriel said.

"It was scary," said Chris. One night, someone threw a Molotov cocktail into their apartment. At home were only the twins and their grandmother, who grabbed Darnisha and got out. Lucy was trapped, and firefighters pulled her out with only a couple minutes to spare. Hospitalized, she was treated for smoke inhalation.

At the time, authorities reported no motive, but Gabriel says it was drug dealers after his aunt.

"They have seen too much," Helm said. "I want them to have a childhood where they can feel safe and know what's going to happen from day to day."

And they do.

"Here nobody's shooting. Nobody's died, and nobody gets

shot," said Chris, who has a difficult time dealing with the losses and the changes in his life.

"Uncle is good to us. He makes us dinner and helps us and lets us watch TV."

STRAIGHTENED UP

Helm knows what it's like to grow up in a tough neighborhood. As a kid, he lived in South Dallas, where he got into fights and so much trouble his mother sent him to live with his father in Chicago.

"My mother was a wise woman," he said. "That changed my life."

In Chicago, he went to Catholic school, became president of the student council, a member of the National Honor Society and made it into "Who's Who in High School."

In Chicago, he also fell in love with Taneen Terrell, now a 25-year-old preschool teacher.

But after he got to Dallas, he stopped calling her. He didn't want her to feel she had to help him or feel guilty if she did not.

He figured that part of his life was over. Even if he could think about dating, there is the problem of finding a baby sitter.

Folded in his wallet are two expired passes to a movie. A friend gave them to him, telling him to get out of the house and take a date. Easier said than done.

"I keep them as a souvenir of what my life is about now," he said.

One day when he was feeling pretty low, the phone rang at work. It was Ms. Terrell, 25, who had tracked him down and wanted to know what happened to him.

When she learned, she still wanted to be with him and recently traveled to Dallas to meet the children.

"I really wanted to come with an open mind, but five kids, when you're used to staying by yourself, you think of the noise," she said. "But you know what? They love each other, and they're so good. I fell in love with them, too."

While visiting, she cooked dinner, and afterward Gabriel and Randy jumped up to wash the dishes and clean the kitchen. Chris vacuumed the living room. She was stunned. And she gives her future husband the credit.

"For a man his age to do what he's doing is amazing," she said. "But for him not to be in school is a great loss. He's a very good student. He gave up everything, including me, to do this. But it's in his character."

"How could he know they were out there and not try?" she asked. "I love him all the more

for it. We couldn't be happy if we didn't try."

The two are planning a July wedding and hope to get the entire family into a house.

Until then, he's on his own, relying on public transportation and the support of Exodus, Head Start and friends at two churches, Shiloh and Northlake Baptist. Northlake has adopted the family, giving them furniture and toys.

"He's an inspiration, but we have to be aware that there are still some real issues here that must be addressed to help this family make it," said Mary Truhill, a social worker at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center Head Start that Lucy and Darnisha attend. "Like transportation and housing. But his boundless energy and faith are going to carry him through."

PATTERSON: Stuff can go wrong quickly

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light bulb is my job?"

"Well, it's not really written anywhere, she said. "It's just an understanding we've sorta always had."

"I don't ever remember discussing that I would forever be responsible for changing light bulbs that go bad."

"Well, we didn't discuss it in so many words, no. But, you know, women do certain things, and husbands do certain things."

I told her to hold on just a hairy second. I reminded her how scared she gets any time I try to fix anything mechanical.

"Mechanical?" she said. "It's a light bulb. Just change it, honey, please. The baby gets scared when he has to eat in the dark."

I started to make a crack about her cooking (which is exquisite, don't get me wrong) but all those years of previously ill-timed, wise-guy cracks finally served as a reminder to me that sarcasm normally gets me into more trouble than it's worth.

Maybe I had finally learned. "Fine, fine, I'll change the light

"I don't know if I could have done this with five children, yet with family that's what you've got to do," she said. "They are two young people who make you feel there's hope for the future."

For Helm, the kids are the hope for the future. And, he says, he simply wants to give them one.

At the end of the day, he gets his own reward.

"Hey unkie," Darnisha says, pulling at him. "Do you know that I love you?"

"No, I love you," Lucy chimes in.

He smiles and hugs them both. "I love you, too."

The family can be reached at the Exodus Ministry, 4630 Munger Ave., No. 110, Dallas, Texas 75204. Checks should be made out to Exodus and designated for Eugene Helm or the children.

bulb. We wouldn't want the baby to miss out on the picturesque splendor of a finely prepared Winnie The Pooh bowl filled with a delicacy like warmed-over cold macaroni and cheese."

Maybe I hadn't learned yet.

"Daddy?"

Finally, a smiling face. Children have a habit of turning a bad day into a good day just by walking into a room, smiling and saying something sweet, something innocent.

"Hi sweetheart, how are you?" "Can you change the flat tire on my bicycle? I ran over a nail when you were gone last week and I haven't been able to ride anywhere this week. I'm really bored."

"Daddy, when you're through with her bicycle, I need new batteries in my Barbie car. Can you do that before we go to soccer?"

Oh, my soccer ball needs air and I can't find my water bottle. I really need some help."

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No laughing matter

It costs more to laugh this year than in 1995, finds Malcolm Kushner, who describes himself as an attorney turned humor consultant. According to Kushner's index of leading humor indicators, a dozen rubber chickens now cost \$66, up from \$60 a year ago. The price of a copy of *Mad* magazine is up to \$2.50 from \$1.95. Comedy club ticket prices are up an average of 1.7 percent. But there's good news: The prices of Groucho glasses and arrow-through-the-head gags are the same.

The pawnbroker

One of the features in the monthly magazine Inc. is a description of a business up for sale. The company on the block in the April issue is a Nevada pawnshop. After giving the concern's vital statistics (1995 revenue of \$890,000, good prospects because it's the only pawnshop in town), Inc. lists a few pros and cons. A pro: the pawnshop's film-noir ambience. Cons: "Do you really want to own a business where you probably won't trust your employees, like your customers or want your neighbors to know what you do?"

Avoiding faux pas

Traveling overseas on business and worried about insulting your hosts or customers? "Do's and Taboos Around The World" is a guide with tips to help travelers avoid gaffes. For example: In Britain, "you may smoke after the toast to Her Majesty's health but never before." In Austria, don't discuss money, religion or politics unless you're specifically asked about them. In Ecuador, avoid any topics that would imply the superiority of the United States. In South Korea, it's bad manners to blow your nose in front of others.

Dressing down

Many consumers have lost their taste for fashionable clothes partly because they don't like what's on the racks, the International Mass Retail Association finds. The trade group surveyed 1,000 consumers and found that nearly a third are less interested in fashion than they were in the past, primarily because the clothes are unappealing and shoppers have less money to spend on frills. This trend has helped inspire another: Nearly a third of those surveyed said most of the clothes they buy are casual wear.

Cover yourself

HOUSTON — There's no getting around it — cover letters are a pain to write.

Those letters that you send to prospective employers along with your resume have to be bright and snappy to attract enough interest to get those employers to read your resume.

The best cover letter is concise. It says what job you're applying for and highlights two or three of your achievements that match the skills or experience a company is seeking in its candidates. Then the letter should close by saying you're looking forward to talking about the job opening.

Unfortunately, many job seekers don't follow those basic rules, and they don't get through the first applicant cut.

"Cover letters are one of the most underrated tools of the job search," said Timothy D. Hall, author of "Trashproof Resumes." Most job seekers are frightened by the prospect of writing a cover letter, so they copy the samples out of books, Hall said. And usually the result isn't very good. The key is to analyze the target audience, Hall said. What does the employer you're writing to need? Forget the all-purpose samples you've seen, and boil down your skills to the most important three or four that particular employer is looking for, Hall said.

"It's not a time to do a mass mailing," he said.

Experts say you should never use more than one page for a cover letter. Three or four paragraphs are the best.

A short and clear cover letter is one way Robert E. Lee determines how much time to spend looking at an applicant's resume.

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Time runs short on '95 tax filing

Heeding some last-minute tips can save filers headaches, heartaches down the road

By Vivian Marino
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Haven't filed your income taxes yet? Millions of other procrastinators are in the same boat.

As of late March, just 47 percent of the 118 million expected federal tax returns were received by the Internal Revenue Service.

"We're still gearing up for a big influx," says Rusty Wallower, tax research manager for H&R Block Inc. in Kansas City, Mo., whose offices prepared 17 million returns in 1995. "Lots and lots of people will be waiting until the April 15th deadline."

If you expect to be one of them, here are a few 11th-hour tips for peace-of-mind filing:

■ **Double-check tax forms and your filing status.** Income tax situations change. The 1040A or 1040EZ forms used in previous years may no longer be suitable for you. Perhaps you've bought a house, made large charitable contributions or incurred extra expenses last year that are tax deductible. Form 1040, which allows for itemizing deductions, might be more appropriate. If additional forms are needed, make sure they're the right ones, including Form 8822, which lets the IRS know you've changed addresses. Filing status can change as well. Those who were

divorced or legally separated from a spouse last year may qualify for a more favorable filing status as head of the household if children live with them. (Just remember to include the Social Security numbers for all dependents born before Oct. 31.)

Married couples also may want to file separately if one spouse had high medical or business expenses. That would allow husband or wife to claim deductions that wouldn't qualify when filing jointly.

■ **Review the tax laws.** Although there weren't many changes in 1995, a tax professional or inexpensive tax guide can summarize the pertinent ones.

For example, The Ernst & Young Tax Guide 1996 notes that the standard deductible mileage rate for the cost of operating a car on business rose to 30 cents from 29 cents for tax year '95, and that the maximum amount of investment income a child under 14 can earn without filing a return rose to \$1,300 from \$1,200.

■ **Avoid common errors.** Mistakes can be made while rushing, like failing to sign a return. (If you don't, the IRS will reject it and you therefore may be subject to penalties.)

Double-check everything on a return — name, spelling, Social Security number. It's so easy to transpose figures," says Wallower. "The biggest mistakes people make are mathematical. Although

in this age of computers, a tax-preparation software program will do all the math calculations for you."

Wallower also recommends sending a last-minute return by certified or registered mail with return receipts as proof you filed on time.

■ **Check for overlooked deductions.** Some can be easily forgotten. Here again, a good tax guide or professional preparer (both deductible themselves) can bring many of them to light.

It may help to simply reassess the type of year you had. If you sustained a loss due to a natural disaster, you may be entitled to federal tax breaks. Limited deductions also may be allowed for medical care or gambling losses. Even the cost of items like contact lenses or passports for business travel might be deductible.

■ **Get some last-minute help.** You can call the IRS with questions during business hours or use the agency's 24-hour Tele-Tax service that provides recorded information on a wide range of topics. Phone numbers vary by region.

You also may be able to file your 1040EZ return through the IRS' TeleFile system via telephone.

Personal computer users also can access the IRS Information Services bulletin board by modem at (703) 321-8020 or on the World Wide Web at <http://www.irs.ustreas.gov>.

Before skipping IRA, be certain to think twice

By Chet Currier
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Over the next few weeks, many middle- to upper-income American workers will decide to let a retirement savings opportunity pass.

Because the tax rules prohibit them from taking a tax deduction for money they invest in an individual retirement account, they will opt not to make an IRA contribution for 1995.

Once the income-tax filing deadline for the year passes, that chance will be gone for good.

Many people in this position have what they deem good reasons for not contributing. But whichever way you go, it makes sense to give the pros and cons some consideration before making the decision.

Contrary to an impression that some people apparently have, the tax law passed in 1986 did not exclude any taxpayer with income from a job from contributing up to \$2,000 each year to an IRA.

Rather, it denied a tax deduction for the contribution to people who are covered by another retirement savings plan, and whose income exceeds specified levels.

"If the 'pension plan' box on your W-2 form (earnings statement from your employer) is checked, you are an active participant in a plan," notes Judy Hansen, a vice president at the Credit Union National Association in Madison, Wis.

For single taxpayers, the deduction is partially lost as income exceeds \$25,000, and eliminated when it passes \$35,000. For married people who file joint returns, the deduction starts to be phased out at \$40,000, and disappears at \$50,000.

But the up-front deduction is just one of two separate tax advantages that IRAs offer. All contributions, deductible or not, earn interest, dividends or capital gains that are shielded from taxes as long as the money is left in the account.

"You still can enjoy tax-deferred build-up inside an IRA no matter what your income or pension status," says Jonathan Pond, a financial planner in Watertown, Mass.

But without the deduction, some advisers argue that contributing to an IRA is more trouble than it's worth. If you make nondeductible contributions, they say, you have to wrestle with a lot of paperwork to make sure that you don't have to pay taxes again when you withdraw the money from your IRA, perhaps many years in the future.

Buy-and-hold investing: It's not as easy as it looks

NEW YORK (AP) — If you asked 20 owners of stock mutual funds about their way of doing things, at least 19 would doubtless describe themselves as buy-and-hold investors.

After all, that's the long-term approach most mutual funds are designed for, and that almost every investment adviser recommends.

Buy-and-hold has the undeniable virtue of keeping you clear of the day-to-day frenzy in the stock market, the waves of greed and fear that sooner or later overwhelm the majority of short-term traders.

As judged by the historical record, stocks are risky and volatile investments over any short period of time, but become much more solid bets as your time horizon expands to five years, a decade or more.

But even though many people have practiced it successfully, buy-and-hold investing isn't as easy or as simple as it may appear. Just declaring yourself a patient, long-term operator doesn't automatically make you one.

Now, at the crest of a 15-year bull market, the case for investing in stocks looks simple and persuasive. But in the depths of a bear market, the likes of which Wall Street hasn't seen since the start of the 1930s, the arguments for avoiding or getting out of stocks can seem equally compelling.

Why else would so many people sell their investments at depressed

prices?

If people were as good at making buy-and-hold commitments as they think or wish they were, points out Paul Merriman, a Seattle investment adviser, then close to half of all marriages wouldn't end in divorce.

"People have a certain threshold for pain," Merriman observes. "Once they exceed that limit, their behavior starts to change, sometimes in unpredictable ways."

Dick Fabian, a Huntington Beach, Calif., fund adviser, notes that the very fund managers who urge their clientele to take a buy-and-hold approach often don't follow that advice themselves, but constantly shuffle the stocks in their portfolios.

Merriman and Fabian both advocate approaches that involve attempts to time the market — an endeavor that can add extra layers of complication and uncertainty to the job of managing your money. Critics, in fact, contend that market-timing is an impossible mission, unless you count on good luck to bail you out.

What choice does that leave you? Well, you can aim to be a buy-and-hold investor who heeds the warnings about the perils of that particular pursuit.

You can look at each fund you consider for possible purchase not just on its bull market record, but on its potential behavior in less rosy times.



Just playin' around

Nigel Downing poses with his board game, Enterprise Profit Ability, which, produced in various languages, teaches players how cash flow and profits affect business. Downing regards business as little more than a game, so he figures people would be a whole lot better at it if they better understood the rules.

Retirement savers get braver with strategies

By Chet Currier
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Judging by all the recent evidence, Americans have been growing bolder in their investment strategies for retirement.

This is a healthy development, in the eyes of most financial advisers. But it also puts an extreme premium for investors on staying well-informed and keeping investment planning sharply focused on what you want to achieve.

In recent years an increasing share of money invested through employer-sponsored 401(k) plans and similar tax-favored retirement savings programs has been going to mutual funds. And the greatest growth in mutual fund assets has occurred in stock funds.

An anecdotal example of the trends is provided by the AARP Investment Program, run for members of the American Association of Retired Persons by the Boston-based mutual fund firm Scudder Stevens & Clark.

Spokeswoman Karen Igler reports that a shift has shown up lately in the choices made by investors who transfer their individual retirement accounts from other firms to the Scudder AARP program.

In the first quarters of 1994 and 1995, she says, that money went about 60 percent into bond and other fixed-income funds, and 40 percent into stock funds.

So far in 1996, the percentages have just about reversed. The most popular fund, Igler says, has been the AARP Growth & Income Fund.

Though AARP Growth & Income, as its name implies, is managed in quite conservative style by comparison with many other stock funds, it still represents a step up in potential volatility for many retirement savers.

Indeed, notes Igler, more than half of the IRA transfers in January and February of this year came from bank and credit union certificates of deposit, which carry deposit insurance from the federal government and don't fluctuate in price.

This apparent increase in risk is considered a smart move for most retirement savers, provided that investing for long-term growth suits their individual circumstances, and that they are prepared to ride out sometimes-jarring interim swings in the market to pursue that goal.

Many analysts have long lamented that retirement savers were playing it too safe by putting money into CDs, interest-bearing investment contracts and other vehicles with returns much lower than the historical payoff stocks have achieved.

"Being too conservative over the long haul can hurt investors," says the Oppenheimer Management Corp., a New York mutual fund firm.

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PEOPLE

Bassett tops NAACP Image Awards for 'Waiting to Exhale' performance

PASADENA, Calif. — Angela Bassett, whose career has taken her from the projects to Broadway and Hollywood, won top honors at the NAACP Image Awards for her performance as a scorned wife in "Waiting to Exhale."



Angela Bassett wins top honors at NAACP image Award.

Bassett was named best lead actress and Loretta Devine best supporting actress for their roles in the film, about the lives and loves of four close friends.

"Waiting to Exhale" was named best motion picture of the year Saturday at the 27th annual awards ceremony, which honors actors, musicians and others who positively portray blacks in the entertainment industry.

The ceremony was taped at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium and will be aired April 23 on Fox.

NEW YORK — Fans tend to recognize the balding, pudgy Wallace Shawn for his performances in "The Princess Bride," "Manhattan" and 39 other films, but he's less well-known as a playwright.

Perhaps that's because Shawn's plays are given much more attention in Europe than in the United States.

"My plays are not actually performed in my own land," Shawn tells The New Yorker magazine in its April 15 issue. "It's very, very hard for your arrow to hit the target here. I'm not that discussed."

So Shawn is heading for London, where his newest play, "The Designated Mourner," is set to debut April 24 at the Royal National Theatre.

"The Designated Mourner" is described in the magazine as a kind of ghost story, in which film director Mike Nichols plays the role of the narrator, Jack.

Shawn's other works have included such plays as "Aunt Dan and Lemon," "Marie and Bruce" and "The Fever."

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas — A bus carrying blues artist Delbert McClinton's band struck a street sweeper and overturned on Saturday, injuring three people.

The accident occurred after a metal ladder fell onto Interstate 30 from the back of a pickup. As two men retrieved the ladder, a commercial street sweeper came to a short stop and was rammed

from behind by the McClinton bus. McClinton's driver, Eugene Kallaus, 44, of Riverside, Iowa, was pinned in the wreckage and had to be pulled out by firefighters. He was airlifted to Dallas Methodist Medical Center, where he was in serious condition with a fractured pelvis and a broken leg, officials said.

Both the street sweeper operator and the band's drummer, Wes Starr, 40, of Nashville, were treated for minor injuries and released.

NEW YORK — Fresh from her Oscar win for "Dead Man Walking," Susan Sarandon returns to the screen — this time as a very large insect.



Susan Sarandon returns to screen as a very large insect.

Sarandon, who took best actress honors at last month's Academy Awards, is the voice of Miss Spider in Disney's animated live-action feature "James and the Giant Peach," which opens Friday.

The movie, based on a popular children's book by Roald Dahl, is about "overcoming fear and solving your own problem," Sarandon says in the April 13 issue of TV Guide.

"James and the Giant Peach" is about a lonely boy. An angry rhino ate his parents, some huge bugs and of course, a giant peach.

NEW YORK — Anthony Edwards' co-stars on "ER" say viewers are ready to see a sexier side of his character, Dr. Mark Greene.

"Anthony is the sexy one," Julianna Margulies tells TV Guide in its April 13 issue. "I asked all of my friends, 'If you had to sleep with one of the doctors, who would it be?' They all said Greene."

Margulies, who plays Nurse Carol Hathaway, says women are smart.

"They say, 'Oh, I could have a great one-night stand with Dr. Doug Ross (actor George Clooney). But Greene, he is the one I would want to be able to have great sex with — and take home to my mother.'"

As for Edwards, whose character is going through a divorce, he says that he'll soon have an on-screen fling.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

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Biography: Lucky Luciano

This episode of "Biography" profiles the life of Charles "Lucky" Luciano, a Mafia leader in the 1930s who established total control over narcotics, brothels and restaurant rackets in New York City. Luciano had a fascination with jewels, money, expensive clothes and women of unreal beauty.

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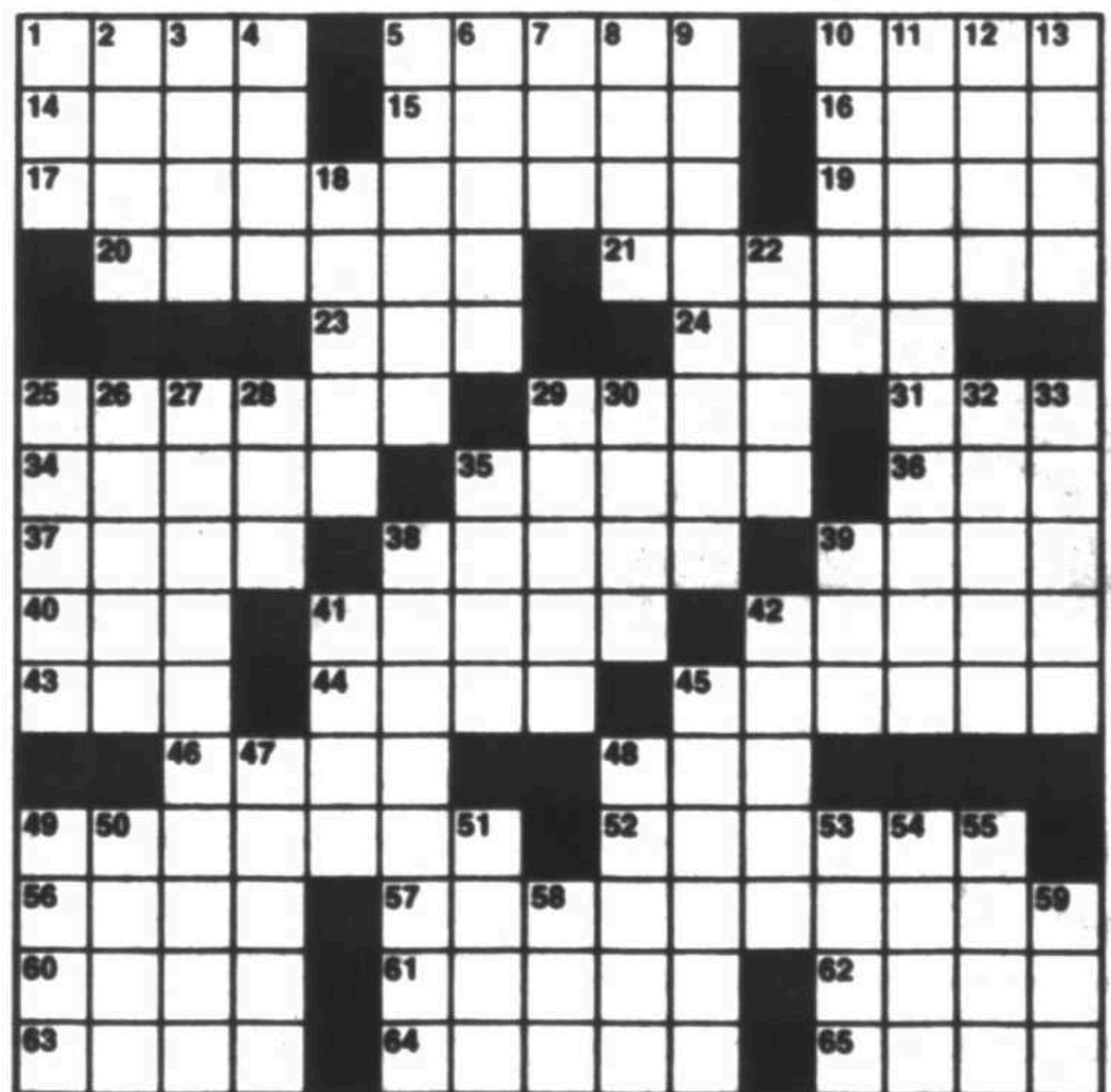
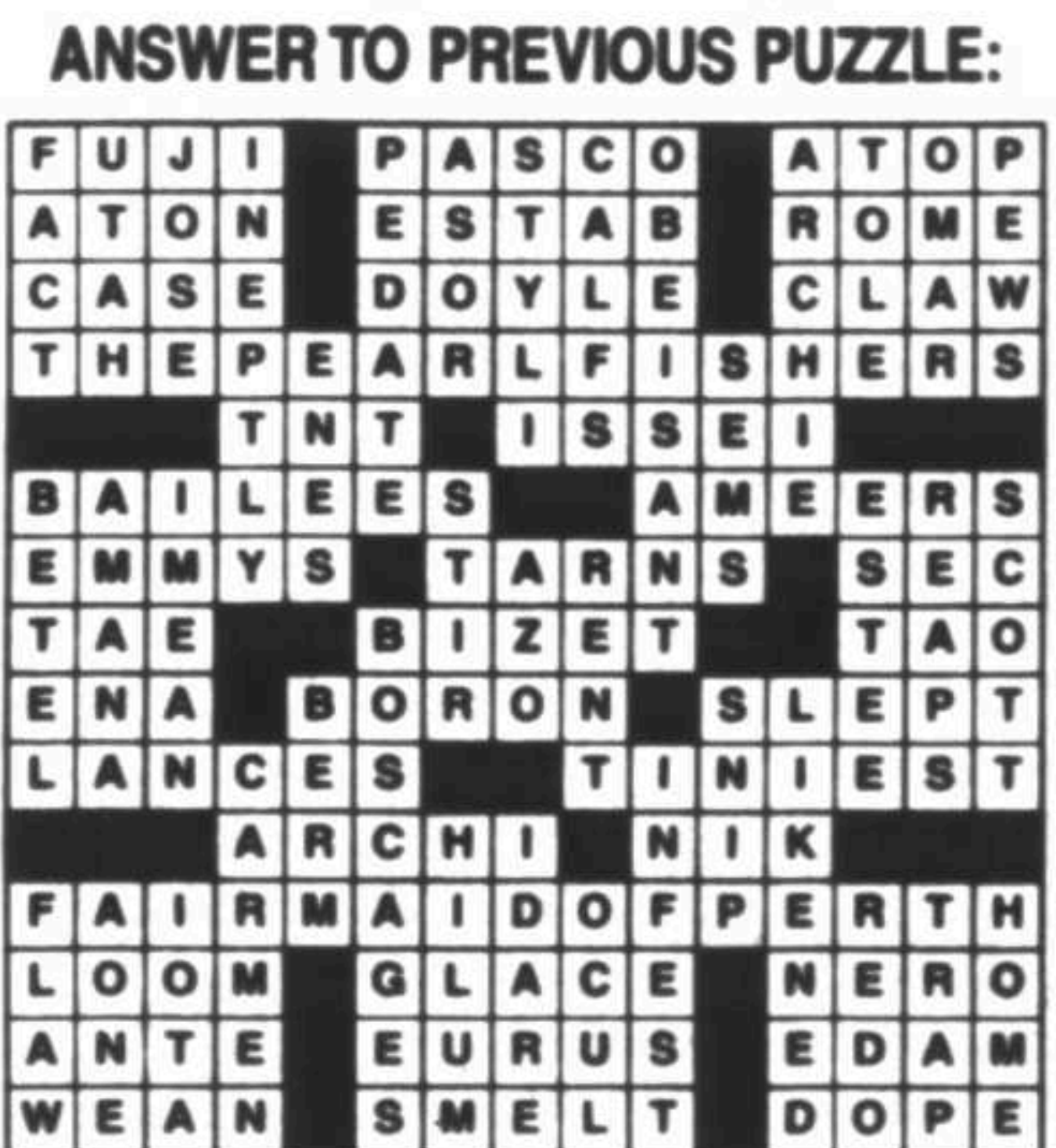


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DEATHS

W.S. "Dub" Gunter

Services for W.S. "Dub" Gunter, 80, of Midland are to be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 9, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Midland with Pastor Lowell Cessa of the First Apostolic Church officiating. Burial is to be in Fairview Cemetery in Midland.

Gunter died Saturday, April 6, in his Midland home.

Gunter was born April 12, 1915, in Sherman and moved to Midland in his 20s. For the past 45 years, he had been in the tractor-parts business under the name Gunter's Tractor Shop.

A veteran of World War II, Gunter was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Gunter of Midland; a son, Daryl Gunter of Richardson; three daughters, Suzie Richards of Abilene, Anna Morris of Napa, Calif., and Carolyn Katuza of Tucson, Ariz.; two sisters, Mrs. Fay Langhans of Port Neches and Mrs. Jean Folsom of Beaumont; and several grandchildren.

John Alton Johnson

ANDREWS — Services for John Alton Johnson, 83, of Midland and formerly of Andrews and Tahoka are to be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 8, in the Andrews Church of Christ in Andrews with Bill Hufst-edler, pulpit minister, and John Snider, educational minister, officiating.

Burial is to be in Andrews West Cemetery under direction of McNett Funeral Home Inc. of Andrews.

Johnson died Thursday, April 4, in a Midland care center.

He was born on Aug. 12, 1912, in Vernon and was married to Vera Lee Cook on April 4, 1934, in Tahoka.

A retired farmer, former carpenter and oil-well driller, Johnson

had moved to Andrews from Tahoka in 1967 and then to Midland from Andrews in 1993.

He was a member of the Andrews Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Vera Lee Cook Johnson of Midland; three sons, Charles Clayton Johnson of Odessa, John Edward Johnson of Lewisville, and Jimmy Johnson of Hobbs, N.M.; four daughters, Mary Uzzle of Arlington, Robbie Jean Dillard of Andrews, Joy Bolling of Midland, Iris Lee Rosso of Fort Worth, and Maudie Johnson of Hobbs, N.M.; a sister, Naomi Welch of Myrtle Creek, Ore.; 32 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are to be Ernest Curtley, Ty Frisbee, Rickey Spencer, Donnie Dixon, Larry Simmons, and Wayne Langehenning.

Delia Salinas

EL PASO — Rosary for Delia Salinas, 41, of El Paso is to be recited at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, in the Martin Funeral Home Chapel off Montana Street in El Paso.

Funeral Mass is to be celebrated at 9 a.m. Wednesday in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in El Paso.

Ms. Salinas died April 1.

Gladys Harris Cain

Services for Gladys Harris Cain, 91, of Midland are to be held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 8, in the First Baptist Church Chapel in Midland with Pastor Gary Dyer officiating.

Burial is to be in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland under direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cain died Thursday, April 4.

Pallbearers are to be Myron Dickson, Ray Holder, Herman Jones, Allen Lowe, Fred Poe and Rudy Wright.

Honorary pallbearers are to be W.A. Summerford, Christine Green, Velera Jones, Woodford Sale, Prentice Burkhardt and Joe C. Davis.

Bessie Strambler

Services for Bessie Strambler, 67, of Midland are pending at Pipkin Funeral Home in Midland.

Mrs. Strambler died Sunday, April 7, in a Midland hospital.

Donis Frederickson

Services for Donis Frederickson, 71, of Midland are to be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Midland with the Rev. Ron Calwell officiating.

Burial is to be in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Mrs. Frederickson died Saturday, April 6, in Midland following an illness.

Born March 2, 1925, in Washita, Okla., Donis Hunnicutt was married to Earl Frederickson on Jan. 8, 1947, in Lovington, N.M. After living throughout West Texas and New Mexico, the Frederickson couple settled in Midland in 1960.

Mrs. Frederickson was a homemaker, wife, mother, grandmother and friend. A Christian, she was a longtime member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Earl Frederickson; a daughter, Diane Armstrong of Hobbs, N.M.; a son, Duke Frederickson of Sonora; three sisters, Louise Higgins of Houston, Lois Frederickson of Midland and Betty Hudson of Whitney; four grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorials may be sent to the

Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702, to the First United Methodist Church of Ralls, Texas, or to the Hutson Home Health Care of Hobbs, N.M.

Rita Higginbottom

Services for Rita Kaye Higginbottom, 40, of Midland are to be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 8, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Midland with Jerry Becknal of Tahoka Baptist Church officiating.

Burial is to be in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa under direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Mrs. Higginbottom died Friday, April 5, in her home.

Pallbearers are to be Cesar Condarco, Joe Gibson, Johnny Eaves, Joe Garcia, Bill Kirk and Dru Guillot.

C.E. Christopher

STANTON — Services for C.E. Christopher, 101, of Odessa are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Christopher died Sunday, April 7, in Odessa.

Orville E. Phelps

Services for Orville E. Phelps, 77, of Midland are pending with Bennett-May Funeral Home in Pulaski, Tenn.

A memorial service is to be held in Midland.

Phelps died Sunday, April 7, in his Midland home.

He was born on Aug. 7, 1918, to Benton E. and Orlean Austin Phelps in Elkhart, Tenn., and was reared in Pulaski, Tenn., where he graduated from Pulaski High

School.

He served in the United States Army Air Force during World War II and was graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1950.

Phelps began working as a petroleum geologist with Amerada Petroleum Corporation in Midland in 1951 and worked for Amerada for 21 years. Afterward, he became an independent consultant. For brief periods, he lived in New Mexico and Tulsa, Okla., and returned to Midland.

Phelps was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Survivors include a brother, Benton E. Phelps Jr. of Huntsville, Ala.; four sisters, Florence Coffman of Veto, Ala., Mrs. Elwood Warren of Athens, Ala., Mrs. Dan McGee of Petersburg, Tenn., and Mrs. John W. Springer of Columbia, Tenn.

Phelps was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Phelps, in 1992. The family requests memorials be sent to the Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702.

Verdie Lee Mize

Services for Verdine Lee Mize, 66, of Midland are to be held at 9 a.m. Monday, April 8, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Midland with Gary Montgomery officiating.

Burial is to be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Mize died Friday, April 5, in her home.

Pallbearers are to be Milton Larry, Russel Stateville, Ralph Smith, Eddy Spivey, Hal Cooper and Alton Hatfield.

Honorary pallbearers are to be Dean Rippetoe, Dick Thurman, John Simpson, Mike Simpson, John Bryant, Jerry Bryant and Hershel Tolbert.

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POLICE REPORTS

Vehicle fatality

ODESSA — A 5-year-old Odessa boy, David Levario, was killed, and his parents and three siblings were injured when their 1985 Dodge Ram Charger vehicle skidded on a wet road six miles west of Odessa and overturned two and one-half times about 11:10 p.m. Saturday.

None was wearing seat belts. And the five passengers were ejected from the vehicles, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

But the father, 30-year-old Eduardo Levario, was not thrown from the vehicle and was arrested, charged and jailed for criminally negligent homicide in the child's death, according to the Ector County Sheriff's Department.

Levario was released from jail under a \$10,000 bond.

The DPS reported that the Ram Charger was eastbound on Third Street at Damascus Avenue when the vehicle struck standing water from recent rain and snow, veered off the roadway, returned to the road, skidded broadside, and overturned 2 1/2 times.

Levario and his wife, Manuela, 30, were treated for their injuries at Odessa Medical Center and were released.

Their seriously injured son, Charles, 11, was air-lifted to University Medical Center in Lubbock and was in intensive care, according to the DPS.

Their daughter, Kathy, 9, was treated at the Odessa hospital and released. And 6-year-old Eduardo was listed in good condition with a broken leg.

Midland Police Department Saturday

House Burglary: A television set, video-cassette recorder and gun clips were reported stolen in a burglary at 4000 W. Illinois Ave. after the front door to the residence was kicked open. The incident was reported at 3:05 p.m.

Sunday

Vandalism: A window at 3415

W. Wall St. was broken apparently by vandals in a red, short-bed pickup. The incident was reported at 1:51 a.m.

Prowlers: Prowlers were reported at the 1006 N. Terrell Ave. residence at 1:22 a.m.

Robbery: A robbery was reported at 4405 N. Garfield St. The incident was reported at 12:33 a.m.

Burglary: Henry Urban reported \$100 taken in a burglary at 5206 Princeton Ave. The incident was reported at 9:11 a.m.

Theft: Raymond Madrid reported that rims, tires and a tarpaulin were taken from a bed of a pickup at 3100 Caldera Drive. The incident was reported at 9:34 a.m.

Burglary: A kicked-in door to a blue building at 1700 E. New Jersey Ave., was reported to police at 3:42 p.m.

Vandalism: A vehicle's broken window was reported at 1703 W. Industrial Ave. The incident was reported at 3:42 p.m.

Midland Sheriff's Office Saturday

Vandalism: Jim Byerlotzer reported vandalism to an automobile at 2047 S. Loop 250 West. The incident was reported at 12:29 p.m.

Burglary: Nicki Holloway at 1:13 p.m. reported that her silver 1992 Honda Accord was broken into and vandalized after she had left the car, which had a flat tire, parked at 11000 W. U.S. Highway 80.

Sunday

Left scene
Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter reported that a vehicle in pursuit by a patrol unit ran through a plate-glass window at the front of the store at 13920 W. U.S. Highway 80. The incident was reported at 3:36 a.m.

Loose Livestock: The Texas Department of Public Safety reported loose livestock — goats — at East Interstate Highway 20 and South County Road 1180 at 12:46 p.m.

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The proposed project, located in the City of Midland, will consist of two (2) 12-foot inside lanes, two (2) 13-foot outside lanes, a 14-foot continuous left turn lane and concrete curb and gutter for a 68-foot overall roadway width. The existing right of way will be adequate for the development of this project. No additional right of way will be required.

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ADAC
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San Angelo, TX 76901

INSTRUCTORS needed for New Midland Location: Computers, Medical, Legal, Accounting. Also Administrative position available. Bachelor's degree required, Master's degree a plus. Send resume to 4630 50th, Ste. 100, Lubbock, TX 79414.

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International company in business for over 45 years with an outstanding international reputation in providing disaster recovery services involving fire and water catastrophes and natural disasters is looking for a manager of plant operations. Position requires at least 3-5 years in operations management, a stable work ethic, must be well organized and have good people communication skills. Compensation to include competitive salary, car allowance, company contribution towards medical and dental insurance and a 401K retirement plan. Excellent opportunities for career advancement. Fax or send resume to:

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FAX (806) 792-9270

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OUTSIDE SALES.

Immediate opening with international company. Base salary plus commission. Offering an excellent benefit package. Express Personnel Services, 201 E. Michigan, Suite 18, 550-0270. Never a Fee!

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Full time commission sales help needed at Carter's Furniture. Flexible hours in a great working environment. Applicant should be self motivated, experience preferred but not required. Apply at 501 E. Illinois after 1:00 pm weekdays 682-2843.

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National snack company needs dependable person to sell/serve new and existing accounts. Pass van req. Call Monday, 8-45 485-2200.

SALES PERSON - Base plus commission. Car allowance, HHG experience preferred. Send resume to: P.O. Box 11 Midland, TX 79702.

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SALES - KBAIT/KOIP has an immediate opening for an Account Executive selling advertising in Midland/Odessa. Salary and commission. Prior experience is helpful but not necessary. Apply at 3306 Andrews Highway, Midland, TX 79701.

SALES - Security Specialists Inc., is now expanding. Looking for enthusiastic, self-motivated sales person. Experience helpful, but will train the right person. If you wish to join our team, call Marty at 520-0008.

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Must be knowledgeable in alignments and brakes. Will pay up to \$9 an hour, plus 6% commission on parts and labor. Need to fill position immediately. Don't Hesitate, apply or call today! Pearl-Lyre, 2804 W. Hall, 689-7193.

RETAIL Opportunities with fast growing grocery & drug chain.

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APARTMENT MAINTENANCE.

Wanted honest, hard worker to handle all phases of maintenance for an apartment complex including painting, plumbing, heating, cooling, light carpentry and Make-Ready. Must be HVAC certified. Up to \$1,600/month and an apartment for the right individual. Please send resume and references to: Box F-37, c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

CHIEF BUILDING ENGINEER

Multi-story office building. Commercial building experience required. Send resume to: Box F-37, c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

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needed to care for my Mother in her home. Must be experienced, loving, honest & dependable! Light housekeeping required. \$8-9723 10 am - 4 pm or 682-9723 after 4 pm.

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ODESSA MAIL and Parcel Center, 8 years of growth with strong profits and solid customer base. Best location in the area. Could be run by absentee manager. Owner retiring. Offered at \$200,000. Call 915-864-7645.

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