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RockHounds come home

After a 10-game road trip which saw the RockHounds go 5-5 during stops in San Antonio and Wichita, the Tall City's boys of summer will be making their home debut at 7:11 p.m. today against the El Paso Diablos at Christensen Stadium./1C

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countdown to 2000

Today: In 1940, Wilbur Page became executive secretary for the Permian Basin Association, succeeding H.B. Spence, killed in an Odessa car wreck.



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Sunny skies with high in upper 80s. Weather on 2A



Tom Tefertiller

Meteorologists are seldom lukewarm about their career. They dive into and immerse themselves in their science.

KWES-TV's Tom Tefertiller says if there were a bar where The Weather Channel was piped into every TV set, he'd be a lot like Norm of "Cheers" fame.

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Ground force

WASHINGTON — As hundreds more aircraft join NATO's air campaign, a less-noticed array of allied ground forces is assembling on the southern rim of Yugoslavia. Some were brought to the region for humanitarian work and others for potential deployment as peacekeepers. But they could serve as the nucleus of an invasion force if the leaders of NATO reverse themselves and decide that only an invasion will achieve their aims.

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Couch potatoes

WASHINGTON — Parents may have a way to budge their chip-chomping, TV-watching kids from the family sofa: a bicycle hooked up electrically to the set. To see their favorite shows, couch potatoes have to pedal. An obesity researcher who came up with the "TVcycle" says early tryouts helped youngsters shed fat and discouraged TV viewing.

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Compaq shakeup

HOUSTON — Compaq Computer Corp. on Sunday stunned the technology world again, ousting chief executive Eckhard Pfeiffer nine days after it warned Wall Street that first-quarter profits would be half that of expectations. Pfeiffer, the executive who built Compaq into the world's largest personal computer maker, has struggled to maintain profits while PC prices are plummeting.

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Texans call for sales tax relief

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

As the Texas House prepares to consider legislation providing an estimated \$250 million in sales tax relief, Texas parents and retailers alike are urging the bill's passage.

Earlier this month the Texas Senate unanimously passed a bill by Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, to exempt from sales tax over-the-counter medicine for children and diapers and create a two-week sales tax holiday in August on shoes and clothing during the back-to-school-shopping season.

"This is a more direct way to put money in consumers' pockets," said Jeremy Warren, communications director for Ellis. "Not everyone is a homeowner, but all parents buy clothing, and all new parents buy diapers."

He added that originally, senators wanted to exempt all over-the-counter medications from sales tax, "but the bill got too expensive and had to be scaled back."

If the legislation is passed, Texas would join New York and Florida in creating a tax holiday on clothing pur-

chases. Texas would exempt all clothing and shoes that cost up to \$200 per item.

Tonya Cowger, browsing through boys' clothing at Wal-Mart with two of her three children, who are ages 8, 4 and 8 months, said she thinks the changes would be great.

"Go ahead and pass it; the sooner the better," she urged.

Laura Estrada, the mother of five children ages 9, 7, 6, 4 and 2, is already starting shopping for this fall's school season, she said, holding out a pair of jeans on a Wal-Mart clearance rack.

"I've already started now buying sales items and saving them for next year," she said.

With a baby still in diapers and soon to start day care and the other four children in school, she said the sales tax changes would "be great."

The move would allow her to buy what she needs and put the savings toward the grocery bill or her children's activities like football or T-ball, she said.

Wal-Mart customer April Haynie, mother of two, 18 and 7, said "anytime you're not paying taxes on chil-

dren's things, it helps."

She said the savings would help her pay bills "and maybe get an extra thing or two for the kids if you don't have to pay sales tax. They grow up so fast."

Ms. Haynie said that she has become well-versed in state sales tax laws since she and a partner recently started a business and have to figure the taxes on sales daily.

"The sales tax is a big part of my life now," she said, laughing.

Kris Gordon, watching her two daughters, Brittany, 7 and Courtney, 4, wander down the aisle, said the legislation would definitely benefit her family.

"We buy a lot of medicines, like antihistamines," she noted. "And a tax-exempt holiday around school time would be great."

She figured the family would be able to afford some extra items for the girls.

"We just buy the necessities" when buying school clothes. "We have to really stretch our back-to-school

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KOSOVO CONFLICT HITS HOME

Lee High students prepare themselves for call to arms

By Emily Baker

With the school year winding down, visions of life after graduation fill the minds of high school students everywhere.

For some, it will be their final summer of freedom. For others, it will be a chance to earn some much-needed spending money for college.

But for others, including three Midlanders who are getting ready to join the military, it will mean keeping a close eye on the happenings in Kosovo.

Lee High School seniors Cody McCain and Sonny Ganaway and junior Tim Bentley will be leaving for boot camp after graduation.

McCain, who has already joined the U.S. Army, will leave for Fort Knox, Ky., June 3.

"It was pretty much military all my life. I just felt obligated to go into the military and serve my country," he said, adding that he wanted to join the Army to repay all of the men and women who have lost their lives in earlier battles.

Ganaway is also headed for Army boot camp and will leave for Fort Benning, Ga., on June 10.

"Pretty much my whole family, my grandfather, his dad, and his dad were all in the Army," he said. "So it's a family thing."

Bentley will be joining the Marine Corps. In

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Lee High School seniors Sonny Ganaway, left, and Cody McCain, right, and junior Tim Bentley will soon be joining the U.S. armed services.

4th-graders understand NATO attack

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writer

Tucked somewhere in between their own unique translations of what's happening in Kosovo and the dreams that some admit having is an actual understanding of what's going on.

Nine- and 10-year-olds in JoAnn Sipko's fourth-grade class may not understand terms like ethnic cleansing, endgame, exit strategy and all the other buzz words that come with a high-tech military involvement, but they do understand one four-letter word: war.

The students at Rusk Elementary School have impressions of the war that are likely unique to younger children, such as, "They're torturing and whipping our prisoners, but what if they're using fake blood just to make us mad?" and "The bombs are made by NATO in Japan."

But these students also share feelings of sadness, of concern.

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Custodian behind elementary school's show of support for American POWs

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writer

Two weeks ago, Ernest Sanchez noticed a lack of showings of support for the three American prisoners of war being held in Yugoslavia. He figured the best way to go about changing that was to do something about it himself.

So the custodian at Rusk Elementary School approached his boss and asked him if he would back his efforts at

heightening awareness about the war in Kosovo and the prisoners being held.

The result of Sanchez's efforts are displayed daily on the marquee at Rusk, at the corner of Neely and Wedgewood, where the sign reads, "Let Our War Prisoners Go." The idea came to Sanchez, a custodian at Rusk since 1987, when he was watching accounts of the war on television with his daughter.

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Midlanders curbing water use on their own ... so far

Editor's Note: This is Part 2 of a two-part series on water and the need for conservation.

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Ration water in Midland? Not as long as the water runs freely and clearly out of faucets.

Could that be the disposition? Well, rationing could be in effect in Midland. And it is but on a freewill basis, called "voluntary conservation," during the cyclic drought.

"We have a formal plan," said Ken Jones, Midland's director of utilities. "And the formal plan is for voluntary conservation. Midlanders will volunteer to do anything and will resist enforcement."

"That's the way Midlanders are," said Jones, a civil engineer. "If you ask them to do something, they'll do it. If you tell them to do something, they don't neces-

sarily do that. But, they will do anything you ask them" for the welfare of the community.

And that includes being careful with the water by not wasting it, for example, by watering lawns in the heat of the day or watering in a windstorm, which speeds up evaporation.

San Angelo, Midland's distant neighbor along the Concho River, does impose water rationing on its citizens' lawns.

"They cannot irrigate their lawns between noon and 6 p.m. throughout the week ... for most of the months out the year," said Tom Massey, a San Angelo lawyer who represents the city of San Angelo in dealing with the Colorado

River Municipal Water District from which the city takes Lake Ivie water. "It's not effective, it's not efficient, to water your lawn in the hot hours of the day."

San Angelo gets about one-third of its water from Lake Ivie. Midland takes about 85 percent of its municipal water from the lake; the rest comes from well water.

Conserve and ration More a form of conservation than rationing, Midland, similarly to San Angelo and Odessa, recycles its effluent — treated wastewater — through irrigation. Midland's one-step primary-treated wastewater goes from lagoons near the



■ South, Midwest face water shortages, farm losses, fire risks with no end in sight/5A

Spraberry community southeast of town to agricultural land. Odessa, which cleans up its wastewater more thoroughly through the three-phase tertiary treatment, processes the water for golf courses and right of way usages, said Debbie McReynolds, Odessa's director of utilities.

"This year, we will be having a residential reuse project going in where we will have a dual (water) system put into a new development where they can irrigate their lawns with reuse water," she said. Treated water from CRMWD's Lake Ivie is for household use, such as drinking, cooking, washing, and flushing.

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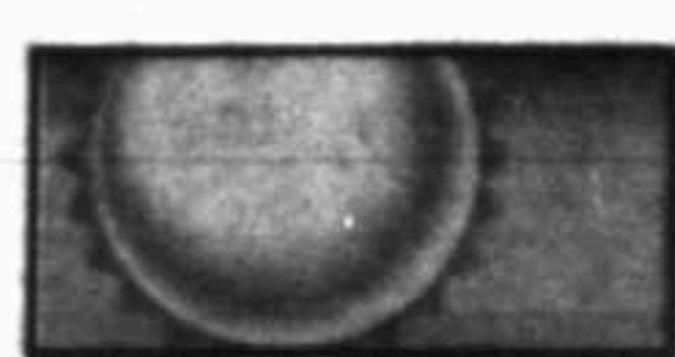
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## Midland forecast

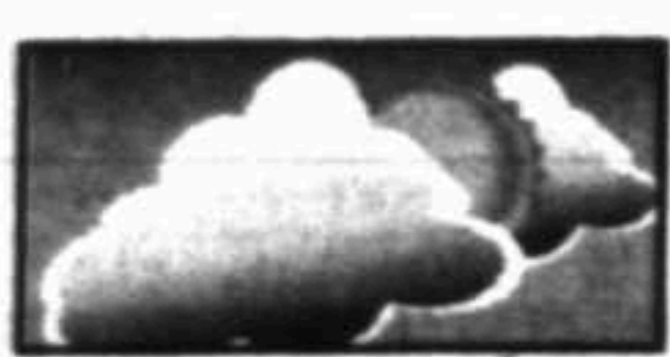
### 3-day forecast



**Today**  
Sunny  
High 87  
Low 55



**Tuesday**  
Mostly sunny  
High 90  
Low 56



**Wednesday**  
Partly cloudy  
High 89  
Low 60

Today's forecast calls for sunny skies and higher temperatures, with the high between 85 and 90. Winds should be variable between 5 and 15 mph.

Tonight is expected to be mostly clear with a low in the mid-50s. Tuesday the National Weather Service calls for mostly sunny skies and warmer, with a high around 90.

Wednesday is expected to be partly cloudy, warm and becoming breezy with highs in the upper 80s to mid-90s. Sunday's high was 80, compared with a record high of 96 set in 1948. The low was 44, compared with a record of 34 set in 1998.

**Yesterday's precipitation**  
Rainfall Sunday ..... 0.00 in.  
Rainfall Saturday ..... 0.00 in.  
Total for month ..... 0.09 in.  
Total for year ..... 1.64 in.  
Normal total yr to date ..... 1.95 in.

**Yesterday's temperatures**  
High ..... 80  
Low ..... 44  
Normal high ..... 80  
Normal low ..... 50

Sunrise ... 7:16 a.m.

Sunset ... 8:21 p.m.

## WATER: Midlanders already rationing voluntarily, for now

(From 1A)

"We will be irrigating the new part of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin park with reuse water."

Like Midland, Odessa does "not have a specific ordinance that strictly prohibits" wasting water. Ms. McReynolds said. "We always encourage people not to do that" and "try to promote conservation" such as through Xeriscaping — planting drought-resistant trees, shrubs, and flowers that require minimal water in a desert climate.

But Midland does have a "nuisance-water" law that has the effect of conserving water by prohibiting water running down the streets and alleys, said David Wayland of the city's Code Administration staff.

The ordinance prohibiting nuisance water promotes conservation, elimination of potential traffic hazards because of slippery streets and reduction of deterioration and destruction of public streets.

More than for conservation purposes, the nuisance-water ordinance probably is "pot-hole driven," Wayland suggested.

The city of Midland's suggestions to avoid nuisance-water violations include:

- splitting up the watering period at day or night into "shorter-spaced periods to avoid runoff";
- reviewing the design and improving the maintenance of automatic sprinkler systems;
- checking for proper operation of automatic systems during watering and after mowing the lawn; and
- cutting a trench or making a swale behind the street curb or sidewalk to catch runoff water.

### Use and reuse

Midland's largest water users are the city's Parks Department, which waters with a 50-50 combination of well water and city-treated water, and the Midland Independent School District and Midland College, both of which use city water.

"We have a policy to add water wells for irrigation of larger parks," Jones said. "To date, we have wells in place that reduce peak usage by 6 million gallons per day."

By agreement with the city of Midland, MISO waters in early mornings and late evenings to cut down on evaporation. "This saves over 1 million gallons per day during peak usage," Jones said.

Midland College takes city water "at a constant rate into holding tanks and re-pumps to reduce peak demands on the system."

Midland's golf courses are irrigated with "their own wells," Jones said. For Hogan Park Golf Course, the well field is recharged by natural alluvial percolation from water used to irrigate lawns, Jones said. About 10 percent of irrigated water percolates to the water table.

"We encourage residents to irrigate in evenings and early mornings to reduce water evaporation."

Just as Midland is not rationing water, neither is the CRMWD rationing water to its member cities of Odessa, Big Spring and Snyder or to its customer cities of Midland, San Angelo, Abilene, Stanton, Robert Lee, and Poyote.

The district's non-municipal customers include Anadarko Petroleum Co., Bright & Co., Chevron USA Inc., Exxon Co. USA, and Fasken Oil Co.

While John Grant, the CRMWD's general manager, said that CRMWD would not ration water, he noted that "you've got to put some qualifiers on that."

### Water rationing?

"We are not looking at rationing water this year. As Ken Jones once said, 'It rains even in a drought.' We're not looking at rationing water ... this year," Grant said. "Now, if we go another couple of years with no runoff, yeah. No one can predict the future."

In the 50-year history of the CRMWD, "we have never rationed water to our municipal cus-

tomers," Grant said. "We are certainly very conscious of conserving water, using it wisely in a good, common-sense approach, and not wasting it."

"When you water your yard, water your yard, not the street. Concrete won't grow."

Midland's Steve Hofer, who is an ex-officio CRMWD board member who also serves on a Texas Water Development Board's regional planning group, noted that one reason CRMWD has "not instituted water rationing here is whether we use it or not, it (surface water) is going to disappear" through evaporation. "It's either we use it, and it disappears, or it evaporates and disappears" but eventually is returned to the lakes by way of rainfall and the resultant runoff or percolates into the water table.

CRMWD board member Charles Perry of Odessa said that the 50-year-old district has "never had a restriction to any of our customers."

However, he said, there is no cause to waste water.

Perry, who was the oil business at mid-century, cited the old fallacy that petroleum was virtually without limit.

"We have plenty. Burn all you want," was the mind-set, he recalled.

"Of course, we know now there's a finite supply, and there's a finite supply of water available in West Texas. And part of the program of supplying water to West Texas is not to waste it. For every gallon we don't waste is a gallon we don't have to pull out of our wells" or take from the lakes.

"Surface water replenishes," Perry said. "In the long term, we have to live off of surface water," such as lakes Ivie, Spence and Thomas. "The groundwater is depletable. We mine it, so to speak. When it depletes, it's no more."

### Sea of salt

There is, however, beneath the water table a "sea of salt water" yet to be mined, noted John Currie, CRMWD board president and a Big Spring banker.

However, "right now, economics will not support it, but, as Currie said, we have a 'sea of salt' water underneath us, and someday we may have processes that will demineralize water" economically, Perry said.

Fred Wetendorf, a Midland geologist who specializes in environmental sciences as a Midland College instructor, noted that the sea of salt water beneath the West Texas plains is far "deeper than our traditional aquifers," including the massive Ogallala of the Great Plains. "It is even saltier than normal oceanic waters — three to five times saltier than normal sea water — in some cases."

Reflecting on the natural processes, Wetendorf said, "Mother Nature is awfully good. She can take salty water, evaporate it. There are zero dissolved solids in water vapor. It's pure. It's just like distilled water."

There's none better. And water "moving through the soil results in that alluvial cleaning where the water," including treated wastewater, "by the time it gets back to the aquifer, it is clean," Hofer said.

"Percolation has a wonderful way of cleaning (water)," Hofer said. Sometimes we as human beings are a little presumptuous as to how we can better what the Earth has done for millions of years. We (sometimes) think we can better what God created.

"We are a little presumptuous at times. We can treat it all we want, but it is never going to be as high quality as, for example, the Ogallala water or the artesian water we have in certain parts of the state. It's never as good as the way God treats water — 'clean and pure.'"

Joe Pickle, the Austin-based author of the forthcoming book, "Water in a Dry and Thirsty Land" on history of the CRMWD, put the fate of underground water this way: "A water-well field is like an oil field. For every barrel you pump out is a barrel you ain't going to get no more."

# TAX: Texans ask lawmakers for a break

(From 1A)

budget."

She said that even though she is aware of the state sales tax, "it always surprises me when I buy something how much it is."

Don Lewis, manager of JCPenney in Midland Park Mall, also applauds the tax holiday, predicting that it would spur increased sales at his store.

"But August would be too late, because my customers buy school clothing before the first two weeks of August. Customers start getting into that mode about mid-July."

Lewis said it would require a simple computer program patch out of Penney's corporate office to handle changes in the sales tax code.

"Any tax break is good," he said. "I hope it works. I'd like to see my customers get a break."

At Target, Executive Team Leader Jacques Gordon expects that the store would see a larger sales volume during that two-week period if the legislation is passed.

**Exempting children's medicines would cost an estimated \$45 million, according to figures from Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston. A family with three children could save \$32.50 per year, Ellis' office said. Exempting diapers would cost \$56 million and save a family nearly \$80 a year.**

"People buy clothing for their children regardless, but this might let them buy a little more," she said.

Warren said that in states where there is a tax holiday, parents will wait until then to buy more expensive items like winter coats or a dress suit.

Exempting children's medicines would cost an estimated \$45 million, according to Ellis' office, noting that "taxes on children's medicines are an added burden on low-income working families. The Texas families hit hardest by sales taxes are less likely to have health insurance. Rather than get

prescription medicines for their children, which are exempt from sales taxes, these parents must rely on over-the-counter medicines."

The estimated savings of not having to pay sales tax is \$32.50 per year for a family with three young children, he said.

Exempting diapers would cost \$56 million and would save a family nearly \$80 a year, or the equivalent of one month of free diapers, Ellis' office said.

The two-week holiday for shoes and clothing would cost \$150 million, according to Ellis' office, and would save a family with two

school-aged children \$20.

Warren said that "the sales tax hits the ones who can least afford it the most. The ones paying the biggest toll are the lower-income families."

He said that according to a study by the Citizens for Tax Justice, Texas has the third most regressive tax system in the nation, with those in the bottom 20 percent of the income scale paying 13.8 percent of their income in state taxes compared with 4.4 percent for the top 1 percent.

Warren said the prognosis for the bill in the Texas House is "good" because it reflects proposals made by Gov. George Bush during his re-election campaign last year.

The bill last week was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee and awaits passage out of the committee to the full House. If it passes the House, it will go to Bush for his signature.

# LEE: Students prepare for possible call to arms

(From 1A)

making that decision he took into consideration the difficult time his brother had in the Navy and the fact that he will be leaving his girlfriend behind.

"They treated my brother pretty badly in the Navy," he said. "They promised him all this stuff and it never happened. And I do have a girlfriend who I love a lot, and I don't want to leave her here by herself."

But in the end he decided to join. It is a decision that so far none of them regret. Even the thought of death and becoming POWs — like the three Americans in Kosovo — has not changed their minds.

"It's just something to help keep our country free, and I'm doing what I think is right because I don't believe in what (Yugoslavia President Slobodan) Milosevic is doing," McCain said. "I'll just serve my country the best that I can."

The others said that capture or death isn't even on their minds.

"I don't think of death; I just live my life from day to day," Ganaway said. "Like they say at my church, if it's your time to go there's nothing you can do about

it. And if it's your time to go, there's no telling how it's going to happen. If you're going to go, you're going to go. If he's going to get you, he's going to get you."

"Wartime really doesn't scare me," Bentley said. "I'm not afraid of dying, but that doesn't mean I want to."

Bentley doesn't think the Kosovo situation will lead to world war because he believes that another world war could be a sign of the Second Coming of Christ.

"I don't believe we will go to World War III over it (the POWs). I do believe we will fight," he said. "I believe it will be a big war. I do not believe it would be World War III, because it says in the Bible that no one will be expecting it when Jesus comes, and everybody right now is expecting the world to end."

McCain disagrees with Bentley's perspective and thinks that World War III is a feasible concept at this time.

"Everyone has been expecting the Second Coming forever," he said. "There's always been signs throughout the ages since the Bible. People thought the end of the world was during World War II. (World War III) depends on the

(Kosovo) situation, if we don't let it get out of hand. If we let it get out of hand, and quit doing what we're doing and Milosevic goes back to his old ways, and if we wait, I believe we could have another world war."

In the meantime, the three differ about what to do about the captured soldiers.

Bentley believes the risk of war is too great for three lives.

"I'd like to see our guys come back home," he said. "America has so much money we could probably bribe them (Kosovo) some way or another, if it saves 4 million people's lives. But if it's just three guys and if we have to go to war over those three men, then we must let them die. Three men are not worth millions of lives. If I was one of those three guys, I would be thinking, 'yes, I do want to get out of here. Yes, I would like somebody to come rescue me. But, if it's going to cost millions of people their lives, then let me die.'"

Ganaway disagrees and believes that anything is worth saving American lives.

"We shouldn't let them die because they were over there protecting us," he said. "If they're

willing to go out there and, if it comes down to it, if they're willing to fight for their country, then we should be willing to protect them."

On the other hand, McCain believes that if the United States does not see those captured soldiers returned alive, a war will come of it.

"The United States takes care of its own," he said. "I believe we can get them out. I have a feeling that right now we're working on getting them out. If they are killed, if they are executed, then I believe we will go to war, no matter what. If they are executed, we will go to war. I think we should, because they have no right to kill them. Committing a war crime is what they're doing if they kill them."

If the United States does go to war with Kosovo, these three men may be on the front lines fighting for the protection and freedom of their country, and each said there is nothing they would rather do for the country they call home.

"That's part of the job," McCain said. "That's part of the oath. You know it, or you'd better know it. It could happen."

# WAR: Even 4th-graders understand Kosovo turmoil

(From 1A)

Some admit they are scared for their country, some even for themselves.

"I'm scared they might come over here and start a war with us and make us move to a different place," one child said. Another one has tossed and turned at night.

"I dreamed that I was trapped in my house with lots of other people and Milosevic started bombing my house," Corbin Doffer said.

The 20 students in Mrs. Sipko's class know who Yugoslavian president Slobodan Milosevic is. They equate him with a bully and know that what he is doing is not just wrong, but evil.

"Do you remember earlier this year when you came into class and I said everyone who had blond hair would get an A that day?" Mrs. Sipko asked them last week.

The students all remembered well.

"And do you remember the next day when you came into class and I said that everyone who wore glasses would get an A that day?" They remembered that, too.

"How did you all feel about that?"

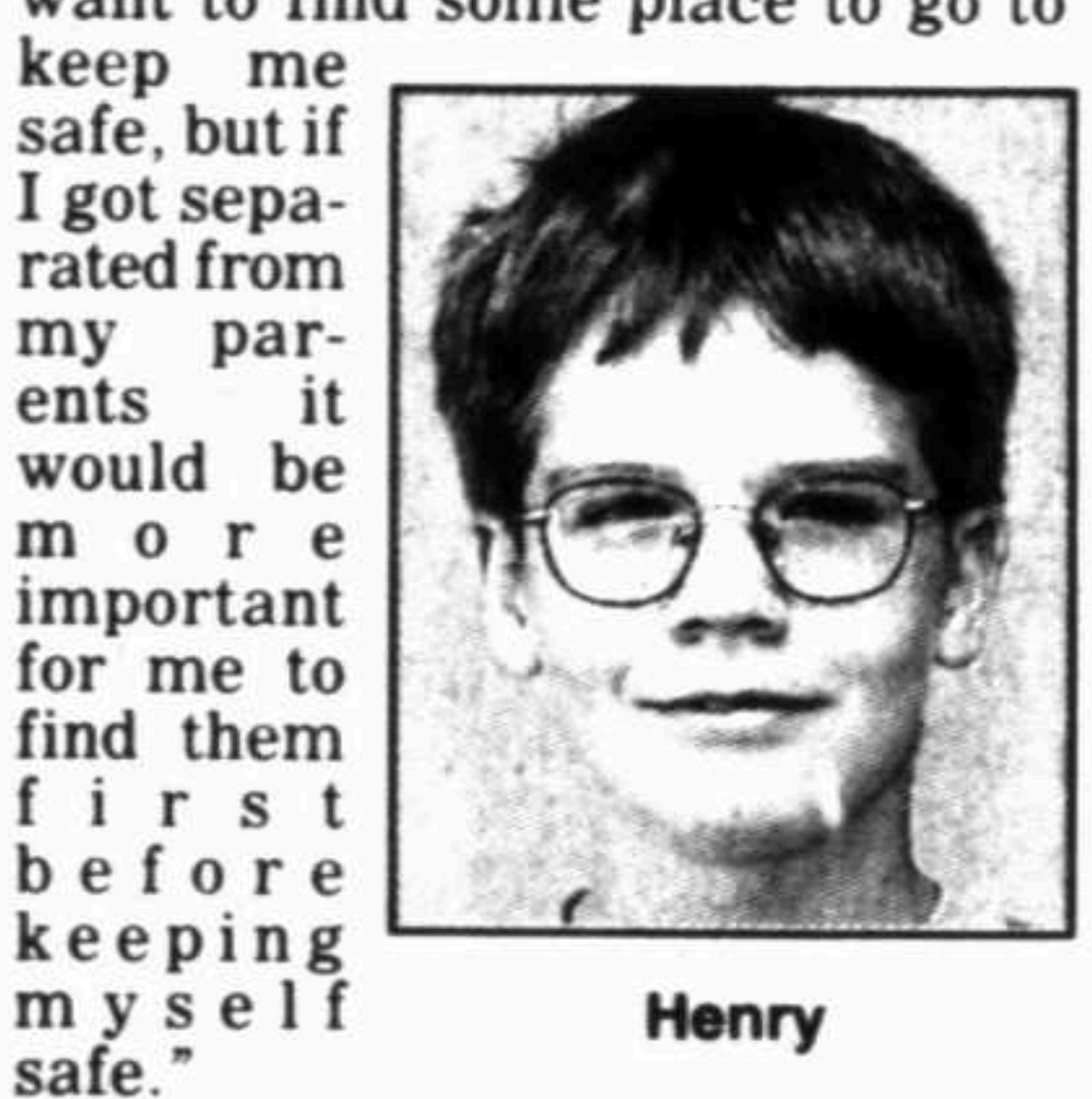
"It was unfair," they all responded, and it was obvious Mrs. Sipko's lesson on discrimination was effective.

Mrs. Sipko then proceeded to equate the lessons of discrimination learned in the classroom with what Milosevic is doing to the ethnic Albanians he has driven from Yugoslavia and summarily executed by the tens of thousands.

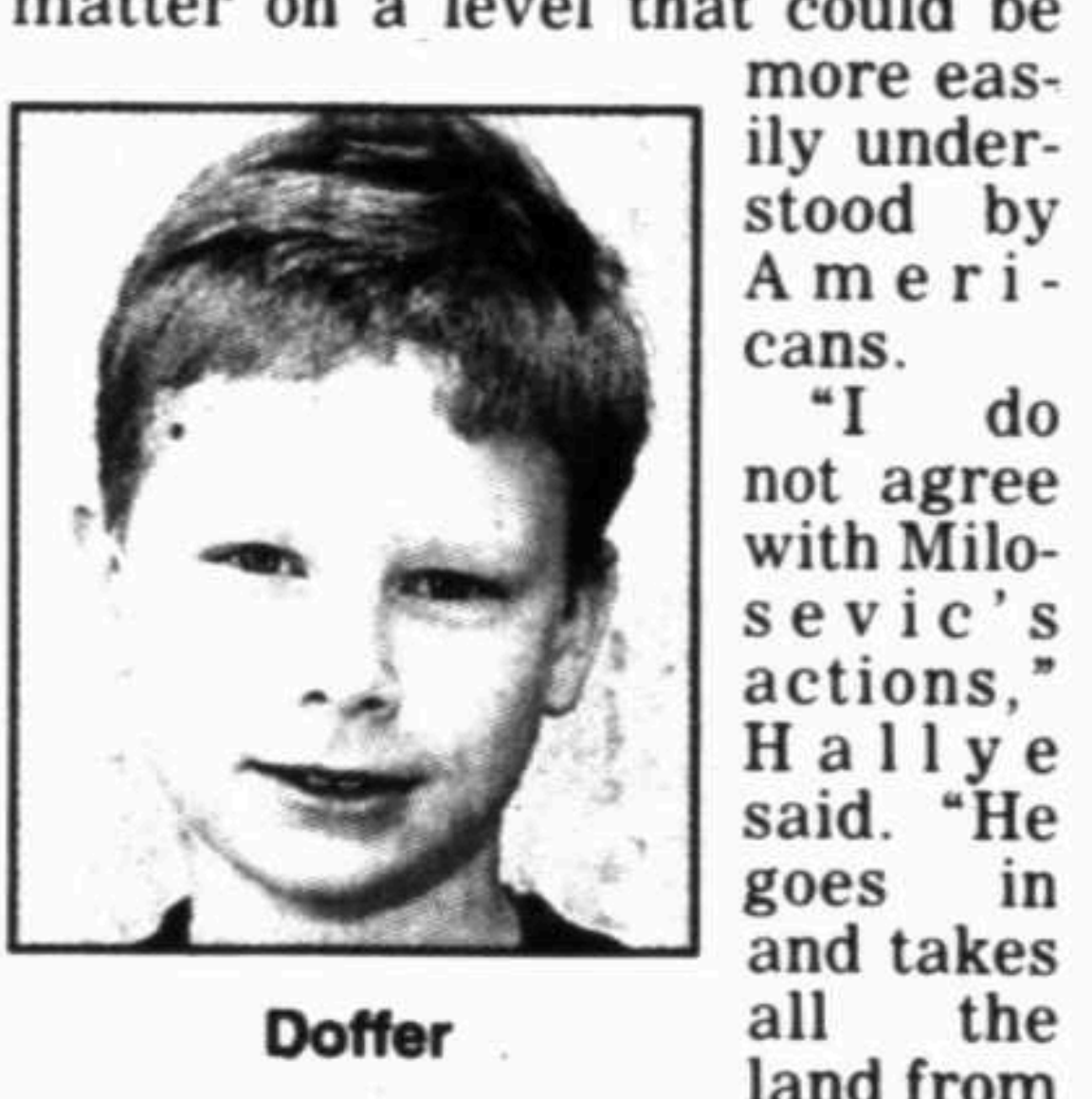
The images of death and rampant carnage in Europe certainly bother the children. But the scenes of the masses of humanity walking for days at a time, and the notion that amid those hundreds of thousands of people are children who have been separated from their parents are what haunts these fourth-graders, perhaps above anything else.

"I feel both mad and sad," Kaylee Kidwell said. "We would-

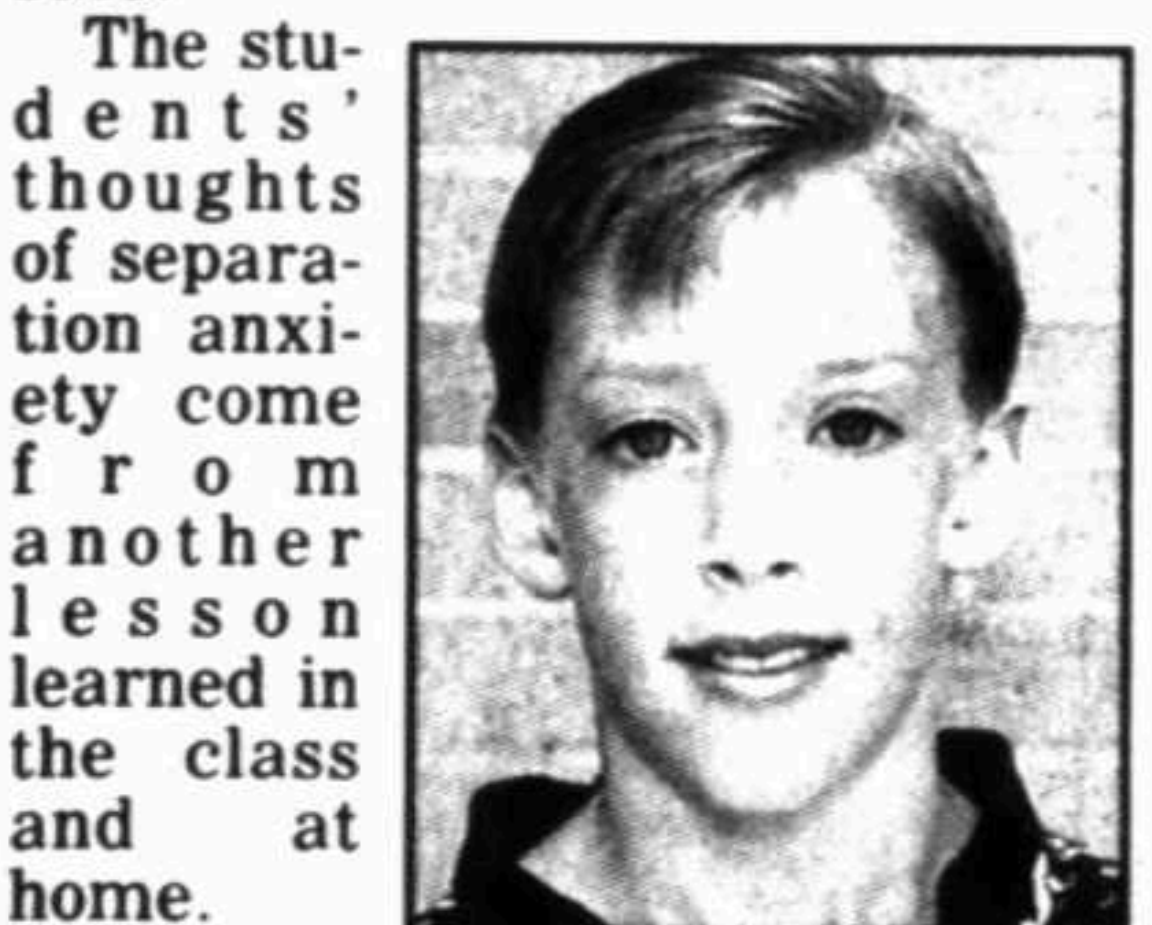
n't want to leave our country. If I was made to leave my home, I'd want to find some place to go to keep me safe, but if I got separated from my parents it would be more important for me to find them first before keeping myself safe."



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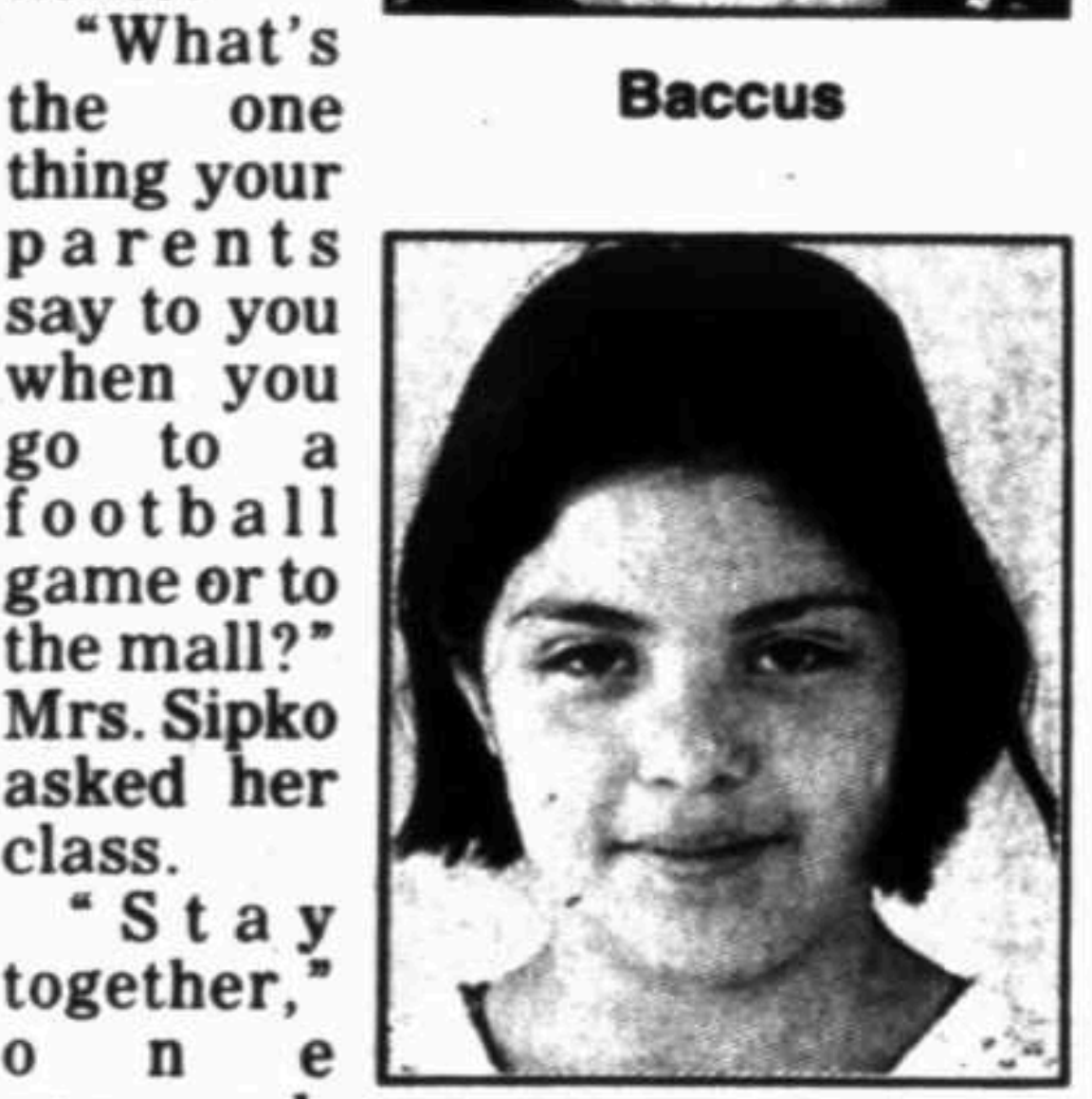
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down and destroys our land and the only place for us to go is Mexico. Do you think they're gonna let us in?"

David Baccus said, "I'm concerned they might bomb us, though they probably would bomb Washington and not Texas."

Andrew Henry explained his concept of the war and what is happening: "There are three parts of what Yugoslavia used to be: The people in Kosovo are being sent to Albania, and they're going to camps where they are staying in these long rows of big white tents. There are thousands of people. Some of them are old and have no place to go," he said.

And the reason for the mass exodus, according to Alex Gawloski: "They're trying to get away from Milosevic," Alex said. "The Red

friends over there," Pirkle said. Pirkle said five of his close friends were killed.

Last week, after the message had been on the sign for several days, another school staff member added yellow ribbons.

"The ribbons and the sign are our way of showing the public that we care and love these guys," Sanchez said. "We want to make sure nothing happens to them. This is a sign of unity for them. We want them reunited with their families. They should be home with us."

# SIGN: Custodian had idea to support captured troops

(From 1A)

"When they first captured the soldiers, she started crying," Sanchez said. "I feel sorry that they're over there and I want to see them come home. They're part of us, and when one hurts, everyone hurts."

Sanchez said he conducted an informal poll of some of Rusk's students, kindergartners through fourth-graders. Many of them had the same feelings of sorrow and support he felt for the soldiers.

"After hearing they were captured, it touched me and I felt I

had to do something about it," Sanchez said. "I know they're doing their part and I hope I'm doing mine. I care about them and the situation."

Sanchez said the sentiments will remain on the sign "until all three come home safely."

The custodian's lottery number just missed coming up for the Vietnam War, a conflict in which he lost several friends. His boss, Principal Carl Pirkle, also lost friends in Vietnam.

"I received a teacher deferment in Vietnam because of the teacher shortage, but I lost too many

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# Allies quietly expand ground forces on Yugoslavian border

WASHINGTON (AP) — As hundreds more aircraft join NATO's air campaign, a less-noticed array of allied ground forces is assembling on the southern rim of Yugoslavia.

Some were brought to the region for humanitarian work and others for potential deployment as peacekeepers. But they could serve as the nucleus of an invasion force if the leaders of NATO reverse themselves and decide that only an invasion will achieve their aims against Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosevic.

The possible deployment of combat troops was discussed on both sides of the Atlantic Sunday. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said anew that the Clinton administration is confident air power will achieve NATO's purposes, and NATO Secretary General Javier Solana said the allies have no plans to authorize an invasion.

But, in a significant addition to the ongoing ground troop dialogue, he added that "if the moment comes when it is necessary" to invade Yugoslavia, "I'm sure the countries that belong to NATO will be ready to do it."

Britain's foreign secretary, Robin Cook, stressed it would take two to three months to prepare an invasion, if one were ordered. Military experts agree.

Allied ground forces arriving in the Balkans include some of the keys to ground combat, including U.S. Army Bradley infantry carriers and Apache attack helicopters, and British battle tanks.

About 12,000 NATO troops are in Macedonia, including some 600 Americans. In neighboring Albania about 2,000 of a planned force of 8,000 allied troops are preparing for a humanitarian relief effort. There also are several thousand U.S. troops in Bosnia as part of a NATO-led peacekeeping force.

The Albania group includes the

vanguard of a U.S. Army contingent, eventually to total 3,000 or more soldiers, that will operate two battalions of Apache attack helicopters and land-based missiles.

The Apache force is expected to begin operating soon against Serb armored forces in Kosovo.

"To a degree, it's academic," whether President Clinton will change his mind about ground troops, said retired Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Bernard Trainor. "If you're going to put a force in there, it's going to take some time to get yourself organized."

By the time ground forces can be assembled in large enough numbers to take on an invasion, the Serbs are likely to have completed their campaign of "ethnic cleansing" — the very acts of violence NATO is striving to stop.

A NATO assessment last summer concluded that it would take about 200,000 allied ground troops to conquer Kosovo.

The allies hope relentless bombing ultimately will force Milosevic to accept a Kosovo peace deal that includes stationing international peacekeepers in Kosovo.

To that end, allied ground troops were sent to Macedonia even before the bombing started March 24. Once ethnic Albanian refugees began streaming out of Kosovo by the tens of thousands, the NATO troops took up humanitarian chores. Allied troops in Albania and Macedonia are erecting tent camps for refugees and providing food and medicine.

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In her comments Sunday, Albright was undeviating in opposition to introducing ground troops, a step that would make

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— Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on ABC's "This Week"

American casualties far more likely.

"The president has said he has no intention (of ordering ground troops) and that the air campaign is inflicting a great deal of damage," Albright said on ABC's "This Week."

Both British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Chancellor Gerhard Schröder of Germany endorsed the U.S. position.

"I think the important thing is to see the strategy we have through," Blair said on CBS' "Face the Nation." He stressed "the dangers of a land force invasion."

Schröder, interviewed on CNN's "Late Edition," said he sees "no reason whatsoever" to consider ground troops. "Airstrikes have to be continued, and they have to be sharpened as well," Schröder said.

NATO's Solana denied a British newspaper report that the alliance is preparing for a late-May invasion of Kosovo.

"At this point, the alliance has no



plans to go into an invasion," Solana said on "Fox News Sunday." "We are going to maintain the air campaign to the end."

Critics such as presidential hopeful Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., say it is a mistake to give Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic the assurance he will not face NATO on the ground.

The ground war debate aside, U.S. officials say Yugoslav troops already are digging in and mining key land routes into Kosovo.

"I think they expect a NATO invasion," Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said.

Milosevic's foreign minister, Zivadin Jovanovic, asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" whether Serb forces were prepared for a ground war, said: "Be sure that we can resist any kind of attacks, any kind of aggression."

Jovanovic said the United States and NATO should "draw lessons" from 26 days of "unsuccessful air raids and aggression" in his country.

With a peace settlement seemingly dead for now, three possibilities emerge for the eventual use of NATO ground troops in Kosovo:

■ Invading and expelling Serb troops from the province.

■ Escorting ethnic Albanians back to their villages and protecting them against Serb reprisals.

■ Opening a land corridor to permit relief organizations to help tens of thousands of Kosovars hiding in the hills.

Clinton has said no consensus exists either in America or among NATO allies for a ground war, chiefly because it almost certainly would mean substantial allied casualties and could ignite a wider war in the Balkans.

The administration also is concerned about further antagonizing Russia, a traditional Serb ally which opposes the NATO bombing.

The second option is feasible, administration officials say, only if Milosevic agrees to accept the

entry of peacekeepers. That seems unlikely, given that Milosevic's rejection of an international force doomed the Kosovo peace talks in the first place.

NATO officials are studying a land corridor for humanitarian relief, but that step is unlikely, Bacon said last week.

Bacon emphasized the complications NATO would face in attempting a land invasion: mountainous terrain limits attack routes from Macedonia and Albania; few navigable roads; and Serb artillery and mined bridges.

Attacking from the north, through Hungary, would mean fighting the Serbs all the way to Kosovo in southern Serbia, Bacon said, suggesting that was an unlikely option.

Even getting troops to the area would be hard, Bacon said, given the lack of major ports and airfields.

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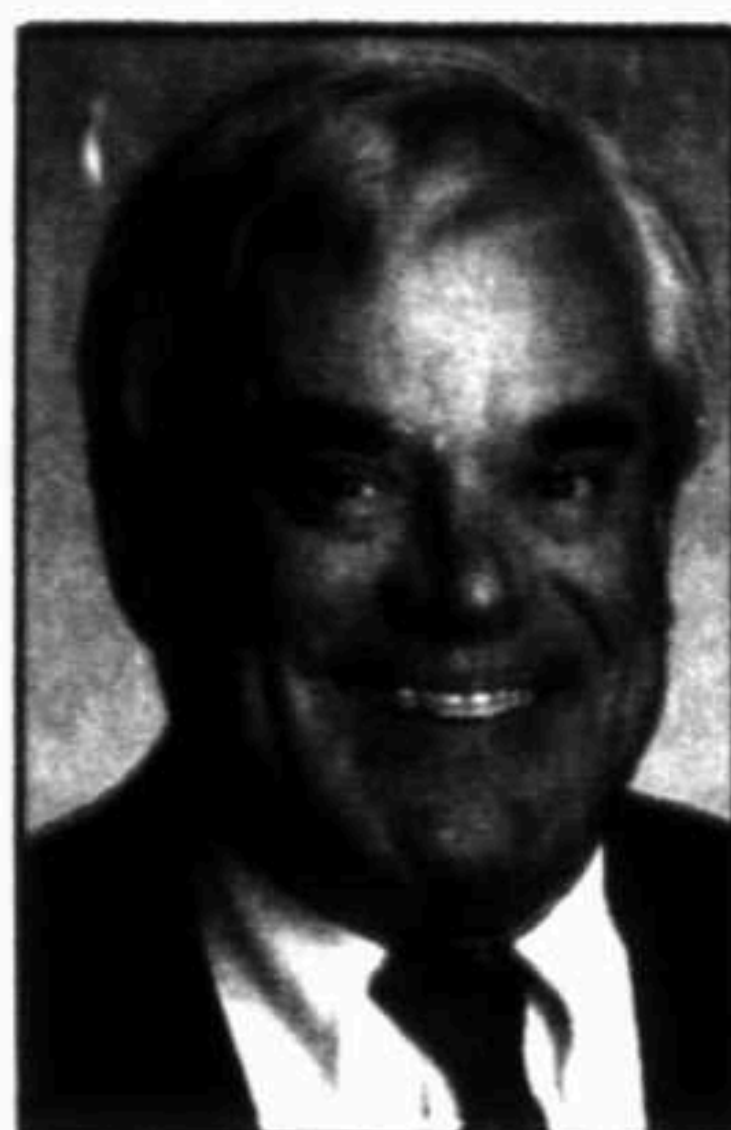
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## Jaw disorder can lead to variety of pain and sleep problems

A long list of jaw disorders are grouped together under the name Temporomandibular Disorders (TMD or TMJ). These can cause an equally long list of seemingly unrelated problems, says Dr. Grant E. Giles of Cranio-Mandibular Affiliates. These problems can include chronic recurrent headaches, facial and neck pain, ringing or pain in the ears, perceived loss of hearing, clicking or locking of the jaws, even some sleep disorders such as snoring and apnea.



Head, neck and face pain, clicking or locking jaws, even some sleep disorders can be symptoms of jaw disorders known as TMD. Dr. Grant E. Giles offers hope for you. Call 1-888-263-2631 toll free for an appointment.

It has been estimated that up to 20 percent of Americans suffer from one or more symptoms of TMD. While not all individuals have problems bothersome enough to require treatment, many have such severe pain as to affect their family and business relationships, and more importantly, their overall quality of life.

Until recently, these seemingly unrelated problems were ignored or misdiagnosed, largely because jaw problems fall into a gray area between dental and medical expertise. Now, however, Dr. Giles bridges that gap with years of training and experience in the realm of TMD. He is primarily a diagnostician, able to provide screening diagnosis of the problem and recommend the appropriate treatment. "I interrelate with the dentist and the physician, who appreciate my help," says Dr. Giles.

Correct diagnosis becomes an extra challenge when the patient has suffered TMD problems for many years. There are two reasons for this difficulty: first, many areas may be affected, including jaw joints, muscles of the neck, jaw, face and upper back as well as blood vessels and nerves. Second, the body must compensate for the original TMD problem through adjustments, which in turn cause other problems that it then needs to overcome. The patient is left with many layers of physical problems that are all tied to TMD. Dr. Giles' job is then to work through seemingly unrelated problems to get to the real cause and determine a solution.

You may see Dr. Giles either on your own or as a referral from your physician or dentist. Dr. Giles will go over your health history with you and get other pertinent information during the exam, which typically lasts 45 minutes to one hour.

In cases where a sleep disorder is also present, Dr. Giles may recommend an in-home screening which can assess whether a patient has apnea, hypopnea or snoring problems. This screening can also assist in deciding on the proper treatment.

Obstructive Sleep Apnea, which affects up to 24 percent of men and nine percent of women, is defined as a temporary cessation of breathing during sleep, lasting at least 10 seconds. Hypopnea is a reduction of 30 to 50 percent in airflow for 10 seconds or more. While causes typically involve nasal obstructions or an enlarged tongue, adenoids or tonsils, TMD can also be a factor.

TMD can be a factor in sleep disorders resulting from the developmental interrelationships of jaw and dental arch malformation, the signs of which are: crowded or crooked teeth, chronic mouth breathing, tongue thrust habits, bruxing (tooth grinding) and snoring. Many of these symptoms are present in pre-adolescents during tooth eruption of the primary and permanent teeth. Early identification and diagnosis of developmental problems in such pre-adolescents can greatly reduce TMD and sleep disorder problems in later years.

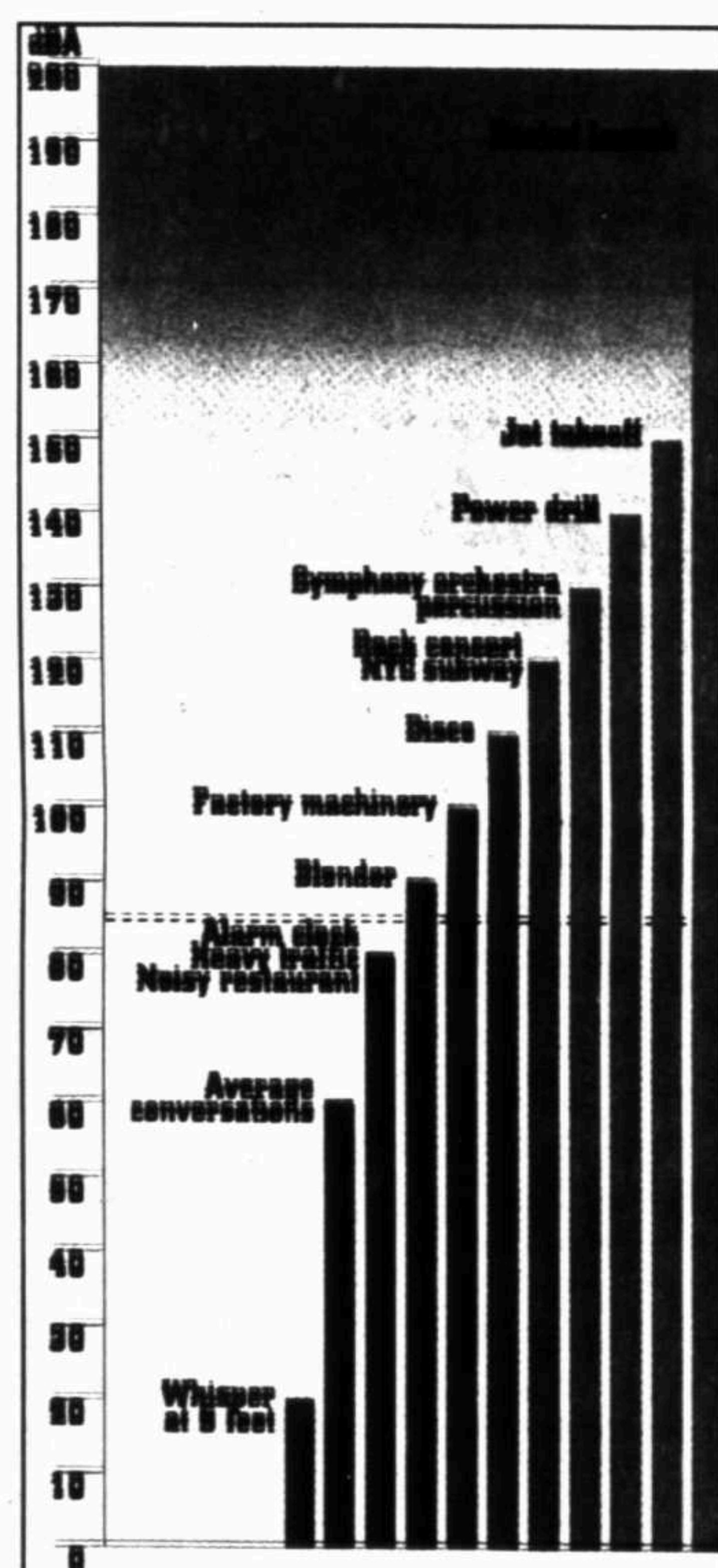
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TMD has been called "The Great Impostor" because it masquerades as so many other problems. Because he specializes in this field, Dr. Giles can usually remove the mask and bring welcome relief to patients, even if they've had past attempts at treatment with little success.

Dr. Grant E. Giles, DDS, FAES, FAGD, FICCMO, DAAPM is director of Cranio-Mandibular Affiliates of Midland and San Antonio. He has lectured extensively on TMD diagnoses and treatments. His office is located in the Westwood Medical Building at 4214 Andrews Highway, Suite 201. For an appointment, call 522-1450 or 1-888-263-2631 toll free.

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Any noise above the dotted line on this graph has the potential to damage your hearing.

It is said that silence is golden. But that's only true if the silence is voluntary. If it is silent because of permanent hearing loss, it isn't worth much. That's why Orlando Purcell and Audio Acoustics are observing International Noise Awareness Day this Wednesday, April 21. "This is a good time to let people know that their hearing may be endangered by some fairly common noises," says Orlando.

Hearing experts agree that continued exposure to noise above 85 dBA will eventually harm your hearing. Noise is one of the leading causes of hearing loss in the 28 million people with impaired hearing in the United States. Noise also negatively impacts the health and quality of life for millions of other Americans.

Here are some examples of noisy recreational activities and how loud they can be: Video arcades, as loud as 110 dBA; rock concerts, as high as 120 dBA or even

louder; movie theaters up to 118 dBA; gunshots, 150-167 dBA (these can cause almost immediate hearing loss); personal stereo systems with headphones, 105-120 if turned up to maximum levels. Lawn equipment and motorcycles can also be dangerously loud.

Some professions are at risk by nature, and should require employees to wear hearing protection. These can include factory workers, farmers, construction workers, military personnel, heavy industry workers, musicians, firemen and police officers. Extremely loud noise can be dangerous when it prevents workers from hearing a warning shout or important instructions from a coworker.

Even office workers are faced with annoyance and stress from offices with ringing phones, humming air conditioning, computers and fans.

Noise can cause other health problems besides loss of hearing, says Orlando. "Studies have shown that exposure to

noise is associated with elevations in blood pressure. Other studies have linked noise exposure with increased anxiety, which may contribute to the formation of ulcers."

You can observe International Noise Awareness Day by turning down the volume on TVs, personal stereos and other entertainment devices; notice the noises around you and respect your neighbor's right to quiet; and try just having some time of quiet. It may just be music to your ears.

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# Scientists see no end in sight for drought gripping parts of U.S.

By Joseph B. Verrengia  
Associated Press

You know it's dry when Sunbelt retirees start watering the cactus. When mountain lions and other skittish wildlife emerge from the pinon scrub of the Sonora Desert to lap greedily from chlorinated swimming pools and fountains.

When a wall of wildfire 10 miles wide blackens a swath of Nebraska prairie the size of Rhode Island, stampeding cattle and forcing the midnight evacuation of a ranching town.

When Catholic priests and Baptist preachers hold prayer vigils in withered cotton fields and cracked, sage-choked reservoir basins, raising their arms to beseech the same clear blue heavens for a drop of rain.

And this was supposed to be an easy year.

After all, the record El Nino of 1998 is long gone. However, scientists say 1999 is shaping up to be another year of unpredictable, destructive, weather conditions.

Portions of the South and Midwest are being strangled by a spotty but tenacious drought that has been gripping parts of the nation for several months.

In Texas, Gov. George W. Bush has declared a state of emergency in 170 of the state's 254 counties. His order comes nine months after a 1998 drought cost his state \$10.4 billion in agriculture losses alone.

Not to be outdone, his brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, declared his own drought emergency on April 13 and ordered the National Guard to help combat red-alert wildfire conditions for the second consecutive year.

By the weekend, gusty winds fanned flames across 6,000 acres, forcing the evacuation of nearly 1,000 residents across Florida. In Port St. Lucie, 60 houses burned Friday; fire reduced one neighborhood to ashes and a few charred refrigerators.

"It's all or nothing," said Mark Svoboda, a forecaster with the National Drought Mitigation Center in Lincoln, Neb. "For some places, the dryness has become an

intense event."

No one is certain how much worse the drought will get.

It's been so dry that recent blizzards and thunderstorms have not been enough to slake the drought in many areas. Long-range forecasts by several federal agencies agree that dry conditions could persist with a vengeance throughout the Sunbelt and portions of the Midwest until July.

"When we get into a drought, we don't know how long it will last," said climatologist Kelly Redmond of the Desert Research Institute of Reno, Nev. "That's because we don't have a good handle on why drought occurs. You can't predict something well if you don't know why it happens."

Part of the problem lies in forecasters' difficulty in analyzing what isn't happening in the atmosphere.

Meteorologists can spot thunderstorms, blizzards and tornadoes snarling on the electronic horizon of their Double Doppler radars. And they behave according to a logic that is becoming more apparent every year.

But drought is the consequence of an accumulation of nonevents — the absence of storms, a lack of rainfall. A standard definition is a 30 percent drop in precipitation for three consecutive weeks.

"It's the dog not barking in the night," Redmond said. "It's too many nice days in a row. By and by, you notice that something hasn't happened in a while."

Like rain. Once established, drought is likely to persist for months, or years. Increasingly, scientists are looking into the past for clues as to when droughts start and stop.

Studies of climate trends spanning the past 10 centuries indicate that immediately following El Nino episodes, North America has periodically suffered cataclysmic droughts and wildfires that would make the Dust Bowl look lush.

We're overdue, scientists warn. And its impacts could be exaggerated by record high temperatures in the 1990s that some believe are the result of global warming

## Parched country

Regions where droughts threaten the upcoming growing season.



Source: Climate Prediction Center, NOAA

caused by human activities.

"We're heading into a very, very dangerous situation," said University of Arizona tree ring expert Tom Swetnam.

"It's really off the scale." This year, climate experts blame conditions on the opposite of El Nino — La Nina.

Like its surly weather twin, it too is generated by a continent-sized pool of water in the equatorial Pacific that conspires with the atmosphere to disrupt storm patterns around the globe.

But La Nina's characteristics are opposite of El Nino's. Its waters are cold rather than warm, and it occurs less frequently and predictably.

In 1997-98, El Nino's waters simmered at a record 9 degrees above normal. It left southeast Asia and Australia parched and decimated fisheries along the Pacific coastline from British Columbia to Chile. At the same time, it nearly submerged California in rain and mudslides while delivering copious rains to Arizona that nourished the best wildflower bloom in a generation.

But Texas and Florida sizzled with disastrous results all summer long.

When the record El Nino finally

collapsed, the climate pendulum swung into a cold-water La Nina in the Pacific.

It has reversed conditions in Asia, bringing chest-high floodwaters to India. Forecasters expect a vigorous hurricane season in the Caribbean this fall, too.

In the United States, La Nina has pushed the jet stream north. Weather patterns cleave the nation roughly in half, tracing the Interstate 80 corridor between New York City and San Francisco.

The southern half of the country generally is drier than normal, especially Arizona and New Mexico — no wildflowers this year. But to forecasters' consternation, Texas and Florida remain dangerously dry again despite the switch to La Nina.

Circumstances north of I-80 couldn't be more different.

In Washington, Mount Baker is poised to break the all-time North American snowfall record of 1,122 inches, or 93.5 feet of cumulative snow, that fell at Mount Rainier during the winter of 1971-72.

Reservoirs are brimming, and downstream communities and farms face late-spring flooding.

"We're fat with water," Redmond said, gazing out his window at the Sierra Nevada swaddled in

a deep, white, icy blanket. "But the further south you go, the worse it gets."

You don't have to remind George Davies.

Brown slopes on Mount Lemmon near Tucson forced the manager of Ski Valley to close the two chairlifts serving the nation's southernmost ski area for the first season in its 40-year history.

A foot of snow on April Fools' Day only aggravated matters; too skimpy for skiing, but it closed the only road to the city.

"I plan on one bad year in every five years," Davies said. "But I never thought that I would have a zero year."

Thirty miles and 6,000 feet downhill in Tucson, conditions have been remarkably dry even for the desert oasis.

The April Fools' storm sprayed more than an inch of cold rain on the city and surrounding range land. Until then, the area had received 0.01 inch of moisture since autumn. Precipitation remains 80 percent below normal.

Temperatures as high as 90 degrees have driven early season water consumption to midsummer levels.

Similar conditions grip cities across the nation's southern tier, including Albuquerque, El Paso and San Antonio. Even humid Houston has been relatively dry.

In San Diego, entrepreneurs have suggested bringing supertankers full of fresh water from the Pacific Northwest.

Naples and other Florida cities are debating water restrictions. Birds and other wildlife in the Everglades National Park are suffering in a parched ecosystem that already is the subject of an intensive restoration following decades of water diversion by Big Sugar and other farm interests.

Tucson is especially vulnerable.

Its water utility started in the 19th century by delivering bags of spring water by burro to the barrios and mining camps. The city continues to suck water from its desert aquifer to irrigate thirsty golf resorts and subdivisions much

faster than sporadic storms can replenish it.

"We have no place to go for more water," utility director David Modder said. "La Nina complicates everything we're doing. If the summer monsoon is late, we'll have a real problem meeting demand."

Circumstances are no better for farmers.

In Texas alone, last year's El Nino drought cost farmers and their suppliers \$10.4 billion, and 10 percent of growers went bankrupt.

Many regions across the state — including areas near Abilene, Big Spring, San Angelo, Lubbock and Midland — received below average rain this winter, and spring rains have been spotty.

Farmers are planting seed in case the rains return, but it's a make-or-buy year for many. The same is true for crop processors and farm suppliers. A Littlefield, Texas, cotton mill laid off 500 workers in March.

"It's all bleak," said Texas A&M economist Carl G. Anderson. "Farmers aren't very mobile. For them, it's a very slow process, but it becomes overwhelming."

The drought is raising immediate dangers, too.

Thousands of forest and range fires have been sparked since February, prompting federal officials to redeploy crews, tanker planes and funding from the wet North to the dry South.

In Florida, where 500,000 acres were roasted last summer, 1,650 wildfires have burned more than 35,000 acres and several homes so far this year.

Fire experts have documented that over the past 1,000 years, huge wildfires burned during dry La Nina episodes that immediately followed wet El Ninos.

Some of the worst years: 1575, 1748, 1851 and 1879.

It's a natural cycle, but the added risks of 100 years of fire-prevention efforts and population growth means the ecological and economic costs of wildfire this year could be among the highest in the past millennium.

## Teacher of the year uses fancy, fun to teach lessons

WASHINGTON (AP) — Andrew Baumgartner, a kindergarten teacher from Georgia, comes up with just about anything to get the kids in his class to learn. He has served as host of a wedding for Sleeping Beauty, complete with limousine and cake, and a knighting ceremony for Jack after he killed the giant in the Beanstalk.

"Sometimes they may seem a bit off the wall," Baumgartner said of his ideas to bring the magic of reading to young minds, "but nothing tried is nothing gained."

That sense of adventure earned Baumgartner, 46, the honor of being named the 1999 national teacher of the year. He is the first Georgia winner of the national contest.

"Classes should be an adventure every day," he said. "They should be places where children discover ... where failure is

kept at bay." Baumgartner was teaching at A. Brian Merry Elementary School, in Augusta, Ga., when he went on leave last year to tour the state in honor of his selection as Georgia's teacher of the year for 1998.

More than half the 530 students at the school get free lunch, educators' most common measure of student poverty.

A teacher for 23 years, Baumgartner has battled his share of educational demons, even in his own family. He went through the pain of watching his son, diagnosed with multiple learning disabilities, fail at and eventually drop out of school in frustration.

His son, 21, got his generally equivalency certificate and is enrolled in an Augusta technical school. The experience forced Baumgartner to re-evaluate his own teaching style.

## Researcher finds way to budge kid couch potatoes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parents may have a way to budge their chip-chomping, TV-watching kids from the family sofa: a bicycle hooked up electrically to the set. To see their favorite shows, couch potatoes have to pedal.

An obesity researcher who came up with the "TVcycle" says early tryouts helped youngsters shed fat and discouraged TV viewing.

David Allison of St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in New York knows parents are not going to race to rewire TV sets and he cautions that his findings are preliminary.

But he says his small study of a few overweight New York children is important because it suggests tinkering with the technology that makes life more comfortable — but also more sedentary and fattening — could help trim Americans' expanding waistlines.

"I am not naive enough to think we're going to solve the world's obesity problems with TVs hooked to bicycles," Allison said. "But there are other things we could do ... that are limited only by our imaginations."

The National Institutes of Health says about 55 percent of American adults are overweight or obese, up from 43 percent in 1960. Studies also suggest more than 13 percent of youngsters ages 6 through 17 are overweight, and getting fatter each year.

Lack of exercise is a main cause. Research shows television is a major culprit for kids, mesmerizing children who otherwise

might burn calories while playing. Formal exercise programs do not help much because it is hard to get to a gym or playground regularly, particularly for young children with busy parents, so scientists are hunting for home-based tricks to get kids moving, Allison said. For his experiment, an engineer rewired TV sets to work only while the viewer was pedaling an attached bicycle. Built-in computers measure how long the televisions were on. The TVcycles, which are back in Allison's office as he hunts money for a larger study, are not for sale. With NIH funding, Allison delivered the TVcycles to six overweight TV fans, ages 8 to



AP Photo

12, and put standard exercise bikes in front of televisions for four similar children.

The kids did not diet and the televisions for the TVcycle group were locked to prevent cheating.

Nobody nagged the youngsters to pedal or lose weight, Allison said. "We just said, 'Here you go. For the TV to work, you have to pedal. See ya,'" he said.

Ten weeks later, the four kids who watched television while pedaling on the couch saw 20 hours a week and bicycled only 8 minutes a week, Allison said in an interview Friday before presenting his results at a biology conference Sunday in Washington.

The six TVcycle kids watched an hour a week and pedaled an hour a week. But that was not all the TVcycle kids watched.

They did not pedal when the family watched television together and there was some cheating, when parents let kids watch a special show on a set not part of the test, Allison said.

But the pedaling kids finished the study with 2 percentage points less total body fat and 3 percentage points less fat on their legs than the other children. So those kids must have been more active during the time once spent watching TV.

"It's quite amazing they'd see any change" in such a short time and in kids who did not diet, said Michael Jacobson of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a consumer advocacy group that fights obesity.

## Woman of long ago finds friends at century's end

By Jerry Schwartz  
Associated Press

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — There were 13 young women in the Douglass College honors seminar last semester — 14, if you include Clara.

And you had to include Clara, though she came from another time, when college women kept curfews, wore long, white gloves to formals, and passed the time between classes in tea rooms.

You had to include Clara, though she had been dead for a half-century.

For four months, as a class project, these sophomores and juniors studied Clara Kangler and a tragic life that ended long before they were born.

In the end, many considered her a friend.

This is a story about how very different young people are today from their forbears, and how very much the same. And it is a story about time travel, about how people from one time can reach back to those of another and almost — ALMOST — come to know them.

When Clara's sister, Elsie, died in 1996, she left a trove of papers and artifacts that found its way to Rutgers University.

Clara was an alum, though not a famous one like Paul Robeson or Calista Flockhart. She attended New Jersey College for Women, the forerunner of Douglass, Rutgers' college for women.

Deirdre Kramer, head of the Douglass scholars program, had long been interested in "psychobiography" — telling the story of an interior life. So she issued a challenge to her students: Could they take these faded papers and reconstruct Clara Kangler?

She was born Aug. 14, 1917, to Alois and Johanna Kangler, Sloven-

ian immigrants. (Elsie was four years older.) She graduated from high school with honors; even then, there were indications that she was depressed.

"Just another dull, uninteresting day," she wrote in her diary. "Will this drudgery ever end? In my heart, I know it will."

The students studied her scrapbooks from college, keepsakes from the 1938 Senior Class ball, the receipt for her \$100 tuition, her yearbook entry ("Her ambition cen-

but she intended to finish her novel. "The book is progressing as I expected. I'm really going to devote a lot of time to it from now on ..."

But she also wanted to snare a husband.

"I'll be damned if I'm going to piddle around with small change and during the season I may be able to snag someone with a pile," she wrote.

Clara and Elsie were both fine writers, and they came alive in 130 letters they exchanged in the seven

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— Dana Bowling, 19

ters about magazine writing and extensive travel. Alone, Clara?

They interviewed her classmates. "She was a very pretty girl and seemed to be kind of always involved and rushing around," says Alice Talbot Sofin, 82.

Clara graduated with distinction in English, and went on to get her master's at Columbia; they read her thesis on feminist writer Sarah Grand.

After all of that education, she took one secretarial job after another. "I can take dictation at 100 words per minute and am a rapid and accurate typist," she wrote, in one letter of application.

Then she suffered some sort of breakdown — apparently as a result of a love affair gone bad.

"Today is exactly one year to the day that I last saw Charles F.," she wrote to Elsie in March 1947. "And ... as of tomorrow I began that long series of trotting to doctors and going to pieces generally."

By 1947, she had moved to Miami Beach, Fla.

Seemingly, she had recovered. She took on more secretarial work,

months Clara was away.

Elsie is the conservative one. "Apparently, you just blab everything that comes to your mind," she tells Clara. Her news is mundane — the radio in the kitchen has been repaired, Mother has put up a batch of sauerkraut.

Clara is the free spirit. "At 33, my dear, you should get over your inhibitions as far as sex is concerned," she tells Elsie. She wants to give her brown hair a henna rinse, she complains about roommates and her period. She wards off a pass from a married man with whom she had had an affair.

"Little Clara is steering clear of any extra-marital entanglements," she writes.

In the last weeks of her stay, the letters become sparse and less effervescent. "Am still feeling pretty low, and am still undecided about what to do ... I'm afraid my fine fervor is wearing thin."

Then the letters stop. Clara returned to New Jersey in June and took a job as a teacher at Drake's Business College.

The last items in the collection are

Mass cards, an obituary, a note from Elsie about Clara's death on Sept. 17, 1947.

But the Douglass scholars did not stop there.

They went to the house in Dunellen where the Kangler family had lived. And they went into the basement and traced Elsie's steps to the place where, 51 years before, she found her sister's body hanging from the ceiling.

Arlene Miller knew all along that Clara killed herself. Still, when this 28-year-old archivist read through the letters and came to their sudden end, it took her breath away.

"Tears just came to my eyes," she says.

Aubrey Garrison had embraced Clara — "I really feel that a part of her personality and of what she brought into the world is now part of me" — and she was horrified by the basement where Clara's life ended.

"I went into the room, and I had to leave ...," says Garrison, a 20-year-old English and exercise science major. "It made Clara more real. It made it impossible to deny it."

For Garrison and most of her classmates, this was an experience unlike any other. They shared their discoveries. "Guess what Clara did?" they would say. Gradually, they shared intimate details of their own lives.

"The things that people seemed to find in Clara were things they found in themselves," says Dana Bowling, 19.

Great aspirations. Feelings of inadequacy. Struggles with relationships. Passions. High spirits. Low spirits. All of these things, they saw in Clara and they saw in themselves.

After all of their research, the class had to admit defeat. Clara's pain was palpable, but the reasons for it were unknown.

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## Starr responses signal need for review of IC law

One gets the feeling, on hearing Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr staunchly defend his investigation of President Clinton only to tear into the law that empowered him to conduct the investigation, that you are hearing the pot call the kettle black.

In fact, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., seemed to hit the nail perfectly on the head when he said Starr's reasoning that the 1978 independent counsel law was flawed because the process had become too politicized was like "Jack the Ripper calling for more neighborhood patrols because of the surge in crime victims."

Starr contends he has the power to indict Clinton even after the president leaves office but said the independent counsel law, which expires June 30, should not be renewed because it is "constitutionally dubious" and "structurally unsound."

As if that wasn't enough to cause senators to rethink the 1978 law, there is the cost of the Starr investigation — an uncool \$40 million. That isn't exactly pocket change for your average American.

There should be some soul-searching before the June 30 expiration of the independent counsel law. It shouldn't be thrown out if there still is value to be derived by the American people from its use, but there are enough questions being raised about it to merit close scrutiny.

Is Kenneth Starr really raising a valid criticism of the independent counsel law or is it seriously flawed? That is a question that must be answered before the June 30 expiration.

In one regard, Starr made a point when in response to senators' questioning about what he called "completely bogus allegations" that his staff used abusive and unfair tactics with witnesses, he replied, "I do not apologize for trying to gather the facts consistent" with FBI methods.

No, that really would be the pot calling the kettle black!

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, April 19, the 109th day of 1999. There are 256 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On April 19, 1951, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, relieved of his command by President Truman, bid farewell to Congress, quoting a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."

On this date:

In 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

In 1897, the first Boston Marathon was run from Ashland, Mass., to Boston.

In 1898, Congress passed a resolution recognizing Cuban independence and demanding that Spain relinquish its authority over Cuba.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard. In 1943, during World War II, tens of thousands of Jews living in the Warsaw Ghetto began a valiant but futile battle against Nazi forces.

In 1945, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel" opened on Broadway.

In 1982, astronauts Sally K. Ride and Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first woman and first African-American to be tapped for U.S. space missions.

In 1993, the 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended as fire destroyed the structure after federal agents began smashing their way in; dozens of people, including David Koresh, were killed.

In 1995, a truck bomb devastated the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people. Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were later convicted of charges related to the bombing.

Ten years ago: Forty-seven sailors were killed when a gun turret exploded aboard the USS Iowa. A female jogger in New York's Central Park was brutally beaten and raped. Six teen-agers were later charged in the near-fatal attack; five were convicted, one pleaded guilty to a lesser charge.

Five years ago: A Los Angeles jury awarded \$3.8 million to beaten motorist Rodney King. The Supreme Court outlawed the practice of excluding people from juries because of their gender.

One year ago: Wang Dan, a leader of the 1989 Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests, arrived in the United States after being freed by China. It was announced that Linda McCartney, the wife of Paul McCartney, had died two days earlier at age 56. Mexican poet-philosopher Octavio Paz died at age 84.

JACK ANDERSON

## Pentagon excess especially smarts after tax day

The Pentagon budget is set to get an emergency boost from Congress, because of the expensive war being waged by the United States and NATO in Kosovo and Yugoslavia. As a result, the budget "surplus" will too-swiftly evaporate into a nostalgic memory.

That's partly because, unfortunately, too much of that hard-earned taxpayer money will be wasted. It's difficult enough to police the military's budget in peacetime, but during war it's doubly hard, as auditors and officers look the other way out of misplaced "patriotism."

This has been our experience over decades of reporting on the Pentagon — that the money, desperately needed in salaries for the troops themselves, and now to beef up manpower, is often wasted on too-expensive military hardware and other shenanigans.

It's particularly difficult to take after the wrenching experience of meeting the April 15 IRS deadline, and coming to the sobering realization that many Americans still haven't earned enough this year to pay all their taxes.

We've heard from thousands of taxpayers over the years who've been boiling mad at the Pentagon's spending practices. They wonder why the Pentagon would pay \$91 for a 3-cent screw, \$114 for a 9-cent battery, \$511 for a 60-cent lamp and \$436 for a \$7 hammer.

We've often thought that since the government

places such high value on these items, maybe taxpayers should pay their taxes with 3-cent screws and 9-cent batteries. Of course, we doubt the Internal Revenue Service would give taxpayers \$91 credit for a 3-cent screw.

How does the government justify paying \$436 for a \$7 hammer? Well, here's how the Navy once justified it to us: \$41 to order the hammer and figure out how to use it; \$93 for "mechanical subassembly" to make sure the hammer works; \$102 for "manufacturing overhead"; \$37 to line up spare parts for the hammer; \$3 for packing the hammer for shipping; \$90 for the contractor's "general administrative cost"; \$56 for the funder's fee; \$7 for the "capital cost of money"; and \$7 for "other expenses."

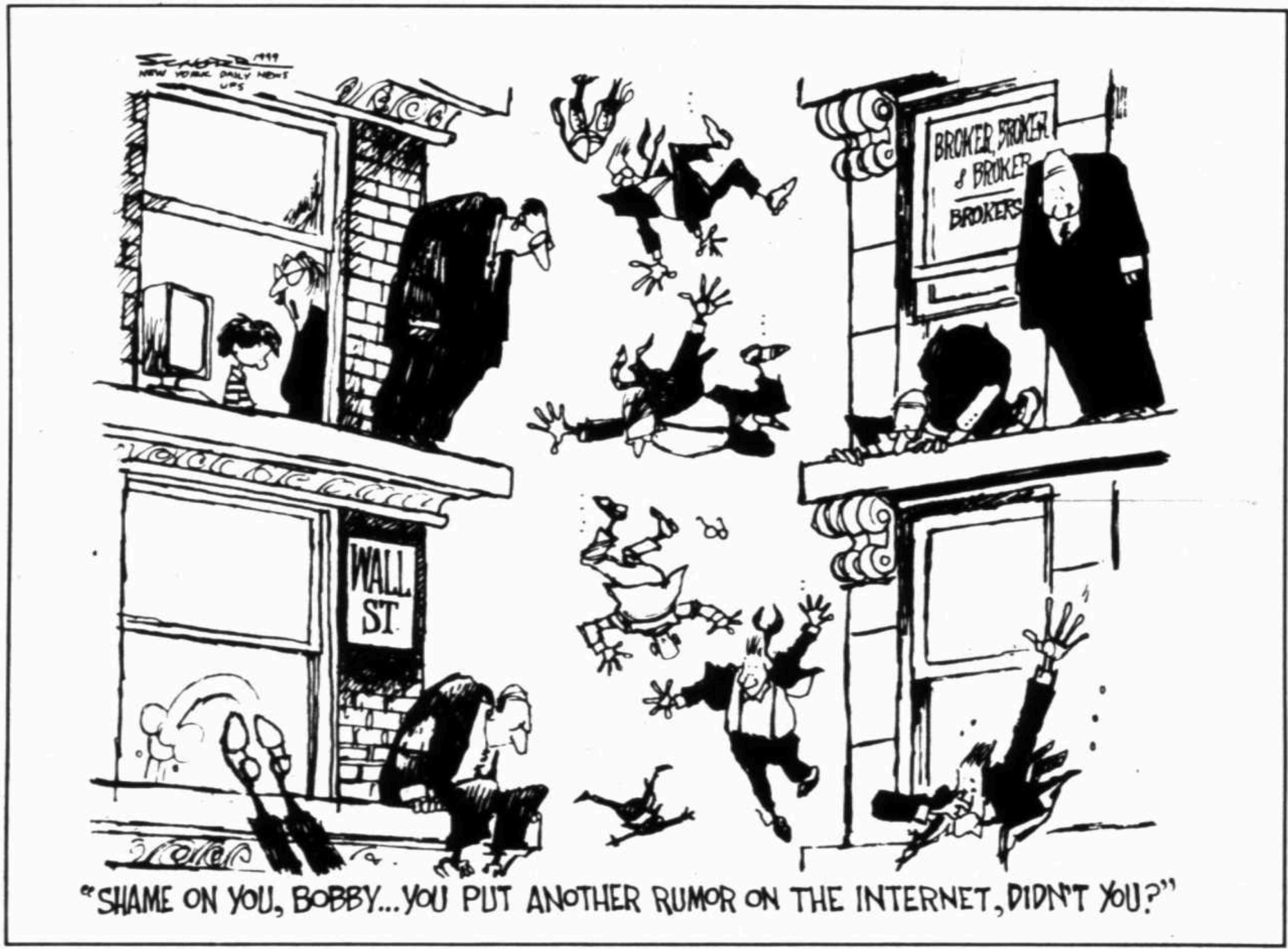
The toll of eye-popping extravagance in the Pentagon's spare-parts purchases, as well, is large. Among those cases we've previously uncovered are \$145,950 for a standard computer printer that should have cost \$28,840; \$456 for a half-inch socket worth \$1.49; \$652 for a tool box that retails for \$11.67; \$512 for a 48-cent fuse; \$2,043 for a plain round nut that could have been bought at any hardware store for 13 cents.

The waste is in so many areas that it's sometimes like a brush-fire on a very windy day — it is in too many places to stamp out. Once, we found, the Pentagon had spent \$650,000 on "security covers" to hide the classified dimensions of nuclear weapons long after the dimensions were declassified. The reason for declassifying the weapons' size, shape and weight, it turned out, was to permit their movement without the encumbrance of security covers.

This column has long been an advocate of highly rewarding those dutiful government employees with a percentage — usually 10 percent — of the money they save for the taxpayers.



Anderson



CHARLEY REESE

## Attack on our one-time ally is shameful

Let me tell you about something that happened back in the dark days of World War II. The German army, in 1941, stood astride of Europe, having defeated or compelled the surrender of every nation. From the borders of Russia to the Atlantic, from the English Channel and North Sea to the Mediterranean, the German war machine stood victorious.

It is no surprise then that when it rolled into Yugoslavia, the government surrendered. There was no chance to win a fight. Croatia became an enthusiastic fascist state and set up its own concentration camps to slaughter Jews and Serbs. Albania had joined the fascists and sent a division into Kosovo where, at that time, Serbs were a huge majority. They killed about 140,000 Serbs.

The Bosnian Muslims, including its present leader, enthusiastically formed a Waffen SS division.

So what did the Serbs do? Well, that's the magic. Within a few days after the Yugoslavian government surrendered, the Serb people rose up, overthrew that government and told Hitler's legions in effect: "Hell, no! We don't surrender."

This is one of the noblest examples of human courage in history. Here was a people hopelessly outnumbered who nevertheless preferred to die than to surrender. More than a million did die, but they fought the Germans so fiercely that the German invasion of the Soviet Union was delayed. Hitler later blamed his defeat by the Russians on this delay.

It is shameful, in my opinion, that the United States, in its postwar decline and led by sleazy people, is attacking the Serbs, who fought with us as allies, to assist people who fought against us as Nazi allies.

And it is moronic that people in Washington supposed that the Serbs, who defied the German war

machine, would collapse and tremble at the feet of a cowardly draft dodger whose ill-planned, poorly thought out campaign has already led to a human disaster for the very people he claimed it was designed to save.

And make no mistake, this president — famous for his bad judgment — by rejecting any compromise is committing the United States to ground war in the Balkans. The idea that this man, who spoke of loathing the U.S. military and who cowardly avoided the draft, is now willing to put American troops into war against a former ally is really disgusting.

Clinton is going to discover, like Hitler, that he can occupy Serbia, but he cannot subdue the Serbian people.

The American people should wake up and decide how many of their sons and daughters they wish to sacrifice for the sake of Albania — once a fascist state, once the most Stalinist of the communist states, and currently the most corrupt and incompetent of the former communist states.

When Clinton sends troops into Yugoslavia, it will be pointless to talk about an exit strategy. There won't be one. There isn't even one for the American troops stuck in Bosnia. NATO officials have said they will be there at least another five years.

Americans should also remember that not one single European leader in 1914 intended to start a world war. They simply found themselves trapped in a chain of actions and reactions and ended up in a situation not a single one of them had intended or wanted.

Clinton is a cheap, small-state hustler and is clearly out of his depth. He is playing a dangerous game and isn't sane enough to realize just how dangerous it is. Beware of God's ironic sense of humor. The century started with a world war ignited in the Balkans. Let's pray it doesn't end the same way.

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## Doonesbury



But it's rarely worked that way. The compensation is all askew. A civilian worker at a National Guard base in Vermont came up with a gadget that costs \$8.70 to replace goggles that cost \$4,500 a pair. He got a \$10,000 award for saving the Army \$6.85 million a year.

At the same time, we discovered a sculptor who was paid more than 40 times the amount of the civilian's reward — \$333,000 plus more than \$80,000 in royalties from souvenir sales — for the statuette at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. As Jack Kennedy remarked, life isn't fair.

So we're asking lawmakers and budget hawks that they keep a close eye on the Pentagon's spending practices during this escalating war with Kosovo.

We predict that the patriotic rhetoric that will accompany the Pentagon's pending massive budget increase will serve to obscure a sordid, politics-as-usual fact of life: the American flag being wrapped around a large "peacetime" roll of the pork barrel.

While Senate and House Democrats shrill alarms about what Slobodan Milosevic will do if the United States backs down, the private talk in Capitol cloakrooms will secretly center on more practical considerations — how to ensure fat new defense contracts for home states and congressional districts.

And all the while, the most reasonable budget "item" on which to spend new military dollars — the men and women serving in the military, and their families — will probably not see much of it. So, while their loved ones are risking their lives in dangerous deployments far away from home, too many of those at home will have to continue buying their groceries with the help of food stamps.

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CAL THOMAS

## Clinton's guilty of much more than contempt of court

President Clinton has said he feels no shame over his impeachment and trial in Congress. He blames those proceedings on Republican partisanship. He will have more difficulty spinning the public and historians over Judge Susan Webber Wright's contempt citation, the first sanction of a sitting president for disobeying a court order.

Judge Wright said the president is in contempt of her court "for his willful failure to obey this Court's discovery orders" in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case. She hinted that she could have found the president in criminal contempt, but withheld pursuing such a judgment "in order to prevent any potential double jeopardy issues from arising" in connection with Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation of the president. She said she waited until after the impeachment and trial before deciding in favor of civil contempt so as not to influence the impeachment proceedings. But by withholding her decision, it can be argued that she, in fact, did influence those proceedings. An earlier ruling might have provided additional weight to the impeachment articles, which included lying under oath.

Judge Wright's decision could result in the president's disbarment. Contempt is not just a legal term. Its definition gets to the heart of the character of the person who demonstrates contemptuousness toward the law and the courts: "the state of mind of one who despises; disdain; lack of respect; willful disobedience to or open disrespect of a court, judge or legislative body." This president has performed the hat trick, demonstrating disrespect for all three — a court, a judge and the federal Legislature.

President Clinton's Houdini-like twists and turns to escape the clutches of legal accountability in the Paula Jones case date back to 1994. On Aug. 10 of that year, three months after Jones filed her sexual harassment complaint, the president's attorneys moved to dismiss it on grounds of immunity. The claim was denied by Judge Wright. The president's attorneys next claimed he couldn't be sued while in office. The Supreme Court unanimously rejected that contention.

In August 1997, the court dismissed Jones' defamation claim, along with a number of other assertions, but concluded her remaining claims allowed for completion of discovery and the filing of motions. It was at a hearing in Washington on Jan. 12, 1998, that the court first heard the name of Monica Lewinsky. And it was at that hearing that the president lied under oath when he contended he was never alone with Lewinsky and that he did not have a sexual relationship with the White House intern.

The president may appeal the order. Press reports say his legal advisors believe he should not. Because Judge Wright's contempt citation was civil and not criminal, Kenneth Starr is still free to pursue a criminal contempt charge after the president leaves office, if Starr chooses to do so.

William and Mary law professor Michael Gerhardt told the Washington Post: "This is an unfortunate mark against Clinton as a person, because this is a taint on his integrity." The questions related to Clinton as a person and his already tainted integrity were settled long ago.

Judge Wright addressed this administration's view that anything goes in pursuit of its own interests when she wrote: "Certainly the President's aggravation with what he considered a 'politically inspired lawsuit' may well have been justified, although the Court makes no findings in that regard.... (But) the President never challenged the legitimacy of plaintiff's lawsuit... and it simply is not acceptable to employ deceptions and falsehoods in an attempt to obstruct the judicial process...."

So that's two strikes against the president for the historians to consider: strike 1, he is only the second president to be impeached; strike 2, he is the first sitting president to be found in contempt of court. He lied under oath, something that ought not to be tolerated for any citizen.

President Clinton is guilty not only of contempt of court. He is guilty of contempt of country.

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# NATO launches most active day yet of strikes on Yugoslavia

**BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)** — NATO launched its most active day of airstrikes in its assault on Yugoslavia, pummeling refineries, bridges and dozens of other targets Sunday in what it claimed were "highly successful" operations.

Air-raid sirens sounded early today in the Yugoslav capital and other major Serbian cities, warning of a 26th night of NATO strikes, aimed at making Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic halt his offensive in Kosovo and agree to a political settlement for the Serbian province.

Yugoslav media reported several powerful detonations around Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest city, shortly after the alert was sounded. There were no reports of casualties, but the damage was reportedly "great."

Three missiles also struck in the town of Paracin, 90 miles southeast of Belgrade, the state-run Tanjug news agency said. Tanjug also reported attacks around Kraljevo, 75 miles south of Belgrade, and in Sremska Mitrovica, 40 miles west of the capital.

Four large detonations were reported in the village of Baric, where Serbian authorities had warned of a major ecological catastrophe if NATO strikes a chemical plant. Authorities lit the factory with

floodlights so the allied planes could clearly see it.

Earlier, foreign journalists were taken to the factory, 10 miles west of Belgrade. Slobodan Tosovic, a Belgrade health official, said the factory is processing chemicals for washing detergents and there are 180 tons of highly toxic hydrofluoride in the factory systems.

If NATO strikes the factory, a cloud with a lethal dose of the acid would spread in a 20-mile radius, while a cloud with a toxic dose could reach up to 60 miles away, probably engulfing neighboring states, Tosovic said.

Along Kosovo's borders, ethnic Albanians fled the province Sunday at the rate of a thousand an hour. An estimated 40,000 refugees either left Kosovo over the weekend or were at its borders preparing to leave, international officials said.

Albanian soldiers swarmed around the Morini border station early today and ordered reporters not to approach the frontier. International monitors described the situation as tense and said it was unclear how long the crossing would be closed.

A car carrying a family across the border to Albania early Sunday struck a Serbian land mine planted at the edge of a narrow mountain path, killing three children,

their mother and their grandmother.

Yugoslav troops have heavily mined the area along the road to guard against crossings into Kosovo by either fighters of the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army or by NATO troops.

NATO said that while the KLA retained only a small amount of terrain, the rebels were "far from defeated," reporting fighting in central, eastern and northern Kosovo.

NATO forces will soon be bolstered by 24 U.S. Apache helicopter gunships sent to attack Yugoslav army and special police forces. The first Apaches were expected in Albania from Italy by today, however severe rainstorms delayed deployment at least another day.

Reflecting tensions over the stepped-up military activity in Albania, Yugoslavia severed diplomatic relations with its southern neighbor on Sunday, the Albanian Foreign Ministry said.

Despite growing calls for NATO to send in ground troops, NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana insisted there were still no such plans.

But Solana said in a television interview with the British Broadcasting Corp. that "if the moment comes when (a ground force) is necessary, I'm sure the countries

that belong to NATO will be ready to do it."

The alliance's jets flew more than 500 missions in the 24-hour period ending Sunday afternoon — a total that a NATO military spokesman said was the highest number yet. NATO pilots struck sites across Serbia and its Kosovo province.

Thick black smoke mixed with choking fumes rose above an area targeted by a NATO attack on an oil storage depot and nitrogen fertilizer plant in Pancevo, just six miles northwest of Belgrade. State media warned residents of the capital to cover their mouths with handkerchiefs as a precaution against hazardous fumes, but a thunderstorm prevented any chance of them reaching the city.

An immense fire also sent pillars of smoke into the sky after a strike on a refinery in Novi Sad. Tanjug said eight people were injured, and reported a 3-year-old girl was killed when a bomb hit a school in Batajnica, northwest of Belgrade, where a military airfield is located.

NATO officials said the bombing knocked out 13 military vehicles, hit two MiG-21 fighter jets on the ground and struck supply lines. Serbian media said they also struck several bridges, including one near the southern Serbian town of Ras-ka that serves as a major rail link to Kosovo.

NATO spokesman Jamie Shea called it "a highly successful day of air operations," particularly focusing on army and police targets.

The claimed military gains come against an increasingly grim backdrop of expulsions and alleged killings and other atrocities. NATO officials said Saturday that refugee reports suggested more than 3,000 people had been killed by Serb forces in Kosovo since airstrikes began March 24.

NATO officials said Sunday they had graphic evidence, including film taken from allied aircraft and refugee accounts, that Serb forces had assembled Kosovo Albanians into grave-digging "chain gangs." NATO identified 43 separate graves.

"We understand they are being used by President Milosevic to dig graves for their countrymen killed by Serbian ethnic cleansing," Brig. Gen. Giuseppe Marani said at a NATO briefing at alliance headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

Marani added that the burial sites were "neat rows of individual graves pointing to the southeast, toward Mecca." He said that was a sign the mostly Muslim ethnic Albanians were trying to "bury the victims of Milosevic with respect."

## Germany to unveil renovated Reichstag today

**BERLIN (AP)** — What hasn't happened to the Reichstag?

It was burned during the Nazis, bombed by the Allies, and stormed by Red Army soldiers who scrawled obscenities on the walls and planted the red Soviet flag on the roof, marking the defeat of Hitler.

East Germany built the Berlin Wall just a few steps from its back door. And after the Wall came down, the artist Christo wrapped the Reichstag in a million square feet of silvery fabric, a celebration of the end of communism.

Now the old parliament has undergone yet another transformation.

After a \$330 million renovation, the Reichstag debuts today as the reclaimed seat of German lawmakers, a defining episode in the government's return this year to the prewar capital of Berlin.

More than any other building in the city, the Reichstag (pronounced RIKES-tahg) has symbolized every phase of Germany's turbulent, terrible history over the past 80 years. So it only seems fitting that in his restoration, celebrated British architect Sir Norman Foster has made the Reichstag into a new symbol for the new capital, one of a Germany mindful of the past but moving confidently into the future.

Foster preserved the Reichstag's original 19th-century facade, with its Italian Renaissance-style columns and carvings, and the inscription over the main

entrance: "To the German People." But he also gave the parliament a new glass dome that bursts from the top of the old, ravaged building and sparkles like a beacon on the city horizon.

Inside, almost everything is new: the central parliament chamber, the offices and meeting rooms, the five new restaurants, the sleek furniture, the gray decor accented with primary colors and pastels. All the modernness only emphasizes the wartime scars the architect left behind.

Take the east wing, where Chancellor Gerhard Schröder has an office. Doors along the hallway are bright blue, with shiny steel handles and hinges, but sections of the white, stone walls are still gouged and jagged from bombings and covered with Russian graffiti — names and rude slogans dated "1945."

"A lot of events have passed over that building and left their imprint on the fabric," says Foster, who took journalists on a preview tour last week. "I think it has more integrity to reveal and accept the history, making it tangibly visible for present and future generations."

The architectural mix of old and new in large part embodies the professed spirit of Schröder's center-left government. His so-called Berlin Republic stresses that enough time has passed for

Germany to be powerful without being threatening, that it can remember its crimes without being defined by guilt.

It's an attitude that comes partly from Schröder himself. The chancellor, 55, is the first from a generation untroubled by memories of Hitler. But it also comes from the government's return to Berlin, scene of Prussian imperialism and Third Reich horrors. In the planning since 1991, one year after Germany's reunification, the move this year sets a major milestone in the success and confidence of German democracy.

Today's ceremony opening the Reichstag is the first key event in the move from Bonn, the provincial southwestern city where the capital was relegated after World War II. Next comes the election of a new German president in May and the new parliamentary session in September — the first to start in

the restored building.

"I remember how from East Berlin, you could see the Reichstag so near and yet so far," parliamentary President Wolfgang Thierse, an east German, told German radio. "Even then it represented a longing for unity, freedom and democracy."

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## Italian-born Gandhi could be India's next leader

By Arthur Max  
Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India — For years, Sonia Gandhi disdained politics and hid from public view.

When her mother-in-law, Indira Gandhi, was assassinated in 1984, she pleaded with her husband, Rajiv, against taking his mother's place as prime minister. When her husband was killed in 1991, she went into seclusion, shunning the politicians who begged her to lead them.

Yet she reluctantly emerged from the shadows to accept the inheritance of India's foremost political dynasty a year ago, when the venerable Congress Party reached its lowest point. Now, the Italian-born widow may be India's next prime minister.

On Saturday, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee lost a vote of confidence in parliament by one vote and resigned. His fall was precipitated by the defection of his biggest coalition ally.

The Congress Party, which the Gandhi family has dominated since Indira's father, Jawaharlal Nehru, led it in the 1930s, is likely to form the next government. If it cannot, an election will be held within months.

Although Mrs. Gandhi did not initiate the government's downfall, she engineered the final blow. Indian newspapers said her personal lobbying on the telephone Friday night turned key votes against the government.

For the enigmatic Mrs. Gandhi, it was a rare foray beyond her immediate circle. She is considered a strategist who lets her lieutenants carry out decisions.

Still a political novice who has never held an elected office, she rarely speaks in public and does not hold news conferences or give lengthy interviews.

Mrs. Gandhi's campaigning before the 1998 elections was credited with rescuing the fast-declining, century-old party from oblivion. After the election, she agreed to become the party's president and focused on rebuilding it after years of scandal and ineffective leadership.

Although she is an intensely private person, Indians have always been fascinated by Mrs. Gandhi. Her face is a favorite for magazine covers. Even during her years of silence, every private meeting, smile or nod was dissected by the Indian press, which speculated on who was in favor and who was out. Visiting dignitaries routinely

called on her at her home, as if she were an elder statesman.

If she becomes prime minister, her Italian origin will come under greater scrutiny. During the three-day confidence debate, one speaker ignited a shouting match when he referred to Mrs. Gandhi as "a foreigner."

Anand Mohan, an opposition member who crossed sides to vote for the government, told reporters, "A foreign national cannot be accepted as the prime minister. If I had to choose between Vajpayee and Sonia Gandhi, I would choose Vajpayee a thousand times." He noted that Mrs. Gandhi was married many years before adopting Indian citizenship.

Although born a Roman Catholic, she shows public reverence for Hinduism, India's predominant religion. She wears saris and speaks a rough, accented Hindi. Her daughter Priyanka, 27,

helps draft many of her speeches.

Mrs. Gandhi, who is 51, met her husband when she was an 18-year-old student at Cambridge in London, the first time she was away from her native Italy. During most of their courtship, she did not know he was the son of India's prime minister.

Despite doubts many have about a foreign-born leader, Mrs. Gandhi has won many hearts by embracing the essence of Indian lifestyle. For traditional Indians, that means becoming a loyal daughter-in-law and member of her husband's family.

No one was closer to Indira Gandhi than Sonia. When the prime minister was assassinated by her own bodyguards in 1984, it was Sonia who cradled the head of the dying woman.

"My mother-in-law had been the center of our universe ... the pivot of our lives," Sonia Gandhi later

wrote in a book.

But when the Congress Party turned to Rajiv, then a pilot for Indian Airlines, to take the leadership of the party, she begged him not to accept.

"I pleaded with him, with others around him, too. He would be killed as well," she wrote in a book dedicated to her late husband. "He held my hands, hugged me, tried to soothe my desperation. He had no choice, he said. He would be killed anyway."

Rajiv Gandhi served a full five-year term, but lost the 1989 election when his name was linked to a payoff scandal in a huge arms deal. He was killed during a campaign appearance in south India by a woman who detonated explosives attached to her body.

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## Secular party takes lead in Turkish elections

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit's secular party was leading Turkish elections Sunday while an ultra-rightist group appeared to be making stunning gains.

According to early results, the Islamic Virtue Party — the largest party now in parliament — suffered a major decline in votes. Analysts said that the party's friction with the staunchly secular military may have led voters to abandon it and chose the ultra-nationalist movement, which is also deeply religious.

With 50 percent of the vote counted, Ecevit's Democratic Left Party had 23 percent of the vote. Ecevit, who has a good reputation, appeared to be picking up votes from people angry over constant scandals that have plagued previous governments.

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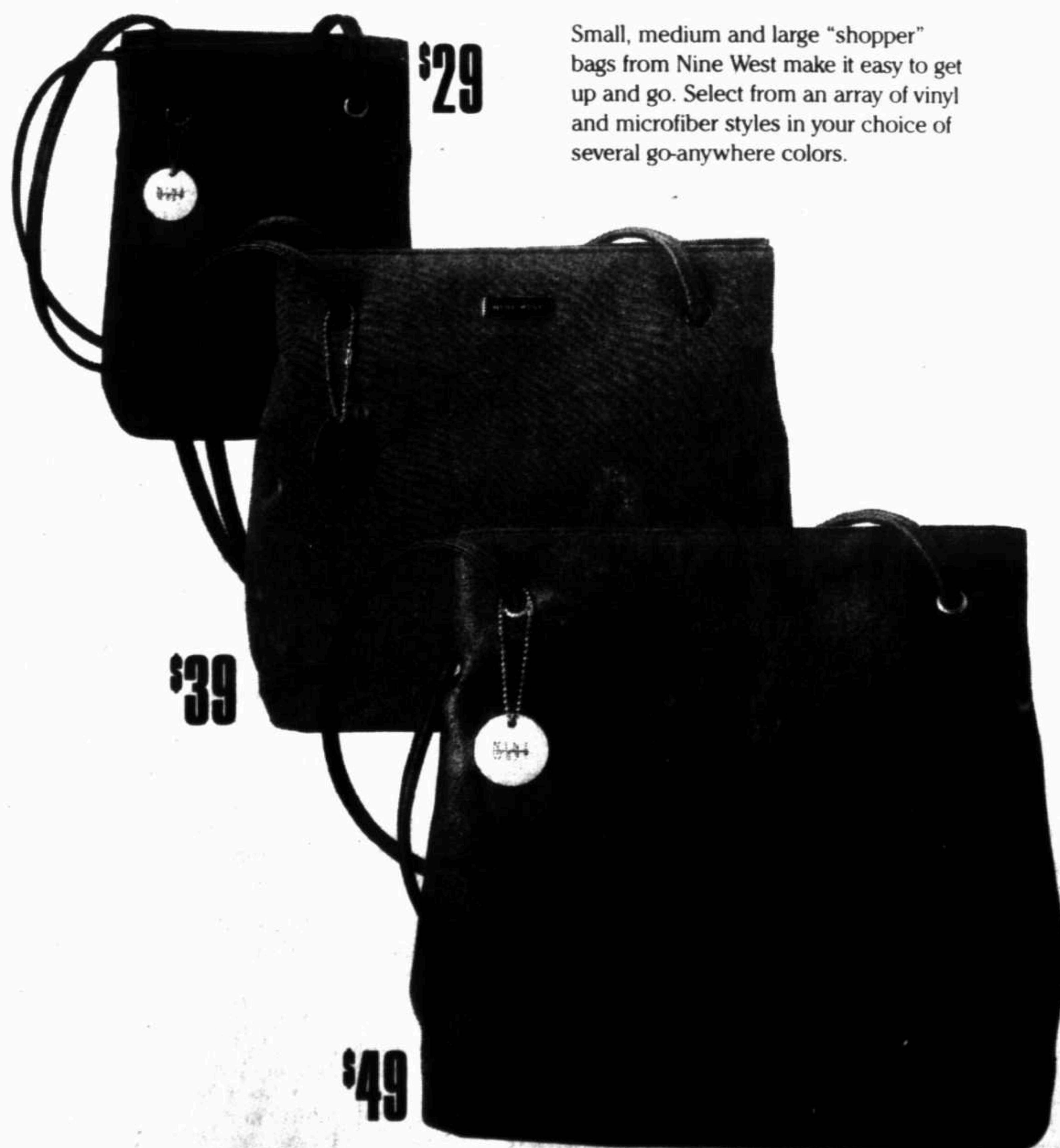
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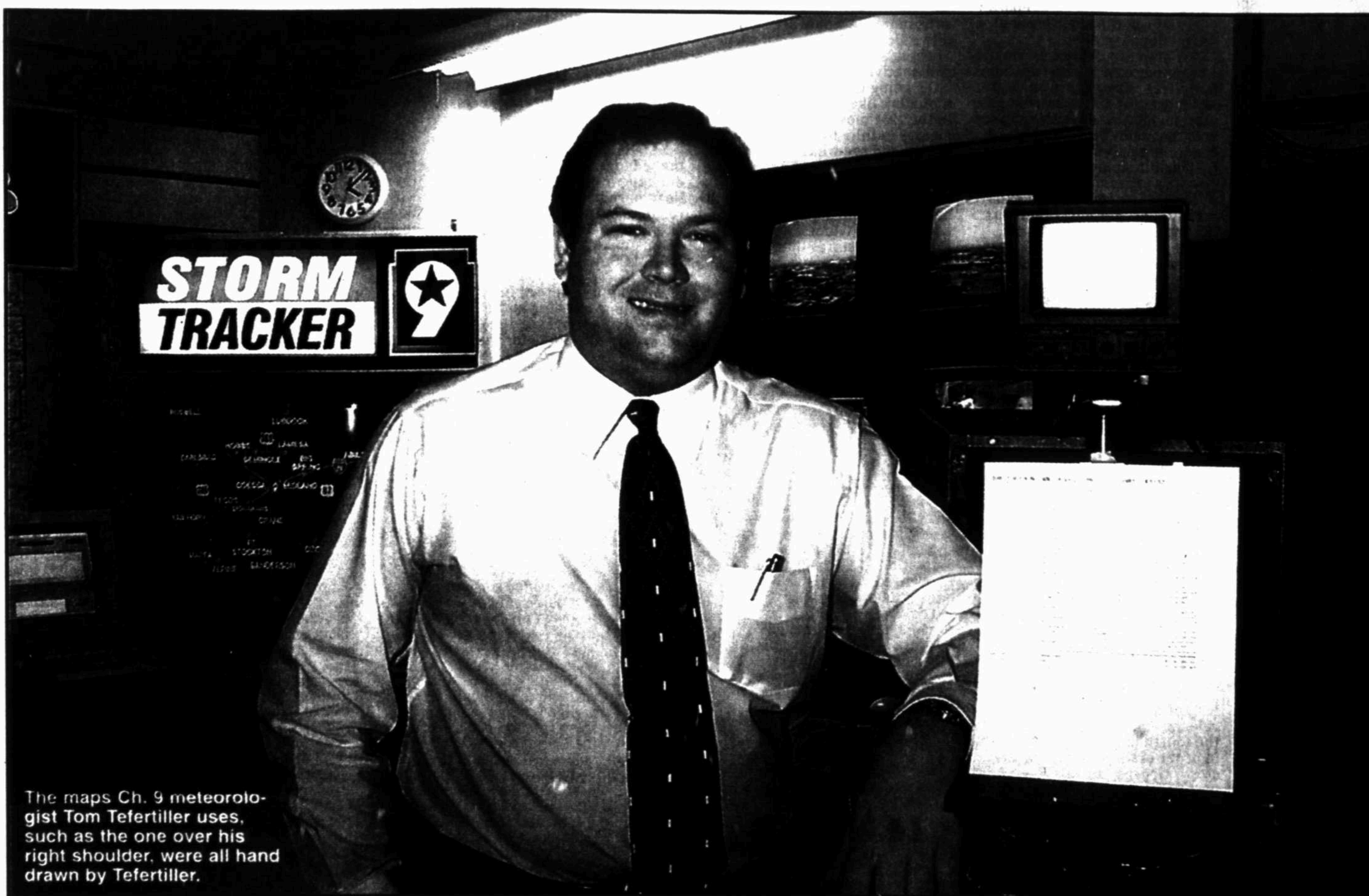
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## PERSON TO PERSON



The maps Ch. 9 meteorologist Tom Tefertiller uses, such as the one over his right shoulder, were all hand drawn by Tefertiller.

## Tom Tefertiller

*'I don't like severe weather; I know how it can affect people's lives'*

**I**n the old situation comedy of the 1980s, "Cheers," actor George Wendt was known for his character Norm, a jovial, ever-present soul whose very life was in the friendships he established at the Boston bar.

Meteorologist Tom Tefertiller says if there was a similar establishment in Midland-Odessa where The Weather Channel was piped through all the TV sets and meteorological mementos hung on the walls, he'd be a lot like Norm.

"They'd announce my name when I walk in the door," Tefertiller said. It was hard to tell if he was joking or serious. It's not a difficult picture to imagine though: West Texas' own Norm.

Tom loves his weather.

The KWES-TV meteorologist thinks the movie "Twister" was unrealistic but very entertaining. He has read a novel that he says is "meteorologically more accurate" than "Twister" and can name an independent film that also had sounder weather principles in it than "Twister."

Not everyone would know those things.

But meteorologists are seldom lukewarm about their careers. They dive into it and emerge themselves in their science.

Tefertiller says a series of humorous promotional spots on The Weather Channel, which depict weather zealots with cold and warm fronts painted across their faces watching their favorite forecasters are not as far-fetched as, say, movies about tornadoes where cows fly by.

"Fortunately we've never had a large tor-

nado hit here," said Tefertiller.

Tefertiller made that statement about three hours before a twister ripped through the Valley View community south of Midland, leaving numerous homeless but fortunately resulting in no serious injuries. As we talked, he noted that with a dewpoint at a rare 60 degrees, it would be an active weather afternoon and evening.

As avid a weather watcher and storm chaser as he is, Tefertiller said contrary to what some people think, meteorologists and weathermen do not like severe weather.

"Weather is something that affects everybody," he said. "You can walk out your back door, and there's weather. There's a lot of complexity to weather and to a lot of people it's a challenge to watch and to try to predict it in West Texas. That's why a lot of people are interested in it."

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Story by Jimmy Patterson

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## JIMMY PATTERSON

## As parents of teens, all we ask for is a little information

The conversation between me and our 13-year-old daughter went something like this.

"Dad," she said. "I got my application for band camp."

"Oh good," I said.

"When is it?"

"I don't know."

"Where is it?"

"I don't know."

"How much is it?"

"I don't know."

"But you wanna go to it?"

"Really bad. Can I please?"

I thought long and hard about saying "I don't know," but I couldn't be that sarcastic. That condescending. But I really wanted to. So I just shrugged my shoulders and told her, "Bring me some answers and we'll see."

"Well, how am I supposed to find all that stuff out?" she asked.

"I don't know ... perhaps if you tried asking YOUR BAND DIRECTOR MAYBE?"

"But dad, I can't."

"But why?"

"I don't know."

You tell me ... cuz I don't know. I don't have clue No. 1 what happens to a kid's brain when they hit 13. It's just not natural. They could be the smartest kid in the world. They could bring home straight A's, they could conquer every subject thrown at them, but they will always flunk Crucial Details 101.

Same thing happened when I was a kid. Mom and Dad always asked what was new or what I did on a particular day at school.

My response was usually: "Nothin'."

But back to the future ...

My kid desperately wants to go to

band camp. Her two reasons for having this strong desire are, 1) there's a dance every night and 2) she gets to go shopping with a bunch of other 13-year-old girls.

"You want to go to band camp so you can go to dances and go shopping?" She nodded yes.

"Oh well, I can certainly justify the expense for that. By the way, have you found out yet how much it is that I am going to have to justify?"

I figured I was just setting myself up for another "I don't know."

"\$440," she said. "And for that kinda dough, when you graduate from this little band shopping spree-slash-social event of yours, I'm guessin' you're guaranteed a spot in a major metropolitan symphony orchestra, correct?"

I had no desire to discuss finances with a 13-year-old who can't yet understand why I haven't bought her a car

even though we're still almost three years from DL-Day. I figure if she actually told me the cost of the band camp, that was a major victory in our little ongoing parent-child communications battle.

Feeling defeated in the wake of this tiny victory, I was about to let the conversation die completely when fortunately the phone rang.

It was mom and dad. Calling at their appointed time. They call the same time every week. They're just like one of those bird clocks. In our house, we always know by the sound of the Rocky Mountain Woodpecker that it's 8 o'clock. If the phone rings at six o'clock Sundays, it's ALWAYS mom and dad. If the phone doesn't ring at 6 every Sunday evening, chances are there's something seriously wrong. Like a really long line at the cafeteria. Or something wasn't cooked well-done enough at the cafeteria. Or the tea lady

at the cafeteria ran short on sugar or long on conversation.

Anyway, I talked to Mom and Dad on the phone for several minutes. It's always a pleasure to speak to them. But frankly, seldom is there any earth-shattering news that results from these phone calls. I finished the conversation, told my parents to be safe, and hung up.

"Was that your parents?" Mrs. P said.

I told her it was.

"How are they?"

"Fine," I said.

"How's your brother?"

"Fine."

"Your sister?"

"OK."

"Did your Dad get a cat yet?"

"I forgot to ask."

"How's their weather?"

Please see PATTERSON/2B



DAVE BARRY

# Only roaches and Cher will survive Twinkie wars

I'll tell you when I start to worry. I start to worry when "officials" tell me not to worry. This is why I am very concerned about the following Associated Press report, which was sent to me by a number of alert readers:



Barry

"RICH-LAND, WASH. — Radioactive ants, flies and gnats have been found at the Hanford nuclear complex, bringing to mind those Cold-War-era 'B' horror movies in which giant mutant insects are the awful price paid for Mankind's entry into the Atomic Age.

"Officials at the nation's most contaminated nuclear site insist there is no danger of Hanford

becoming the setting for a '90s version of 'Them!', the 1954 movie starring James Arness and James Whitmore in which huge, marauding ants are spawned by nuclear experiments in the desert."

Should we trust these "officials"? I'll let you decide for yourself what the answer is (NO). But consider:

— For years, "officials" insisted that our cars needed air bags for safety; then, when we GOT air bags, "officials" started warning us how dangerous they are, the result being that many concerned parents now strap their children to the car roof.

— For years, "officials" told us that marijuana was an evil, criminal drug. Now they tell us that it has quite, "important medical benefits warranting further investigation, but first let's order a pizza."

— Every year, "officials" tell us to turn all our clocks ahead one hour, only to turn around a few months later and tell us to

turn them BACK. Make up your minds, "officials!"

My point is that we cannot trust "officials" any farther than we can throw them by the leg. This is especially true when it comes to the Hanford nuclear complex. When this complex was built, "officials" said it was safe; now the whole area glows like a Budweiser sign. So when "officials" tell us that the radioactive Hanford insects are NOT going to mutate into giant monsters like the ants depicted in the 1954 movie "Them!", it clearly is time to study this movie and see what happened, because it is about to happen again.

I did not see "Them!", but I do have a plot summary from a book called "Guide for the Film Fanatic." It states that after James Whitmore and James Arness discover the giant mutant ants marauding around the New Mexico desert, they kill most of them by burning their nest; however, some ants

escape, and the heroes "trace them to Los Angeles." The book doesn't say why the heroes would have to "trace" the ants; you'd think that if marauding insects the size of houses showed up in a heavily populated area, it would be mentioned prominently in the news media, but "Guide for the Film Fanatic" makes it sound as though Arness and Whitmore had to track the ants down via detective techniques: JAMES ARNESS (showing a photograph to a storekeeper): Have you seen this ant? It's 23 feet tall.

STOREKEEPER (frowning at the photograph): Hmmm ... We did have a 40-foot praying mantis in here last week, but I don't recall any ... Wait a minute! Aren't you Marshal Dillon from "Gunsmoke"?

JAMES ARNESS: Not until 1955. Anyway, the heroes finally locate the giant ants in the Los Angeles sewer system, where, according to "Guide for the Film

Fanatic," there is "a thrilling finale." The Guide gives no details on this finale, so we don't know whether the ants are killed, or mutate again and become agents, or what.

But the point is this: If, as now seems likely, the radioactive insects at the Hanford complex mutate and start marauding, they will almost certainly head for Los Angeles. This is a terrifying prospect. Imagine how you would feel if you tuned in to the evening news and learned that, for example, Fran Drescher had been sucked dry by a gnat the size of a water buffalo. You'd feel pretty excited. You'd hope there was video.

But innocent people could also be hurt, and that is why we need to do take action NOW. Instead of frittering away billions on this "Star Wars" missile-defense system, we need to use that money to construct, in the desert outside of Los Angeles, a 100-foot-high, 500-foot-long, fully functional Hostess Twinkie. The

giant insects would be attracted to the Twinkie, and while they were munching on it, an earth-orbiting manned space station would launch a rocket-propelled, laser-guided, nine-story-high, 18,000-pound man's shoe, which would, by the time it reached the Twinkie, be traveling at over 6,000 miles per hour, resulting in a Stomp of Doom that would hurl globs of cream filling as far as St. Louis.

Of course, building a weapons system this size would not be easy. There would be political considerations: Powerful members of Congress would insist on having giant Twinkies built in their states, too. But that is a small price to pay for national security. We must proceed with this! We already have the technology! Which means, of course, that so does China.

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## TEFERTILLER: Contrary to belief, meteorologists don't like bad storms

(From 1B)

"But a lot of people have this perception that since I'm a meteorologist, I must like severe weather. It's one of the aspects of weather that takes the most resources and we do get involved in it, but I don't enjoy severe weather because I know what it can do and how it can affect people's lives."

The conversation turned to why the area had been practically void of any severe weather in three or four years.

"You have to realize that wherever you are ... that's just one little place," he said. "A tornado will only cover 2-3 square miles at the most. But rarely does something happen — quote — right here. I've seen a lot more severe weather hit here, out the back door, than any other place I've lived."

That list includes Corpus Christi, his hometown; College Station, where in 1992, Tefertiller earned his bachelors degree in meteorology; Nacogdoches, where he earned a bachelor's in broadcast journalism in '92, and Starkville, Miss., where he earned a master's in broadcast meteorology from Mississippi State in 1994.

Those four former addresses go to prove another point about Tefertiller: He is grateful to live in a place that, while it may have its share of severe weather, it is virtually without humidity.

The fact that the Permian Basin gets so little rainfall annually, he said, is due to a number of factors, but primarily because we live in a basin and the dry line that, he said, "we're constantly fighting that. It's always moving across us and drastically changing out humidity levels within a matter of

hours." Then there's the lack of an extended southeast wind that would enable gulf moisture to reach the area.

But what else makes Tom tick?

"I'm an avid 'Star Wars' fan," he said. "I really enjoy the Star Wars video games and the new Star Wars action figures. They're a lot like the toys I enjoyed and played with when I was a young boy 20 years ago."

For any Star Wars fan, this is a significant year with the May release of "Phantom Menace," the fourth in the series, but first in order of the sequence of the story. George Lucas's three-part prequel to the original trilogy, though, will be without Luke Skywalker, Hans Solo, Princess Leia and Chewbacca.

"But it will explore the history of Obi Wan Kenobi and Darth Vader," he said. "It will tell us where they came from, who they were and what made them the way they are."

What worries Tefertiller and other fans of "Star Wars" is that the technology of the late 1990s will perhaps make the prequel look like it occurred after the original three. "But I still think the calibre of actors and the cast will make it very good," he said.

Before we were done, the conversation again shifted back to his livelihood: "I think the thing I enjoy most is I get to talk about weather," he said. "I get to talk to and meet a lot of people. Not only through TV every night, but we do numerous talks at schools and for civic organizations, for retirement homes and church groups."

"I've found after four years in the Permian Basin, the weather changes very quickly and is never the same thing twice. It really is unpredictable."

## TALKIN' TEXAN

# Lon Morris College has graduated many famous Texans

By Tumbleweed Smith

Lon Morris College in Jacksonville sits in a quiet residential neighborhood. The school keeps its enrollment low, between 300 and 400 students. It is an institution of the United Methodist Church, so many ministers have attended there.

The small school also has some distinguished graduates in the field of entertainment: actress Sandy Duncan, dancer Tommy Tune, singers Neal McCoy and K. T. Oslin and other producers, directors, costume designers and movie executives.

The strong entertainment influence at Lon Morris is due to a long time drama teacher at the school, Zula Pearson. A new theater on campus is named for her.

Lon Morris College is the oldest existing two-year college in the state. It was founded in 1854 as the New Danville Academy near Kilgore, Texas. It was a school for girls, operat-



Tumbleweed

ed by the Masons and housed in a log building. The school became the property of the East Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1875 and changed its name to Alexander Collegiate Institute in honor of its president and outstanding early Texas educator, Isaac Alexander.

In 1894 the school was moved to its present location in Jacksonville. The name was changed again in 1924 to Lon Morris College. Reuben Alonzo "Lon" Morris of Pittsburg, Texas was a Methodist benefactor who endowed the school.

Today, Texas residents make up 81 percent of the total student body, most of those just out of high school residing within the area of the East Texas based Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, the owner of the college. More than 16 percent of the student body comes from other countries. Ninety-five percent of the students are under 25 years of age.

Lon Morris concentrates on a liberal arts curriculum, with course offerings in art, music, drama, speech, dance, English, communications, French, Spanish, biology, math, computer science, accounting, economics, gov-

ernment, religion and philosophy. The largest numbers of declared majors are in education, business and drama.

At homecomings, former students who are in the entertainment field, come back to the school and sing and dance. Lon Morris President Clifford Lee, himself a graduate of Lon Morris, epitomizes the emphasis on entertainment at the school. He is a speaker, trainer, and entertainer who has an agent and a cassette of songs he recorded.

When the school was known as the New Danville Masonic Female Academy, the school never missed a term, even through the Civil War and Reconstruction. It even survived the death of the town of Danville itself. The Railroad by-passed New Danville in 1872 and most residents migrated to the new town of Kilgore. In the fall of 1873, the academy followed. The Masons could not offer new facilities in Kilgore, so the Methodists were approached and took over the school.

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## PATTERSON: Women in family bad about not obtaining, sharing information

(From 1B)

"Fine I guess." "How's your mom feeling?" "She didn't say." "Your dad feeling any better?"

"Sounded like it." "So what else did they say?" "Not much."

By this time, Mrs. P was as aggravated as I'd seen her in days.

"You are the absolute worst," she said.

"What? What did I do?"

"You DO NOT know how to convey information after your parents call," Mrs. P said.

"They didn't say anything. They let me do all of the talking."

Mrs. P said that if she ever wanted to know anything about my parents she'd be sure never to ask me again.

"You are so frustrating to talk to when you don't say anything," she told me.

"I know plenty. Mom's fine. Dad's fine. My brother and sister are fine. My Dad probably doesn't have a cat yet because he didn't say anything about it. They're both probably feeling OK because they didn't talk about the way they felt. So when I bundle it all up like that, I'm full of information. What else do you want to know?"

The little lecture apparently didn't sit well with her.

"What's wrong. You got quiet all of a sudden?"

She shrugged.

"Is something bothering you?"

"Nothing."

"Are you angry?"

"I don't know."

"FINE!" I finally said, beaten down by her tactic. "You know something? You Patterson women are all alike. You never have the important details."

"Well, I wonder where we learned THAT from?" she

said.

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for the Reporter-Telegram, he can be reached at jpatterson@basin-link.com.

## HUMOR ON THE SIDE

### Ring Bear

A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd alternating between bride's side and groom's side). While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar. So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. The little boy, however, was getting more and more distressed from all the laughing, and was also near tears by the time he reached the pulpit. When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear..."

### Adam's clothes

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he

turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Momma, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"

### Wrapped up

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again. After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"

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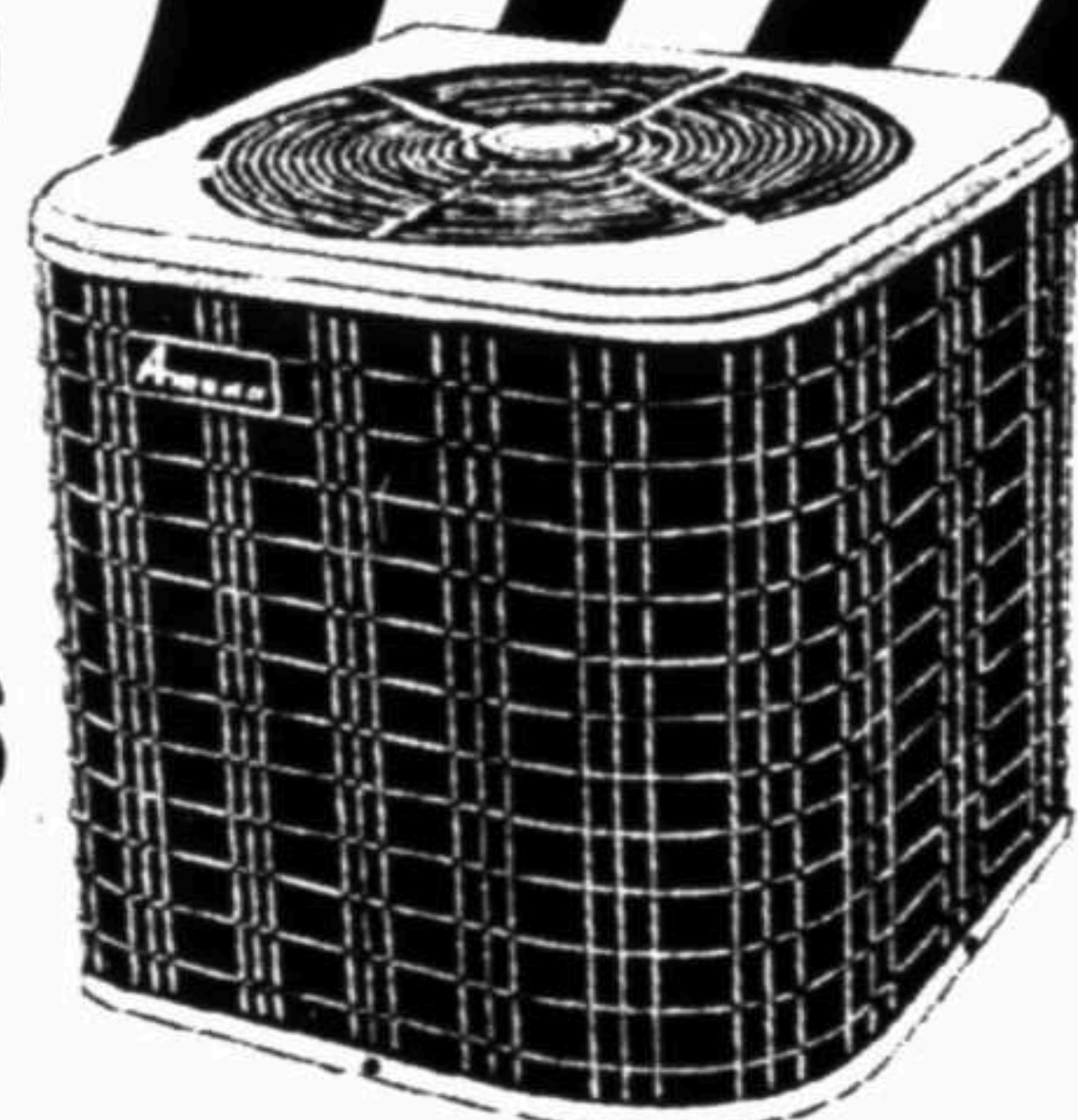
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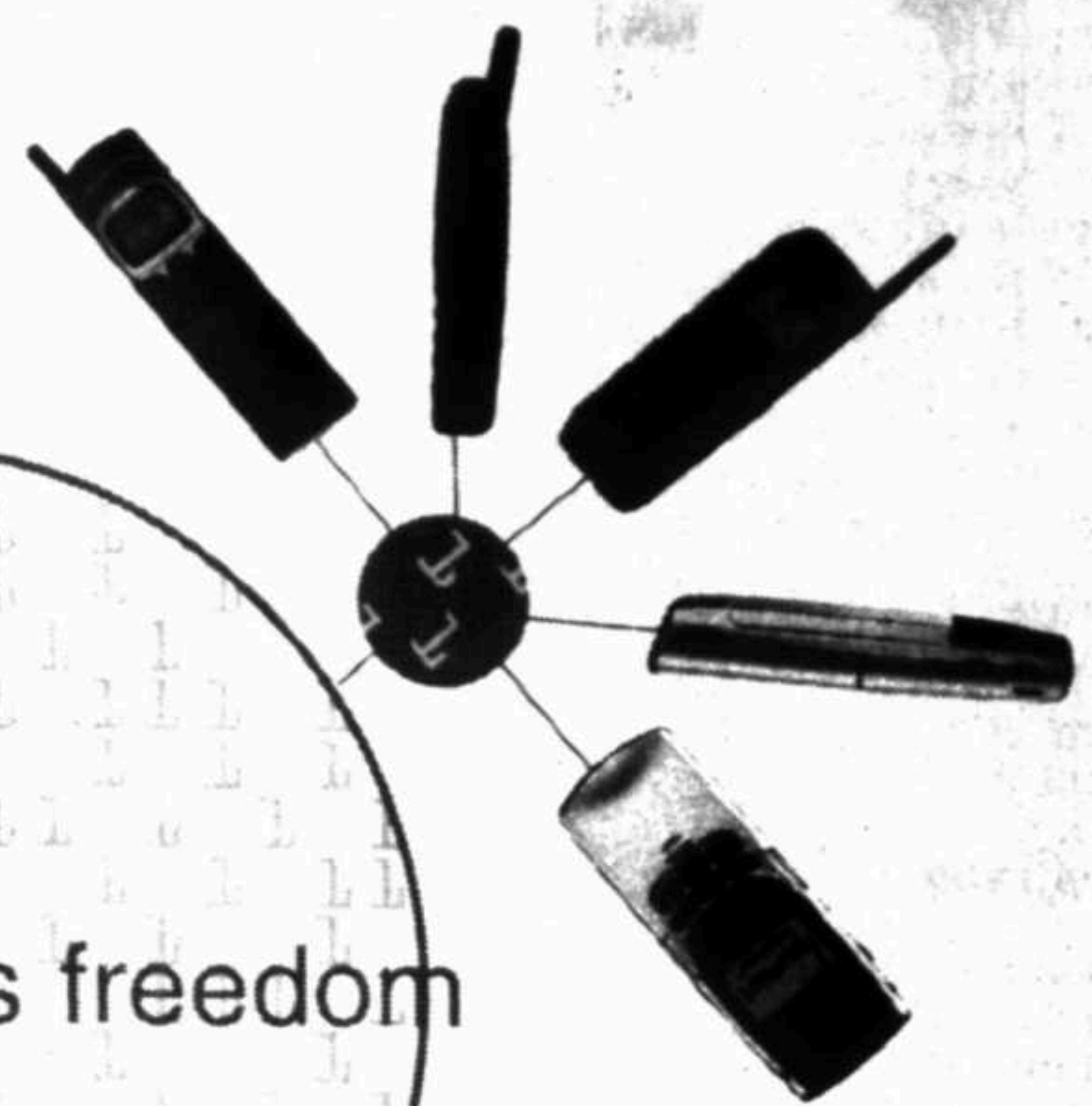
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## Cellular Tools

Communications revolution delivers freedom



### Choose between analog, digital and PCS

By Jessica Ann Rossi  
Scripps Howard Foundation Wire

Halfway to work, you realize you forgot to tell your son to put the dog in. After work you scramble to find a phone booth to call and remind someone to put dinner in the oven.

The solution? It's a cellular phone. Homemakers, doctors, retirees, students - more than 60 million subscribers - now pack their cell phones as a kind of wireless phone freedom.

Freedom itself is one big change in wireless communications. Back in the '80s, the mobile telephone was usually mounted in the car's trunk, weighed close to 25 pounds and cost about as much as an all-expenses-paid trip to Aruba. Now, you can slip a phone in your pocket and forget it's there.

But the downside of this new technology can leave you with a one-year phone contract that eats up your budget and includes features that might be better on a spaceship.

How to join this communications revolution? First, start with the basics on what "wireless phones," more commonly called "cellular phones," really are.

Wireless communication has three forms: analog cellular, digital cellular and Personal Communications Services, or PCS.

The oldest is analog cellular. It has wider coverage than the other two. If you live in a rural area, it may be the only option because some systems have not been updated to digital, said Hans Kruse, director of the J. Warren McClure School of Communication Systems Management at Ohio University.

The more advanced digital system offers safety-minded consumers a lower potential for fraud or theft of service as well as better sound quality than analog, he said. And PCS and digital cellular are almost identical. Local coverage areas between the two tend to be similar.

"You should treat digital cellular and PCS as one basket of coverage and just pick the plan that best fits your needs," Kruse said.

If you think your cellular needs might change within the year, consider PCS service. You will pay more for the phone upfront, but service is usually on a month-by-month basis. Cellular service generally requires a one-year contract, but you pay little for your phone.

So your decision becomes one of looking for the right mix of services at the right price. And price-checking among all providers should be an important part of this process.

Check the newspaper for offers, even weeks before focusing on a plan, and save the ads, said Jeffery Nelson, director of communications for the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association. "Carry the ads with you, and say, 'This other company is running a special, can I get it from you?' or 'I have this ad from a few weeks ago, can I still get this offer?'" he said.

Another option is to get brochures and flyers from phone providers and sit down, as you would with deciding on long distance service, and consider which has the package you like best, said Ohio University's Kruse. If you're computer literate, you can purchase online. One site, Wireless Dimension, www.wirelessdimension.com, compares many plans and phones in the top 50 metropolitan areas.

You can compare phones by renting, too. For as little as \$9 a day or \$29 a week, plus a \$19 round-trip shipping fee, you can rent a phone from InTouchUSA. Check the Yellow Pages for local companies that rent phones.

### Match service plan to lifestyle

By Rebecca Anne Goldenberg  
Scripps Howard Foundation Wire

You've decided to invest in a wireless telephone. Now what?

Picking the right service plan can save you a lot of money. A service plan is basically how you are going to use your wireless phone. It usually includes the number of minutes you use a month, areas you can call at the lowest price, customized features such as call waiting, and the way you want to pay for the phone, whether by contract or pre-paid service plans.

"There is a plan out there for every consumer," said Beth Zuczek, spokesperson for Personal Communications Industry Association. "Consumers just need to do the research to find what one fits their lifestyle."

Here are some tips to help you find the best deal:

First, calculate the number of minutes you're likely to use a month.

"If you make a lot of phone calls, you should buy a large package," said Terry Hopson, assistant manager of a Radio Shack in Longview, Texas. "But if you're going to talk for a short amount of time, then you should get a smaller package to save money."

Start by figuring out how many calls you're likely to make and receive in a week. You will pay the same amount for calls you receive and make.

Remember that extra minutes beyond the included minutes in your service plan are usually at a higher per minute rate.

Next, figure out where you'll be making most of your calls to and from.

Your home calling area is a local charge. Outside that area usually will be a long distance charge.

"The best way to find out where your home calling area is to go to the retailer or dealer and get a detailed map of your calling area," said Brad Bornman, salesman for a Best Buy in Baltimore, Md., which sells wireless phones.

Most service plans are for calls within a home calling area. Beware of roaming fees, which are higher per-minute rates applied once you travel outside your home calling area. If you are outside your home area and make a long-distance call, you could be charged both long-distance rates and roaming fees. But some plans don't charge roaming or long-distance fees. Beware of these types of one-rate service plans since some carriers can only connect to small region. Some service plans also cover particular regions, such as the East Coast. Among the major carriers selling service plans are Sprint, Cellular One, MCI, Bell Atlantic Mobile and AT&T. Look in the Yellow Pages under "cellular" for distributors of wireless phones.

You also should be aware of network surcharges and the cost of incoming calls. Some plans include a surcharge to every call placed to a land-based telephone. You'll have to look at each service plan to see if the carrier applies this extra fee. You can also avoid paying for wrong number incoming calls with plans that offer the first minute free for incoming calls.

Then, you can decide whether you want special features.

"Generally, all the companies are offering caller ID and voice mail, but it depends on the carrier the consumer chooses," said Bornman of Best Buy.

Service plans can include a wide variety of features, from voice mail, caller identification, paging, emergency road service and many others.

Finally, you can choose between pre-paid service plans or contracts.

"For a pre-paid plan there is no credit check required," said Chris Caldwell, sales representative for a Circuit City in Memphis, Tenn. "With a contract you have to run a credit check."



### An open call for safe, mannerly conversations

By Eboni Davis  
Scripps Howard Foundation Wire

Now that you've got your cell phone, here are a few words of advice on safety and good manners:

Don't kill or injure others while talking on your cell phone. And don't annoy them.

When it comes to highway safety, cell phones can help—and hurt. They help by allowing people to call in crimes and drunk and dangerous drivers on the freeway, said James Rhinebarger, chairman of the National Troopers' Coalition.

Every state has a cell phone number to report dangerous drivers, added David Willis, president of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, the research and education arm of the automobile association. The cell phone also can help rescue you. "If your car breaks down, you can call for help," said Willis.

But drivers talking on the phone can be a road hazard.

Some tips on cell phones and high-

way safety:

■ Pull off the road to make your call. Or at least postpone your conversation until you're out of congested traffic. The biggest danger is that the conversation will distract the driver from what's happening on the highway, said Willis. "Do not make or take a call while you're actually driving," he said.

■ Don't use one hand for the wheel and the other for the phone.

"If for some reason you do have to make a call, use a hands-free cell phone," Willis added.

■ Put your phone where it's easy to see and reach. Master its functions so you'll be comfortable.

Now that you're behaving safely, be polite with your cell phone. Too many cell phone users aren't, says etiquette guru Judith Martin.

In her book, *Miss Manners' Basic Training: Communication*, (Crown Publishing, \$15) she defines the impoliteness this way: "It consists of intruding on others, or neglecting others."

Some guidelines for good cell

phone manners:

■ Don't use cell phones at funerals, hospitals, theaters, conferences, restaurants - public places where your conversation easily becomes an intrusion.

"You don't want to use it in church or places where the area demands quietness," said Rhinebarger of the troopers' coalition.

■ Don't make calls from public bathroom stalls.

You're keeping others from possibly urgent business, suggests CNET, an online network for computer and technology fans. And you might transmit background noises. Think about it.

■ Watch where you're going when you're walking and talking.

"I've seen people walking on the streets consumed in conversations on their cell phones, bumping in to people," said Willis of the traffic safety foundation.

The main concern, added Rhinebarger, is "simple consideration of other people's rights."



## DEATH NOTICES

## Edna Bond

Edna Bond died Friday, April 16, in Corsicana.

Graveside services are to be at 11 a.m. today, April 19, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Bob Hopkins officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born March 9, 1911, in Powell.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Midland and Porcelain Arts Club. She moved to Corsicana a few years ago.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Howard Bond; and a son, Rick Bond.

Survivors include a daughter, Darlene Smith of Corsicana; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Care and Research, Attn.: Dr. Appel, 6501 Fannin, NB302, Houston, Texas 77030.

## Juanelle Dye

Midlander Juanelle Hutchings Dye, 61, died Saturday, April 17, at a Wichita Falls hospital.

Graveside services are to be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at Crestview Memorial Park in Wichita Falls with the Rev. Rick Thompson officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Lunn's Colonial Funeral Home in Wichita Falls. Visitation is to be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

She was born Aug. 25, 1937, in Hugo, Okla.

She was a homemaker and attended the Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Billy Hutchings in 1975.

Survivors include her husband, Lester Dye of Midland; two daughters, Deidre Lewis of Carrollton and Michelle Campagna of Wichita Falls; two sons, Greg Dye of Mineral Wells and Joel Dye of Wichita Falls; three sisters, Catherine Tiller of San Antonio and Bobbie Wiley and Audie Owen, both of Irving; one brother, H.A.

Hutchings of San Antonio; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Child Advocates, 1811 Eighth Street, Wichita Falls, Texas 76701.

## Gavina Salgado

Gavina Olgin Salgado, 69, died Saturday, April 17, at a local hospital.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at Templo Jerusalem with the Rev. Manuel Hernandez officiating. Burial is to follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home. Visitation is to be at 7:30 p.m. today, April 19, at the funeral home.

She was born Nov. 26, 1929, in Stanton.

She worked at Krest Cleaners for 15 years. She was a member of Templo Jerusalem for 33 years.

She was preceded in death by three sisters and four brothers.

Survivors include her husband, Bernardino Salgado of Midland; two sons, Gilbert Salgado and Joe Hernandez, both of Midland; four daughters, Sulema Loya of Germany, and Olga Salgado, Lucia Morgan and Sandra Gonzales, all of Midland; three brothers, Fernando Olgin of Midland, Candelario Olgin of Lamont, Calif., and Cruz Olgin of San Francisco; four sisters, Celia Garcia and Anita Hernandez, both of Midland, Lupe Malto of Bakersfield, Calif., and Antonia Olgin of Lamont, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

## Ramon Renteria

Ramon Renteria, 54, died Sunday, April 18, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

## Harvey Baker

Harvey Baker died Friday in a Midland hospital.

Funeral services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

## OBITUARIES

## Virginia Johnson

Virginia Johnson, beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, age 68, died Friday, April 16, 1999, in Midland after a lengthy illness.

Born in Deport, Texas, January 26, 1931, she moved with her family to Cooper, Texas, where she helped run the family grocery store.

She married Robert Dale and had two daughters, Lisa (Murphy) of Snyder and Susan (Barnes) of Dallas. Later, she married Gary Johnson and had one daughter, Garlynn (Thomason) of Midland.

Mrs. Johnson was bookkeeper for Johnson Tire and Supply in Midland for many years and later became bookkeeper for Permian Enterprises in Midland where she worked until her retirement.

She moved to Snyder in 1994. She enjoyed reading, gardening, crocheting and baking.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Midland until her retirement to Snyder.

Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her mother, father, brother and sister.

Our mother will be sadly missed by her three daughters, two sons-in-law, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many friends.

Two special friends she shared many happy hours with are Teresa Williams and Mary Brazier of Snyder.

Mrs. Johnson will be buried at Resthaven Cemetery in Midland. Services are scheduled for 3 p.m. Monday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

## Paul Lain

H. Paul Lain was born December 13, 1948, in Austin to Harry S. and Dorothy Howser Lain. He died Saturday, April 17, in Austin.

As a young boy, Paul moved to Midland with his parents and he graduated from Robert E. Lee High School. He went on to receive degrees from Trinity University and Sul Ross State University, as

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There is no charge for death notices of residents or former residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

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well as a master's in hospital administration from the University of Oklahoma. He worked as a geologist in Midland and Oklahoma City for the John L. Cox company. Paul was also a member of the S.A.R.

Survivors include Sue Beth Lain of Austin; uncle, Tom Lain of Richardson; aunt, Evelyn Lain of Auburn, Alabama; and many

cousins. Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. Monday at Austin Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Austin Humane Society, 124 W. Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas 78752.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, Austin 512/452-8811.

## DEAR ABBY

## Words can't be fairly judged by paper they're written on

DEAR ABBY: I was intrigued by your response column about "Sick of Scraps." I can't help but wonder if I'm the only person who knows about Emily Dickinson, the great American poet who lived in Amherst, Mass., in the early 19th century.

She and her sister came from a thrifty New England family and were evidently raised to "waste not, want not." Emily Dickinson wrote many of her poems on pieces of scrap paper, the back of grocery lists, etc. After her death, her sister found little rolls of those papers, tied with ribbon, among her effects. So, one of our greatest geniuses utilized scrap paper! — MARY LEE ROLLO, PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR MARY LEE: What an enlightening tidbit! One never knows when a bolt of inspiration will strike. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Enough of "Sick of Scraps," already. After all, did the Gettysburg Address, having been written on a used scrap piece of plain brown envelope with a pencil, diminish in any way the importance of that historical document? I think not! — L.S., HUNTINGTON, W. VA.

DEAR L.S.: Many untrue stories have circulated about President Lincoln's famous speech. One of

them is that it was written in pencil on the back of an old brown envelope while he was on the train on his way to Gettysburg. According to the World Book Encyclopedia, Abraham Lincoln actually wrote five different versions of the Gettysburg Address. Most of the first draft was written in Washington, before he traveled to Gettysburg. However, thank you for giving me the opportunity to dispel an untrue rumor — even at this late date.

The letter from "Sick of Scraps" must have touched a great many people, because mail is still coming in about it. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a mother and grandmother, I have enjoyed your column for many years, and I can relate to some of the letters, but the one from "Sick of Scraps" brought tears to my eyes.

My beloved mother sent me letters written on scrap paper after I moved to Hawaii. However, I eagerly looked forward to her "scraps" — always surprised at what she would come up with.

On May 17, 1992, she walked several blocks to the post office, walked back home, and that evening was rushed to the hospital, where she passed away.

I will always treasure that last scrap letter. It was written on a brown piece of "junk mail" envelope and was filled with plans she had made for the two of us, as I was going home the next month to spend the summer with her.

Abby, please tell "Sick of Scraps" to enjoy the treasures her friend sends. They will be more

valuable to her than any hundred-dollar stationery could ever be. — JUNE BROWN FROM VIRGINIA

DEAR JUNE: How generous of you to want to share your last precious memory of your beloved mother. As this column illustrates, the thoughts within a letter are more important than the quality of the paper on which it was written.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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

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## Chief executive, chief finance officers at Compaq step down

HOUSTON (AP) — Compaq Computer Corp. president and chief executive officer Eckhard Pfeiffer resigned Sunday, one day after the slumping PC giant's board of directors told him they wanted new leadership.

"The board over a period of time came to the conclusion, not for a single event, that we should have a change," Compaq Chairman Benjamin M. Rosen said Sunday. "We met with Mr. Pfeiffer on Saturday."

Rosen is the acting chief executive.

Pfeiffer's resignation came more than a week after the company stunned Wall Street on April 9 by

announcing that first-quarter earnings would amount to just half of analysts' estimates.

Compaq shares, which traded as high as \$51.25 earlier this year, dropped 23 percent on April 12, the first day of trading after the announcement. Compaq closed Friday at \$23.62 1/2.

"What this says is that things (at Compaq) are more screwed up than even the results would have you believe," said Aaron Goldberg, vice president and principal analyst at Ziff-Davis Inc. in New York.

"The second thing this tells you is that it is probably not the last management change."

## WEST TEXAS IN BRIEF

## Memorial fund

A memorial fund has been established in the names of Shirley and Abigail McDonald, 4, and 9 months old, respectively, who were killed in an accident April 9.

To make contributions to the fund, donations can be sent to Northwest Bank, attn. Donna Shaw, P.O. Box 2097, Midland, Texas 79702-2097; or call Ms. Shaw at 688-8664.

## Parade planned

The annual Cinco de Mayo parade is set for 10:30 a.m. May 1.

The route will be along Lamesa Road, beginning at Garden Lane and ending at Wadley Avenue.

Individuals and organizations are invited to participate. April 26 is the deadline to register for those who want to be in the parade.

For more information or to sign up, call Silvia Paramo at the Consulate of Mexico, 687-2334 or 687-2335.

## Seminar set

A seminar on anxiety and social phobias is to be presented at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Arco-Permian Building, 600 Marienfeld St.

The luncheon seminar is hosted by Permian Basin Mental Health Providers.

There is no charge, but registration is required. Today is the deadline to register.

For more information or to register, call 563-8747.

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## POLICE REPORTS

## Midland Police Department Thursday

**Burglary of a residence:** Betty Truitt reported a burglary at 709 S. Clay at 3 p.m.

**Theft:** Charles Gunn with Lee George Construction reported the theft of several feet of copper tubing and other items from a construction site at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. The report was made at 6 a.m.

## Friday

**Burglary of a business:** A burglary was reported at 701 N. Fort Worth St. at 9:13 p.m.

**Theft:** A theft was reported at 4511 N. Midkiff Road. Brian Jones reported it at 10:45 a.m.

## Saturday

**Burglary of a vehicle:** Rachel York reported that the driver's side window was broken out of a vehicle at 3212 W. Wadley Ave. at 9:30 a.m.

**Burglary of a vehicle:** A burglary was reported at 3609 Caldera Blvd. It was reported by Jody

Faulk at 10 a.m.

**Burglary of a vehicle:** A vehicle was burglarized at 5105 Illinois Ave. It was reported by Lowell Thurman at 8:18 a.m.

**Criminal mischief:** Jessie Johnson reported at 9:30 a.m. that a vehicle had been vandalized at 1915 Jacotte Circle.

**Criminal mischief:** A vehicle was damaged at 2001 Culver. It was reported by Rhonda Sawyer at 9:30 a.m.

**Criminal mischief:** Rogelio Reyes reported that two panes of glass were broken out of a house at 1123 E. Cherry. It was reported at 5:36 p.m.

**Criminal mischief:** Sugar was poured into the gasoline tanks of two vehicles at 1604 Manor. It was reported by Anthony Frost at 2:36 p.m.

**Graffiti:** A bathroom was vandalized with shoe polish at a business at 4415 N. Garfield St. The report was made by David Stock at

6:15 p.m.

**Graffiti:** David Bates reported that a bus was vandalized at 4300 W. Wall St. The report was made at 7:30 a.m.

**Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle:** Barbara Prestridge reported at 7:50 a.m. that her 1991 black and metallic blue two-door Mercury Cougar had been taken.

## Midland County Sheriff's Office Sunday

**Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle:** Jesus Urias, 202 E. County Road 135, reported the theft of a 1980 Ford at 3:35 a.m.

Anyone having information concerning these incidents should contact the Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

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## SPORTS BRIEFING



### Hounds Watch

#### Sunday's Score

Off Day

#### Today's Game

El Paso Diablos at RockHounds, 7:11 p.m., Christensen Stadium

#### Records

RockHounds 5-5

Diablos 6-4

#### Radio

KCRS (AM 550)

Broadcast Time - 6:45

#### Starting Pitchers

Midland's Tim Hudson (2-0, 0.69 ERA)

vs. El Paso's Brad Penney (0-1, 3.00)

#### Last Five Games

Midland 3, Wichita 1

Midland 9, Wichita 7

Wichita 12, Midland 5

Wichita 7, Midland 6

Wichita 6, Midland 5

#### Next 10 Games

|          |         |      |
|----------|---------|------|
| Tonight  | El Paso | 7:11 |
| April 20 | El Paso | 7:11 |
| April 21 | El Paso | 7:11 |
| April 22 | El Paso | 7:11 |
| April 23 | El Paso | 7:11 |
| April 24 | Wichita | 7:11 |
| April 25 | Wichita | 6    |
| April 26 | Wichita | 7:11 |
| April 27 | Wichita | 7:11 |
| April 28 | Wichita | 7:11 |

### TV Sports

**RUNNING** — Boston Marathon, 10:55 a.m., ESPN2.

**NBA** — Indiana Pacers at Boston Celtics, 7 p.m., TBS.

### Texas Scores

**BASEBALL** — Texas Rangers 6, Oakland Athletics 2.

Houston Astros 8, St. Louis Cardinals 4.

**NBA** — San Antonio Spurs 86, Houston Rockets 83.

**NHL** — Colorado Avalanche 2, Dallas Stars 1.

### Sports Today

**WOMEN'S JUCO GOLF** — Lady Chap Classic, 1 p.m., Ranchland Hills Country Club.

### Stars lose late

**DENVER** — After being flogged in Canada, the Colorado Avalanche ended the season with a Fleury.

Theo Fleury scored on a rebound with 12 seconds remaining Sunday to lift the Avalanche to a 2-1 victory over the Dallas Stars in a matchup of the Western Conference's two top teams.

The goal gave Colorado a boost following consecutive 5-1 losses to Calgary and Edmonton. The Avalanche are the No. 2 seed in the West and will open the playoffs against seventh-seeded San Jose on Wednesday.

"We played a couple of games that didn't mean a whole lot, and those are the toughest games to play in," Fleury said. "We realized that we didn't play our best hockey, and we wanted to treat this game like a playoff game."

Despite losing its final two games, Dallas finished the season with an NHL-best 114 points. The Stars, who will face eighth-seeded Edmonton, also gave up a league-low 168 goals to capture the Jennings Trophy.

"I think we accomplished what we wanted to accomplish," Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock said. "I think the Jennings Trophy was significant. It's obviously a reward for being a strong, committed defensive team. That's going to be our calling card in the playoffs."

A defensive lapse allowed the Avalanche to start quickly as Joe Sakic scored 65 seconds into the game. Dallas goaltender Manny Fernandez, in goal for the first time this season, stopped the next 27 shots before Fleury's game-winner.

Patrick Roy finished with 30 saves for the Avalanche, who ended the season with a 10-game home unbeaten streak (8-0-2).

"We talked a lot the last two days and we came to the point where we had talked enough," Colorado coach Bob Hartley said. "We had to bring our talking to the ice, and we did."

While the season ended on a high note for the Avalanche, the Stars dropped their last two games in a span of 24 hours. They still remain among the favorites to reach the Stanley Cup finals, having won the Presidents' Trophy with the league's top record for the second straight year.

## Strong MC women golfers host tourney at Ranchland

By Oscar LeRoy  
Sports Writer

The Midland College women's golf team is quickly making a name for itself in just its first year if existence.

So far this season, the Lady Chaparrals have won seven tournaments, placed second twice, and finished fourth in another tourney. Starting today at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start, the Midland College women are looking to capture their eighth tournament crown at the inaugural Ranchland Hills Country Club Lady Chap Classic.

The tournament will feature all the Texas junior college teams in top-ranked McLennan Community College, Hill College, Tyler and

Cisco along with U.T. Brownsville and a couple of medalists from Seminole State (Okla.). McLennan is the only junior college team that has beaten the Lady Chaps this year.

It's a 36-round tournament with Tuesday's second-round action getting underway at 8:30 a.m. MC coach Joe Williams said that Lee graduate and LPGA touring professional Paula King will be the tournament referee.

"We've been playing slow greens and these are much quicker and I think they are a little more suited to what we've been playing," Williams said. "Our girls know the course well. I think this course is going to play tough on the other teams because you've got to be a

shot maker to play out here."

Leading the Lady Chaps this year has been Scotland's Pam Mackay, who has won six tournaments and plays at the No. 1 position for MC. Fellow Scot Linzi Morton, plays at No. 2, and has not finished lower than top three in any tournament she's played.

"I think I could've played better," Mackay said. "There's Linzi Morton and the two of us can sort of play against each other. And that's good because we can keep ourselves going. Linzi and I are usually in the top 10. We've had a good season so far and hopefully we can keep this up for the national championships." Mackay and Morton should be

Please see MC/2C



Midland College women's golfers (left to right) Linzi Morton, Renee Gonzalez, Krystal Mehahey, Pam Mackay, Lisa Ball and Vanessa Cody along with coach Joe Williams (kneeling) figure to have an excellent shot to win the Lady Chap Classic starting today at Ranchland Hills.

## RockHounds Come Home

# 'Hounds to finally howl at home



Midland RockHounds pitchers Eric DuBose (left) and Tim Hudson will both be featured in this week's home opening series against the El Paso Diablos. Hudson, who is 2-0 with a 0.69 ERA this season, will earn the call in the home opener at Christensen Stadium tonight at 7:11 p.m.

## New era begins with Diablos visiting

By Oscar LeRoy  
Sports Writer

The RockHounds will finally be coming back to the "Dog House."

After a 10-game road trip which saw the RockHounds go 5-5 in stops in San Antonio and Wichita, the Tall City's boys of summer will be making their home debut at 7:11 tonight against the El Paso Diablos at Christensen Stadium.

The RockHounds had Sunday off and they needed it after playing five games in three days because of bad weather in Wichita. The RockHounds lost their last three to the Wranglers.

More than two weeks ago, Midlanders got a taste of what to expect from the RockHounds with an exhibition game against their parent club, the Oakland Athletics. For the next 10 games, against the Diablos

and the Wranglers, the new era of Midland baseball will be on display and just the excitement of change has brought enthusiasm to both the club and the RockHounds' front office.

"(Management) is excited to have a new team here, to have different players and to see some new faces," said RockHounds manager

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## 'Hound pitchers should find it a task to win here

By Oscar LeRoy  
Sports Writer

Pitchers don't usually have much fun pitching at Christensen Stadium.

With the wind and the elements making things sometimes downright hairy for hurlers, it can be a nightmare. But it can also make one a better pitcher if he can have the numbers and success at the Dog House.

"If you can put up some numbers in this ballpark, it will definitely mean a lot about the way you pitch," said RockHounds manager Tony DeFrancesco.

Starting at 7:11 tonight, Midland RockHound pitchers will get to see what it's like to pitch here as one of the premier pitching match ups in minor league baseball takes center stage in Midland. RockHounds' right-hander Tim Hudson (2-0, 0.69 ERA) is going against El Paso right-hander Brad Penney (0-1, 3.00), who is rated as the No. 6 overall prospect in minor league baseball.

This whole series will feature some of the best arms in minor league baseball. The Athletics have some of their best young arms in Midland, while the Arizona Diamondbacks have some of their best in El Paso, including Korean Byung-Hyun Kim, who comes in from the bullpen.

The 23-year-old Hudson says he's pretty much a sinker, changeup pitcher with a split finger fastball and an occasional slider.

"I'm pretty much a ground ball pitcher, I get a few strikeouts," Hudson said. "With a lot of wind here, I'm going to have to keep the ball down."

"I'm not really concerned (about the wind). You're going to play in parks like this whether it's your home or away. You have to learn to deal with the weather and climate wherever you go."

Right-hander Eric Dubose (1-1, 5.59), who goes on Tuesday against El Paso right-hander John Patterson (0-1, 6.35) said the wind is something a pitcher must bring into play.

"You have to work on keeping the ball down, getting ahead of the batter and hopefully they won't hit a home run," Dubose said. "And if they do hit a home run, make sure there's nobody on base. Make them earn everything they get. You just have to go out there and set some goals."

Hudson and Dubose are two of the best young guns in the Oakland Athletics organization, rated as the No. 10 and No. 3 prospects by Baseball America respectively. Also high on the A's list are RockHounds closer Chad Harville (No. 4), who has two saves in two opportunities with a 0.00 ERA and a fastball clocked as high as 99 mph.

Chris Enochs (0-1, 17.36), Wednesday's starter, is the 1997 first round draft choice out of Mississippi

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## Gretzky and crowd savor long, bittersweet farewell

By Barry Wilner  
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Slowly circling the rink, soaking in the farewells from his fans, teammates, even opponents, Wayne Gretzky didn't want it to end.

Smiling through tears during four final laps Sunday, the greatest player ever made it easy for everyone to say goodbye.

He skated slowly enough for plenty of souvenir photos to be taken. Whenever he noticed a youngster's extended hand from the crowd, he touched it. He even played to the fans, donning a blue Yankees hat, then a red Rangers beret.

Then, almost as suddenly as word had come last week that he was retiring, No. 99 was gone.

"I'm devastated I will no longer be a hockey player," Gretzky, his eyes still red, said more than an hour after his final skate. "I will miss every part of the game, because I loved every part of the game."

"But I've made the right decision." Gretzky's grace and skill could bring

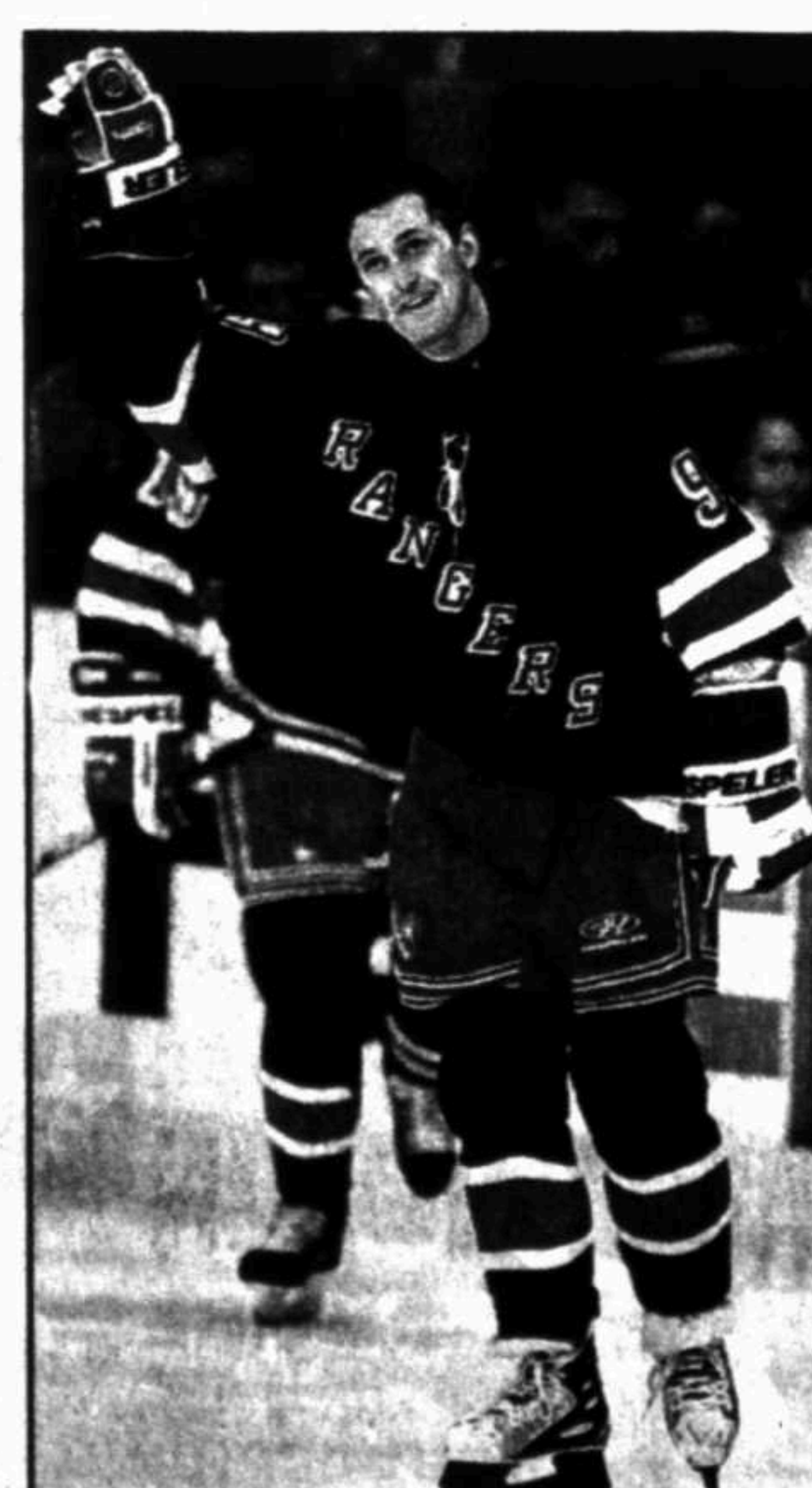
tears to the eyes of anyone watching him perform. On the last day of his unparalleled career, it was Gretzky who cried the most.

"I broke down a couple of times, once at the end of the game and once when I saw Ulfie," he said of former Rangers defenseman Ulf Samuelsson, who like several of his ex-teammates attended the festivities. "They were tears of joy, because I was thinking about all the fun things that happened."

After the game, the player who shattered hockey's most revered records skated one lap around the rink with his teammates in tow, followed by an encore, as a lone spotlight followed him around the ice and Carly Simon's "Nobody Does It Better" blared throughout. Perhaps the most excruciating moment for him came as he fought the tears, occasionally looking down at the ice, while posing for one last photo with teammates, who all wore No. 99 caps.

The 38-year-old Gretzky ended his career with an assist, setting up a second-

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Wayne Gretzky waves to the crowd after playing his last game in the NHL against the Pittsburgh Penguins Sunday.

## Draft helps Dallas to fill major needs

IRVING (AP) — When the dust settled Sunday after the NFL draft and recent free-agent signings, Dallas Cowboys officials believed they had addressed the weaknesses that caused the team's failure in last season's playoffs.

Owner Jerry Jones and coach Chan Gailey said the Cowboys drafted for speed and play-making ability — and think they got both. "We've added some speed, we've added some talent to our team in the last week," Gailey said. "The competition on our football team will be very strong in training camp, which is an exciting proposition because that's always good for your team."

"Relative to where we were at the end of last year, we have more speed," Jones added. "We have some people in



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# Long Day? It's no big deal for MCI Classic's first time winner

By Pete Iacobelli  
AP Sports Writer

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Glen Day had waited a long time for his first PGA Tour victory. Another 90 minutes didn't matter.

After Day posted a 10-under total at the MCI Classic on Sunday, he went to the tournament lounge and waited to see which major star would end his dream.

Maybe it would be second-round leader Payne Stewart, twice a winner at Harbour Town. Or reigning U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen. Or Chris Perry, the third-round leader who's patience and single-mindedness comes from his father, former major league pitcher Jim Perry.

"Everybody told me I'd win when I least expected it," said Day, who rolled in a 35-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole to beat Stewart and Jeff Sluman. "I can assure you, I didn't expect it."

Stewart missed an 18-foot birdie putt to extend the playoff.

Day was so confident his early score wouldn't survive, he told his caddy to collect their extra clubs. "because when somebody got to 11 under, I wanted to leave."

Day even told friends and fellow tour pros Brad Fabel and Larry Rinker that their ride to a Monday pro-am — Day was driving — wouldn't be delayed.

But Fabel was urging Day to hurry up in the interview room. That's what happens when you win your first PGA tournament in your sixth season.

"I'd gotten really close a lot last year and pretty much every year I have had a chance at least once (to win) and it hadn't happened," he said. "I got very fortunate."

Day started 10 groups ahead of the leaders in the final round. He shot a 5-under-par 66 and was certain

it wasn't enough.

Why should it be? Former U.S. Open champions Stewart, Janzen and Corey Pavin were all on the course and with-in striking distance.

Sluman and Bob Tway, both with PGA Championship titles, were making runs.

Perry seemingly had the tournament wrapped up with his fifth birdie of the back nine. But one by one, they fell away.

Pavin, playing his best golf in almost three years, missed a short par putt on No. 16. Janzen made bogeys on two of the final three holes.

Sluman, who was part of the three-man playoff, couldn't make a birdie after tying Day with three holes left.

"I'm disappointed because I played really well," said Perry, who shot a 72. "I was in control of my emotions all day long."

Stewart shot a 70 and Sluman a 67 to share second. Perry finished at 275, one stroke in front of Pavin, who had a 69, Nolan Henke, 70, and John Huston, 72.

Janzen and Tway were tied at 7-under 277.

Day sat in the lounge, sipping soda and looking more like a golfer expecting a shower than a play-off. But he dusted off his game as Stewart finished his round.

On the playoff hole, Day's drive was long and his approach rolled about 35 feet past the cup. It took him only a few seconds to set up and curl in the putt.

"I was just lucky I hit it on a true line," he said. Stewart's putt also looked true. But it stayed just on the outside.

Stewart won his second MCI title in 1990 by defeating Larry Mize and Steve Jones.

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## PITCHERS: 'Hounds have top prospects

(From 1C)

State and is the No. 5 prospect. Enochs will go against Nick Bierbrodt (1-0, 2.89).

On Thursday, Midland left-hander Jason Anderson (1-1, 8.00) takes the mound against lefty Eric Knott (1-0, 0.82).

Friday's starter Luis Vizcaino (0-1, 10.57), is a flame throwing right-hander who's the No. 8 prospect for the A's. He goes against El Paso left-hander Steve Randolph (0-0, 0.00).

There are high expectations in Oakland for these young hurlers and catcher Cody McKay, who has part of the responsibility along with pitching coach Glenn Abbott in helping them get to the "Show."

"My expectations are getting these pitchers to the big leagues. We have a great staff and they have to be my responsibility because I have to help them win," McKay said. "I may take a lot of credit when they win, but I also get hit hard when they don't."

"Billy Bean, who's our general manager, told me that I'm going to have my work cut out for me. He said, 'We're going to have you out there and we're going to be watching you all the time. We've got seven pitchers this year that we expect to be in the big leagues. You've got your work cut out.'"

And McKay doesn't mind boasting about the RockHounds staff.

"In our rotation, we've got two lefties and three righties. We've got a good pitching staff all around," McKay said. "I'm excited about it."

"There's not a single pitcher that's going to give any team a break. Usually we play teams that got two really good pitchers and then you got the third and fourth starter and you're thinking 'all right we've got two wins at least.' In our case, we've got five pitchers who aren't going to give anyone a chance. They're all going to go after hitters hard. I think every one of our starters throws over 90. We had our closer (Harville) hit 99 in spring training."

Hudson said he doesn't concern himself too much about making it to Oakland.

"That's something that a lot of guys on the team would like to see happen," Hudson said. "For right now, this is my team and I'll do whatever I can for us to win. If I have a good year here and I get called up that's great. Right now, I really can't look too far ahead."

"We all want to make a move to the big leagues, that's part of our goals," Dubose said. "It'll be great confidence for the pitchers that can play in this ballpark. If you can pitch here, you can pitch anywhere. I think it's going to be a mental test for the pitching staff here. Because if you give up home runs, you can't let it get to you. It's going to be an interesting year, the offense is going to have to put up some numbers for us and the pitchers have got to keep us in the game."

"Don't pay too much attention to stats because they're not going to be pretty."

## COWBOYS: Team improves pass rush

(From 1C)

the draft who can contribute this year."

The Cowboys made moves to improve a pass rush that produced only 34 sacks last season by selecting defensive ends Ebenezer Ekuban of North Carolina with the 20th overall pick and Hundens "Peppi" Zellner of Fort Valley State in the fourth round. Dallas scouts and coaches say Ekuban and Zellner were two of the most athletic defensive ends at the scouting combine.

The Cowboys also picked Texas A&M inside linebacker Dat Nguyen, who won the Lombardi Award for defensive players but slipped to the third round, probably because of his relatively small size, 5-foot-11 and 231 pounds. The team projects him as a backup at all three linebacker spots next season and a candidate for starting middle linebacker the next season.

"I'm not a prototype linebacker," Nguyen said. "I'm just a small guy out there trying to make some tackles."

Nguyen noted that Chicago Bears Hall of Fame linebacker Mike Singletary and Atlanta star Jessie Tuggle are both about 230 pounds.

Dallas also added youth to an aging offensive line in the second round by taking West Virginia's

Solomon Page, projected as a reserve at tackle and guard. Page's addition could mean the end of the line for Pro Bowl guard Nate Newton, an unrestricted free agent who remains unsigned.

They also added depth at wide receiver by drafting Texas Longhorn Wane McGarity in the fourth round and MarTay Jenkins of Nebraska-Omaha in the sixth round.

The Cowboys think McGarity has a chance to be a factor at wide receiver if he can stay healthy. McGarity was a big-play producer in college, but he's only 5-foot-8 and has had four knee operations since 1992. McGarity had 58 catches for 1,087 yards and nine touchdowns as a senior.

"He has the ability to do something with it when he gets the ball," Jones said.

With their two seventh-round picks the Cowboys took tight end Mike Lucky of Arizona and offensive guard Kelvin Garmon of Baylor. Dallas also brought in more speed with the signings of a pair of free agents this week — wide receiver Rocket Ismail and linebacker Quentin Coryatt.

The Cowboys confounded some draft observers by failing to pick a defensive tackle, although they did take two ends.

NFL sources say star defensive tackle Leon Lett has failed another

er drug test and could be suspended again. Dallas also lost defensive tackles Hurvin McCormack and Antonio Anderson to Cleveland in the expansion draft.

The team privately thinks that if Lett is lost for an extended period or is banned for life, last year's No. 1 pick, defensive end Greg Ellis, can be moved to tackle. Michael Myers, who played much of last season at defensive end, also will be a full-time tackle.

If Lett returns, Ellis could remain on the strong side and Ekuban could push holdover starter Kavika Pittman as the pass-rushing end. Pittman paced the team with only six sacks last season.

"We have some options there," Gailley said. "We didn't feel we needed to address that."

Heading into the draft, there was need for some younger blood. Quarterback Troy Aikman, running back Emmitt Smith, wide receiver Michael Irvin, cornerback Deion Sanders, safety Darren Woolson, tackle Erik Williams, defensive tackle Chad Hennings and defensive back Kevin Smith will all turn 30 before the start of next season.

Those were many of the key players on last year's team that won the NFC East but was upset by the Arizona Cardinals in first-round playoff game.

## OPENER: 'Hounds make home debut

(From 1C)

Tony DeFrancesco. "Sometimes a change is for the better."

Many are hoping that change will bring a rare Texas League playoff appearance. Despite the recent three-game slide, the RockHounds have appeared very solid in every phase of the game.

"We have a real good team," said RockHounds catcher Cody McKay. "Hopefully people come out and watch us 'cause it's going to be a good time. Come out here, get to know the players, have a favorite player, and root us on. Having fans out there makes us come and play. When we don't have fans out here, it makes you a little tired and not as excited to get to the ballpark. We hope people help us out and get motivated."

Leading the charge offensively for the RockHounds has been third baseman Adam Piatt. The former Mississippi State standout has gone 10 for his last 18 and has connected for two home runs.

With the way the ball carries at the Dog House, Piatt is one of those batters looking to take advantage.

"I like the wind, especially if it blows to right center," Piatt said.

"It's definitely a hitter's park but I'm sure there's going to be visiting teams that are going to like playing here as well."

"We've got an excited group that's looking forward to making a home in Midland for the next few months. We got a terrific crowd (at the exhibition game against the A's), hopefully we'll have some success here."

Also on a hot streak has been player/coach Webster Garrison who was activated when first baseman T.R. Marcinczyk went on the disabled list with a right abdominal muscle pull. Since being activated five games ago, Garrison has gone eight for his last 15 with three home runs including a grand slam, and 10 RBIs to put him among the Texas League leaders.

Designated hitter Justin Bowles is another player who will love hitting at Christensen as he's gone six for his last 12 at-bats with a home run.

"This is definitely a hitter-friendly park," Bowles said. "Although the pitchers don't like it too much. You can't blame them though. If you hit it up high enough, the wind will probably carry it out."

When talking about Christensen, wind is certainly a hot subject for both players and managers.

"Everybody is coming in here and playing in the same situation," DeFrancesco said. "Defensively, we might make some changes like moving in a little bit. We're going to have to keep the ball down and make some quality pitches. We know home runs are going to be hit here and we know that's going to be part of the game. Hopefully, we'll be ready for it. It'll be a challenge for our pitchers."

Leading the way for the Diablos at the plate has been Jarrod Patterson, who was hitting .556 to top the Texas League, and Jhensey Sandoval had driven in 10 through Saturday's game against San Antonio.

**ROCKHOUND BITES:** Marcinczyk is eligible to come off the DL early in this series... Also hoping to make a return in this series is Roberto Vaz, who jammed his left ankle in the nightcap of Thursday's doubleheader in Wichita. Before his injury, Vaz was 7-for-7 in his last nine plate appearances with a walk and a sacrifice fly.

## MC: Morton, Mackay lead Lady Chaps

(From 1C)

considered among the favorites to battle for the top medalist spot in this week's Lady Chap Classic.

"I'm hitting the ball pretty well and considering that we're playing here, we're pretty used to the course," said Morton, who has flip-flopped with Mackay playing at the No. 1 position. "I do like this course a lot."

Since the fall, Williams said he's been seeing some of his players improved, especially Lee product Vanessa Cody and Lisa Ball from England.

"I think I've been doing pretty good," said Ball, who plays at No. 4. "I think I've had four top 10 finishes, so I'm a little more comfortable than last semester."

"I expect us to do well in this tournament. McLennan is our big rival and I expect it to be a close competition. It is an advantage playing on the course we play on all the time. It's going to play a lot shorter than what we practice on."

"With the exception of one tournament, I think I have improved and done a lot better than last semester," said Cody, who plays at the No. 5 spot and has had two recent top 10 finishes. "My goals now are to keep my head in the game, stay focused and just play the best I can."

Another Lady Chap who's been coming on strong lately is Krystal Mehaffey, another Lee graduate who plays at No. 3.

"I haven't been having a very good spring but I'm getting better," Mehaffey said. "I'm looking forward to having a good tournament and I feel that I can have a lot of confidence here."

Playing as a medalist in this tournament is Renee Gonzalez from Fort Stockton. Gonzalez transferred from Hillsboro Community College after the Fall semester.

"When I transferred here my game was off. I didn't have much practice and my coach was never really there," said Gonzalez about her experience at Hillsboro. "I'm making good contact with the ball, it's just that my scoring hasn't been what I want."

The Lady Chaps will also be using this tournament as preparation for the NJCAA National Tournament to be played May 15-18 in McHenry, Maryland.

"I really feel we've got a good chance to win the nationals because we're much more experienced than the rest of the teams," Mehaffey said.

Midland College may also rely on its team camaraderie to win at the national tournament.

"Everyone's pretty easy going

and adapts to everyone else," Ball said. "Everyone's got the same objectives: To play golf and get an education, and have a good laugh too."



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# NBA Results

## Standings

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

| W          | L  | Pct | GB        |
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| Orioles    | 28 | 12  | 707       |
| Mariners   | 21 | 19  | 667       |
| Phillies   | 21 | 19  | 525 7/12  |
| New York   | 20 | 20  | 512       |
| Red Sox    | 18 | 24  | 472 12/12 |
| Washington | 16 | 26  | 400 12/12 |
| New Jersey | 12 | 30  | 300 12/12 |

Central Division

| W         | L  | Pct | GB       |
|-----------|----|-----|----------|
| Indians   | 24 | 17  | 585      |
| Detroit   | 23 | 18  | 561      |
| Minnesota | 22 | 19  | 550 3/12 |
| Cleveland | 21 | 19  | 525 3/12 |
| Chicago   | 19 | 20  | 487      |
| Toronto   | 19 | 20  | 487      |
| Chicago   | 11 | 28  | 315      |

Western Conference

Midwest Division

| W             | L  | Pct | GB  |
|---------------|----|-----|-----|
| x-Utah        | 28 | 12  | 707 |
| San Antonio   | 28 | 12  | 707 |
| Phoenix       | 20 | 20  | 512 |
| Golden State  | 18 | 22  | 512 |
| Sacramento    | 18 | 22  | 512 |
| L.A. Clippers | 17 | 23  | 512 |
| Denver        | 13 | 29  | 310 |
| Portland      | 13 | 29  | 310 |

Pacific Division

| W             | L  | Pct | GB       |
|---------------|----|-----|----------|
| x-Portland    | 30 | 10  | 750      |
| L.A. Lakers   | 25 | 16  | 610 5/12 |
| Phoenix       | 21 | 20  | 512      |
| Seattle       | 19 | 22  | 487      |
| Golden State  | 18 | 22  | 512      |
| Sacramento    | 18 | 22  | 512      |
| L.A. Clippers | 17 | 23  | 512      |
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| Portland      | 13 | 29  | 310      |

Sunday's Games

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Golden State 88, Detroit 81

Phoenix 99, Seattle 85

San Antonio 86, Houston 83

Utah 97, Minnesota 77

Denver 103, L.A. Clippers 101

Monday's Games

Orioles at Toronto, 6 p.m.

New York at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Charlotte at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.

Chicago at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Seattle at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

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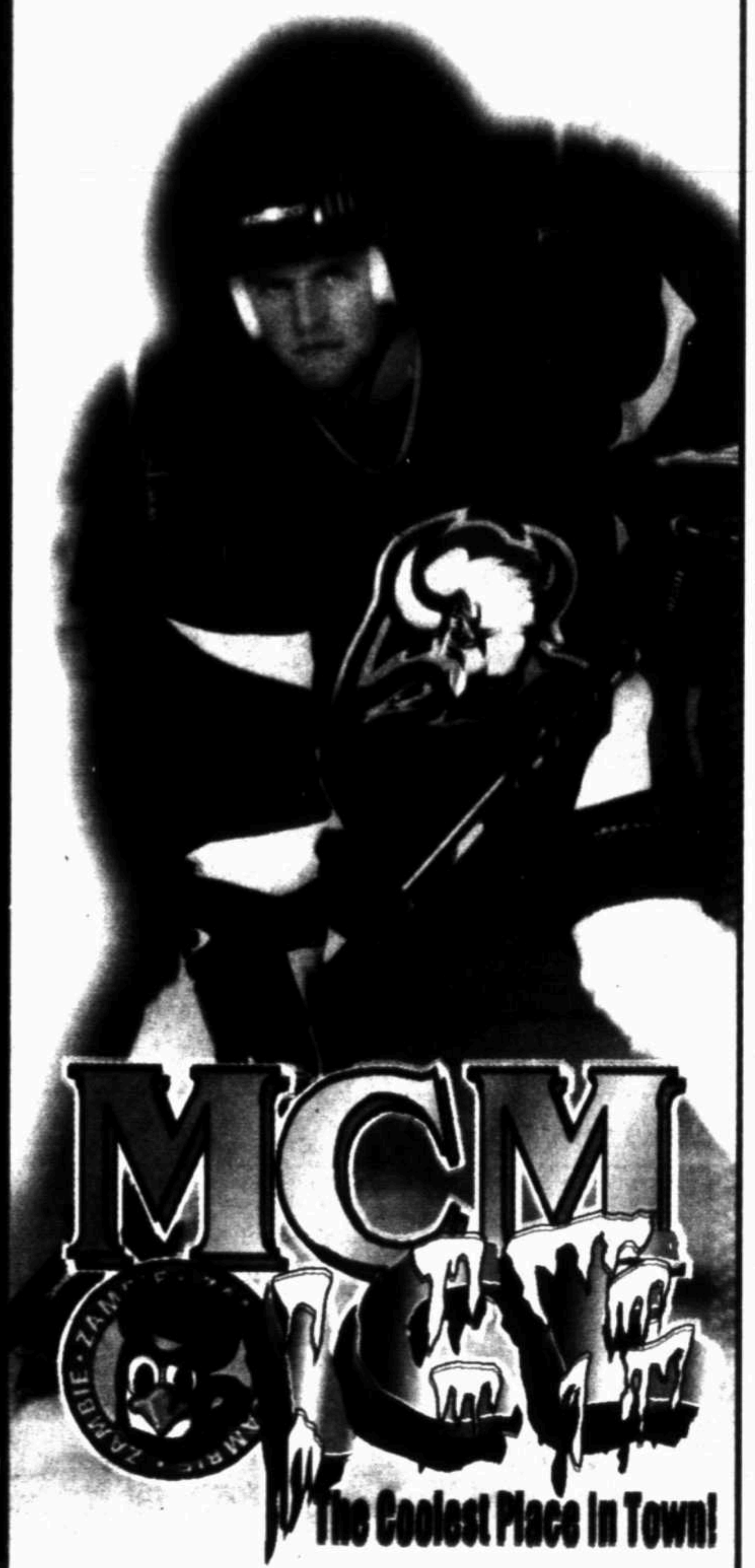
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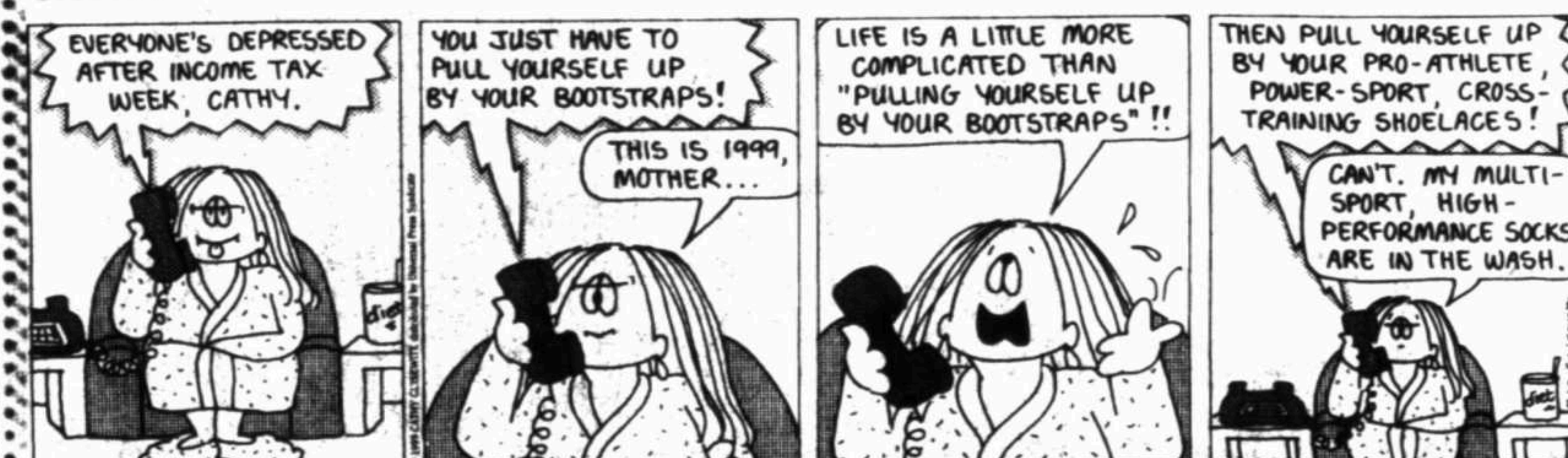
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## ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\*\* Talk up a storm. Be willing to find out what others are thinking. In some ways, this could be a puzzle because of their unpredictability. Nevertheless, you can pinpoint another's viewpoint. A money issue could be frustrating; clearly, a partner doesn't see eye to eye with you. Tonight: Avoid a royal battle!

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\*\* You could be fretting over money, the hows and the wheres. Agreement with another proves challenging; in fact, it's downright frustrating. Both of you seem to be stuck in your positions. Is there a way around this? Talk to a boss. Ideas flow. Tonight: Back off for now.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* You can beam in what you want. Your personality sparkles; others respond to your energy and ideas. Listen to another; his feedback is certainly interesting. You might be avoiding an important issue through working hard. Be more conscious of your needs. Tonight: Get real physical!

## CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* An associate surprises you with his willingness to tackle an important matter. Think before you leap into action. Tempters flare. When you think you are being creative and open, another sees you as challenging, difficult and argumentative. Tonight: Do your own thing!

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Someone you don't usually count on surprises you. Pull back some and

think. Listen to news, gather feedback and honor your goals. You might be overwhelmed by work. A loved one lets you know, in a bellicose fashion, how much he misses you. Tonight: You are the action.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Assume more responsibility on the job. Getting a response from another takes extra effort and could be frustrating. Don't give up. You are marked by your endurance and long-term commitments. Deal with the unexpected in your time-proven manner. Tonight: Working late.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* You could be spending recklessly. There is a tomorrow, however! A partner keeps asking you to hold back some. Be realistic about your limits. You are full of ideas. Detach from your immediate situation and take an overview. Unusual solutions pop into your head. Tonight: Catch up on e-mail.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* Your temper can be hot at times. You feel frustrated and wonder what you can do to defuse a tough situation. Think before you say something you could regret. A partner understands where an adjustment needs to be made. Listen to him about real estate and personal matters. Tonight: With a favorite person!

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* Others are challenging and, at times, testy. You cannot count on another's choices right now, though he means well. He simply has a different way to reach the same goals.

Temper flare; you could be accident-prone. Have you been getting enough rest? Tonight: Make it an early night.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\*\* A friend has a strong sense of direction, while you could be cramped by restraints right now. Work and endurance will pay off. Don't be discouraged. You come through for others in a big way. Let another understand your intentions. You are trusted. Tonight: Get some exercise.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\*\* Trust your creativity to come up with solutions and ideas. A romance takes an interesting twist. Perhaps you don't realize what you have triggered of late. Allow more joy and caring into your life. Don't get hung up by demands from others. You could feel depressed. Tonight: Let the spirit of the weekend continue.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\*\* News from a distance could be unsettling. Your perception of the correct action might change when you see your limitations. Build on existing foundations. A home office is a strong possibility. Don't undermine yourself, especially if you feel tired and withdrawn. Tonight: Head home.

## BORN TODAY

Actor Tim Curry (1946), actress Elinor Donohue (1937), former baseball player Frank Viola Jr. (1960)

# GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

## ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

AK 10 9 7 4 3 2 A Q 10 7 4 10 9 2 Partner opens the bidding with one heart and West doubles. What action do you take?

A - Since the chance of having a spade fit is negligible, bid one no trump. Over a takeout double that is not a weak action, but shows a hand of some 8-10 points and is forward-going. Your hand is a maximum for that action.

Q 2 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

A J 7 K Q 10 4 AK Q 3 AK J 10 4 The bidding has proceeded:

| EAST | SOUTH | WEST | NORTH |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 2    | Dbl   | 4    | 5     |
| Pass | 6     | Pass | Pass  |
| 6    | ?     |      |       |

What action do you take?

A - The final decision is partner's, but provide him with the information needed to make the right one. You must double to tell partner you have a spade loser; a pass would show first-round control of the enemy suit.

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

A 5 3 7 A 4 AK 5 4 2 A 9 5 2

The bidding has proceeded:

| NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | WEST |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| Pass  | 3    | ?     | Pass |

What action do you take?

A - East's preempt has done its job, and you are in an impossible position. Ideally, you would like to play three clubs doubled, but there is no way you can accomplish that in standard methods — a double would be for takeout. We do not much care whether you bid three diamonds or three no trump — it is a crapsheet.

Q 4 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

AK 10 6 7 4 3 2 Q 10 6 5 AK 9 8 7 5 Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond?

A - If you play five-card majors, be wary of making a forcing jump raise to three diamonds — partner might have only a three-card suit. (This hand is too strong for a limit raise.) Start by responding two clubs, and see where the auction takes you.

Q 5 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

A 9 7 A Q 7 5 4 Q 4 2 A 10 7 5 3

The bidding has proceeded:

| NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | WEST |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1     | Pass | 1     | Pass |
| INT   | Pass | ?     | Pass |

What do you bid now?

A - That depends on your methods. If you play that a jump to three clubs now would be forcing, by all means take that action. In the mod-

ern style, however, a jump to three clubs would only be invitational, so you have to temporize by bidding two diamonds and support clubs later.

Q 6 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

A 3 7 K 7 4 4 AK J 8 7 6 A 9 4

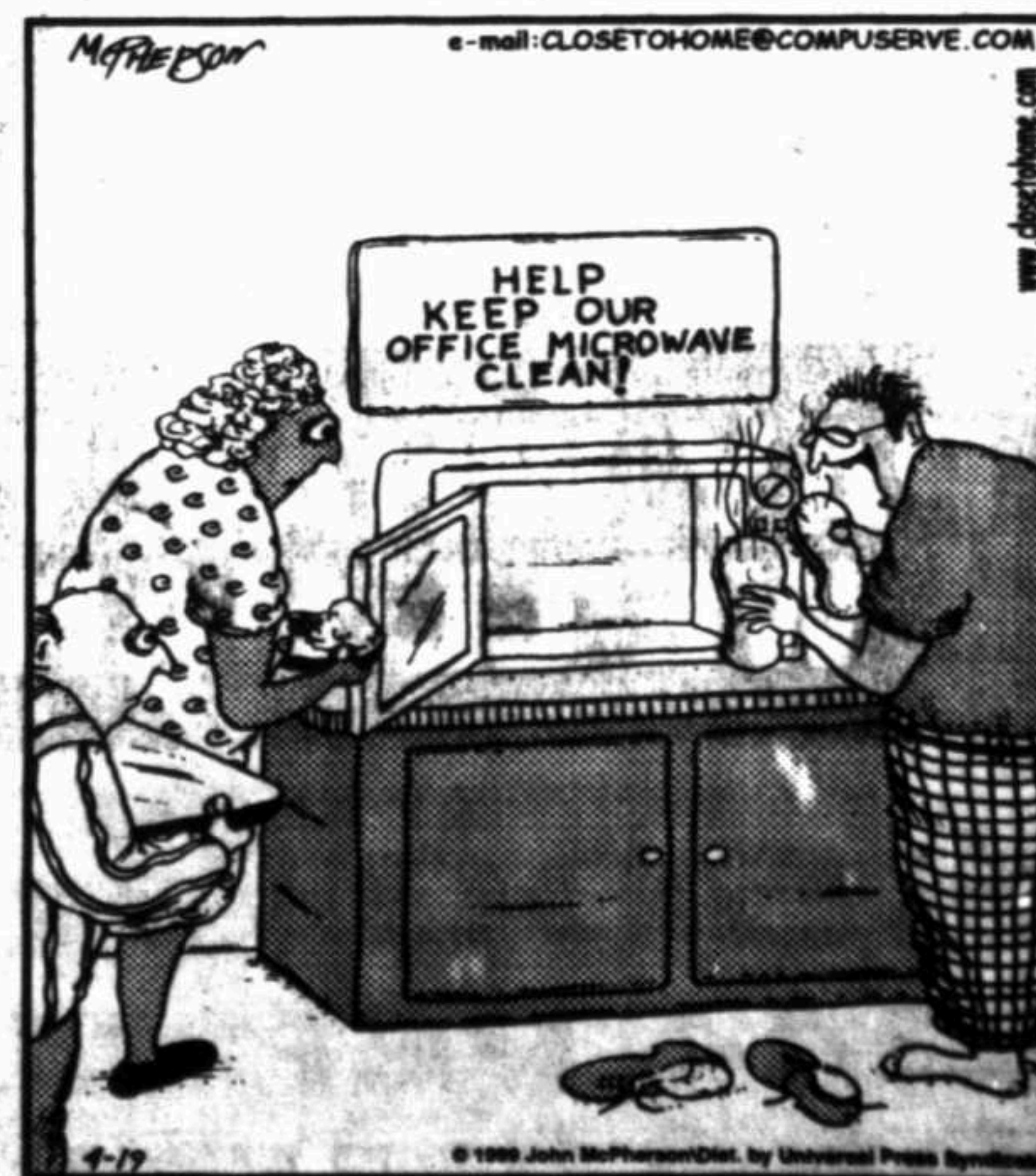
The bidding has proceeded:

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1     | Pass | 1     | Pass |
| 3     | Pass | 3     | Pass |

What do you bid now?

A - Obviously, the choice lies between a bid of four hearts to set the suit, or an advance cue-bid of four clubs. Since the latter could cause problems if partner reads it as a natural bid showing 6-4 in the minors, we would opt for four hearts. If partner does not move over that, it is unlikely you will be missing a slam.

## CLOSE TO HOME





## FAMILY CIRCUS



Bil Keane takes a short vacation this week. Little Billy fills in.

## ZITS



## ANDY CAPP



## DENNIS THE MENACE



"DO I HAFTA GET CLEAN? ISN'T BEING WET GOOD ENOUGH?"

## PEOPLE TODAY

## BoxCar Willie draws last crowd

BRANSON, Mo. — BoxCar Willie's last appearance drew a full house.

About 1,000 people filled the entertainer's theater Saturday to say goodbye to America's singing hobo. BoxCar Willie, whose given name was Lecil Travis Martin, died Monday of leukemia at age 67.

Among the mourners were Branson stars such as Mel Tillis, Andy Williams, Jim Stafford and Yakov Smirnoff. And nearly each one had a warm memory to share about the friend they called "Box."

Tillis recalled serving in the Air Force with him in Nebraska 45 years ago. "I was a baker and he was a flight engineer. He used to come by the place where I did my baking, and we'd sit on the flour sacks and pick our guitars."

The Rev. Cliff Brasher's eulogy was interspersed with video clips from shows, and many mourners wept and then smiled as they heard songs like "The Wabash Cannonball" and "I've Seen It All From a Boxcar Door."

Brasher let BoxCar Willie have the last word, and the crowd heard him sing:

"I'll ride that last train to heaven, on rails of solid gold. In a boxcar filled with satin, where the nights are never cold."

"Where the hobo's always welcome, even in his raggedy clothes."

"I'll ride that last train to heaven, when the final whistle blows."

Afterward, hundreds filed past an open coffin to view the performer in his full hobo regalia, an American flag at his side. An Air Force color guard honored BoxCar Willie at a brief graveside service.

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Singer Eartha Kitt turned in a different kind of performance when she visited Gene. Jesse Ventura, doing a handstand on his desk while he touted the benefits of physical fitness.

"This is amazing," Ventura said after Ms. Kitt's stunt Friday.

"At the age of 72," interjected the performer, who was in the Twin Cities over the weekend for shows at a nightclub and visited with Ventura, a former pro wrestler, for about 15 minutes.

"I'm here to support his original ideas about supporting common sense," she said. "He's fun because of both his sense of humor and practical common sense."

Ms. Kitt played Catwoman on the 1960s Batman TV show; Ventura had a small role in the more recent "Batman and Robin" movie. But the singer said the connection never came up.

COMMERCE — The Boys Choir of Harlem is branching out from New York to form satellite choirs in some of the biggest cities in the nation — Miami, Chicago, San Francisco, Milwaukee and Detroit.

And Commerce, Texas, population 7,192.

"I say, why not Commerce?" said Anthony Harris, direc-

tor of Project Keep Hope Alive, whose choir is working with the Boys Choir of Harlem. "The needs of the kids are no different in Detroit or San Francisco or Miami."

Project Keep Hope Alive, which provides after-school activities for black boys, is based at the Texas A&M University-Commerce campus about 60 miles northeast of Dallas. Of its 67 members, about 50 sing in the Voices of Hope choir.

"Music has a way of channeling creativity in a positive direction," Harris said. "It's important to get kids thinking they can create something very positive and very beautiful. It also instills self-discipline in kids."

Boys Choir of Harlem leaders will travel to Commerce this summer to help the Voices of Hope singers fine-tune their skills in gospel, jazz, rap and classical music.

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Concert promoter Marcel Avram is out of prison and back at work, planning two shows on the cusp of the millennium for his biggest client, Michael Jackson.

Avram was released this month after serving two years for tax evasion. He was quoted by Focus newsmagazine as saying Jackson intends to give a concert Dec. 31 in Sydney, Australia.

"After the show we'll fly to Honolulu and play again on December 31, because of the 22-hour time difference," he told the magazine.

The Romanian-born Avram, whose client list also has included Pink Floyd and Joe Cocker, was convicted in 1997 of dodging tax payments of nearly \$2.8 million.

NEW YORK — An aspiring artist from Florida beat out 6,000 other aspiring video jockeys for an instant taste of fame.

Thalia D. DaCosta, 21, of Sunrise, Fla., won MTV's nationwide search for a VJ on Saturday. Tryouts had been held in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York between April 6 and Wednesday.

Five finalists were tested on their music knowledge, poise and stamina live on MTV on Saturday. Viewers voted for the winner over the phone and in cyberspace.

"I just won a contest for being myself," Ms. DaCosta said. "I was really a struggling, starving artist yesterday. And today, I have... a really well-paying job."

The competition, the second annual VJ "Lanna-Be" tryout, was open to people 18 to 28 years old. Last year, Jesse Camp, of Granby, Conn., stole the show and spent a year as a host on the cable music network.

Ms. DaCosta is taking home \$25,000 and a new car. Her salary has not been determined yet.

Dave Sirulnick, the executive vice president of MTV news and production, said Ms. DaCosta's first VJ shift will come next week.

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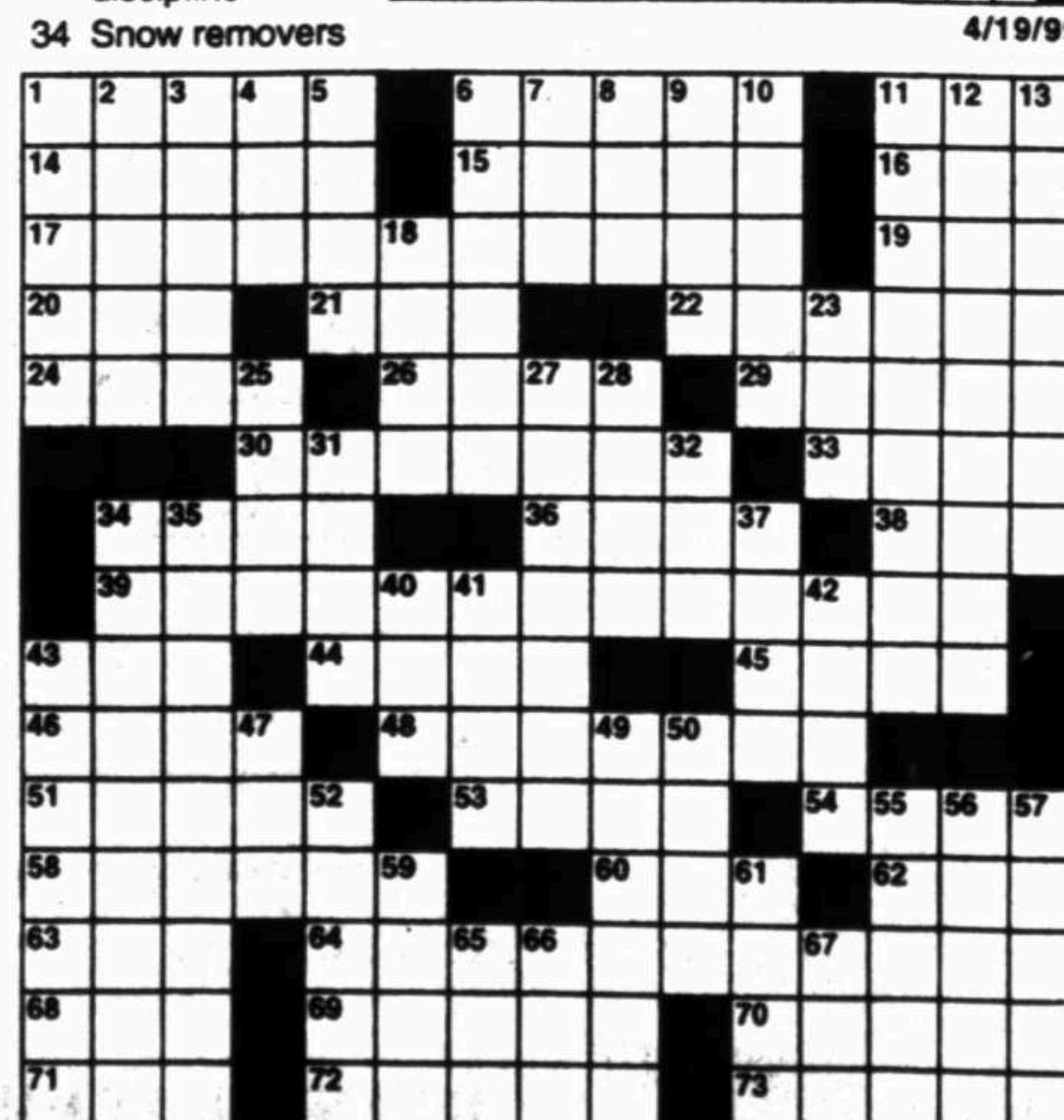
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## TV TONIGHT

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| (3) KMD        | 2  | 3  | News 800                                                    | Wheel of Fortune                                                   | 2020 6068                                                                   |      |      |                                                      |      |      |      |
| (5) KPEJ       | 24 | 5  | The Simpsons                                                | Home Improvement                                                   | Meatloaf Place: The Daugherty 80933                                         |      |      |                                                      |      |      |      |
| (7) KOSA       | 7  | 7  | News 9006                                                   | Entertain Tonight                                                  | Cosby 8703 (King of Queens)                                                 |      |      |                                                      |      |      |      |
| (9) KWES       | 9  | 9  | News 2600                                                   | Seinfeld 7180                                                      | Grumpier Old Men (PG-13, R) ** (Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau) 26428          |      |      |                                                      |      |      |      |
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| (8) CNBC       | 8  | 8  | Business Center                                             | Upfront                                                            | Hardball With Chris Matthews 7283058                                        |      |      |                                                      |      |      |      |
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# Elie's late trey boosts Spurs over Rockets

By Kelley Shannon  
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Mario Elie is well on his way to transforming the Spurs into a team with heart.

His latest tactic spoke louder than any pep talk he could have given, a game-winning 3-pointer with one-tenth of a second left that sent the sometimes docile Spurs into a chest-pounding celebration Sunday as San Antonio beat the Houston Rockets 86-83.

"I was feeling good," Elie said. "Hopefully, I have another one of those shots in me during the playoffs."

With the score tied, David Robinson dished the ball to Elie on the right side. He hit the wide-open 3-pointer, and the Spurs — who fought back from an early 23-point deficit — mobbed each other in a huddle at center court.

Elie, who won two championships with the Rockets, led the Spurs with 21 points on 7-for-8 shooting, including 4-for-4 on 3-pointers.

"Mario loves big games. He was great," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

The Spurs had their biggest comeback of the season and completed a sweep of the three-game season series.

"We made a couple of mistakes when we had the lead and it really burned us," said Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich, who complimented Elie on his shot. "He's made some big shots. I've seen it before. They executed the play well. It was a pick and slip, and he just slipped right in there."

Charles Barkley led the Rockets with 23 points, and Hakeem Olajuwon had 18 points.

The Rockets took an 81-78 advantage on a 3-pointer by Bryce Drew with 2:43 remaining, and the Spurs tied it at 81-81 on a 3-pointer by Elie with 1:42 left. Barkley then sank two free throws with 52 seconds to go to move the Rockets ahead 83-81.

Elie got two more points on the board for the Spurs when Olajuwon was called for goaltending with 44.1 seconds remaining.

Scottie Pippen attempted a 3-pointer with 25 seconds left. The ball went in the basket, looked like it was going down, but circled out.

Then came Elie's dramatic game-winning shot. When it went in, the Spurs celebrated in the huddle then dispersed toward the bench, with Robinson smiling, cocking his head back and doing a little dance. Other players bumped against each other. An emotional Elie strutted to the edge of the court,

ripped his jersey back from his chest and yelled gleefully at the Alamodome fans.

"Heart. Just heart," Elie said, recalling what he shouted at the spectators. "I got heart to take a shot like that."

Houston built a 23-point lead, 36-13, by early in the second quarter after Barkley scored 15 points and the Rockets outscored the Spurs 31-13 in the first period.

The game looked destined to become a blowout. But a pair of free throws by Robinson — his first points of the game — got a 27-8 rally started that pulled the Spurs to 44-40 by halftime.

The Spurs have now won nine of their last 11 games. With the victory, San Antonio moved two games ahead of Houston in the Western Conference playoff race.

## Morgan moves to 3-0 as Rangers beat A's

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Mike Morgan returned to the mound where he started it all 21 years ago as a high school phenom. He walked away with his best start in nine years.

"What keeps me going? The phone keeps ringing," the 39-year-old Morgan said Sunday after pitching the Texas Rangers past the Oakland Athletics 6-2 to avoid a three-game sweep.

Mike Morgan is 3-0 for the first time since 1990.

"Until somebody doesn't need me it's, 'Have Arm, Will Travel,'" Morgan said. "When I do retire, I'm going to leave it between the lines. But it's not quite over yet."

Morgan took a three-hitter into the seventh and wound up allowing both runs and five hits in six-plus innings. He is the only Texas starter with a win — he has two — in the team's last six games.

"He calls somebody every year and begs for a job," Texas manager Johnny Oates said with a grin, "and fortunately we're the ones who got him this year. There's nothing wrong with him."

Morgan has two wins as a starter this season and one in relief. Todd Zeile and Lee Stevens hit consecutive home runs, and Rafael Palmeiro went 4-for-4 with two RBIs.

### Texas Major League

Oakland starter Mike Oquist (1-1) left after 2 1/3 innings when Rusty Greer's line drive struck him on the left wrist, causing a bruise. Oquist gave up three runs and six hits, and reliever Kevin Jarvis allowed three runs and five hits in 2 2/3 innings. Oakland (6-7) had been seeking to move over .500 for the first time since opening day, but wound up with a 4-2 home stand that started against Anaheim.

Palmeiro had an RBI single in the first, and Oakland added two more runs in the third. Mark McLemore doubled with one out, and Greer's liner went off Oquist to third baseman Eric Chavez, whose throw bounced and skipped past first for a run-scoring error.

Juan Gonzalez singled off Jarvis, and Palmeiro's sacrifice fly made it 3-0. Zeile's

third homer of the season and Stevens' fourth put Texas ahead 5-0 in the fourth.

### Astros 8, Cardinals 4

HOUSTON — Mark McGwire's fifth home run wasn't enough for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Carl Everett hit a solo homer and an RBI single in a six-run eighth inning and Jeff Bagwell added a two-run single as the Houston Astros rallied past the Cardinals to avoid a three-game sweep.

"We played pretty well, we beat a pretty good team two games with really good pitching," McGwire said. "They pitched me pretty darn good. The only pitch I really saw was the one I got the home run on."

St. Louis is just 1-3 when McGwire has homered this season. McGwire, who has hit his homers in 11 games, is ahead of the pace he set on the way to a record 70 last year, when he didn't get No. 5 until the team's 13th game.

The Astros used a four-man outfield on several occasions during the series with second baseman Craig Biggio lining up between left and center field.

## LOCAL SPORTS

### Mustangs take two games

ABILENE — The Midland Christian baseball team won two critical games here against Fort Worth Christian on Saturday.

The Mustangs won the first game 7-4. Trent Lee (2-0) got the win and Jamie Beeghly got the save. Lee had two hits with a double, Seth Denson had two hits, Beeghly had two hits, Dustin Hull had two hits, Ryan Hellums hit a double and Garrett Rasor had a double.

The Mustangs then won the second game 10-9 as Beeghly (4-1) got the win. Brandon Lucas picked up the save as he struck

out a Fort Worth Christian batter in the bottom of the seventh inning with the tying run at third base.

At the plate, Lee went 3-for-5, Beeghly had two hits, Lucas had two hits, Jordan Wilson added two hits, and Shon Brown connected for two hits. FWC came into the game with a 7-0 record and is now tied with Denton Liberty for first place in district.

Midland Christian improves to 6-4 in district and 15-8 overall for third place. The top four teams in the district go to the playoffs.

The Mustangs next head to Jal Tuesday at 5 p.m. (CDT) game.

### MCC Couples

Midland Country Club's Annual Couples Championship concluded Sunday with the gross division being won by Bill Averitt and Jan Melton with a 149 total.

The net division was tied between two couples, Allen and Deanna McGuire and Bill and Jeanne Worley with scores of 123. The McGuires then won on the scorecard playoff.

Here are the final results of the Midland Country Club Couples Championship played Sunday:  
Gross Division — 1. Bill Averitt-Jan Melton 149; 2. Mark Hardwick-Ann Wiggins 152; 3. Rob and Mary Emma Bennett 154; 4. Tommy Vasquez-Liz Young 159.  
Net Division — 1. Allen and Deanna McGuire 123; 2. Bill and Jeanne Worley 123; 3. Phil and Sylvia Roberts 125; 4. Bob and Ruth Ann Riek 129.

### GTCC Rusty Swing

The team of Bill Baker and Alan White won the 1999 Rusty Swing tournament played Sunday at Green Tree Country Club. Baker and White won a playoff against the team of Gary Jones and Dave Holloway after tied at 124.

Here are the final top three results of the 1999 Rusty Swing played at Green Tree Country Club on Sunday:  
Championship — 1. Bill Baker-Alan White 61-124; 2. Gary Jones-Dave Holloway 66-124; 3. (tie) Terry Blasingame-Jim Nash 65-130; and Bobby Welborn-Polly Hughes 69-130.

First — 1. Keith Moore-Mickey Ray 63-128; 2. John Brown-Dennis Snyder 66-130; 3. (tie) Billy York-Tom Morgan 63-130; and Tommy Hill-Ken Dixon 64-130.  
Second — 1. Robert Parker-T.J. Greenwood 62-122; 2. (tie) Pat Worrell-Jeff Petro 65-128; and Kerry Blair-Oren Albright III 63-128.  
Third — 1. Mike O'Brien-Hal Brockett 56-118; 2. Hoyte W. McCright-Brad Miller 64-128; 3. (tie) Greg Densley-Will Bloom Sr. 66-133; and Tom Green-Cathy Green 65-133.

## GRETZKY: Great One has assist in finale

(From 1C)

period goal as his New York Rangers lost to Pittsburgh 2-1 in overtime.

On the final shift of his 21-year pro career, with all the fans at Madison Square Garden on their feet cheering as if a Stanley Cup title was imminent, Gretzky did nothing special. That was rare, particularly on this day — when he set up a dozen good scoring chances — and for his unparalleled career.

During a Rangers timeout with 40.4 seconds to go in the third period, his wife, Janet, started to cry as the fans began a long, final salute to her husband. Gretzky acknowledged it with a nod, then a wave, then by raising his stick in the air. "When John called timeout, it hit me that I was done," he said, his eyes watering once more. "Then is when it hit me that I had only 30 seconds left."

Moments after the timeout, he nearly had a breakthrough, but Pittsburgh goalie Tom Barrasso, who had a sensational game, beat Gretzky to the puck.

"Yeah," Gretzky said with a twinkle in his eye. "I thought I might have one there."

Appropriately, as if his career just wasn't supposed to end now, the game went into overtime. But it ended abruptly when Jaromir Jagr, hockey's dominant player

these days, scored.

The crowd and the Rangers seemed stunned, but only momentarily. Then everyone remembered why they'd come to an otherwise pedestrian matchup.

As the "Gretzky" chants began again, he skated over to the Penguins, who were lined up at the blue line, and shook hands with several. Then he hugged Jagr — an unofficial passing of the torch? — before returning to his teammates.

Then began the final moments of the Gretzky era, which NHL commissioner Gary Bettman ensured would end historically by announcing before the game that no one will ever again wear No. 99 in the league.

That was the first of several times Gretzky became teary. It happened again when his father, Walter, was driven to center ice in a new black Mercedes presented to Gretzky as a parting gift.

"I feel so lucky to be able to play in the NHL," the sport's greatest player said. "I've been so fortunate to play with some of the greatest players, against guys I admired so much, like the best player I ever played against Mario Lemieux... my teammates and, of course, the best player I ever played with, Mark Messier."

"And it would be nothing without family and the great friendships I have developed over the years. I

appreciate all the accolades. I tell everyone the greatest place to play is right here in New York."

Gretzky wore a huge grin as friend Bryan Adams sang "O, Canada."

"We're going to miss you, Wayne," Adams ad-libbed late in the song.

The "Star-Spangled Banner," as sung by John Ammirante, was altered to include the words "in the land of Wayne Gretzky."

Gretzky, who holds or shares 61 NHL records, set up Brian Leetch, John MacLean and Niklas Sundstrom for first-period scoring chances. All failed.

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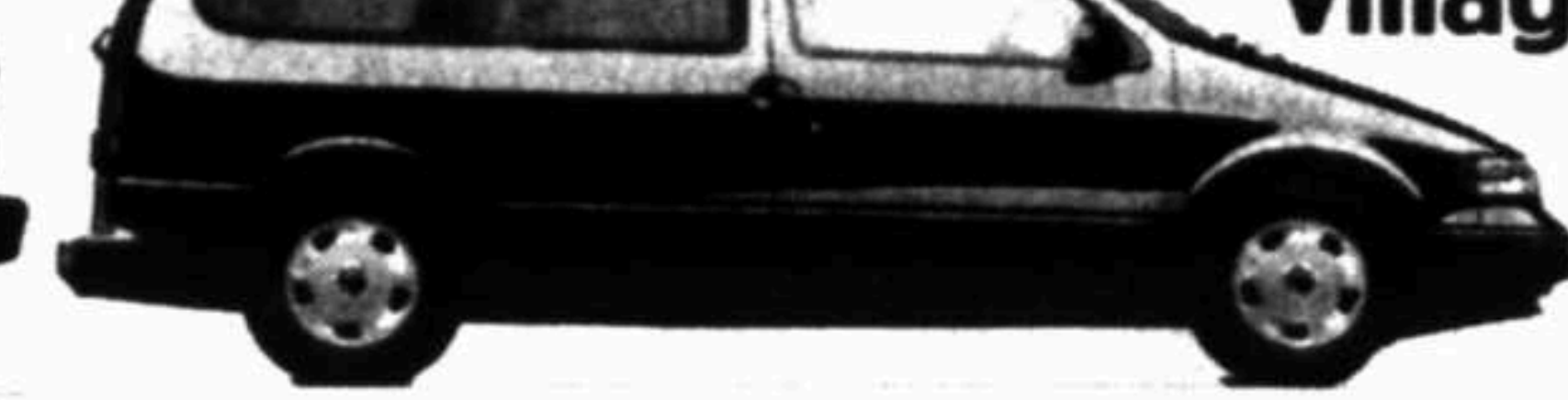


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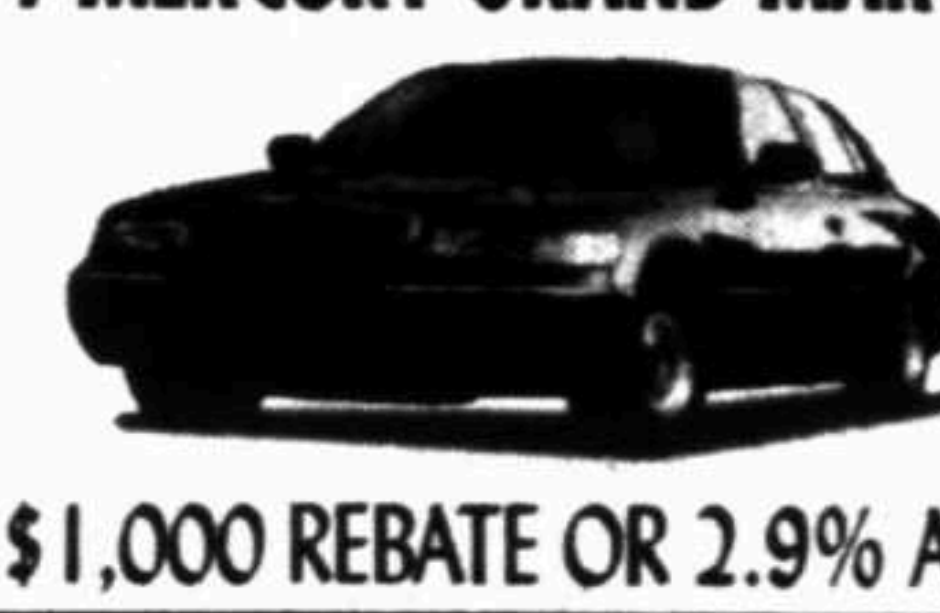
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**30 YEAR OLD Moving Company** needs an experienced dispatcher for 15 trucks, 50 employees. Must be qualified, will train in the moving business, will check references. Only those wanting permanent positions need apply. Send resume to: P.O. Box 207, Abilene, Texas 79604.

**CREATIVE DIRECTOR:** Supervise advertising agency creative work. Minimum three years professional experience. Not an entry level position. Must have extensive Macintosh, Adobe Illustrator and Photo Shop experience with excellent design skills to produce successful, concept-driven print work. Send resume to: Griffin Group, 5010 University Avenue, Suite 222, Lubbock, TX, 79413.

### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

- Professional appearance and demeanor
- Word processing proficiency
- Excellent communication, organizational and people skills

Local oil and gas company is accepting applications for the position of executive secretary and backup receptionist. Experience in oil and gas industry and some college preferred.

Position offers competitive salary and benefits. For consideration, send resume and salary history to:

**Box P-6174**  
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

**EXPERIENCED FLORAL Designer/Manager** for small shop. Salary DOE. Send resume to: Box J-5500, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

**FAMILIES TOGETHER** Consultant-Bachelor's degree in a related field working with children and families. Reimbursed travel within a 17 county area serving families in their home. Bilingual preferred. 20K Annually, EOE. Please call for application or pick up at High Sky Children's Ranch, Families Together, 8701 W. County Road 60, Midland 79707. (915)520-8370.

### ★★★★★ DRAFTSMAN

AutoCad draftsman wanted with 1-3 years AutoCad experience. \$10+ per hour depending on experience. Applications being accepted at LCA 521 N. Texas, Odessa, TX.

### ★★★★★

**LAND SECRETARY/Analyst:** Five years plus experience with a general understanding of oil and land legal required. Light typing, experience with Word and Excel helpful. Send resume and salary requirements to: Box N-4129, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

**MIDLAND COMMUNITY Theatre** seeks applicants for our Marketing Director. Candidate should have a background in public relations, marketing and working with the media. Send letter, resume and references to Timothy Jebson, Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley, Midland, TX 79705.

**SALON 1011** is seeking talented Hair and Nail Techs. If you like an "Old Midland" environment with serenity and independence this could be a place for your future, with very competitive lease rates. Call Tim at 683-1011 or 683-2980 - evenings. Or drop by 1011 West Texas, Midland.

### 316 Sales Help Wanted

**Attention Sports Enthusiasts!**  
Sports Display, a 21 year old international company specializing in advertising sales to businesses who wish to attract the lucrative golf, athletic and country club market, is experiencing growth in the Midland area.

We're looking for self-motivated and goal-oriented men and women with a proven history of success. You must have excellent communication and sales skills. The ability to sell effectively in a fast paced environment is essential. If you're ready to pull out all the stops, the message is loud and clear. "This is the place to succeed." Duties will include account solicitation and phone prospecting. Candidates must demonstrate initiative, have an entrepreneurial spirit & like to work independently.

Extensive weekly travel is required. Sales experience is preferred. Compensation includes Paid training, Commission and Bonus/Override.

**Contact Sports Display at:**  
Phone - 888-690-8761  
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Email - ddsaro@earthlink.net  
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Reference Job Code 99022

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**PLC TECHNICIAN-** A Midland based, Midland owned company is looking for a career-oriented person to fill a technical position in the company. Candidates must have a good working knowledge in programming and troubleshooting Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC) and willing to travel. Experience with MS Visual Basic 5+ and computer hardware a plus. Salary DOE. Benefits include 401K retirement package. Send resume to: Box J-5182, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

### 314 Clerical Help Wanted

**SMALL MIDLAND-based** independent needs Geologist-West Texas, South East New Mexico experience. Must be motivated, self starter. Please reply to: Box J-5182, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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**STOCKBROKER/Operations Manager** needed for Discount Broker, Series 7 required. Position involves taking client orders and reviewing account statements. Salary based on compensation send resume to 211 West Wall, Midland, Texas 79701 or fax (800)684-5303.

### 314 Clerical Help Wanted

**ALLSTATE INSURANCE Office** is looking for a part time Sales Office Assistant. Must be energetic, outgoing, ambitious, have sales and some office experience. Comp includes bonus opportunities. Bring resume to 2607 N. Midland Drive.

### 316 Sales Help Wanted

**GREAT SALES Opportunity** in exciting new field. Some internet knowledge needed. 520-8882.

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**MOBILE HOME SALES** Consultant needed must have good people skills and neat appearance. Will train the right applicant. 6720 Andrews Hwy, Odessa. No phone calls please.

### 316 Sales Help Wanted

**PHONETEC**, a national leader in prepaid phone cards, is looking for an experienced inside sales person. Telemarketing experience and good closing skills a plus. Salary plus commission, \$50K+ per year opportunity. Call 684-1140 from 9 am to 4 pm weekdays.

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**ROOFING Salesperson** needed. Knowledge, experience, transportation a must. Mail resume to: 6600 West Hwy 80, Midland, TX, 79706 or fax to: 915-699-5329. Roots by Nicholas.

### 316 Sales Help Wanted

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**AUSTIN AREA Cabinet Shop** is hiring Service and Installation Manager. Must have extensive Cabinet experience. Top Pay & Benefits. 1-800-880-3295

### 320 Skilled Trades

**IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN THE VICKSBURG, MS AREA FOR:**  
Carpenters  
Joiners  
Sheet Metal Workers  
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For More Info & Directions Call (601)636-9629  
Mon - Fri 7 am - 3 pm

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**EXPERIENCE COUNTS** \* Secretarial \* Oil & Gas \* Word Processing \* TEMPORARY RESOURCES 684-0527

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**GROWING PAINS.** We are a fast growing, medium sized manufacturing company in need of an individual with several years of computerized Accounts Payable experience. Salary negotiable. Send resumes to "Growing Pains", P.O. Box 60047, Midland, TX 79711.

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### 350 Business Opportunities

**LOCAL BUSINESSES** for sale. Small and large. Some have low down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview. Sunbelt Business Brokers, 520-1515.

### Attention Readers

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### 410 Miscellaneous Sales

**BROTHER WORD PROCESSOR** with large screen. Makes writing papers easy. Excellent condition. \$100. Call 699-1841.

### PRO SPORT stair climber, Pro

Sport riding bike, Gravity Rider, manual treadmill, 5 color computer monitors, 3 computer printers, miscellaneous computer equipment - power supplies, boards, etcetera. New-in-box gold plate flatware service for 8. Call 697-1549.

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with cage, \$150. Chandeliers \$50 each. Please call 522-1374.

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### 415 Miscellaneous Wanted

**SOUTHWEST COMPANY Club** tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

### 420 Good Things To Eat

**MIKE & AL'S Easy Fixin' Good Eatin'** \$3 for 13 Great Recipes. Send a SASE with \$3 to P.O. Box 13237 Odessa, TX 79768.

### 432 Household Furniture

**Center:** One solid piece, place for 27" TV. Good condition. \$250. Please call 685-0911.

### MOVING SALE! Formal dining

room suite, \$1,700. Piano/bench, \$500. Ping-pong table, \$60. Call 694-7650.

### DINING Set: Dark wood, Table,

6 chairs, hutch, buffet, \$800. Beautiful floral couch, \$350. 520-3930

### SECTIONAL COUCH with built

in recliners and full size bed. Navy blue. \$450. Call 685-1220.

### FLORAL LOVE Seat and chair,

Good condition. \$175. 694-4880.

### Good quality hide-a-bed, grey

with cotton striped, bed never used, exterior needs cleaning. \$35. 687-6790.

### SOFA: Excellent condition,

curtains to match. Please call 684-6188.

### WHITE METAL Full/Twin bunk

bed with bedding, 1 year old, great shape. \$150. 570-8883.

### RED TULIP Stained glass triple

window, \$225. Router with cabinet, \$XX. Very special antique seed bin (great for displaying collectibles), \$895. Industrial Serger, \$150. 686-8892.

### SUPER SINGLE Waterbed, 6

drawer under dresser, bookcase. \$150. 694-2514.

### DINETTE SET: Oak finish with

leaf. Chairs rock, swivel and are on wheels. \$150. 699-1841.

### 435 Household Appliances

**KENMORE dishwasher,** needs minor repair. \$45. Please call 694-1906 for more information.

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**FAIRMONT** - 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, new carpet, great deal! 1 Bedroom den, 315/ monthly. 520-5192.

**SPRING SPECIAL:** Come join us at this great location with fishing pond. 1, 2 & 3 Bedroom, washer/dryer connections. Check out our 1 & 2 bedrooms. First month rent free. Silver Creek Apartments. 2438 Whitmore. Call 687-0053.

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NICE 2 bedroom duplex, 212 B Mitchell. \$375/ monthly 200/ deposit. Appliances. 570-7465.

LARGE Two bedroom one bath duplex. Close to Lee High and Rusk Elementary. Private backyard. Stove and refrigerator furnished. Washer and dryer connections. Well paid. \$350 per month. \$200 deposit. Call 694-2811.

LARGE DUPLEX 3 bedroom, 2 bath, dining, laundry, fireplace, fenced yard, garage/ carport, storage room, water paid. \$875 per month. 697-7097.

NICE, LARGE, two bedroom, one bath duplex, carport, utility room, water paid. 412 Mariana. \$425/\$250. 520-4886. 527-3223.

2 BEDROOM with Hollywood bath near Midland College. Skylight, fireplace, all appliances. \$495/ Monthly. 570-7557.

410 A ALTA - 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, appliances, central heat/ air, small yard, no pets. \$350 + deposit. 699-6258.

2 & 3 Bedroom Houses & Duplexes. \$325 - \$750/ Monthly + Deposit. Williams & Assoc. 694-9663.

NICE 1 bedroom Duplex. Appliances, garage. \$375/ month. \$300 deposit. No Pets. 2601 Roosevelt. 570-7465.

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1 BEDROOM, 1 Bath. Ready April 15th. Very clean. New paint and tile throughout. Water & gas paid. Stove and refrigerator provided. Landlord maintains yard and is on same property. \$350 Monthly. Call 683-7777.

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2000 Brunson \$750  
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Good Credit & No Pets!  
Dene Kelly Realtors  
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CLEAN 3 Bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 living rooms, evaporative air, fireplace, fenced. See at 1209 Century. \$400 monthly. \$150 deposit. 697-3827/ 520-6076.

LEASE/ Purchase. \$3,500 down. \$700 per month or sell \$65,000. Westside 3 bedrooms, 1 3/4 baths, 2 living areas. Pool and storage. 697-4522.

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SMALL 2 Bedroom, appliances, partially furnished, new carpet/ tile. \$325 monthly. 3113-A Street. 699-0550.

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Student, City, Medical, & Senior Discounts available.  
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Call 520-0023  
4201 Andrews Hwy.  
Midland, TX 79703

ALL Utilities Paid 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Deposit required. 683-5161.

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NICE Two bedroom, one bath duplex, fenced yard, one garage. \$350 deposit. \$385 monthly. Available May 5th. 1106 North Carrizo. 697-4831.

ONE BEDROOM, One Bath, stove, refrigerator, furnished, fenced. \$150 Deposit \$295 monthly. 699-0804.

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THREE BEDROOM, 1 3/4 bath, two living, 3116 West Ohio. lease \$650 monthly or sell \$65,900. Call 697-0000.

2- ONE BEDROOM duplexes - 702 Kansas \$275; 1103 N. Carrizo \$250. \$150 deposit. Call 686-9647.

**635 Condo Townhome Furn.**

2, 3 BEDROOMS, 2 baths. Furnished. Cable, linens, dishes, cookware, garage. All utilities paid. \$1,850/ up. Call 697-9768.

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2 BEDROOM, 2 bath, upstairs/ downstairs, ceiling fans, large closets, new carpet, swimming pool courtyard. Town Plaza. \$425 monthly. 684-3953.

2 BEDROOM, Sagewood Townhome. \$575 monthly. Call for Move In Special. 520-0998, Nights 694-3809, for appointment.

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FAIRGATE TOWNHOMES: Three bedroom, two bath, one car garage, fireplace, carport. Moving, take over lease of \$750 monthly. Will rent and pet deposits go to qualified renters. Call 520-3954.

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