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Poll: Brown leading in mayor's race

■ Poll results indicate 40 percent of Midland voters still undecided.

Former Midland City Council member Dale Brown holds a narrow lead in the Midland mayor's race, according to a new poll conducted by the Midland Reporter-Telegram and NewsWest 9.

A large number of Midland voters remains undecided about which of the five mayoral candidates they will support in the May 5 election, the poll indicates.

Early voting in the citywide election begins Wednesday.

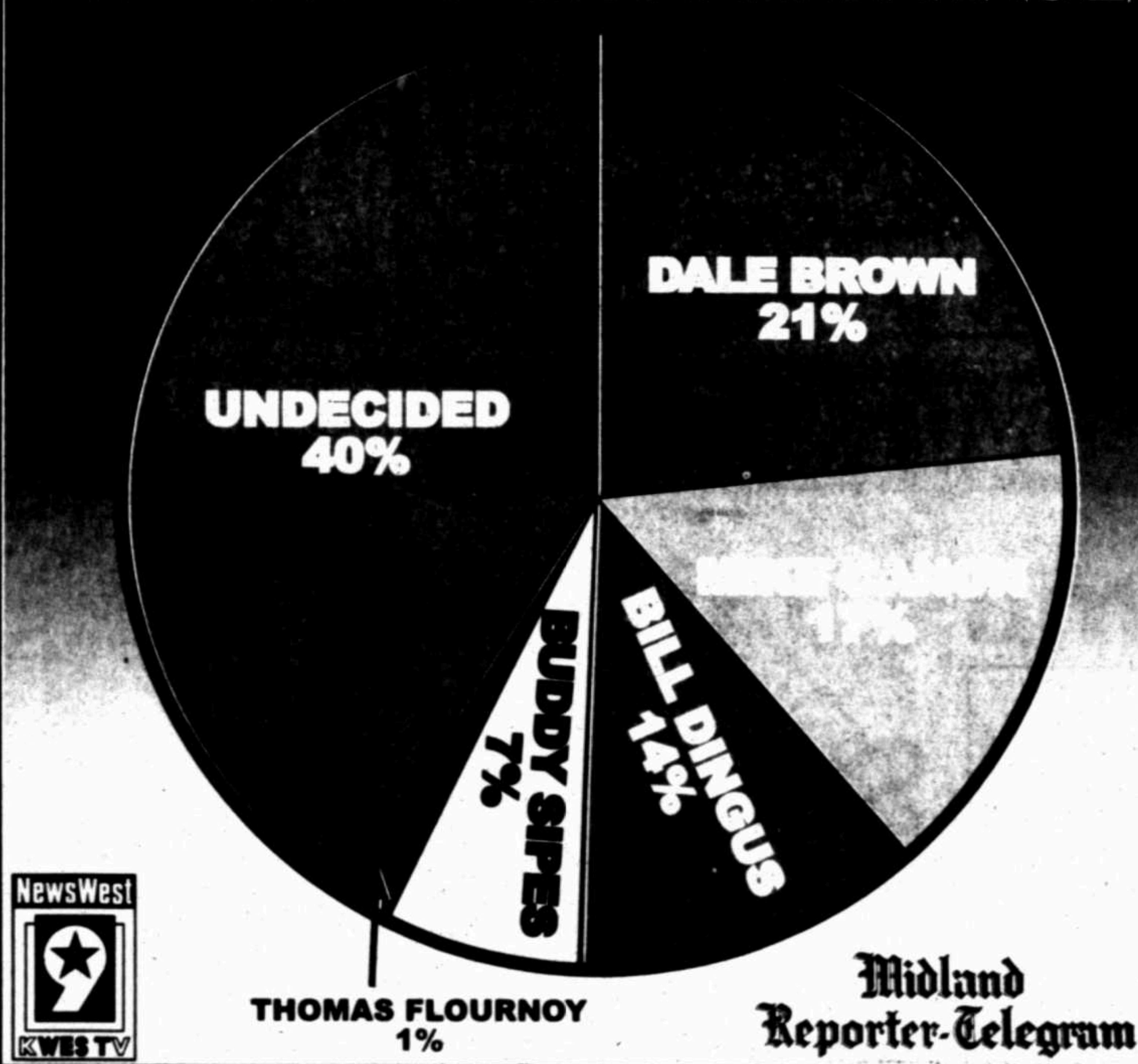
Brown leads with 21 percent of likely voters polled within the past week. At-large City Council member Mike Canon is in second place with 17 percent of likely voters polled indicating they would support him for mayor. At-large City Council member Bill Dingus is in third place with 14 percent and civic leader Buddy Sipes is in fourth place with 7 percent. Candidate Thomas Flournoy picked up 1 percent of the support of those polled.

Forty percent of those polled indicated they have not yet made up their minds as to their choice in the mayoral contest.

The five-way mayor's race is a "winner take all" event and there will be no runoff election. The winning candidate could be victorious with little more than 30 percent of the vote.

When the "undecided" vote is factored out in the Reporter-Telegram/NewsWest 9 poll, Brown captured 35 percent of the vote; Canon had 28 percent; Dingus had 23 percent; Sipes had 12 percent; and Flournoy 2

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percent. In the May 6, 2000 race for two at-large City Council seats, Canon and Dingus were the two top vote recipients. Canon received 27.71 percent of the vote and Dingus garnered 22.49 percent of the vote. Brown,

who was an incumbent, lost his City Council seat in the race when he scored only 14.9 percent of the vote. Brown finished fourth behind Canon, Dingus and restaurant owner Jerry Morales.

The poll included 250 Midland

voters who cast ballots as recently as the November 2000 presidential election or the May 2000 city election. Random phone calls from the voter list were placed from Wednesday through Saturday.

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Cuevas leading in theoretical contest for Midland mayor

Former Midland City Council member Jose Cuevas was the winner of a theoretical mayoral race put to likely Midland voters in a poll conducted by the Midland Reporter-Telegram and NewsWest 9.

Mayor Bobby Burns came in second in the poll.

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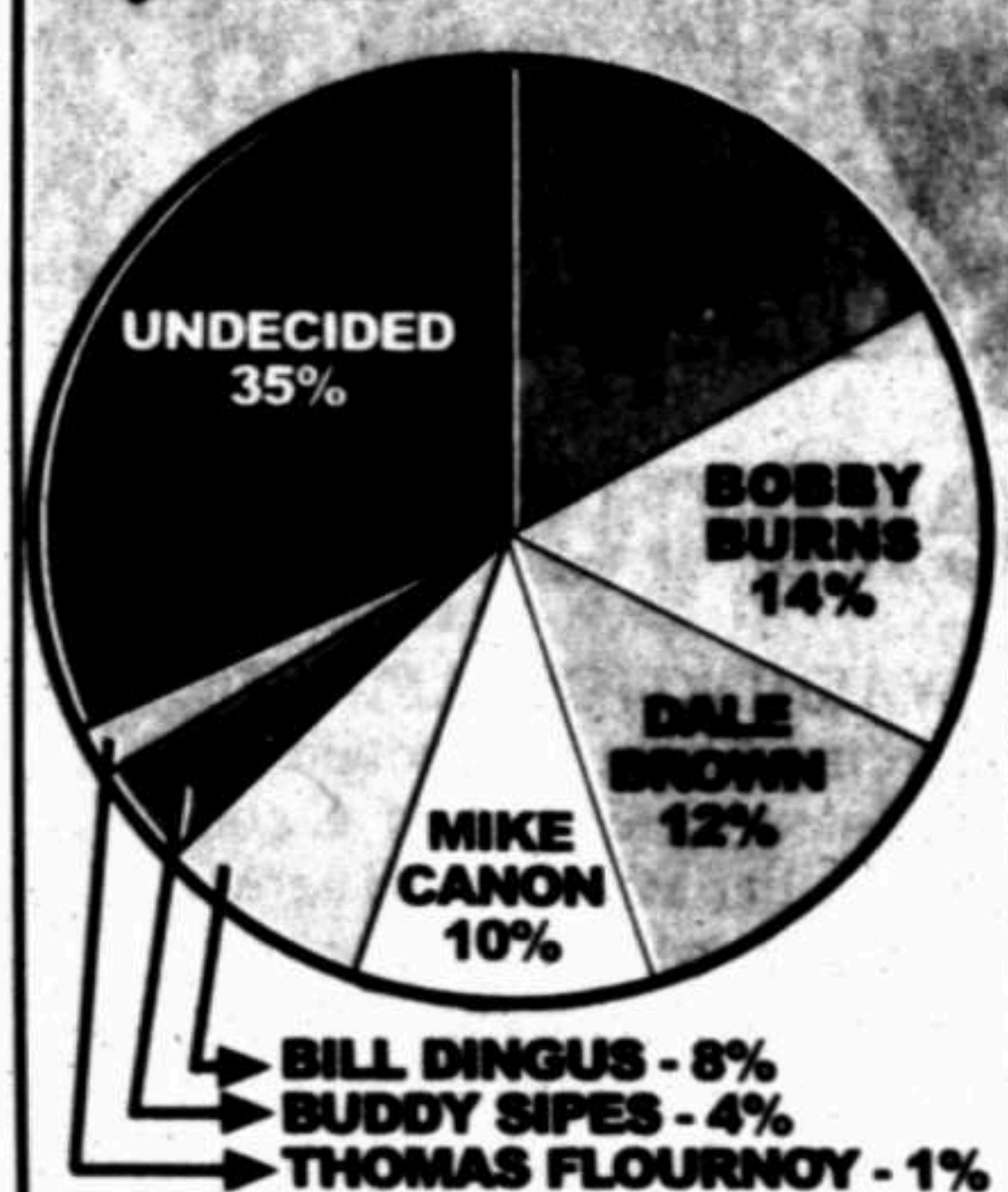


Cuevas

November 2000 presidential election and the May 2000 city elections, the field of mayoral candidates was expanded to seven, including Cuevas and Burns as well as actual candidates Dale Brown, Mike Canon, Bill Dingus, Buddy Sipes and Thomas Flournoy.

Cuevas captured 16 percent of the vote in the poll with Burns taking 14 percent. Brown got 12 percent of the vote in the seven-way race and Canon won 10 percent. Dingus got 8 percent, Sipes took 4 percent and Flournoy got 1 percent. In the poll with the expand-

WHAT IF... former Councilman Jose Cuevas & Mayor Bobby Burns were in the mayoral race.



Graphic by Janine Price

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Two former Midland mayors announce support for Brown

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

Former City Councilman Dale Brown did nothing to hurt his newly earned moniker of front-runner by announcing the endorsements of two past Midland mayors — Thane Akins and Ernest Angelo Jr. — and influential businessman and former city councilman Bill Williams.

The lineup of heavy hitters means the "conservative agenda" — which has propelled Brown into a four-point lead in the Reporter-Telegram/NewsWest 9 mayoral poll released today — is as strong as ever.

With the start of early voting just one day away and the May 5 election just around the corner, it is a shot in the arm for Brown and a 180-degree change from last year when Brown finished fourth in last year's race for two at-large City Council seats. The top two vote getters then were Mike Canon and Bill Dingus, two of Brown's opponents in this year's race to replace Bobby Burns, who opted not to run after three terms.

"He (Brown) probably learned what not to do in the previous one and is mak-



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Former Midland mayor, Ernest Angelo, announces his support for mayoral candidate Dale Brown Monday afternoon. Also throwing their support behind Brown are former mayor Thane Akins and Midland businessman Bill Williams.

ing up for that in this one," Akins said. "I hope that is the case."

Brown, indeed, came out of the campaign blocks firing, spreading the news of his conservative agenda and taking jabs at his mayoral opponents, the Chamber of Commerce and the school system along the way.

Brown also has hired a firm to run his campaign and has spent thousands of dollars in surveys.

"I do feel better. I feel I am doing what

I can do to let the people of Midland know what my conservative agenda is for the city," Brown said prior to the release of the latest poll numbers. "I have confidence we will be there with the right amount of effort. Having these men to join in with their endorsements will give us some momentum going into the last three weeks."

It also may be a counterpunch in the battle for endorsements. Last week,

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Early voting period begins Wednesday

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

Beginning Wednesday, Midland voters can go to the polls and start the process of deciding one of most crowded mayoral races in recent history as early voting begins.

For the next 14 days, the Midland County Election Administration building (at 707 W. Washington Ave.) is the site where early voting will take place. Those opting not to vote early can cast their ballots on May 5 (election day) at numerous locations throughout the city.

For those who prefer shorter lines, early voting may be the preferred route, although more and more people are opting to go that route.

In three of the last four city elections, more than 40 percent of those who voted, did so in the early period.

"It (early voting) has changed the way a campaign is run," said Dale Brown, one of five Midlanders running to succeed Bobby Burns as mayor. "I haven't made a special effort to get people to vote early, but enough do vote early that you have to make sure your message is out by the time they start to the polls."

Last year's at-large race for two City Council seats, which featured three of the four primary candidates running for may-

or this year, saw 46.23 percent of the total voters casting a ballot before election day.

In 1999, when Midlanders voted on the Scharbauer Sports Complex, 47.32 percent voted early.

In last year's school bond election, which was held in October, 63 percent of the 20,000-plus people voted early and helped shoot down the attempt to pass a Midland Independent School Board bond referendum, 69.8 percent to 30.2 percent.

"I expect people who have made up their minds and know who they are going to vote for will be here on Wednesday," said Pat Eastup, elections administrator for Midland County.

How many people will be voting early?

Ms. Eastup isn't sure, just like she is unwilling to take a guess on how many people will vote over the entire period. All she can say is it has been quiet recently which doesn't bode well for turnout.

"Normally, what we gauge for is how many inquiries we get on the telephone and how many requests we get for ballots by mail," Ms. Eastup said. "So far, our telephones are not that busy and we have not gotten that many requests for ballots by mail. The information is out

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Gardner given life sentence in child's murder

By Luis Garcia
Staff Writer

Richard Wilhelm Gardner, 21, was sentenced to life in prison on a capital murder charge in connection with the death of 16-month-old Jessie Veneta Parker on Sept. 27, 2000.

On Monday afternoon, Gardner pleaded guilty to the charge in the 238th district court.

"It was a wise move," said Assistant District Attorney Teresa Clingman, who was the lead prosecutor in the case. "The other alternative to life in prison in a capital murder case is capital punishment," she said.

According to Midland County Sheriff's reports, Gardner was babysitting the infant and her 6-year-old brother in late September. The two were the children of Gardner's girlfriend, Sheri Lerner, who was at work at the time of the murder.

That day, sometime between 3 and 7 p.m., Gardner "hit the baby's head on the edge of a bathtub," Ms. Clingman said.

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Gardner



Parker

MISD board to make Nicks official today

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

All that's left is to sign on the dotted line.

Midland Independent School District's top superintendent candidate Robert Nicks will be meeting with the Board of Trustees today to finalize his contract. Once he is signed on, Nicks will be MISD's new superintendent.

Some MISD board members expressed feelings of relief and positive reflection on what they saw as a job well done.

"I feel very relieved that the process went the way it was supposed to go," said Board President George Lara. "Once again, I've got to commend the board for



Nicks

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Cincinnati lifts curfew: 'An opportunity for a new Cincinnati'

By Terry Kinney
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — A citywide curfew that helped end rioting over the police shooting of an unarmed black man was lifted Monday, and the mayor promised reforms, saying: "We have an opportunity for a new Cincinnati."

"The curfew will not exist as of today," Mayor Charles Luken said at a news conference at City Hall.

Luken said the state of emergency declared Thursday would remain in place as a precaution.

The curfew — from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. — began Thursday to stop three nights of arsons, store looting, beatings of white motorists and clashes with police in Cincinnati's black neighborhoods. Windows also were broken in some corporate offices in the downtown business district.

Dropping the curfew paves the way for Tuesday's Cincinnati Reds home night game to go on as scheduled. The curfew had been cut back to 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Sunday night. The Democratic mayor said he wanted to give families more time to celebrate Easter without violating curfew.

As of Monday, 837 adults and juveniles had been arrested since April 9, either on criminal charges or the misdemeanor offense of violating the curfew, police said. The streets were relatively quiet through the weekend, and city officials had said



AP Photo
People pray at a memorial Sunday in Cincinnati, set up at the site where a young black man was shot and killed by police last week, leading to a week of unrest. Mayor Charles Luken on Monday lifted a citywide curfew that helped end rioting over the shooting. A state of emergency, however, would remain in place as a precaution.

they hoped to lift the curfew soon because it was costing businesses money and customers.

The City Council planned a special session today to discuss demands by black leaders for a city ordinance allowing officials to bypass Cincinnati police officers and firefighters when hiring new chiefs for those divisions.

The mayor said Monday that a commission would be formed to look into solutions.

"We have been a community in crisis. Now that the distur-

bances have subsided, they must never occur again," Luken said.

"We have an opportunity for a new Cincinnati."

He said the first step is to restore trust and confidence in the police department. He said the police chief needs more latitude to establish policies to make police more accountable.

Joining Luken at the news conference were religious, business and community leaders who have been discussing ways to address underlying causes of last week's violence.

The city charter requires that chiefs be promoted from the ranks, but black leaders say that perpetuates alleged problems within the divisions. The council's meeting will be its first since last Monday's meeting of the law committee was taken over by about 250 shouting demonstrators, paving the way for clashes in the streets.

The flash point for the protests was the fatal shooting April 7 of Timothy Thomas, 19, who fled from police officers who tried to arrest him on 14 warrants, most-

ly for traffic charges. Thomas was the fourth black man killed in a confrontation with police since November, the 15th since 1995.

Mayor Charlie Luken and Gov. Bob Taft spoke at Thomas' funeral Saturday, urging calm, as did NAACP President Kweisi Mfume and Martin Luther King III.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, who cut short a trip to Africa to fly to Cincinnati, said Sunday that the federal government must take a leadership role in improving relationships between city police departments and blacks, and that President Bush must get involved.

Lt. Col. Ron Twitty, the police department's highest ranking

black official, said the racial problems that have been stirred up should be solved at the local level.

"The decisions about quality of life in Cincinnati should be made by our leadership in Cincinnati, our city government," said Twitty, an assistant chief of police.

Police and the Hamilton County prosecutor are investigating the shooting by Officer Stephen Roach, and the FBI has begun its own inquiry.

Roach, 27, who is white, is on paid administrative leave. Prosecutor Michael Allen has said a grand jury could begin hearing evidence in the case this week.

His union has said he feared for his life during the encounter.

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High court postpones execution

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court postponed the scheduled execution of a convicted killer Monday and agreed to consider whether he got a fair trial while represented by a lawyer who had recently represented the victim.

Walter Mickens was scheduled to die in Virginia on Tuesday for the 1992 death of a 17-year-old boy. Timothy Hall was apparently raped and his half-naked body left sprawled on a dirty mattress underneath a building in Newport News, Va. He had been stabbed 143 times.

Mickens was quickly arrested and was assigned a lawyer, Bryan Saunders. Only days earlier, Saunders had represented Hall on a different matter. The judge who assigned Saunders to Mickens' case was the same one who heard the Hall case.

Mickens' new lawyers asked the Supreme Court to delay the execution and take Mickens' appeal. Mickens' lawyers say Saunders' failure to step aside in light of his previous work was a conflict of interest and that Mickens deserves a new trial.

The Sixth Amendment not only guarantees the right to a lawyer, it guarantees the right to a lawyer without a conflict of interest, Mickens' lawyers said.

That argument was rejected by a lower appeals court, which said that to get a new trial, Mickens must demonstrate he was truly harmed by Saunders. Merely showing that a potential conflict existed is not enough, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled.

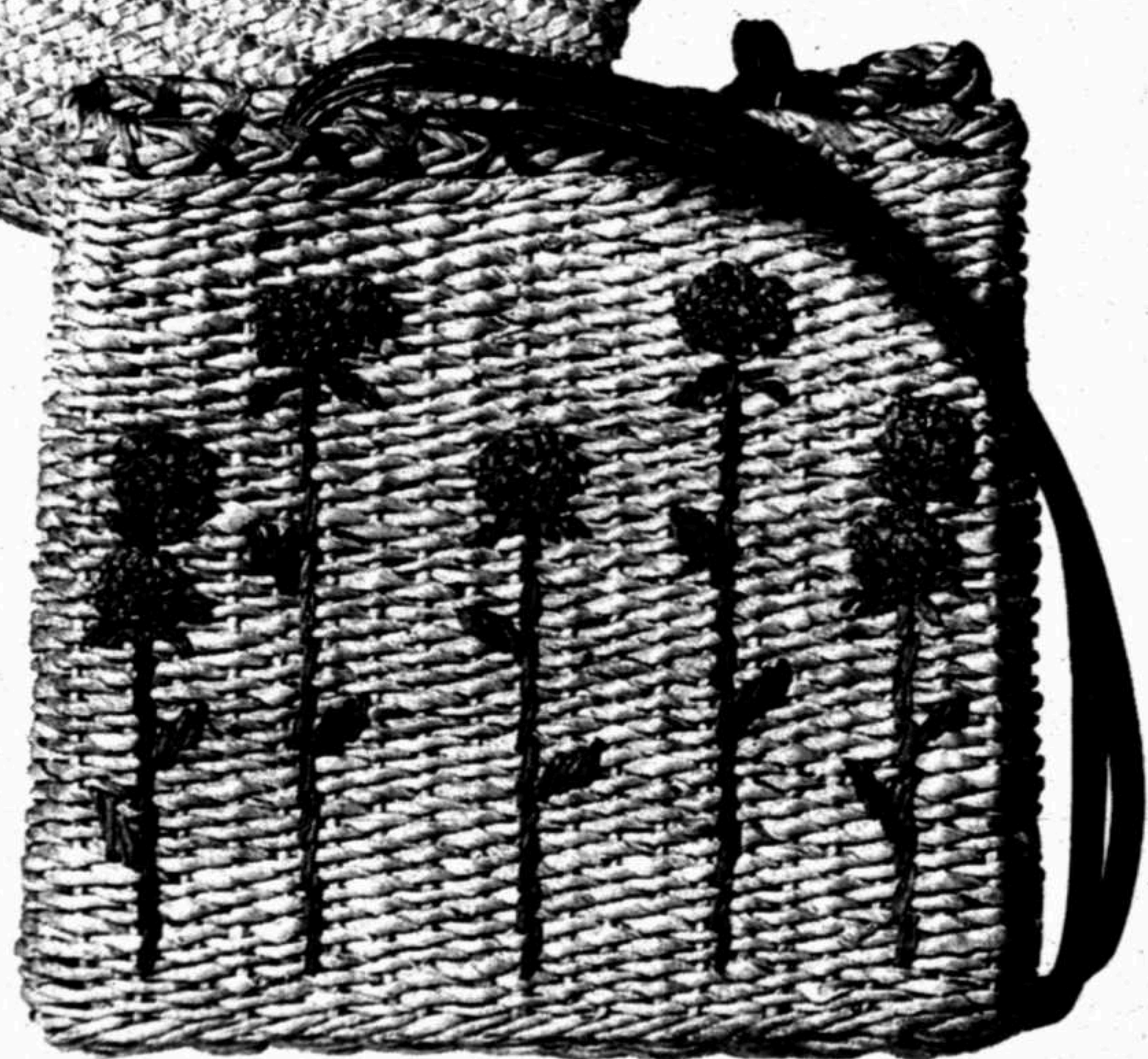
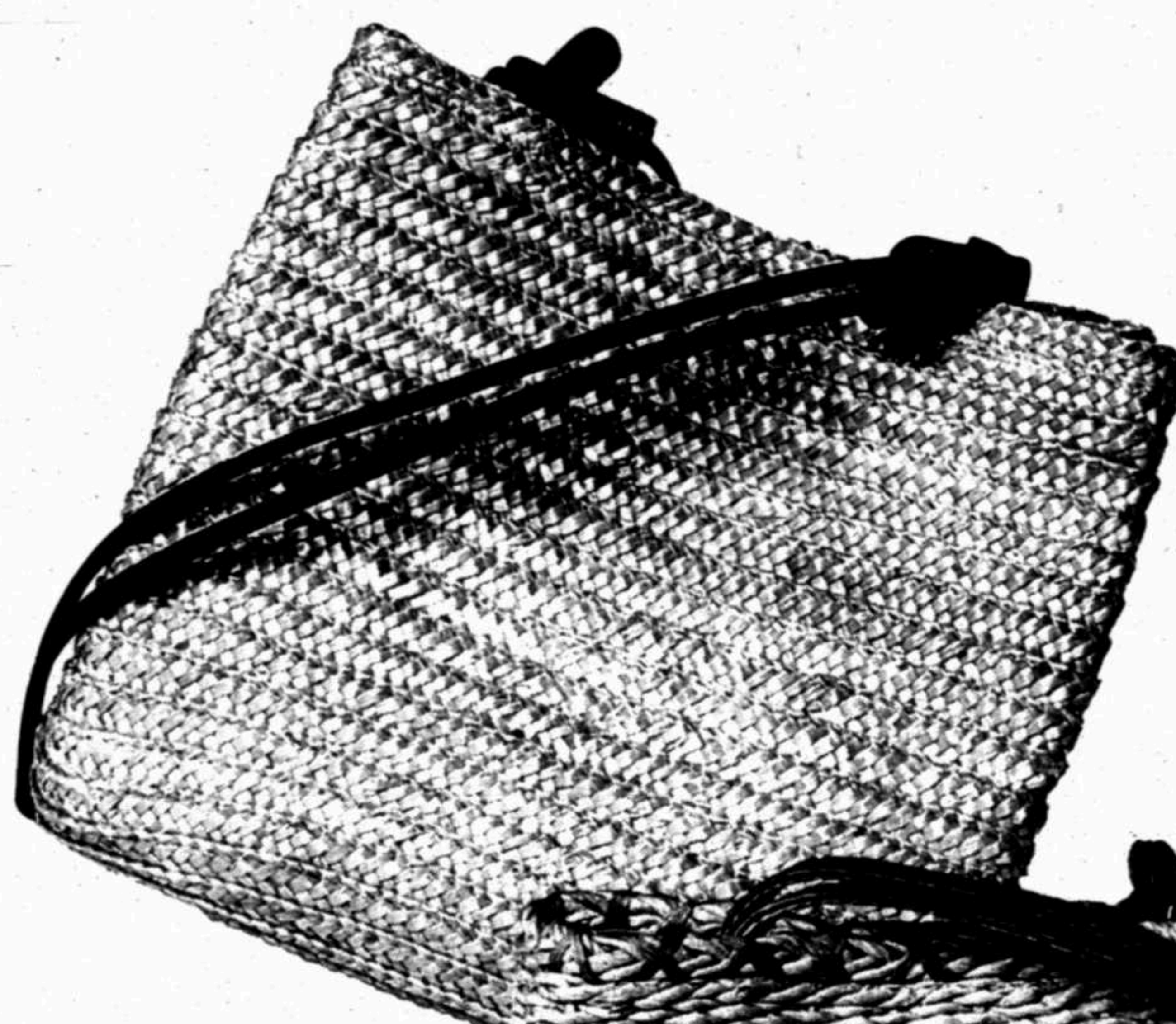
By accepting Mickens' case, the Supreme Court neither guaranteed Mickens will get a new trial nor guaranteed his life will be spared. The death sentence is on hold while the court considers Mickens' case, and if the justices rule against him the execution could be quickly rescheduled.

Mickens did not learn about Saunders' prior work until years after the 1993 trial.

Robert J. Wagner, appellate lawyer for Mickens, also asked Gov. Jim Gilmore to grant clemency for Mickens. Wagner claimed Mickens' 1993 trial was "awash in ethical and legal dereliction."



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By Beth J. H.
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Prizes on Monday for the public service of Immigration and Naturalization Service. Other winners were the Chicago Police Department, New York Times and Street Journal.

In breaking The Miami Herald coverage of the pre-9/11 era, agents who Cuban boy Elian story also produced news photograph of Diaz of The Associated Press. His photo of a father confronting Elian in a close embrace.

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Oregonian series on immigration wins Pulitzer for public service

By Beth J. Harpaz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Oregonian of Portland won two Pulitzer Prizes on Monday, including public service for its examination of widespread abuses by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Other double winners were the Chicago Tribune, The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal.

In breaking news reporting, The Miami Herald won for its coverage of the pre-dawn raid by federal agents who took custody of Cuban boy Elian Gonzalez. The story also produced the breaking news photography award for Alan Diaz of The Associated Press, for his photo of a federal agent in riot gear confronting a man holding Elian in a closet.

"It's awesome! I can't believe it!" Diaz said as he was mobbed by Miami AP staff members and toasted with champagne.

The AP was a finalist in public service for coverage of the 2000 presidential election, singled out for praise by the Pulitzer board "particularly during those 36 uncertain days when much of the nation looked to the AP for disciplined, 24-hour reporting on the close votes and recounts." The other finalist was The Washington Post for its series on AIDS in Africa.

David Moats of the Rutland (Vt.) Herald — circulation 22,000 — won the newspaper's first Pulitzer, for editorials in support of civil unions for gay couples.

"I'm flying high!" Moats said, as champagne was passed around the newsroom.



AP Photo
Donato Dalrymple, far right, holds 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez inside the bedroom of Lazaro Gonzalez during the pre-dawn hours Saturday, April 22, 2000, as government agents stormed the Miami home to seize custody of the boy. Alan Diaz of the Associated Press won the Pulitzer award for breaking news photography for this photo Monday.

David Willman of the Los Angeles Times won for investigative reporting for his expose of unsafe drugs that had been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

For explanatory reporting, the staff of the Chicago Tribune won for "Gateway to Gridlock" about the American air traffic system.

The beat reporting Pulitzer went to David Cay Johnston of The New York Times for exposing loopholes and inequities in the U.S. tax code. The Times also won for national reporting for its series on race in America.

Two prizes were awarded in international reporting. Ian Johnston of The Wall Street Journal won for stories about the Chinese

government's suppression of the Falun Gong movement. Paul Salopek of the Chicago Tribune — a winner in 1998 for explanatory reporting for a profile of the human genome project — won

for reporting on political strife and disease in Africa.

"To get a second Pulitzer is very surreal," Salopek said by phone from London's Gatwick Airport, where he was on a layover during a trip from Sierra Leone to South Africa. "I think I'm going to have a hot shower and get a good night's sleep."

It's rare that the Pulitzer committee awards two prizes in one category. The last time it happened in international reporting was in 1993 for stories about the Bosnian conflict.

The feature writing prize went to Tom Hallman Jr. of Portland's Oregonian for a profile of a facially disfigured teen-ager who underwent surgery.

The Oregonian's INS series found that the agency was detaining people for long periods without giving them access to legal representation.

"I really want to thank the sources. It took a lot of courage to tell their stories to us. Many had already been through the mill with the INS," said Rich Read, one of four reporters who worked

on the stories.

The Pulitzer for feature photography went to Matt Rainey of The Star-Ledger of Newark, N.J., for his emotional photographs of the care and recovery of two students burned in a fire at Seton Hall

University.

After winning, Rainey called the students "two really special souls."

It was the Star-Ledger's first Pulitzer. The newspaper's spot news coverage of the fire also was a finalist.

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Airlines might have to pay more to bump passengers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government may require airlines to pay more for bumping passengers from oversold flights, a practice that has been increasing.

Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta said his department is looking at the regulations that tell airlines how much they must pay passengers forced to give up their seats — rules that have not been changed since 1978.

Under federal rules, if there are too many passengers for a flight, the airlines must first ask for volunteers willing to give up their seats in exchange for compensation.

If there are still too many passengers, the airlines can then bump passengers involuntarily, but in most cases must give them \$200 (\$400 if they will be delayed more than two hours beyond their originally scheduled arrival time) and fly them free to their destination. The passengers can either use their tickets some other time or get a refund.

Airlines oversell their flights because some passengers never show up to claim their seats. Still, the rate of passengers being bumped against their wishes rose from 0.88 per 10,000 in 1999 to 1.04, according to an annual review of airline quality conducted by two university professors.

As part of his February review on how well airlines were living up to their promise to improve customer service, Transportation Inspector General Kenneth Mead said the bumping rules needed to be improved.

"Among other things, the rules about who gets bumped first varied among the airlines, and the compensation limit for those who are involuntarily bumped is inadequate," Mead wrote.

Earlier this month, the Air Transport Association, the trade group for the nation's major airlines, petitioned DOT to review the compensation rules.

The ATA's request was one of several customer service initiatives that the trade association announced earlier this month.

Others include making the voluntary customer service commitments a part of the legal contract with passengers beginning May 1; putting auditing teams in place by June 1 to report on how well the airlines have complied with their service commitments by June 1; and setting up a task force of airline, airport and Federal Aviation Administration representatives to develop ways of providing timely and accurate information about delays and cancellations at airports.

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Low 43

Thursday
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High 86
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For today, expect cloudy skies with breezy conditions and much cooler temperatures. The chance of rain is 70 percent, and areas of patchy fog and drizzle are possible.

Temperatures are expected to hit only the upper 50s. Expect a north-east wind at 15 to 25 mph and gusty, which will diminish to 10 to 20 mph by late afternoon.

Tonight, look for mostly cloudy skies with a 30 percent chance of rain. The low will be in the mid-40s.

On Wednesday, the forecast calls for decreasing cloudiness and warmer temperatures, with the high in the upper 70s.

For Wednesday night, expect partly cloudy skies with the low in the mid-50s.

On Thursday, look for partly cloudy skies, with highs in the 80s and lows in the 50s.

Temperatures on Monday reached a high of 87, and a low of 52. The record high for April 16 was 96, set in 1937. The record low was 31, set in 1999.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall 0.00 in.
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Total for year 2.71 in.
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Yesterday's temperatures

High 87
Low 52
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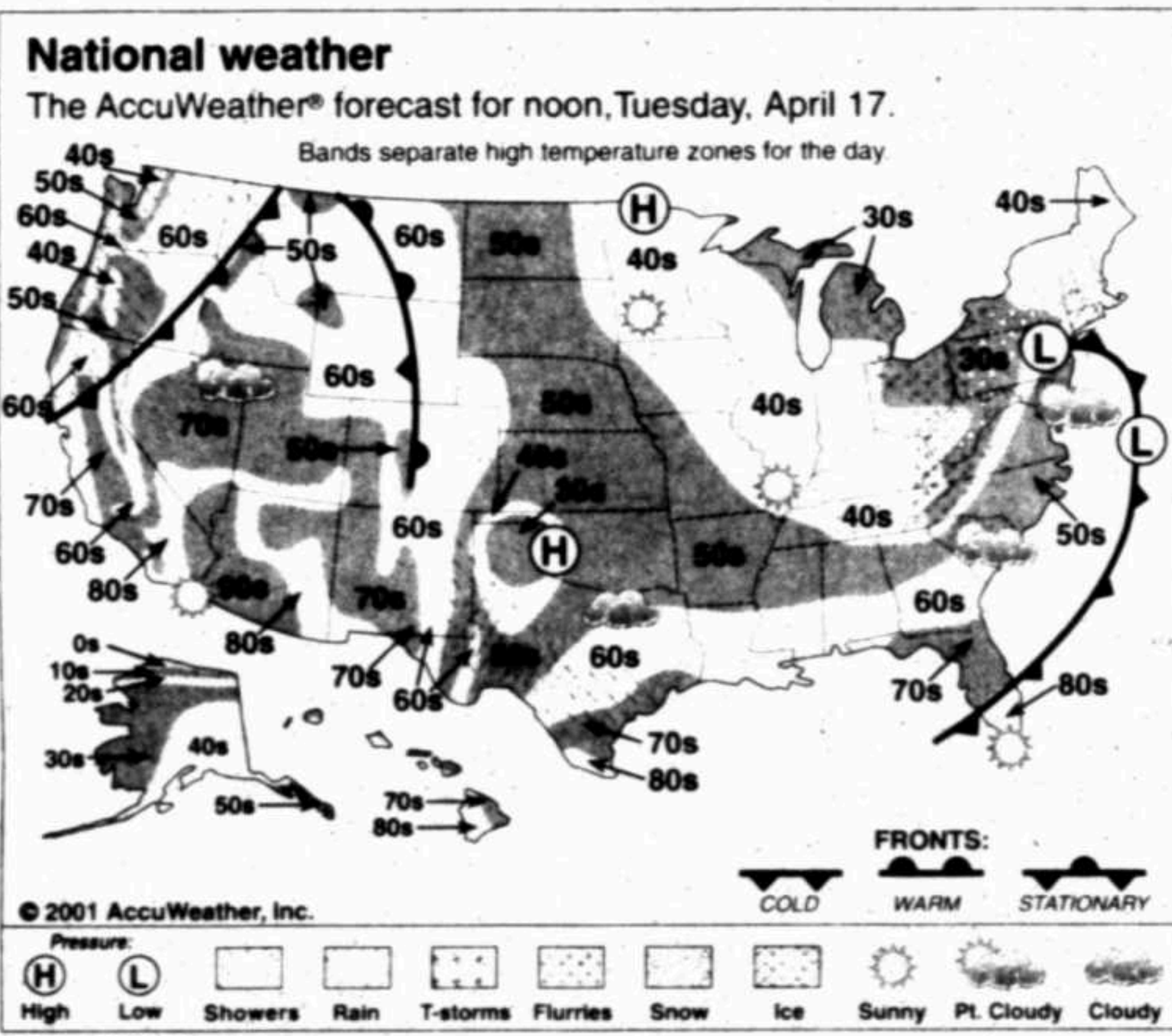
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-6-2

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 37-11-32-23-6

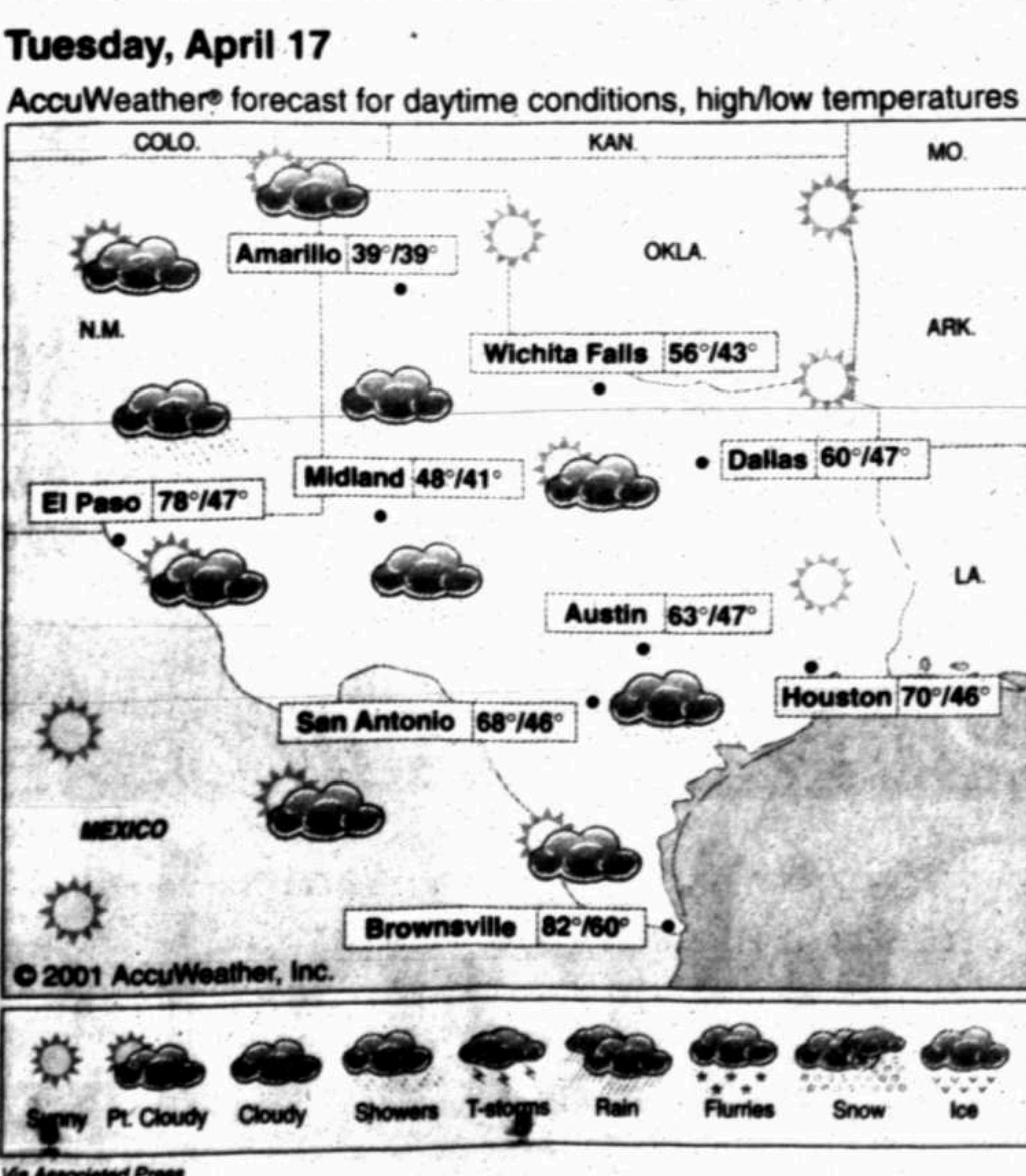
National forecast



United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Monday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time			
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Albuquerque	78	44	cl
Atlanta	69	53	cdy
Austin	57	31	m
Baltimore	53	47	20
Baton Rouge	81	61	01
Bilings	45	24	cdy
Birmingham	71	50	cdy
Boise	76	47	cdy
Boston	48	38	cl
Bridgeport	58	46	m
Buffalo	52	40	sno
Burlington, Vt.	50	27	cdy
Caribou, Maine	41	33	cl
Casper	46	23	cl
Charleston, S.C.	77	63	cl
Charlotte, N.C.	70	52	cdy
Chattanooga	70	50	cdy
Chicago	39	31	01
Cincinnati	54	36	cdy
Cleveland	52	40	19
Columbus, Ga.	77	58	cl
Columbus, Ohio	39	31	sno
Concord, N.H.	57	26	sno
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Daytona Beach	85	68	cl
Denver	40	30	cdy
Detroit	48	37	02
Elkins	50	38	06
El Paso	51	38	53
Evansville	54	41	cdy
Fairbanks	42	29	cdy
Fargo	38	21	cl
Flagstaff	71	26	cl
Flin	45	33	sno
Fort Wayne	43	37	09
Fresno	79	49	cl
Grand Junction	74	39	cl
Grand Rapids	39	37	cdy
Green Bay	37	29	10
Helena	55	27	cdy
Honolulu	82	69	cl
Indianapolis	48	36	cdy
Jackson, Miss.	75	59	cl
Kansas City	50	36	cl
Knoxville	66	47	cdy
Lake Charles	83	69	cdy
Las Vegas	86	55	cl
Lexington	59	43	cdy
Lincoln	49	35	cl
Little Rock	68	52	cl
Los Angeles	72	51	cl
Macon	75	56	cl
Madison	34	28	01
Medford	73	59	cdy
Memphis	67	55	cl
Miami Beach	90	70	cdy
Milwaukee	36	32	09
Mobile	80	61	12
Nashville	64	50	cdy
New Orleans	81	67	cdy
New York City	62	48	10
Oklahoma City	69	48	cdy
Omaha	46	32	cl
Orlando	87	69	cl
Philadelphia	57	47	33
Phoenix	92	62	cl
Pittsburgh	54	41	15
Portland, Ore.	66	45	m
Pueblo	47	34	cdy
Reno	76	42	cdy
Sacramento	67	47	cdy
St. Louis	52	38	cdy
Salt Lake City	67	39	cl
San Diego	66	55	cl
San Francisco	65	46	cdy
San Jose	70	44	cl
San Jose	70	44	cl
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Waco	81	55	cdy
Washington, D.C.	55	48	14
W Palm Beach	90	66	cdy
Wichita	52	47	cdy
Wichita Falls	74	47	cdy
Wilkes-Barre	50	44	27
Wilmington, Del.	54	46	11
Yakima	71	45	cdy
Youngstown	52	40	22
Yuma	60	61	cl

State forecast



CUEVAS: Burns has yet to endorse

(From 1A)

ed field of seven candidates, 35 percent of the voters polled indicated they remain undecided.

The mayor's race will be determined on May 5. Early voting in the race begins Wednesday.

Cuevas announced in mid-February he would not be a candidate for mayor, citing responsibilities to his family and his Jumburrito chain of restaurants. Soon after Cuevas' announcement, Canon announced he would run for mayor. Canon is

Cuevas' next door neighbor. The day after Canon made his announcement, Sipes held a press conference announcing his intention to run for mayor. The third candidate to enter the race was Dingus, with Brown following shortly thereafter. Flounoy, who has never held political office, filed for candidacy in the final hour on the final day of the filing period.

Cuevas has endorsed Canon in the mayor's race.

Cuevas served on the City Council for 10 years and chose

not to seek re-election in 2000.

After leaving politics, Cuevas focused on charity work, most notably chairing the annual United Way campaign which surpassed its fund-raising goal.

Burns announced this past year he would not seek another term as mayor, citing term limits as his reason. Although technically he could have run again as he was "grandfathered" with regard to the term limits measure enacted while he was in office, he said that was not his intent.

Burns has not made an endorsement in the mayor's race although he is said to be aligned with Brown who served on the City Council during Burns' tenure as mayor.

Among voters who indicated they are undecided in the actual five-way race, 10 percent of those undecided voters moved to the Burns' column and 5 percent of the undecided voters said they would vote for Cuevas.

The poll was conducted from Wednesday through Saturday.

EARLY: Voting period to end May 1

(From 1A)

there."

Voting — whether early or on election day — could be especially critical in this race, since early indications are that it could turn out to be a very close election.

As was expected, Brown, Mike Canon, Bill Dingus, Thomas Flounoy and Buddy Sipes have made Midland's choice for its 21st mayor a difficult one.

Evidence of that can be seen in the just-released Reporter-Telegram/NewsWest 9 mayoral poll that has Brown leading Canon by four percentage points. But Brown has only 21 percent of the vote. Canon has 17, and Dingus 14. The most notable of all numbers, and a big reason early voting might not have the same punch right off the bat, is that

more than 40 percent of Midlanders polled are undecided.

"I think that of the people who are undecided and take a look at all the issues, I will get a high percentage of them," Dingus said prior to the release of the numbers this morning. "I have gotten a lot of support from complete and total strangers."

Dingus admittedly doesn't have a significant bloc of voters backing him. His efforts, thus far, have been pursuing votes from a pool that most likely will represent Midland's undecided.

Brown has probably run the most high-profile campaign so far, seeking to get his name and message out front more so than one year ago when he finished fourth in the city's race for two at-large council positions. Canon and Dingus finished first and second and earned seats on the council.

Early Voting

When: Monday through Friday, April 18 through May 1.

Times: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Midland County Election Administration building (at 707 W. Washington Ave. on the corner of Washington and Front Street, next to the Tax Assessors office.)

Bring: Voters registration card or proper identification, such as a drivers license.

Note: Call 688-1222 if you have questions, such as if you are registered.

Early voting percentages from past city elections.

Year	Number of Voters	Number of early voters	Percentage
2000 (May)	7,025	3,248	46.23
1999	16,729	7,916	47.32
1998 (May)	2,794	719	25.73
1997	13,138	5,762	43.90
1997 (May)	3,075	1,112	36.49
1996 (May)	13,283	6,803	51.22
1995 (May)	4,104	1,576	38.40
1994 (May)	12,511	3,207	25.63
1993	14,912	6,244	41.87

BROWN: Akins pushes for economic diversity

(From 1A)

former councilman Jose Cuevas told the Reporter-Telegram he was endorsing Canon in his bid to become Midland's 21st mayor. That was supposed to be huge, but before the full impact could be felt, Brown organized a news conference to announce some heavy hitters in his corner.

Holding a four point lead over Canon and a seven point lead over Dingus as early voting approaches, it could be considered a significant campaign move. This is considered, by many, to be one of the closest races in recent memory.

"This announcement was something his campaign wanted to do, and I was pleased to be a part of it," Angelo said. "It is going to be a close race, and every vote should count."

Angelo served four terms as Midland's mayor (from 1972-80) while Akins served three terms from 1980-86.

Williams might be the biggest

surprise of the three. At a City Council meeting on Feb. 27, he stated he would contemplate initiating his own mayoral campaign to "get the mayor and the City Council back in the middle of the road." Williams also said at that meeting, "We need to run the city the way we are accustomed to in Midland, Texas. The last 14 months or so have been rough sledding."

Williams specifically was pointing to the way the council handled the "early retirement" of former City Manager Mike McGregor and the Scharbauer Sports Complex. The final council Brown was involved with was criticized the most for its role on both issues.

"He was a vital part of that, and that concerns me," Williams said. "We talked about those things at great length, and I think I would agree that things were not handled 100 percent correct, but the results are in the past. They are history."

Williams points to Brown's

commitment to youth sports facilities and the conservative agenda as reasons for the endorsement.

"I look at the overall picture of his message — conservative government — and I believe we need that conservative leadership. If the mayor doesn't set the standard for taking care of our tax base, it will not be taken care of."

Economic diversity is another area of concern for Brown's support group.

"Economic diversity has been buzz words Midland has been faced with for years," Akins said. "We have been in a losing game, and as the old coach says, 'If you are losing you change your game.' Dale has innovative thinking that will change the game to have more success in the area."

"Cutting property taxes is a key issue in this campaign. They are too high. It is a deterrent to economic development. To cut them is the logical thing to do. It is going to take somebody with good financial expertise to cut the

budget and get things trimmed down, and at the same time not cut any critical services."

Angelo added, "I think Midland is blessed with leadership, and this is a critical juncture for the community. At this time Dale Brown has the characteristics Midland needs."

All totaled, four former councilmen or mayors announced their support of Brown. In addition to Angelo, Akins and Williams, former councilman Robert Rendall announced his support for Brown. That did not come as a surprise to anyone. Rendall is Brown's campaign manager.

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POLL: Many voters remain undecided

(From 1A)

Economic development No. 1 with voters

Sixty-two percent of those polled by the Midland Reporter-Telegram and NewsWest 9 said economic development is the most important issue on the city's agenda. Thirty-six percent said crime and traffic control should be the city's top priority.

Other issues such as park development; pay raises for police officers and firemen; and public transportation rated considerably lower.

Fifty-eight percent of those who indicated they were undecided as to who they would vote for in the mayor's race, said economic development should be the city's top priority.

Crew of American spy plane played cards, acted skits to pass time in Hainan captivity

By The Associated Press

While detained on China's Hainan island, the 24 spy plane crew members played cards, acted out skits based on television shows and even taught a guard words to the song "Hotel California."

"They got quite a few laughs," Lt. Patrick Honeck said of the skits. "We did a 'People's Court' spoof, news like on 'Saturday Night Live' and one of 'The Crocodile Hunter.'" He said guards who understood English laughed.

In between the lighter moments, they were subjected to hours of interrogation.

Sunday was the crew's first full day back home at the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station in Washington state, and several crew members gave their fullest account yet of their experiences. In the seconds after their plane was bumped by a Chinese fighter on April 1, crew members said, they feared they would have to bail out with parachutes or crash land in the South China Sea. Many were certain they would die.

The fighter pilot buzzed the American EP-3E several times before clipping the turboprop's No. 1 propeller, knocking it out of operation and knocking off the plane's nose cone.

"After his first two runs at us, it got kind of surreal, like slow motion," Honeck told The New York Times in Monday's editions. He recalled that the Chinese pilot saluted on his first pass, and "mouthed something to us" on the second.

On the third approach, the Chinese fighter collided with the American plane, causing it to plummet from 22,500 feet. The fighter broke in half and crashed into the sea, presumably killing the pilot.

"The first thing I thought of was, 'Oh, my God,'" said Aviation Machinist's Mate Second Class Wendy Westbrook, the navigator. "All I could see was blue water."

"I didn't think we were going to make it," Lt. j.g. Jeffrey Vignery told The Washington Post. "I said another prayer at that time,

just in case I didn't get it right the first time."

He said that when mission commander Lt. Shane Osborn ordered the crew to put on parachutes, he thought "obviously some of us wouldn't have time to bail out."

As the plane leveled out, Osborn canceled the bailout order and told the crew to prepare to ditch at sea. But Osborn regained enough control and Honeck studied maps to see where they might land. The plane's base at Okinawa, Japan, was too far, as was the Philippines.

They chose Hainan even without permission from the Chinese to land.

As they headed for the island, the crew began destroying sensitive equipment. Crew members declined to discuss what they did or whether they completed the tasks.

After they landed, Osborn said,

a small group of armed Chinese military, including an interpreter, approached.

"He told us not to move and don't do anything," Osborn told the Times. "I asked if I could use a phone to call the U.S. ambassador to let him know we were safe on deck, but he said they had already taken care of that. Then they told us to get off the plane and they were pretty adamant about it. We dropped a ladder, and I got off first."

"It wasn't a time to make a stand. We were unarmed. They're armed. So they have the advantage," Osborn said Sunday on ABC-TV's "This Week."

The Americans were taken to a barracks.

"Their best barracks," Osborn said. "But by American standards, they were poor. Lots and lots of bugs and mosquitoes. But it was livable."

After two nights, they were

moved to a nearby base lodge. Aside from meals, they were segregated from other residents.

Interrogations were conducted at various times, often in the middle of the night and sometimes as long as five hours.

The food varied. "It was Chinese food, but definitely not Americanized," Vignery said. They were served fish heads "until they realized we weren't into fish heads."

Vignery said the crew played cards and read a few English-language Chinese newspapers they were given. They learned little about the tense diplomatic standoff surrounding their detention.

One guard, Honeck said, "wanted to know the lyrics to an American song he heard, 'Hotel California,' by the Eagles."

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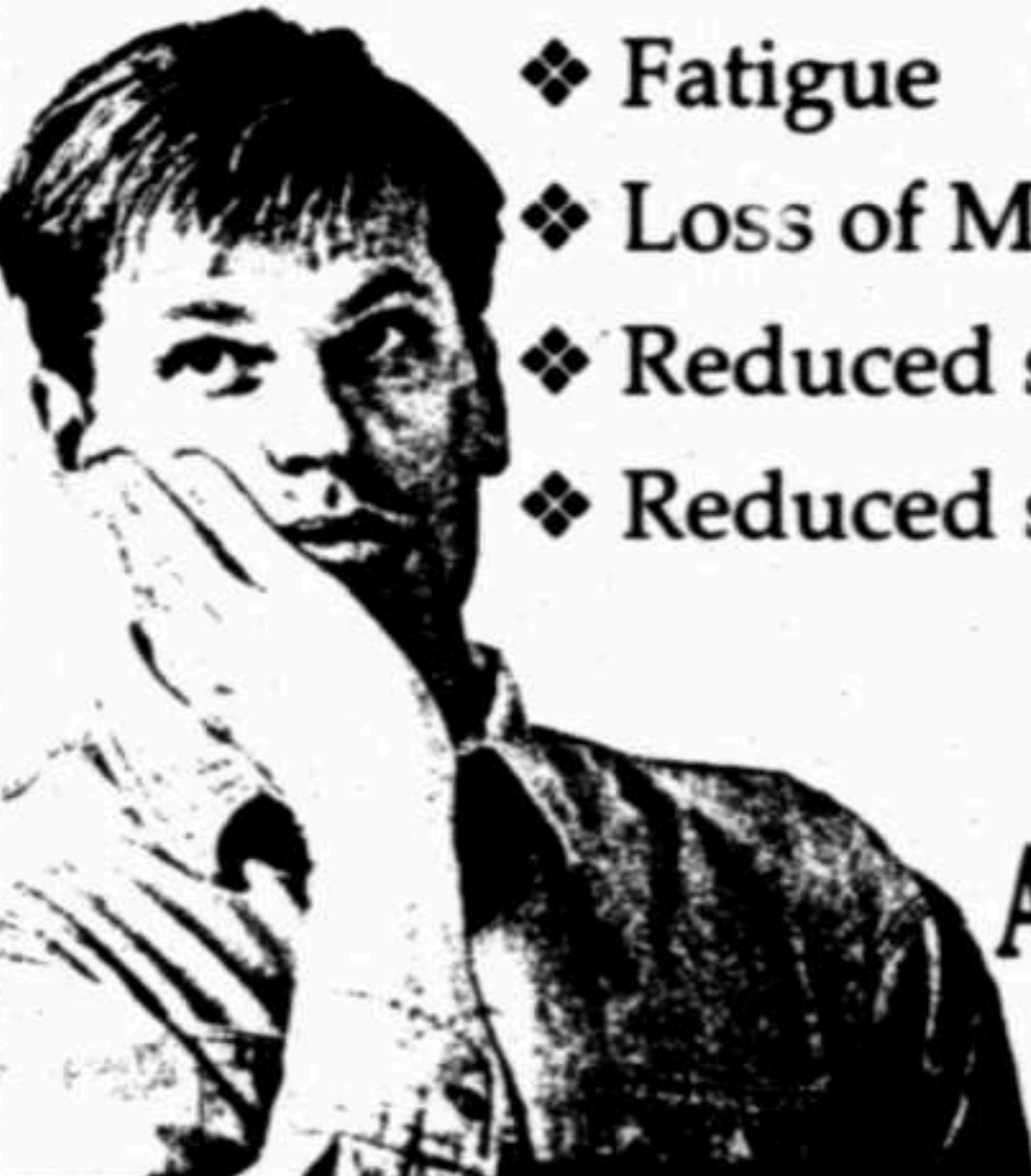
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Canon ready to lead city as our mayor

As our city strives to move forward in the next several years, we'll need at least two things — confidence and unity. When Midlanders head to the polls to elect our next mayor, we hope they'll bear this in mind.

We need a mayor who can offer these qualities. We can't afford to sink down into the doldrums. We can't be down on ourselves — or each other.

Leadership is about bringing people together. You have to listen to all sides in a debate, not a select few, privileged voices. Then a leader faces the challenge of encouraging the various sides to forget their differences and pull together for the common good.

Midlanders have grown weary of the "big brother" approach in which they are told what they need to know, only when it is deemed necessary. Citizens and taxpayers of this community would rather have all the facts. Citizens want to be a genuine part of the decision-making process.

One year ago, Mike Canon was the top vote-getter in the at-large race for the Midland City Council. Canon ran on a platform that advocated honesty and candor at a time when many in our community had doubts about the way city government was operating.

It is obvious voters one year ago embraced the freshness of Canon's candidacy.

In his first term on the City Council, Canon has rankled a few members of the status quo. Canon, though always polite and courteous, hasn't adopted the city's "business as usual" approach. He's asked a few too many questions. He's challenged some of the "we've always done it this way" attitude.

What motivates Canon? We believe he truly wants what is best for this city.

To him, this race isn't about ego or ambition. It isn't about power or manipulation. Canon truly has a deep sense of community service. He wants to see the best for Midland and wants to pull all sides together to work for the betterment of our community.

We have faith that Canon can accomplish this mission.

Early voting in this local contest begins Wednesday. The election will be held on May 5.

This is an important local election and we hope Midland voters will head to the polls and let their voices be heard.

We recommend they cast their ballots in favor of Mike Canon.

He'll make a great mayor for Midland.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, April 17, the 107th day of 2001. There are 258 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: Forty years ago, on April 17, 1961, about 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in a failed attempt to overthrow the government of Fidel Castro.

On this date: In 1492, a contract was signed by Christopher Columbus and a representative of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia.

In 1790, American statesman Benjamin Franklin died in Philadelphia at age 84.

In 1861, the Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union.

In 1941, Yugoslavia surrendered to Germany in World War II.

In 1969, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Sirhan Sirhan of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

In 1969, Czechoslovak Communist Party chairman Alexander Dubcek was deposed.

In 1970, the astronauts of Apollo 13 splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft.

In 1975, Phnom Penh fell to Communist insurgents, ending Cambodia's five-year war.

In 1990, the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, the civil rights activist and top aide to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., died in Atlanta at age 64.

Ten years ago: Congress voted to put a quick end to a day-old nationwide strike by 235,000 rail workers (President George Bush signed the legislation early the next day). The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 3,000 for the first time, ending the day at 3,004.46.

Five years ago: Seeking to calm Pacific security jitters, President Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto signed a joint declaration establishing new U.S.-Japan ties for a "stable and prosperous" Asia.

CAL THOMAS

Dutch unleash dehumanizing new policy

Something terrible happened in The Netherlands last week that will have profound consequences around the world.

Not since Germany occupied Holland six decades ago has there been an official policy declaring some people unfit to live and worthy of forced extermination. But last week, the Dutch parliament gave final approval to a new euthanasia law that will allow doctors to end a life when it is subjectively decided that the life is no longer worth living.

The usual assurances have been given by government and the medical establishment to pacify the masses, 10,000 of which demonstrated against the measure outside the Parliament building in the Hague the day of the vote. Two doctors will have to validate that the patient is terminally ill, that he or she suffers "unbearably" and wants to die. But the principle of an unalienable right to life, which began to fall when abortion was legalized, has crashed to the pavement with the Dutch government's validation of euthanasia.

How quickly we have regressed from all life having value to negotiating the circumstances of our own and other's demise. The sick elderly will be first, followed by the mentally handicapped, then the physically disabled and finally, anyone

society deems, for whatever reason, to have placed too great an economic, social or personal burden on the state or a family member. Too extreme? On what basis can anyone oppose these horrors when the only principal protecting human life has been compromised? Who is to say "no" when voters, opinion polls and "experts" say "yes"?

A "right to die" is quite different from an individual's right to refuse treatment. The common law has long recognized the latter. But when a right is elevated to the level of a constitutional principle, then the courts are empowered to decide whether to expand or contract that right, as they did in America beginning with the so-called "right to privacy," which is what led to the elimination of all abortion restrictions.

People who lightly esteem human life and think of us as having been produced by an evolutionary process stemming from random chance are the most likely to embrace euthanasia.

In their prophetic 1979 book, "Whatever Happened to the Human Race?", former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop and the late philosopher-theologian Francis Schaeffer warned of the coming "arbitrary reclassification as nonpersons (of) the elderly." This, they note, "will become increasingly so as the proportion of the old and weak in relation to the young and strong becomes abnormally large, due to the growing anti-family sentiment, the abortion rate and medicine's contribution to the lengthening of the normal life span. The imbalance will cause many of the young to perceive the old as a cramping

nuisance in the hedonistic lifestyle they claim as their right. As the demand for affluence continues and the economic crunch gets greater, the amount of compassion that the legislature and the courts will have for the old does not seem likely to be significant considering the precedent of the nonprotection given to the unborn and newborn."

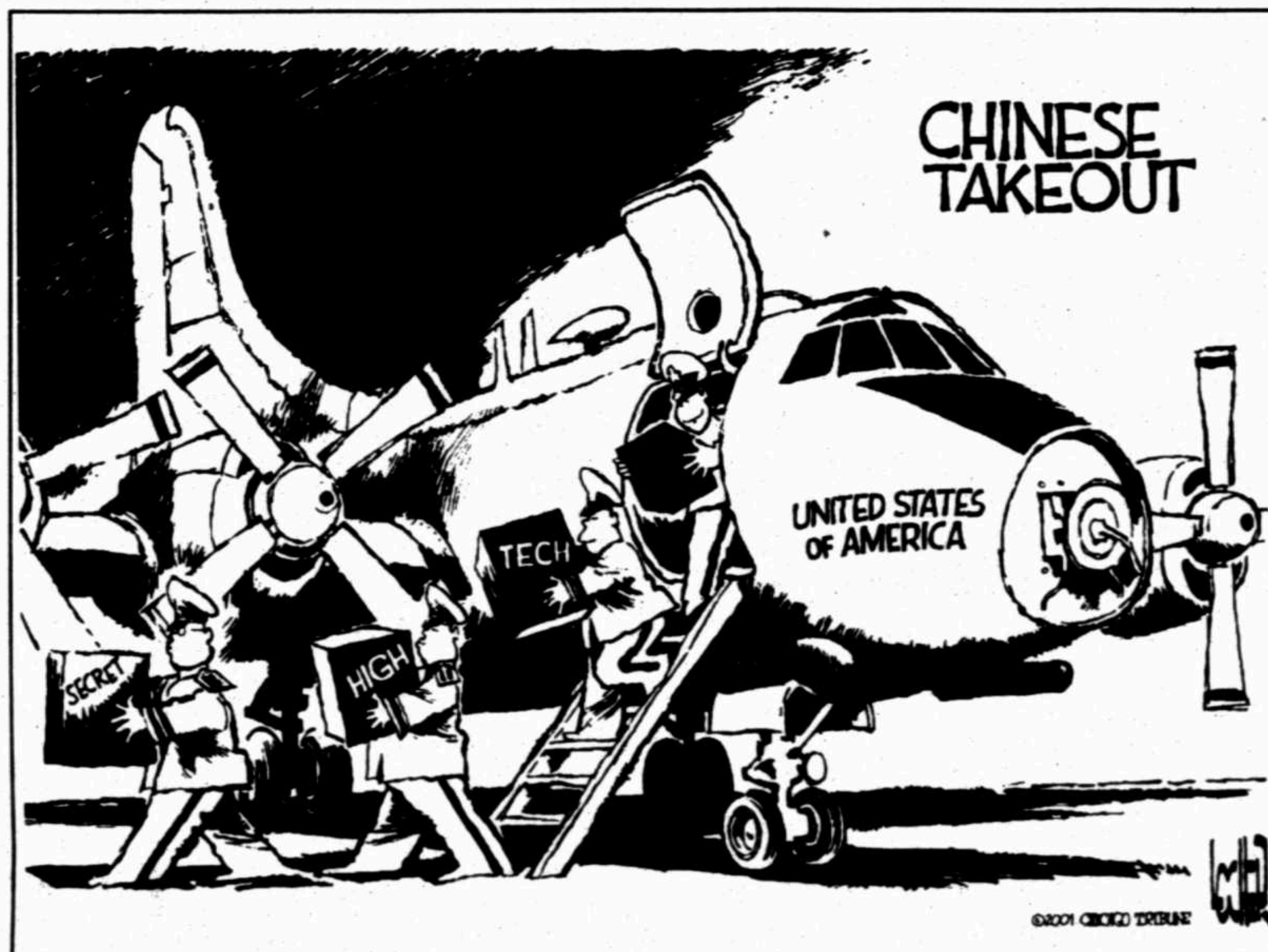
Exactly a century ago, journalist Abraham Kuyper became Prime Minister of The Netherlands. As Mckendree Langley writes in his book, "The Practice of Political Spirituality: Episodes From the Public Career of Abraham Kuyper": "Queen Wilhelmina opened Parliament with the annual Speech from the Throne, written by the Prime Minister... Emphasizing the spiritual interests of the nation, the Queen declared that cabinet policy would be based on the Christian foundations of society. The ethical character of public life would have to be more carefully protected by law." The moral descendants of Kuyper demonstrated outside Parliament last week in favor of that view, while inside legislators marked the centennial of Kuyper's inaugural with a vote that was the antithesis of everything he believed.

How quickly a society can slide toward perdition with no compass and no objective standard of right and wrong. First, the Nazis dehumanized the Dutch Jews. Now the Dutch — Jews and Gentiles (with others soon to follow) — are dehumanizing themselves.

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Thomas



CHARLEY REESE

A libertarian? Not quite, but almost

I'm going to tell you why I am almost, but not quite, a libertarian. First, capitalism, unless moderated by Christian virtue or government, is just as brutal and cruel as communism. I know that's hard for baby boomers to believe. After all, they grew up in the incredibly prosperous post-World War II United States. Most have never experienced really hard times. Most have not bothered to read much history or literature. Many were content to believe the fairy tales woven by Ayn Rand and her cohorts.

Try digging coal for a few pennies a ton in an unsafe mine where you are forced to buy your own tools. Try imagining a disabling injury and, instead of workman's compensation or disability insurance, your broken body is just tossed off the company property. That's capitalism.

Try a six- or seven-day work week with 12-hour days and a pittance for wages, in a hellish and unhealthy environment and with absolutely no benefits. That's capitalism. You can still see pure capitalism in places like Calcutta, India, or Mogadishu, Somalia. Capitalism is great if you're the capitalist, just as communism is great if you're the commissar or the party bigwig.

I wonder how many Americans would be willing to cut and sew a pair of finished bluejeans for 75 cents in a sweltering, bug-infested building. How many pair do you think you'd have to cut and sew in order to feed your family? Those \$30 to \$50 bluejeans we wear were made by what amounts to slave labor in Central America or Asia.

I've never been a union member and don't intend to be one, but I can at least appreciate the struggle union men undertook to improve the lives of working men and women. I guarantee you that without the "threat" of unionization, most working men and women would see a very different face on their employers.

And that might not be too far off. Under phony free-trade deals, unions are being broken and pressured by the movement of, and the threat to move, factories overseas. Anybody who expects real compassion from a

corporation would mistake Hannibal Lecter for a vegetarian. Unfortunately, the union leadership is so infected with socialists, they'd rather pursue their ideological goals than look out for their members.

So while I strongly believe in the maximum possible freedom, I also believe in community and in responsibility to that community. Not only is no man an island, but no man is self-made. Some people are just good at forgetting all the people who helped the majority get to where they are.

If you aspire to total freedom and want to be entirely self-made, then go to a deserted island and live entirely off your own labor. If you survive, you can claim to be a self-sufficient person.

But don't live in a community with all its protections and benefits, don't go to public schools, ride on public roads, enjoy the benefits of publicly provided clean water and sanitary sewers and then proclaim yourself an individual who owes nobody anything. That's just bravo sierra, and you know it.

Freedom is not a virtue per se. It can mean the freedom of the strong to bully and enslave the weak. It can mean the freedom to exploit the poor, to despoil the land and the water, to turn your back on the oppressed, the sick, the dying.

That's why, instead of being a libertarian, I fall in with those old-fashioned conservatives who believe in ordered liberty, strict observances of the Constitution and a mind-our-own-business foreign policy. Don't confuse me with the neo-conservatives who like big government and imperialism as long as they run it. Most of those guys are just ex-Trotskyites anyway. And don't confuse me with chamber-of-commerce conservatives who claim anything good for big business is good for the country. That's horse manure.

At the same time, I'm definitely not a socialist. An ex-socialist, John Dos Passos, once remarked the world was becoming a museum of socialist failures. And so it is.

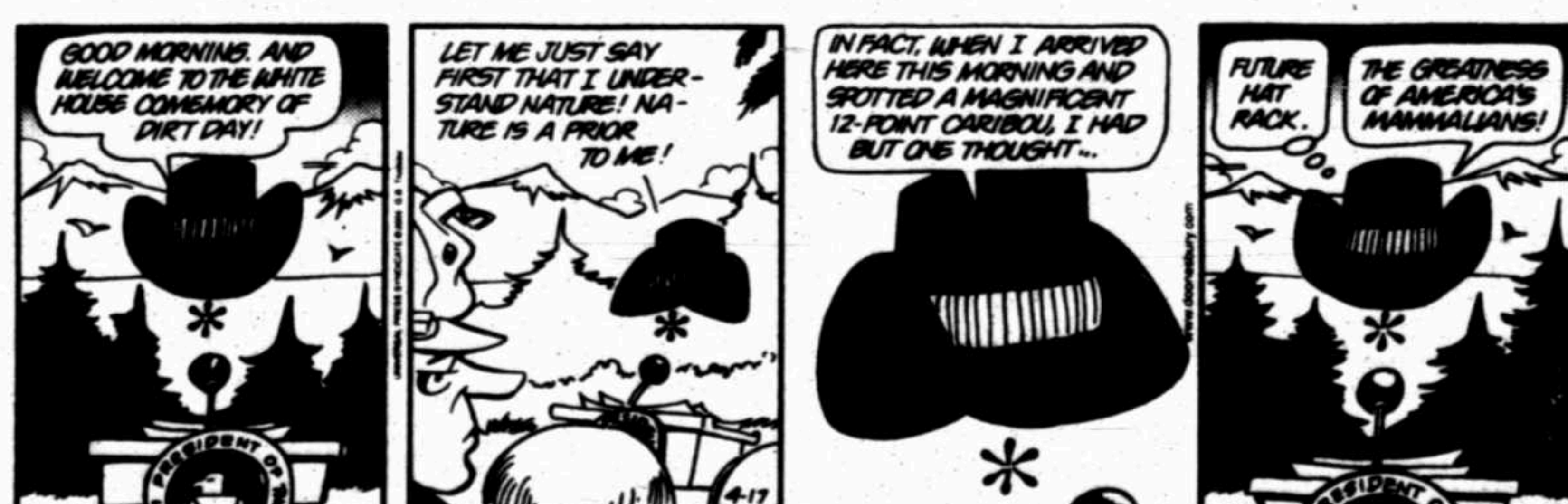
The idea of a golden mean — something short of pure, unregulated capitalism and pure, overregulated socialism — is what we should strive for.

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Midland is at crossroads; needs leaders like Dufford

Midland is a wonderful community. In how many other cities across these United States can so many people enjoy good, high-paying jobs without having to fight the pollution, crowds, crime, long commutes, poor schools, high housing costs, etc., that go along with living in a major city? We are truly blessed. However, since most of the major oil companies have pulled out of Midland and consolidated their operations in Houston, Midland and its economy are shrinking.

Midland is now at a crossroads. If Midland fails to diversify its economy within the next few years by attracting non-oil-related and non-retail businesses with their professional and managerial jobs, the city will wither away like some other West Texas towns are now in the process of doing.

Scott Dufford has a plan for attracting new businesses to Midland. He also has the ability to execute his plans. His experience in starting and running his own successful businesses proves he can get things done. More importantly, Dufford is passionate about turning this city around and making it a place where our children can return after graduating college.

Midland needs leaders like Dufford, and we need them now.

Frank Cusimano

Dufford would bring ideas to revitalize our downtown

My family and I have had the privilege of knowing Scott Dufford, his wife, Beth, and their three children, since moving to Midland more than 10 years ago. Dufford is currently running for a seat on the City Council, and in my opinion, he would be an excellent representative for Midland.

Dufford is a highly respected businessman in the community who has helped build several successful companies in recent years. His successes are a result of excellent leadership abilities and experienced fiscal management. Dufford wants to tackle the issue of high property taxes, while striving at the same time to work toward diversifying and strengthening Midland's economy. One of his campaign pledges that appeals a great deal to me is his plan to bring forth creative ideas toward revitalizing the downtown area. It would benefit all Midlanders to see our downtown area thriving again.

On a personal level, Dufford is a devoted and active family man who knows what it means to be involved in the normal, everyday challenges of raising and supporting a family. He's quick with a smile and a handshake, and there's no doubt he would be the type of representative who could only touch Midland in a very positive way.

Lou Paulson

Brown has been successful in every aspect of his life

I moved to Midland less than four months ago, and although I am not overly political, it was hard to ignore the rhetoric about the mayoral race. Especially noticeable are the comments by the other candidates and the newspaper about Dale Brown. First blush would make you think this guy had done something wrong to get all this attention.

After investigating this myself, instead of relying what others say, I think we have the man. Don't get me wrong. I think there are two other candidates who should probably do very well, but in Brown we have a candidate who has been successful in every area of his life. Brown has successfully created new businesses, served unselfishly as a successful public servant and a long-time leader of the church that brought "Stream in the Desert" to Midland and with his wife Rita, raised a fantastic family of six children. No wonder all the attention is on Brown. But don't take my word for it (or anyone else's). Take the time to investigate the facts. Make this community even better than it is. Let's not miss this chance to elect a great leader.

Carl Rasmussen

Israeli

By Dan Perry
 Associated Press

JERUSALEM Monday signaled policy in dealing attacks in Lebanon warplanes to attack position. Syria would pay a "heavily escalating the violence."

The heightened between Syria and fears that fighting on a new front after of Israeli-Palestinian.

Jordan's foreign sent Israel on Arab peace initiative in the West Bank. But Israel indicated the plan, and victory with a Palestinian from Gaza on an.

Israel's attack on, which killed 100, was the first significant Syrian two decades and show that Israel will directly responsible in Lebanese guerrilla ing quiet on Israel's.

The most recent Syrian-backed Hezbollah killed an Israeli soldier near the Chebana last border point between countries that remain after Israel's Lebanese territory captured Chebana in the 1967 Middle East war. Lebanon and Syria is Lebanese, but others have judged territory.

Israeli Defense Binyamin Ben-El-Mechaieq rules of the game.

"We sent a message that we see them as responsible," the same time... I am

UN panel urges co

UNITED NATIONS U.N.-appointed paneling the plundering Congo urged the U.N. Monday to put Uganda and Burundi their trade in diamonds and minerals.

It accused the Ugandan president in the exploitation of African nations said it would make about their personal until further investigation.

In a report to the U.N. panel said the go's natural riches 2 1/2-year civil war turned into a lucrative for all the combat point where enemy joined forces to make.

"All the belligerent or another are beneficiaries of the conflict," panel chair Ba-N'Daw, a former energy minister, to force launching.

"The only losers golese people." Rebels backed by Uganda took up arms in the Congo's Katanga in August 1998, we, Namibia and the fight in support.

A 1999 cease-fire implemented, but peace gained momentum in August 1999, the success of the peace process.

In an effort to help the panel called for against Rwanda, Burundi until the co that their exploitation resources has stopped try breaking this era face sanctions, it said.

It also urged Rwanda and Burundi to pay to farmers, religious companies whose resources were taken between 1998 and 1999.

The U.N. mission countries had no impact on the report.

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Israeli airstrikes on Syrian target threatens escalation

By Dan Perry
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel on Monday signaled a new tougher policy in dealing with guerrilla attacks in Lebanon, sending its warplanes to attack a Syrian radar position. Syria warned that Israel would pay a "heavy price" for escalating the violence.

The heightened tensions between Syria and Israel stoked fears that fighting could intensify on a new front after seven months of Israeli-Palestinian violence.

Jordan's foreign minister presented Israel on Monday with an Arab peace initiative to end fighting in the West Bank and Gaza. But Israel indicated it would reject the plan, and violence persisted with a Palestinian mortar attack from Gaza on an Israeli town.

Israel's attack on the radar station, which killed three Syrian soldiers, was the first against such a significant Syrian target in almost two decades and was meant to show that Israel will now hold Syria directly responsible for reining in Lebanese guerrillas and ensuring quiet on Israel's northern border.

The most recent attack by the Syrian-backed Hezbollah militia killed an Israeli soldier Saturday near the Chebaa Farms area, the last border point between the two countries that remains under dispute after Israel's pullout from Lebanese territory last May. Israel captured Chebaa Farms from Syria in the 1967 Middle East war. Lebanon and Syria insist the area is Lebanese, but U.N. cartographers have judged it to be Syrian territory.

Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said "the rules of the game have changed."

"We sent a message to the Syrians that we see them as the only ones responsible," he said. "But at the same time... I am trying to pre-

vent an escalation."

In Moscow, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa warned that Israel "will pay a heavy price for that at the convenient and appropriate time." Israel, he said, was "killing the peace process and expanding the tension and instability in the whole Middle East."

Still, most analysts said Syria was unlikely to confront Israel directly. Syria's army is cash-strapped and technologically far behind Israel's. Syrian army units and air force were badly mauled by the Israeli military during its 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

The tougher Israeli stance is the first such challenge for Syrian President Bashar Assad, who succeeded his late father last year. For hours after the strike, state media reported nothing of the attack. It was old-style Syria, trying to keep the public guessing — even though more and more Syrians have access to independent news sources on satellite television and the Internet. Finally, the state news agency SANA released a statement from an unidentified "official source" condemning Israel's "aggression and dangerous escalation that would destabilize security in the region."

Hezbollah said it will continue to attack Israeli troops in a disputed area along the border, vowing in a statement to "cut off the hand of the enemy that reached into our territory and our brothers."

Lebanese President Emile Lahoud warned that Israel's stance "could lead to an overall confrontation." Leaders of Egypt, Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the Arab League expressed similar fears.

The U.N. special representative for southern Lebanon, Steffan di Mistura, said the United Nations was equally concerned by Hezbollah's "violent action" and "the Israeli defense forces' escalatory response."



AP Photo
Thousands of Palestinians gather on the streets at the al-Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp near Damascus to protest the Israeli airstrikes against the Syrian army in Lebanon, that killed three Syrian soldiers and wounded six on Monday. The protesters carried anti-Israeli banners.

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UN panel on Congo exploitation urges council to set up embargo

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A U.N.-appointed panel investigating the plundering of resources in Congo urged the Security Council Monday to punish Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi by halting all their trade in diamonds, gold, timber and minerals.

It accused the Rwandan and Ugandan presidents of complicity in the exploitation of the central African nation's wealth, but said it would make no allegations about their personal involvement until further investigation is carried out.

In a report to the Security Council, the panel said the theft of Congo's natural riches was fueling the 2 1/2-year civil war which had turned into a lucrative business venture for all the combatants — to the point where enemies sometimes joined forces to make money.

"All the belligerents in one way or another are benefiting from the conflict," panel chairman Safiatou Ba-N'Daw, a former Ivory Coast energy minister, told a news conference launching the report. "The only losers are the Congolese people."

Rebels backed by Rwanda and Uganda took up arms to topple former Congolese President Laurent Kabila in August 1998. Zimbabwe, Namibia and Angola joined the fight in support of Kabila.

A 1999 cease-fire was never fully implemented, but the search for peace gained momentum following Kabila's assassination in January and the succession of his son, Joseph, to the presidency.

In an effort to help end the war, the panel called for trade sanctions against Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi until the council declares that their exploitation of Congo's resources has stopped. Any country breaking this embargo should face sanctions, it said.

It also urged Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi to pay compensation to farmers, religious groups and companies whose crops, land and resources were confiscated or taken between 1998 and 2000.

The U.N. missions of the three countries had no immediate comment on the report.

Top military commanders in the three countries are helping to systematically exploit Congo's resources along with companies, individuals and a growing inter-

national network of criminal cartels, the panel said.
 Rwandan President Paul Kagame and Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni "are on the verge of becoming the godfathers of the illegal exploitation of natural resources and the continuation of the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo," it said.

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Suspected ship docks with no sign of child slaves as fears mount for their safety

By Glenn McKenzie
Associated Press

COTONOU, Benin — A ship suspected of carrying child slaves docked here early Tuesday, but there was no immediate sign of such children. Benin claimed there had been a mixup and another, unidentified vessel was the alleged slave ship.

Social Protection Minister Ramatou Baba Moussa said the Nigerian-registered MV Etireno, which was originally believed by Benin and U.N. officials to have left Cotonou with the children, had been confused with a second ship, whose name and current location were unknown. She said the Etireno did not have any unaccompanied minors on board.

Moussa's claim could not be independently verified, but it drew questions from aid groups.

"I don't know what to think," said Nicolas Pron, a senior official with the U.N. children's fund in Benin. "My main concern is that the kids are here and safe, and we will hear if that is the case."

Pron did not rule out the possibility that the Etireno's captain, a Nigerian with a criminal past, could have earlier unloaded his human cargo.

The white, 200-foot-long boat pulled into Cotonou port shortly after 1 a.m., as Cabinet ministers, police, soldiers, journalists and U.N. employees crowded the dockside.

Dozens of women, a few men and a handful of children could be seen through the ship's passenger cabin windows, from which laundry was hanging outside, as the

boat's Nigerian crew barked orders in English.

Benin officials said they still needed to speak to the passengers and crew before they could explain the confusion about the suspected slaves' whereabouts.

Moussa said the Etireno left the commercial capital, Cotonou, clandestinely more than a week ago. It was now returning with an unknown number of passengers — but no unaccompanied children — who had been refused entry in Gabon because they did not have the necessary travel documents, she said.

A second ship arrived in Gabon at about the same time with about 250 passengers on board — many of them young victims of child traffickers — she said. Moussa insisted that ship had nothing to do with Benin.

On Thursday, one of the ships was refused port in Douala, Cameroon, according to U.N. and Benin officials, but it was not immediately clear which one.

Despite international efforts to stamp out child trafficking, it remains a serious problem in West and Central Africa, where desperately poor parents are sometimes willing to give up their children for as little as \$14 to smuggling rings that promise to educate them and find them jobs.

Boys are then typically resold to cotton and cocoa plantations for as much as \$340 in countries such as Gabon and Ivory Coast. Girls often end up as domestic workers or prostitutes.

Pron, the UNICEF official, said earlier Monday that the organization was "really very frustrated"

and increasingly worried about the children. He said there were concerns that the crew might throw the children overboard.

It wasn't clear how Benin's late Monday announcement that the unidentified vessel was the slave ship would affect the search.

During the days long wait for the MV Etireno, the Nigerian police and navy had deployed along the coast to search for the vessel, officials said. A sighting was reported Saturday near the

Nigerian port of Calabar, but the ship disappeared before it could be intercepted, said Tunde Fagbohunbe of the country's Women Trafficking and Child Labor Eradication Foundation.

Earlier Monday, Moussa said Benin had contacted the United Nations and planned to call ambassadors of the United States and France to ask them to launch a search. UNICEF official Zachary Adams said outside intervention was needed, but it was not

immediately clear whether the West would assist.

France, Benin's former colonial ruler, has a naval vessel routinely stationed off West Africa. British warships also regularly visit the war-battered nation of Sierra Leone.

In Cotonou, U.S. Embassy acting Public Affairs Officer Liam Humphreys said Ambassador Pamela Bridgewater had been in informal contact with Benin Cabinet ministers and had communi-

cated the West African nation's desire for assistance to Washington.

Officials at the French defense and foreign ministries said they were not aware of any requests for assistance.

Benin has issued arrest warrants for the MV Etireno Nigerian owner, captain and crew as well as for three Benin businessmen. But the status of those warrants, in light of Monday night's announcement, was uncertain.

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Protesters ask for Nepalese prime minister's ouster

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Police fired tear gas and used batons Monday to disperse thousands of protesters who demanded the resignation of Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala. At least 150 demonstrators — including several opposition legislators — were detained.

The protesters torched at least four motorcycles and one car, police said. Police detained top opposition figures who led the protest, which included a march toward Singhadurbar, the central secretariat housing the prime minister's office.

Prime Minister Koirala rejected the opposition's demand that he resign.

"I am appealing to the opposition parties to work together in resolving the problems faced by the nation instead of taking to street protests," Koirala said in a speech over state-run Radio Nepal.

Communists and other opposition parties have been demanding Koirala's resignation since one of his Cabinet members was named in a bribery scandal involving the lease of an aircraft for the state-owned Royal Nepal Airlines.

Tarini Dutta Chataut, the civil aviation minister, resigned in January.

More than 10,000 supporters of the four major opposition parties — United Marxist Leninist Communist Party of Nepal, Nepal Workers' and Peasants' Party, United People's Front and National People's Front — demonstrated in the capital and tried to block the entrance to Singhadurbar.

Demonstrators pelted police with stones and bricks, knocked down iron railings and shouted slogans demanding Koirala's resignation. Hundreds of riot police fired several rounds of tear gas and beat protesters with batons.

At least 150 demonstrators were detained, said Katmandu's police chief Madhav Thapa.

"At least 24 lawmakers from our party including the top leaders have been arrested by the police along with dozens of our supporters," said Pradeep Nepal of the United Marxist Leninist Communist Party of Nepal.

Among the detained were party general-secretary Madhav Kumar Nepal, who is also the leader of the opposition in parliament, and his deputy Khadga Prasad Oli.

Koirala has been prime minister for most of the 11 years since a multiparty democracy was established in Nepal, within the framework of a constitutional monarchy.

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Martin Gutierrez, graffiti maintenance specialist of the city of Midland, talks about the program he is working on to get taggers in the city to help the city with murals instead of getting in trouble painting on their own.

Graffiti artists shine at ArtWalk

By Kasey Kelly
MRT Correspondent

It's an inscription or drawing made on a public surface, such as a wall.

And it gets a bad rap.

It's graffiti.

Although it's got a bad reputation, not everyone thinks it's such a bad idea.

"These kids just want an opportunity to show people they're talented," said Graffiti Maintenance Specialist Martin Gutierrez. "It's amazing what they can do with a spray can."

Citizens of Midland will get an opportunity to see this art form at its best at the upcoming ArtWalk.

The group is slated to paint a mural on the Ritz Theater building wall during the ArtWalk

Starting times:

- Graffiti portion: 5 p.m. Thursday
- ArtWalk: 6 p.m. Thursday

Festivities. This year's theme is "Classical to Contemporary" and the graffiti artists will be starting "the Writing on the Wall" mural project at the events kick-off on Thursday.

"I think it will beautify that area of downtown and help revitalize our city," said building owner Nover Morales.

This ArtWalk will involve businesses around the courthouse square as well as the public library on Colorado and Main Street businesses North to First United Methodist Church. Entertainment will include dancers, singers and work of area artists as well as a special debut of Bush memorabilia at the Chamber of Commerce.

Please see ARTWALK/2B



This is a painting by Brother Cleus Behlman, on display at Folgers Gallery as part of the ArtWalk exhibits.

Staff photo



A different view of Mexico ...

Motran team learns more than just facts

With the words of Mario Cadena, president of the Sinaloa Development Council, still ringing in their ears, the seven Motran delegates watched as dolphins cavorted just ahead of the bow of their tour boat on the way across the bay at Topolobampo, and they remembered what he said, that Los Mochis is the number one shrimp producer in Mexico.

While they sat on the bus and watched miles of sugar cane rush in and out of sight, another SDC member, German Rivera, told them that more than a million tons of sugar cane are harvested in Sinaloa annually, result-

ing in more than 100,000 pounds of processed sugar.

The bus passed mile-wide fields of deep orange — marigolds grown for their color, to be harvested and fed to chickens in China and Japan, to impart a deeper tint to the yolks of eggs, and a golden glow to the flesh of the chickens.

They stopped at the mounds of newly turned earth that marked the beginning of the four-lane highway which eventually will connect with the new highway at the Chihuahuan border.

Please see LEARN/3B

Motran officials claim trade corridor key to area's future

A piece of dental floss stretched from Midland/Odessa to Houston on a road map measures about 11 inches. Turn the other way and take it across Mexico to the port at Topolobampo, and it's 14 inches. Multiply by the map legend's 43 miles to the inch, and you'll find that Topolobampo is approximately 100 miles farther away from Midland than Houston, and that, combined with the pace at which the Mexicans are building roads and improving their rail lines, is one reason why the seven Motran delegates who recently visited the port at Topolobampo are determined to push for transportation improvements on the Texas side.

Motran chair Buddy Sipes says the opening of La Entrada Al Pacifico, a corridor that connects to Mexico and goes south will become more and more important as additional industry comes to the Midland/Odessa area.

"Anything that we manufacture in the Permian Basin area now, a portion is likely to need to go west, across the Pacific, and this will be the most efficient route to get it into the Pacific commerce," Sipes said. "Right now, we have really good east/west transportation routes. We have rail, we have air, we have highways; but we don't have really good north/south transportation, and most prosperous areas have commerce going in all four directions."

"I think the immediate benefits of La Entrada will be in such things as warehousing and distribution, and intermodal transportation, where it comes into Midland and gets shipped out by rail."

Glen Larum public information officer of the Texas Department of Transportation's Odessa district, said in addition to the obvious benefits of distribution centers (jobs, salaries, money spent in the community), there is also the matter of traffic.

"Any time you create a corridor, people start to use it," Larum said. "The best example I could give is Highway 191 between Odessa and Midland."

"Before that highway was built, 14,000 to 16,000 cars per day traveled I-20 and Business Highway 20, and since the construction of 191, that number is still the same, yet there are 20,000 cars using 191 every day."

Both men expressed satisfaction at the level of activity on the Mexican side of the corridor. According to Chihuahuan engineer Joaquin Barrios Cardenas, coordinator of studies and projects for the state, a new two-lane highway with shoulders has been built from Creel to Divisadero, in Copper Canyon, with an older two-lane highway in place from Creel to La Junta, and an existing four-lane highway from La Junta to Aldame, with a relief route around Aldame.

Construction is also under way from each end of a new highway scheduled to be built around the Pegues Mountains south of Ojinaga which will enable commercial truck traffic to connect with U.S. 67 at Presidio.

"Ferromex (private railroad company in Mexico) is currently analyzing the required rail line improvements needed from Presidio-Ojinaga to the San Angelo Junction, and is sending a manager, Javier Zamarrilla, to oversee the work on the line," said Larum, who added that major trade opportunities exist with Chihuahua City, and that the Los Mochis-Topolobampo area has a wide variety of products (vegetable crops and seafood) that could be shipped by rail to Chihuahua and either trucked or shipped by rail to the U.S.

Larum pointed out that new chat and railroad ties seen along the route through Copper Canyon is evidence that Ferromex is improving the rail line from Los Mochis to Chihuahua City, although many sections still need improvement. She added that a Ferromex official has said a rail line from Ojinaga to Chihuahua City is scheduled for improvements in the next two months.

Please see FUTURE/3B



UPPER LEFT: The train carrying the team of Motran officials enters one of 86 tunnels it passed through on its way to Copper Canyon in western Mexico. ABOVE: Buddy Sipes, second from left, who headed up the Motran visit to Mexico, and Mario Cadena, president of the Sinaloa Development Council, visit with Gloria Pena.

Photos and stories by Johnnye Montgomery

GARY OTT

'Hard times' doesn't mean worrying about your 401(k)

More rambling thoughts ...
— Here's hoping you remembered to do your taxes.

— Childhood memory: Taking a puff on a cigarette and then coughing until tears appear in your eyes and your skin turns green.

— I realize this sounds a bit harsh, but I'm glad Timothy McVeigh will be put to death on May 16.

— It is hard to believe, but most Americans, at least those of us who are under the age of 60, have never really experienced hard times ... and by hard times, I don't mean having to wait in a long line to buy gasoline for our vehicle or worrying about whether or not our 401(k) is worth more this month than it was last month.

— No, by hard times I mean going to bed hungry and not knowing if tomorrow is going to be any better.



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— In other words, the vast majority of us are spoiled and have been blessed with a life that the rest of the world would consider luxurious.

— And, frankly, I hope that never changes.

— This is truly a great day in history for it was on April 17, 1964 that the Ford Motor Co. unveiled its new Mustang model ... and being a cool high school kid took on a whole new meaning.

— Those of us who tend to spend too much time alone would be wise to remember these words first uttered by the late American poet Thomas Merton: "A happiness that is sought for ourselves alone can never be found; for a happiness that is diminished by being shared is not big enough to make us happy."

— As much as I hate to admit it, he's right.

— One man's opinion: Telling yourself that you are going to become "a self starter" is easier said than done.

— Why is a person who is obviously in love considered to be "wearing his heart on his sleeve" as opposed to on his collar or even on the seat of his pants?

— You know you are a creature of habit if you tell yourself to avoid getting on Andrews High-

way because of road construction, and, yet, five minutes later, you make that right-right turn and get on the crowded roadway anyway.

— And by the time you realize what you have done, it's too late. You are stuck.

— Still, it is not as bad as it was two weeks ago.

— Knock on wood.

— Overheard: "One man's vulgarity is another man's lyric."

— Also overheard: "Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate."

— The older a person gets, the easier it is to get over having a crush on someone.

— Sometimes, in fact, a good night's sleep is all that is needed to make that feeling evaporate.

— Embarrassing moment: Whispering a tacky remark to a friend and suddenly realizing that the target of your comment overheard what you said.

— Lesson No. 1 to be learned: Wait until the person leaves the room before making that tacky remark.

— Lesson No. 2 to be learned: Your voice carries more than you think it does.

— So shut up.

— It is always a heart-warming image to see a

weeping mother greet her son, a military man who has been held captive, the moment he steps off the airplane.

— But the son usually appears just a tad awkward and stiff, as if he is uncomfortable with all of the attention and public affection.

— Hey, it is a "guy" thing.

— Don't you grow weary of people who always have to put a damper, no matter how subtle, on any kind of good news that another person receives?

— Melted cheese tastes good on just about anything.

— No matter how much we try to convince ourselves otherwise, it really does hurt when our ego gets deflated, especially by a member of the opposite sex.

— All things considered, I'm glad I've never felt compelled to hang a pair of fuzzy dice from my rearview mirror.

— And today's final quote comes from Hannah More, who once said, "The world does not require so much to be informed as reminded."

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

Area briefs

More road work

Reece Albert, Inc. Construction crews are planning to start work Wednesday, April 18 to rebuild frontage roads on Loop 250 from Midkiff Road to State Highway 349 (Big Spring Street). While the construction crews are working, traffic will be restricted to one lane only on the frontage roads. When working on the inside lanes, ramps will be closed and traffic will be detoured.

Drivers should observe all warning signs and proceed cautiously through the work zones. State law doubles traffic fines when violations occur where construction crews are working.

The crews will remove and replace existing surface on the service roads. During the first phase, the work will take place on the outside driving lanes — leaving the inside lane as the travel lane. During the second phase, when work is being done on the inside lane, traffic will use the outside lane. The State Highway 349 off ramp will be closed and eastbound traffic will exit Loop 250 at A Street, the westbound Loop 250 on-ramp west of SH 349 also will be closed briefly, and traffic will be detoured westbound to the A Street on-ramp.

The entire construction project should be completed in September.

City to honor employees

The City of Midland will honor 154 employees for their service to Midland at 6:30 p.m. today at the Holiday Inn Country Villa.

The employees will be recognized for 5 to 30 years of

continuous service through 2000. Employees celebrating 25 and 30 years will receive an engraved watch. All others will receive a City of Midland lapel pin. The 10-year pins are embellished with a small pearl; 15-year pins with a small sapphire; and 20-year pins with a small emerald.

Thomas W. Ezell/water and sewer operations, and Jerry R. Petree/fire department, will be recognized for 30 years of service. Constance Glover/municipal court, Thomas L. King/purification plant, David McDonald/street maintenance, Jimmy R. Nelson and Oscar R. Strain/fire department, Michael C. Reed and Robert W. Richardson/police department, and John B. Shumake/communications will be honored for 25-years of service. Twenty-five 20-year employees will also be recognized.

More than 200 employees, guests, and city officials are expected to attend the event.

Swimming classes

The City of Midland Health and Senior Services Division will offer a course aimed at those who operate swimming pools. The operator's course will take place on Thursday during two separate sessions, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 5 p.m. at the Midland Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane.

This year's class will include recent changes to the City of Midland swimming pool ordinance as well as changes relating to water circulation, bacterial standards, disinfectant, chemical feeders and general safety will be discussed. Call 681-7613 to enroll.

Today's Agenda

Battered Women's support group, 6:45 p.m., 683-1300 or 1-800-967-8928.

Tx TOPS Morning Chapter, 8:30 a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church.

The 12 Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-C, 699-2005

Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrows Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall St.

Norman Read Chapter No. 1010 OES, 7:30 p.m., 1600 W. Wall St.

Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 2982 Auxiliary, 8 p.m., VFW hall, 1306 E. Taylor.

Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Guadalupe, #9215, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall, Cherry Lane & Tyler St.

Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, Dot, 683-3775 and Kathy, 580-HELP.

Adult Children of Alcoholics: From Survival to Healing, 7:30 p.m., Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Healthy Alternatives: ADD, 7 p.m., 711 W. Indiana Ave., 570-0272.

Alcoholics Anonymous closed step-study, 8 p.m., 111 E. Michigan Ave., 684-9430 or 687-3427.

Women's Luncheon, noon, American Cancer Society, 2304 W. Wadley Ave. For women with any type of cancer diagnosis. Free lunch served, 687-1949.

POLICE REPORTS

Compiled from staff reports

Truck overturns

A 1999 model International truck carrying 7500 gallons of gasoline and a number of diesel fuel tanks flipped over in Martin County, said Texas Department of Public Safety officials.

At about 3:30 a.m. Monday, the driver veered into the

center median of Interstate 20, near mile marker 151. The truck turned on its side, spilling nearly 2000 gallons of gasoline on the center median of the road.

No one was injured at the accident.

Officials shut Interstate 20 down for clean up, and reopened it again at 11 a.m.

ARTWALK: Group to paint mural on downtown building

(From 1B)

Young people in the group are excited about this upcoming opportunity.

"This is our first real opportunity to be considered as more than scum of the earth," said Nick Pagano, a young tagger who believes graffiti artists are not given the respect they deserve. Pagano has been tagging walls for close to five years and says he puts time and money and love into every wall.

"It's all about respect," Pagano said.

The majority of taggers respect each other's work and although there is occasionally angry competition among taggers, it rarely turns violent. "Instead of using violence, we use art," said Jerry Collazo, another Midland tagger.

Collazo was intrigued by graffiti art he saw in movies and began his own career about three years ago.

Although this has been a hard item to sell to many of Midland's youth, Gutierrez feels it will pay off in the end.

"I think once this year passes these guys will be recognized as artists," said Gutierrez.

Gutierrez was hired by the city in 1998 to deal with the serious

issue of graffiti. He was hired through the Graffiti Abatement Program (G.A.P.), whose motto is "Graffiti Hurts, G.A.P. works."

G.A.P. was started in December 1997 as a response to the increasing number of graffiti related offenses in Midland. At that time the city did not have any ordinances specifically against graffiti art and their artists.

Through this program a property owner can file a consent form with the city allowing a city employee to come to their property and remove the graffiti at no cost to the property owner.

"It really is a good program," said Roberta Riley, neighborhood liaison with G.A.P. "You really don't see much graffiti around town anymore."

Penalties involved with graffiti range from a Class B misdemeanor to a felony.

Gutierrez maintains that most people who participate in this activity will be caught eventu-

OBITUARIES



Roy Green

Roy Don Green was born August 1, 1948 in El Paso, Texas to Rudene (Pack) and Starling Roy Green. He was reared and educated in La Mesa and Las Cruces, New Mexico. He served in the U.S. Army in 1970-71 in Germany. Mr. Green attended New Mexico State University and earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He moved to Monahans where he joined Dowell, then moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma and later San Antonio.

Mr. Green married Susan Coleman in Monahans August 4, 1979, and they lived in Brighton, Colorado before transferring to

Great Bend, Kansas. He joined Servo-Dynamics while in Kansas. The family moved to Midland in 1988. He was currently employed with Petroplex Pipe and Construction as their safety engineer and worked in area sales. Mr. Green was a colonel with the CAF (Confederate Air Force), a member of the AOPA (Aircraft Owner Pilot Association) CAP (Civil Air Patrol), and several petroleum associations.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Green; son, Ryan Green; and daughter, Emily Green, all of Midland; a brother, Roger Green and a sister, Gale Patton, both of Las Cruces, New Mexico. He is also survived by eight nieces and nephews; Christopher Patton, Aaron Patton, Laurel White, Amanda Green, Joshua Green, Chris Harkey, Kim Hubaik and Scott Coleman.

Mr. Green died Saturday, April 14, 2001 in an airplane crash in Midland.

Memorial services are scheduled for 11:00 AM Wednesday, April 18, 2001 in Grace Presbyterian Church with Reverend William Clark officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to High Flight c/o CAF, P.O. Box 6200, Midland, Tx 79711.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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.

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

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

Candace Cowling

Candace Cowling died Sunday, April 15, 2001, in Arlington, Texas.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2001 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Bob Hopkins, of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Candace Cowling was born January 8, 1952 in Midland, Texas to Leslie Vernon and Geraldine Bowers. She graduated from Midland High School and attended Texas Tech in Lub-

bock, where she attained a Bachelor's degree in Business. She was a supervisor of Sales Administration and Meetings for Alcon Laboratories Inc. in Fort Worth, Texas. She grew up attending the First Baptist Church in Midland.

Candy was preceded in death by her father, L.V. Bowers, in 1973. She is survived by her mother, Geraldine Bowers of Midland; her sister, Mrs. Linda Bowers Henly, and husband, Bill, of Dallas; her uncle, Dr. Jack Longbotham and wife, Elisabeth, of Clyde, and W.B. Longbotham and wife, Ida Jo, of Snyder; a very special personal friend, Mr. Milton Barley of Aledo, Tx; and numerous cousins.

DEATH NOTICES

David G. Hanson

BIG SPRING — David G. Hanson, 48, of Carrollton, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, April 13, in Miami, Fla.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today, April 17, at Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, officiating. He was born on Aug. 17, 1952 in Big Spring, and married Mona Bennight on June 4, 1993 in Dallas.

He grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1970. He attended Howard College and worked for Bill Hanson Trucking for eight years. He moved to Dallas in 1983 and worked in the wholesale shoe business until his death.

Survivors include his wife, Mona Bennight-Hanson of Carrollton; three sons, Britt Hanson of Levenworth, Kan., and James Bennight and Paul Bennight, both of Plano; and his parents, Bill and Carolyn Hanson of London, Texas.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas Mark Hanson.

The family suggests memorials be directed to: The Two/Ten Foundation, 1466 Main St., Waltham, Mass., 02451 or to a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Aurora Munoz

Aurora Munoz died at her Midland residence on Monday, April 16.

A rosary has been set for 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services have been scheduled for 10 a.m., Thursday, April 19, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Jerome Burnett, OMI, officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Ms. Munoz was born Feb. 3, 1942 in Presidio, to Benjamin and

Maria Ramirez. On May 25, 1958, she married Guadalupe Munoz in Midland. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Arthur Ramirez.

She is survived by her husband, Guadalupe Munoz, of Midland; two sons, Guadalupe Munoz, Jr. and Armando Munoz, both of Midland; five daughters, Natalia M. Brown of Midland, Sylvia M. Inocencio of Grand Prairie, Grace Charuk of Midland, Christina M. Perez of Midland, and Stephanie Munoz of Midland; four brothers, Abel Ramirez of Lubbock, Alfredo Ramirez of Lubbock, Raul Ramirez of North Carolina and Junior Ramirez of Lubbock; six sisters, Raquel Faz of Lubbock, Angelina Sanchez of Carlsbad, N.M., Carolina Natividad of Lubbock, Alice Hernandez of Lubbock, Norma Ramirez of Lubbock and Ann Ramirez of Lubbock; 23 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Bob Petree

STANTON — Bob Petree, 70, died Friday, April 13, in Wills Point.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., today, April 17, at First Baptist Church, Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor officiating.

Graveside services will be 3:30 p.m., today, at Potosi Cemetery, Potosi.

He was born Sept. 3, 1930 in Stanton and married Betty Jo Williams on Dec. 16, 1976 in Stanton.

He worked as a repairman for El Paso Natural Gas Company for 32 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Stanton. He was preceded in death by his parents, M.A. and Erlene Petree.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Petree of Stanton; two daughters, Pam Hoppe of Austin and Patti Briggs of Stanton; three step-children, Wayne Elliot, Cindy Dodson and Charla Crawford, all of Odessa; two brothers, Wayne Petree of Odessa and

Maurice Petree of Houston; one sister, Joyce Allen of Lubbock; three grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1168, Stanton, 79782.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Billy Sheppard

BIG SPRING — Billy Mac "Bill" Sheppard, 66, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, April 15, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with Rev. James Liggett officiating.

He was born on Oct. 16, 1934 in Merkel. He married Dene Choate on April 16, 1954 in Carlsbad, N.M. Bill was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and had been a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.J. "Bill" and Lola Sheppard.

He is survived by his wife, Dene Sheppard of Big Spring; three daughters, Teresa Sheppard of Big Spring, Cindy Inman of Midland and Connie Plagens of Garden City; one son, Scot Sheppard of Coahoma; one brother, Rodney Sheppard of Austin and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jessie Smith Jr.

Services for Jessie Henry Smith Jr. will be 2 p.m. today, April 17, at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Robert Lathan officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Reye-Garcia Funeral Home.

Smith died Friday, April 13, in a Dallas hospital.

He was born Nov. 12, 1945 to Jessie Smith Sr., (deceased) and Ozela Smith.

He attended Carver High School in Midland where he

graduated as Valedictorian of the class of 1963. After graduation, he attended Texas A&M University in College Station, and Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He graduated from Texas Tech with a B.A. degree in Business Administration.

He enlisted in the United States Navy and was awarded several medals of commendation.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jessie Smith Sr.

Survivors include his mother, Ozela Smith of Midland; his children, Stephanie Lorraine Smith, Jerome Smith, Camille Smith and Jonas Smith of Austin; a sister, Carolyn Gilbert of Midland; a brother, John H. Smith of Austin; and two grandchildren.

Treavah Jo Conner

SEMINOLE — Treavah Jo Conner, 48, died Sunday, April 15 at Permian General Hospital in Andrews.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 18 at the Community Chapel in Seminole with Leo Copeland officiating. Burial will follow in the Gaines County Cemetery South. Services will be under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home of Seminole.

She was born July 20, 1952 in Seminole and married Dennis Alfred Conner on June 4, 1970. She was a member of the Church of Christ and the Desk and Derrick Club where she served as president. She graduated from Seminole High School and attended Business College in Odessa.

Survivors include her husband, Dennis Conner of Andrews; one son, Michael Conner of Andrews; her parents, Joe and Wanda Mason of Seminole; and one brother, Bryan Mason of Midland.

Santos Lujan Sr.

BIG SPRING — Santos Lopez Lujan Sr., 79, of Big Spring, died Monday, April 16, in his home.

Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

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TODAY'S FUNERALS

LEO M. MCCOLLUM
10 a.m. Memorial service —
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LEARN: Trip included planes, trains ... buses

(From 1B)

They donned gauzy looking shower-cap affairs and removed their watches and other jewelry before entering a food processing plant where thousands and thousands of cans filled with corn, peppers, salsa, tomato paste, zucchini, tomatoes, etc. were sealed and then rolled inexorably onward to be cooked, cooled and labeled.

They sat in their seats while the bus rolled past the Delphi automobile component plant, where the governor was speaking, past the Victoria's Secret maquila, past miles of freshly planted vegetables, through a huge industrial park where they were shown through a corrugated cardboard plant about the size of three football fields, where each box is imprinted with the name of the team who makes it, and they were told that the team making the best box each month is recognized and rewarded.

They observed the cleanliness of the dock, the pierside facilities from which cement, petroleum products, legumes, grain and processed foods are sent across the bay to La Paz and beyond.

As the bus wound its way through town toward the hotel, they noted the ubiquitous signs of progress and growth: electronics stores, office buildings, health clubs and taekwondo gyms, and Mexicans walking down the streets with cell phones at their ears.

They were wine and dined

in a private club that they arrived at through a huge complex of grain elevators, and entertained first by mariachis, then by a troop of students from a nearby university, performing the traditional Tarahumara deer dance.

They had left Midland International Airport at 6 a.m. that morning and at about midnight Pacific time, they made their final stop at the hotel, leaving a wake-up call for 4 a.m. — they had to be on the train bound for Copper Canyon the next morning at six.

On the train, they met with an official of Ferromex, who not only outlined the railroad's ongoing improvements, but also listened to the Texans' suggestions. Start taking credit cards, Motran suggested, and the official said preparations for credit card acceptance were already under way.

And while the train groaned through increasingly thinner air, through 86 tunnels and over 39 bridges where butterflies the color of lemons flitted past madrones and junipers and flowering shrubs so vivid that their beauty is almost unbearable, they tried to keep awake.

At the town of San Rafael, deep in the Barranca de Cobre Copper Canyon, they disembarked, piled onto a bus built for climbing, not for speed, and gladly rode up the hill to the Hotel Mirador, perched like a hot pink caterpillar along a ridge overlooking half the world on one side and the village with its train station, habitations, small stores and church

on the other.

That night, they once again had music, this time a solo guitarist/vocalist who was soon joined first by the guide, Juan Leon, who, it turns out, was not only interpreter/bus driver/musician/singer/standup comedian and indefatigable collector of historical esoterica, but also a calligrapher and photographer who was a friend of Tarahumara, rare among outsiders.

The next morning, Palm Sunday, some of them walked down to the village church and because Mass would not begin until 5:30 that afternoon, they did the best they could, with an ecumenical, multicultural, bilingual communion service, using bread and wine from the night before.

When they returned, it was time to go down the hill to catch the train again, this time to ride to Chihuahua City.

When they arrived in Ciudad Chihuahua, they experienced yet another example of Mexican hospitality. Joaquin Barrios Cardenas, coordinator of studies and projects for the state of Chihuahua, who had made a presentation before the joint meetings in Los Mochis, was waiting at the train station to take them to the Hotel San Francisco.

The next morning, in a flurry of goodbyes, they expressed their satisfaction to the desk clerk at the hotel. He accepted the thanks of one of them and said, "When you go back to Texas, please just tell them we are honest."

FUTURE: Sipes says corridor will become more and more important

(From 1B)

Sipes said that until last week's trip to Mexico, he hadn't been aware of the depth of commitment to the La Entrada project by the states of Sinaloa and Chihuahua.

"Up to now, we'd been dealing principally with the Chihuahuans, and we knew that they were building and upgrading from Chihuahua (City) north, but we were not aware of what they were doing to the west from Chihuahua," Sipes said. "And we certainly were not aware of what they had been doing in Sinaloa."

"We had a representative from Sinaloa at the Tex 21 (a coalition of city councils and counties dedicated to improving transportation in Texas) meeting, but I didn't get the sense of commitment then that I see now, and seeing where they've already started building the first 40 kilometers of new road, with commitments to 40 kilometers per year, that's exciting."

"Our job is to make it happen in Texas. It's urgent that we take it to TxDOT and let them know that in a few years all these roads are going to be finished, and we're going to have a problem unless we get started and take a proactive role in getting roads built and upgraded," he said.

"As I tried to explain to the representative from Sinaloa, right now we have funded the reliever route around Midland. We have two studies going on from north of Lamesa to Midland to hook up with this reliever route. And that probably will be the next push that we'll make — to get the bypass around Lamesa, and a conver-

sion of the two-lane Highway 349 to four lanes. Then we'll have four lanes all the way from I-40 to Crane," Sipes said.

Sipes said he knows it won't be easy.

"From Crane to Presidio is going to be a problem because that's going to be a lot of miles, and we're going to have to work on it a piece at a time. It's going to be a real challenge, but as I told the Sinaloa folks, we'll continually remind those with the ability to make decisions that it's going to happen on the Mexican side." A daunting task, Sipes admits, given the cost of road-building.

"We will have to have the support of the governor, the TxDOT commissioner, and the staff at TxDOT are probably the least excited," Sipes said, "because they have so many other priorities, and they can see I-35's needs; they can see Houston's needs; and they can see Dallas' needs, but what they need to see is that if they will move some of that traffic away from I-35 proactively, then it will solve some problems without having to build huge amounts of new pavement in those areas. That's what I see as a major benefit."

Sipes stressed the long-term nature of the Texas road

improvements.

"If we get this corridor developed, I can see China, Korea, Thailand, Taiwan, all shipping through the port of Topolobampo, coming to Midland and then into the Midwest and northeast of the U.S., which is where the big markets are. That will move goods faster and more efficiently than taking them all the way around to the Panama Canal, docking at Houston and trying to get through that mess, or going all the way to the east coast and shipping them back."

Sipes said he is cognizant of the price tag, but feels it will be cost effective.

"You might be talking about \$200 to \$300 million on our side, and on their side, about \$1 billion, but you put one freeway through Houston alone, and you'll spend that much money."

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"I think we need to realize we're in a global market. We're isolated in West Texas, and this will put us in a position to participate in that market."

Texan crew member returns to Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — One of two Texans aboard the Navy spy plane detained by the Chinese military earlier this month returned home to the Houston area Monday where ribbons, balloons and flags and chicken tacos awaited him.

Navy cryptologic technician Rodney Young and his family, who greeted him Saturday upon his return to Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, Wash., arrived back in Texas as Young began a 30-day leave.

"It feels great," he said after getting off a plane at Bush Intercontinental Airport. "I can't really say much more about it. It feels great to be back home."

"I am kind of ready to just stay on the ground for a while."

Young said he had been overwhelmed by the support given to him and his crewmates.

"Everybody opened their doors and we're like: 'This is for us?'" he said from a podium set up at an airport terminal. "We didn't even know everybody was behind us like this."

"I don't really get homesick but something about this trip — I was ready to get home."

He said he would "just hang out with my family and take a little time off." But he said he might not take the full 30-day furlough he was entitled to.

"After about two weeks, I'm kind of ready to go back," he laughed. "It's great to be back in Houston. It's just great to be back in a great city."

His mother, Tilda Young, had said the yellow ribbons tied to poles and trees throughout their Brenwood subdivision in west Houston would stay up until her son could see them.

On Monday, neighbors added red, white and blue ribbons, balloons and flags and planned a celebration to mark the return of Young and his parents.

"As parents, we all feel like we're sharing in their excitement about him coming back," neighbor Pattie Hopper said.

Tilda Young also warned her son's favorite west Houston Tex-Mex restaurant should plan for an onslaught of orders for chicken tacos, her son's favorite dish.

The 24-person spy plane crew collided with a Chinese fighter jet in international air space over the South China Sea on April 1. The Chinese jet crashed, killing its pilot, while the crippled Navy turboprop made an emergency landing at a Chinese airbase on Hainan island.

China released the crew last Wednesday after the United States said it was "very sorry" for the Chinese pilot's death and the subsequent emergency landing, which was done without permission.

Young's parents have said they were looking forward to

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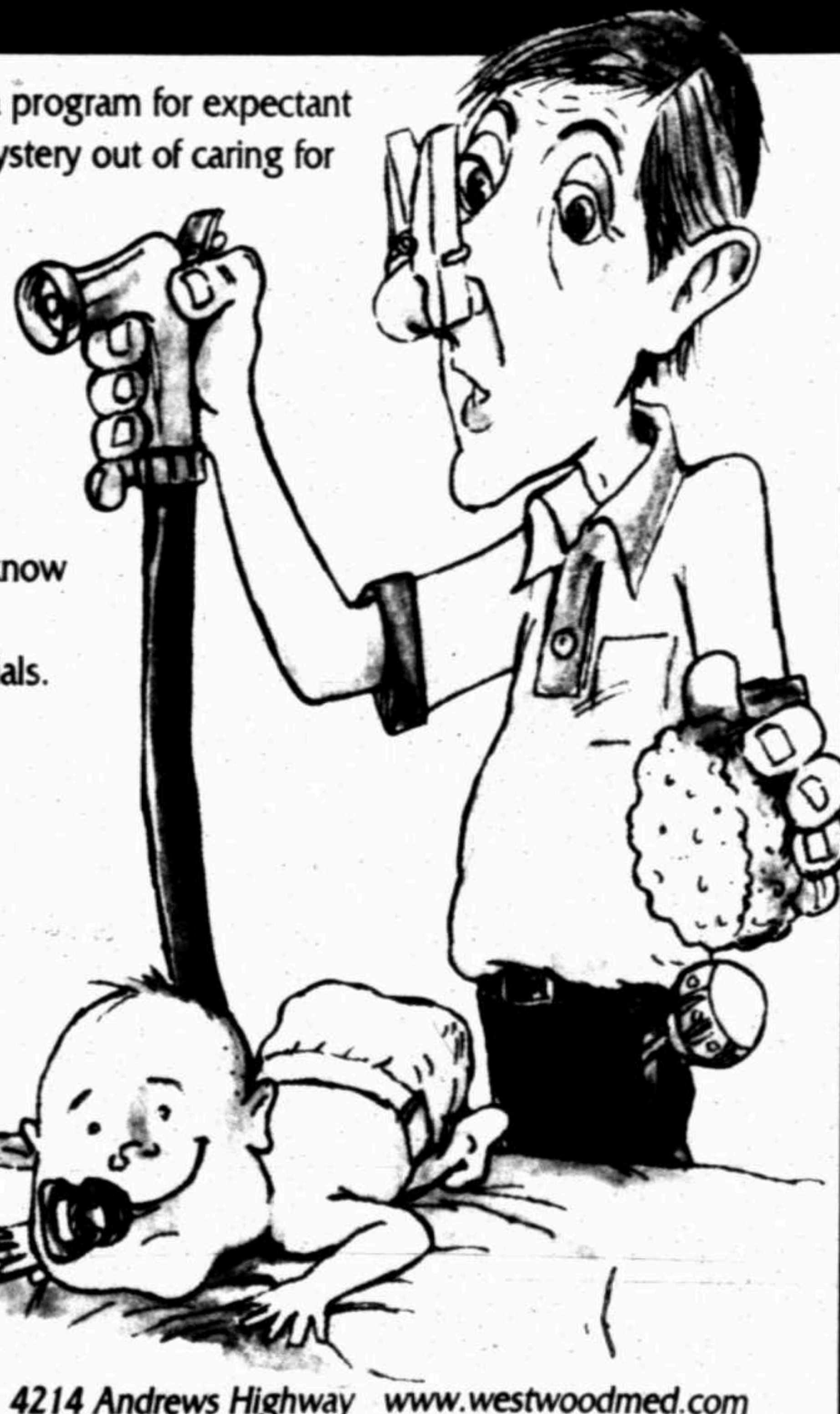
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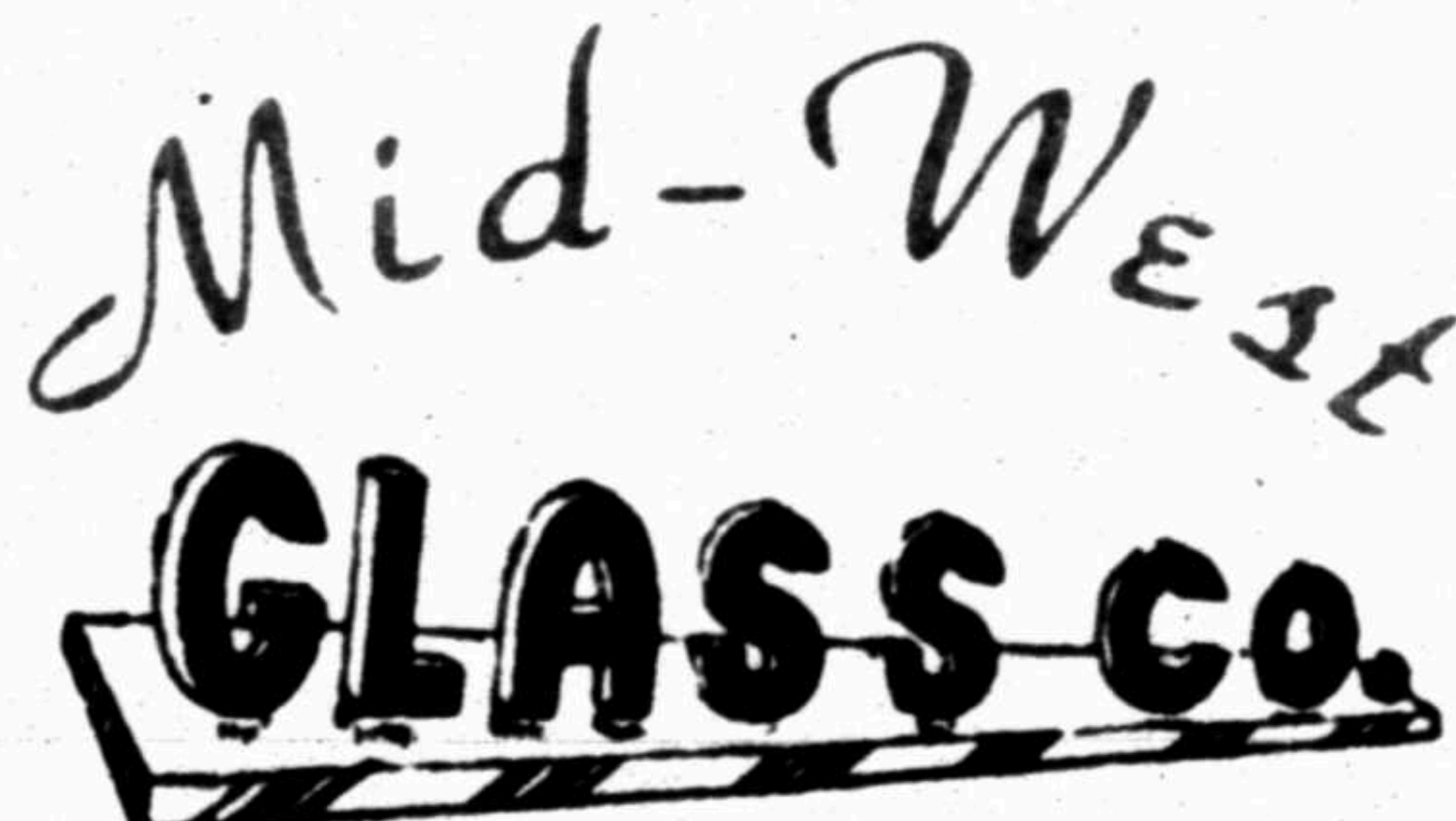
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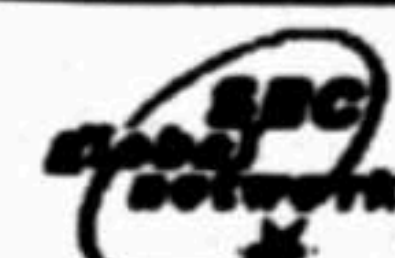


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Daniel Watts

Congress has passed legislation that gives individual states the authority to establish Qualified State Tuition programs—a boon for anyone interested in saving as much money as possible for a college education. Recent changes to these programs, also called Section 529 College Savings Plans after the IRS code that establishes them, have allowed individuals to contribute substantially more money toward higher-education expenses while reaping significant tax benefits. Most states already have the new version of these College Savings Plans in place. Since these state-sponsored savings plans typically have no income restrictions and allow for relatively large contributions that can exceed six figures in many cases, they can be

the answer to the education funding concerns of many middle- and upper-income families.

The funds in College Savings Plans are usually invested in a family of pre-selected portfolios according to the age of the student or the years to enrollment in college. The contributor has no say in how the funds are invested other than a possible choice of a balanced or conservative savings option. The portfolios typically hold more equities while the account's student beneficiary is young. As the student ages, funds are automatically moved into portfolios with a larger portion of fixed-income investments, thus reducing the risk of stock market volatility on funds needed to pay for college expenses in the near future. The performance of the portfolios depends on market conditions and there is no guarantee that there will be enough money in the account to cover all education expenses.

Those saving for education expenses through College Savings Plans may be able to benefit from the many tax-advantages that these accounts provide on the contribution, growth and distribution levels. While contributions are not federally tax-deductible, they may be deductible on state or local tax returns. Of course, savings options and fund performance should also be examined.

The assets in a College Savings Plan grow tax-deferred, meaning that any dividends and realized capital gains are not taxed annually. The earnings on distributions used for qualified education expenses, which include tuition, fees, certain room and board expenses, supplies and equipment, are taxable upon withdrawal at the student's rate. Since most children do not have earned income, the federal tax rate is usually 15 percent. Penalties apply to non-qualified withdrawals.

Several states allow accounts to be opened by and for non-residents. If you are already saving within a custodial account, an Education IRA and with U.S. Savings Bonds, you may want to explore the tax-free transfer of these savings to a College Savings Plan. Your Financial Advisor can help provide more information and can help you decide which education-funding strategy may be appropriate in your case.

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Create the "Six Questions Test" to explain the benefits cus-

tomers receive from doing business with you. Here's an example. "Six Questions you need to ask (your type of business) before you buy." You can use a brochure, a piece of paper, a sales flyer, a newspaper ad, or a poster at the office.

Put a lot of technical information in the piece. Explain issues your customers would otherwise not know. The more technical it is, the more believable it is. It's not marketing hype, but valuable things to know before you buy anything from your particular kind of business. Providing the technical detail will show the difference between you and a competitor. Potential customers will receive a written checklist that explains your industry and the way you do business. Their confidence in your busi-

ness will grow and you'll improve your "positioning" in the market.

Don't limit yourself to just six questions. Use as many as possible. The more questions you list and answer, the greater the chance your customers will see the service, product, or standard of business practice that they deserve. Better yet, they'll know you care about them.

What next? Brainstorm with your team about the detailed or technical items that your customers don't know that should make a difference in their buying decision. Then create, 6, 12, 18, or 24 questions based on the results of the session, and note why each question was important. Then, write it up so that the customer will understand the benefit of knowing the answer.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Minnie Driver announces engagement to actor Josh Brolin



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NEW YORK — Actors Josh Brolin, 33, and Minnie Driver, 30, are engaged but no wedding date has been set, according to People magazine online.

The London-born Driver, whose past romances include "Good Will Hunting" co-star Matt Damon and actor John Cusack, fell for Brolin when they filmed 1998's "Slow Burn." People magazine reported. He was previously married to actress Deborah Adair.

"It's obvious they are very much in love," said Danny McKeever, Brolin's

auto-racing instructor.

Brolin, the son of actor James Brolin, won the 24th annual Toyota Pro-Celebrity Race on the streets of downtown Long Beach, Calif., in early April. Driver has starred in several films, most recently in "Beautiful," directed by Sally Field.

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Rosie O'Donnell will hand off hosting duties at Nickelodeon's 14th Annual Kids' Choice Awards to someone else.

The talk-show host's hand injury will keep her from appearing at the awards show Saturday night. O'Donnell, who has been the host of the event the past four years straight, was treated earlier this month for a staph infection after three surgeries to repair a severed tendon.

"Rosie is under doctor orders not to travel at this time, and her health is our first and foremost concern," said Albie Hecht, executive producer of the Kids' Choice Awards and president of film and TV production for Nickelodeon, TV Land and TNN.

Hecht said "Rosie is irreplaceable" but there will be a "special surprise guest" along with other celebrities including Cameron Diaz, Eddie Murphy and Mike Myers to run the show.

NEW YORK — He's played a South Boston slacker and a high-strung Los Angeles advertising executive. But Ben Affleck says the role he'd like to play in real life is Washington lawmaker.

"My fantasy is that someday I'm independently wealthy enough that I'm not beholden to anybody, so I can run for Congress on the grounds that everyday people — be they singers or poets or bankers or lawyers or teachers — should be in government," Affleck says in the May issue of GQ magazine, on newsstands April 24.

"Not to get too Susan Sarandon on you, but part of what I'd get off on would be the oration, the speechmaking and the idea of leading."

The 28-year-old actor, who co-starred in 1997's "Good Will Hunting" and last year's "Bounce," was a big supporter of former President Clinton and of Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign for the U.S. Senate. He stars next in the much-hyped epic "Pearl Harbor," which opens Memorial Day weekend.

NEW YORK — Actor Dudley Moore, star of "Arthur" and "10," sent an open invitation to guests wanting to help celebrate his 66th birthday at a benefit concert Monday night.

"It's a very low key affair at a little place... Carnegie Hall," Moore wrote. "You can only imagine how my supposed friends are going to try to embarrass me with clips from the many movies I've made — fortunately there are a couple of duds by ol' Dud that they won't be able to find, even at a discount video store."

Moore, who is suffering from a Parkinson's-like brain disorder called Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, is to be entertained by stars including hosts Sir Michael Caine and Dame Julie Andrews along with guests Mary Tyler Moore, Chevy Chase and Bo Derek, Moore's co-star in "10."

Proceeds from the event will benefit two of Moore's charities: Music for All Seasons and the Dudley Research Fund for PSP.

NEW YORK — Lisa Ling, co-host of ABC's "The View"

talk show, planned to lace up for Monday's 26-mile Boston Marathon after only 1 1/2 months of training.

"I am nervous," Ling told New York's Daily News in Sunday's editions. "I pulled a hamstring and tendon in my foot. But I will just try to relax now. I'm going to finish the marathon by sheer force of will."

Ling was to have several family members along the route to offer encouragement.

Ling lost a 14-year-old cousin to liver cancer. Her uncle gath-

ered a team to run the marathon to raise money for pediatric cancer, but he collapsed from a heart attack and died. Ling stepped in to take his place and has so far raised \$80,000.

"It takes a lot of time and energy," said Ling, whose longest run so far has been 20 miles. "I'll never forget this. It's going to help so many people. But sometimes when I'm training, I talk to Ali and Jack and say, 'Why the Boston Marathon?'"

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TV TONIGHT

TUESDAY EVENING

APRIL 17, 2001

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April 17, 2001:

You gain through your strong will, intelligence and willingness to take risks. Exchange ideas and get down to basics with others. Plan the path to your desired goals by enlisting help where you need it. Network and spread your wings this year. Your circle of friends takes on a different energy. Also, you could let go of a difficult associate. If you are single, you meet people easily. A trip might be unusually significant. In late June or July, you'll meet someone very important to you. If you are attached, your relationship benefits from doing more together. Consider that dream trip. AQUARIUS surprises you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ****

Listen to a waking thought, whether you call it a dream or an inspiration. Exchanging your ideas with others brings success through a common purpose. Opt for spontaneity, and encourage others to do the same. Tonight: Don't forget an important friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ****

Take charge and go with an idea rather than fighting the inevitable. A partner supports you no matter which way you go. Speak your mind and let others know where you are coming from. A boss appreciates your versatility and thoughts. Ask for the freedom and the responsibility you want. Tonight: Could be a late night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ****

Another really does care. Reach out for this person and don't worry so much about what he thinks. If there's a question about a potential suitor, treat him as a potential

friend. Information comes forward that might force you to regroup. Check facts. Tonight: Surf the Net while listening to a favorite CD.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ****

Adjust plans to maximize your efforts. Think through an answer you give to a boss, who might be evaluating a decision. Associates surprise you with suggestions. Financially, you pull the wild card. Anything is possible. Play it conservatively. Tonight: Surprise a partner or loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ****

Others will play peacock and display their colors. Meanwhile, understand that one specific person wants to lure you in a big way. You could be surprised by the extremes. Express what you want and expect. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ****

Discuss an invitation carefully with a partner. One-on-one relating takes you in a new direction. An associate steps out and relates in a different way. Your nerves could be frayed. You might be like a cauldron ready to boil over. Tonight: Do something relaxing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ****

You could reverse your opinion if given more facts. You might not be sure about what is more effective. Survey several different friends and associates. Your impulsiveness delights a new friend or loved one. Let it all hang out. Tonight: Play with your kid or be a kid again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ****

If you have been considering a home office or a change in your work, make sure it really suits you. What sounds nice might not work out. Remember, yours is a sign

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

that bucks change, even when it wants it.

Tonight: At home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ****

Speak your mind, and you'll get feedback from those you care about. Also, what you hear proves to be most helpful. Be playful with others, even at work. A positive attitude goes a long way toward building creativity. Answer your calls, as you might get some surprises! Tonight: Stop at a favorite eatery.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ****

Figure out what would make you, as well as a family member, most comfortable. Check out a forthcoming expenditure carefully. You might decide not to do it, or you might make another choice. Be careful with funds. Tonight: Treat another well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ****

Once more, you surprise yourself and others. Discussions give you an insight that encourages you to head in a new direction. Do not lose sight of what you want. Merely settling does not become you. Others admire your dedication. Tonight: As you like it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ****

Think carefully about what you want and need. Take an opportunity to carefully revamp your budget. You might not be rock-solid on a money matter. Speak to your accountant or a "wise" friend and get feedback. You could be jolted. Tonight: Answer e-mail or curl up with a good book.

BORN TODAY

Soviet leader Nikita Krushchev (1894), football player Boomer Esiason (1961), Spice Girl Victoria "Posh" Beckham (1974)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Absolute Faith

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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♦ AKJ102	♦ 9876
♣ AQ43	♣ K1072

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The bidding: SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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The secret of good defense is quite simple: Trust your partner. Watch one of the world's great pairs, Bob Hamman and Bobby Wolff, both of Dallas, at work on this deal from a major international pair event.

First, note the faith South placed in partner's vulnerable overall. The good spots in spades meant that the suit could probably play opposite a doubleton and, since it seemed likely that four hearts would make, going down two doubled would show a profit against a vulnerable game.

Wolff led his singleton club. Declarer rose with dummy's ace and immediately played the queen, king and ace of diamonds, discarding a heart as West ruffed. On these three tricks, East, Hamman, followed with

the eight, seven and six of diamonds respectively.

Since East could have played these cards in any order he chose, it was obvious to West that partner was suggesting an entry in hearts. (With no high card in hearts, East would have played his lowest diamond first.) West dutifully led a heart away from the ace-king. In with the queen, East cashed the king of clubs and gave partner a club ruff. That permitted the defenders to collect two high spades, a heart and a club to go with their ruffs in diamonds and clubs, down three for 800.

As the cards lie, there were other ways to collect six tricks against four spades doubled. However, they depended on specific distributions while this was a sure thing.

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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16 Stiff collars	
17 Ponders	
18 Neither Rep. nor Dem.	
19 Cad	
20 Fall guy	
21 S-shaped molding	
22 Sun or moon	
23 Parade pace	
24 New Yorker cartoonist Wilson	
25 Cape Canaveral event	
26 More than heavy	
27 Spanish stew	
28 G-men	
29 Bring to trial	
30 Angers	
31 Sci-fi film extras	
32 Seventh Greek letter	
33 Boxing class	
34 Hanoi holiday	
35 Director Kazan	
36 Concert cry	
37 Citrus cooler	
38 "Phooey!"	
39 Phonograph inventor	
40 Souvenir shop purchase	
41 Touch-up strokes	
42 Play ending	
43 In an impressively great way	
44 Takes turns	
45 Leave a life of crime	
46 Fred's vaudeville partner	
47 Allotted, with "out"	
48 Last word in movies?	
49 Gymnast's aspiration	
50 Pine tree dropping	
51 Cardiff residents	
52 Dell offering	
53 Believe not	
54 Go out as a foursome, maybe	
55 Rabbit coop	
56 Antony and Chagall	
57 Actress Patricia	
58 Declare untrue	

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

Community says Baylor too lenient on cat killing

WACO (AP) — In the past few weeks an unusual message has popped up on a few benches around town: "It was CRIMINAL to kill Queso the cat!"

It is the most visible sign of the public outcry since two Baylor University baseball players were charged with shooting, skinning and beheading a cat last month.

The incident has hit a nerve in the community, where many folks say they believe the players' 15-day suspension from the team was too lenient. Some residents and students are now criticizing Baylor, the oldest university in Texas and the largest Baptist college in the world.

Baylor officials said that the players were disciplined but refuse to elaborate, citing laws protecting students' privacy.

More than 50 letters have poured in to the Waco Tribune-Herald about the incident, and only about five support the players and school, or say animal lovers are overreacting.

Most letters express outrage about the cat's death or how Baylor has handled the matter, said John Young, the newspaper's opinion editor who recently wrote a column on the community's reaction.

On March 9, Waco police responded to a report that someone shot a cat at a Taco Cabana near the Baylor campus and fled in a sport utility vehicle. Employees had seen the animal frequently in the parking lot and had nicknamed it "Queso."

Officers then stopped reserve outfielder Clint Bowers' vehicle and saw what appeared to be blood on the door and steering wheel. Police reported finding a severed, skinned cat's head in the back beneath some clothing, as well as a pellet gun, a knife and a golf club that appeared to have cat hair on it.

Bowers and pitcher Derek Brehm were charged with animal cruelty, a misdemeanor, and face up to one year in jail and a \$4,000 fine if convicted.

Police presented the case last week to the McLennan County district attorney's office, which has been bombarded with calls and letters.

Student misconduct on or off campus "detracts from the Christian witness Baylor strives to present to the world," according to the 2000-2001 student handbook.

Baylor officials did not return calls Monday seeking comment about misconduct policies.

DEAR ABBY

Widowed and divorced men make easy targets for a con

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from "Worried About Dad in New Mexico." She's the daughter of the man who was widowed five years ago. She told you that shortly after her mother's death, her father began dating women about 45 years his junior — and that he had spent more than \$20,000 on those "girls." She said his house had been robbed three times, and the last woman who robbed him had grabbed his wallet and run out of the house topless, where she was met by an accomplice and driven away.

You told her — in so many words — that you thought he needed his head examined and possibly a conservatorship.

I can tell you from personal experience that being older and having reduced mental capacity is not the likely reason for her dad blowing money on those young women. It is more likely because he is male and lonely. Men do not

take well to losing their spouses, whether because of death or divorce. I know, because I am 44 and have been there.

Soon after my divorce, I would have put up with almost anything to have a companion. I didn't lose money at the level that "Worried's" father did, but then, I didn't have that much to lose. After the third woman "took me," I began to wise up and figured that either my name was being passed around, or someone out there was conducting classes to teach women how to get money out of lonely men.

I should have known better — not just because I'm smart, but because I'm a counselor for divorced and single fathers with the Missouri-Kansas Chapter of the National Congress for Fathers and Children. I had worked with divorced and single fathers for seven years at the time of my own divorce in 1996.

I agree with you that the man should have both a physical and

mental checkup, because depression is very common in men after such events. I am going this week to a mental health facility for a follow-up myself.

Aside from that, the daughter should encourage her father to attend singles events for people his age. I know that this makes her uncomfortable, but if she wants to see her father live for many more years to come, the best medicine right now may be meeting someone new.

Because I believe that all recently divorced or widowed men should have depression testing, you may use my name.

GEORGE R. McCASLAND
DEAR GEORGE: Thank you for an interesting letter. While you may be right that the father's problem could be loneliness and

depression, I was concerned because his daughter reported that despite having installed an alarm system and motion detector, her father's house had been robbed three times, and his credit cards and ID stolen by women he had picked up or their accomplices. I felt he should be evaluated because the next time it happened, he could be injured or worse.

If the man passes muster and reads your letter, perhaps he will be lucky and find the "medicine" that you recommend. I'm not against having fun; I only want him to play safely.

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

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WORLDSCOPE

(10 points for each question
answered correctly)



1) U.S. General Neal Sealock made a brief statement to the press after his meeting with the 24 crew members of a US Navy surveillance plane that made an emergency landing on (CHOOSE ONE: Hainan, Taiwan) after colliding with a Chinese jet.

2) The U.N. war crimes tribunal wants to put Slobodan Milosevic, the former president of (CHOOSE ONE: Croatia, Yugoslavia), on trial.

3) The U.S. (CHOOSE ONE: Army, Marine Corps) blamed a fatal crash of the V-22 Osprey on the aircraft's computer software and a flaw in the flight control system that it had known of for 18 months.

4) Following his victory with a campaign finance reform bill, Sen. John McCain of (CHOOSE ONE: Nevada, Arizona) introduced legislation that would ban betting on college sports in Nevada.

5) The Supreme Court of (CHOOSE ONE: Pakistan, India) set aside corruption convictions against former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, and ordered a retrial.

NEWSNAME

(15 points for correct answer or answers)



As president of Egypt, I urged the U.S. to become more involved in Middle East negotiations. Who am I?

YOUR SCORE:
91 to 100 points — TOP SCORE!
81 to 90 points — Excellent
71 to 80 points — Good
61 to 70 points — Fair

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Answers To The Quiz

WORLDSCOPE: 1-Hainan; 2-Yugoslavia; 3-Marine Corps; 4-Arizona; 5-Pakistan.
NEWSNAME: Hosni Mubarak.
MATCHWORDS: 1-d; 2-b; 3-a; 4-c; 5-b.
PEOPLE & SPORTS: 1-Tiger Woods won his 72nd Grand Slam golf tournament in a row when he won the Masters Golf Tournament in Georgia. a-2nd b-3rd c-4th

2-Hideo Nomo of the 72nd pitched the first no-hitter in two years in the major league when he defeated the Baltimore Orioles, 3-0.

3-Willie Stargell, the home run hitter who helped the 72nd win two World Series with his power and leadership, died at the age of 61.

4-An Italian American legal group in Chicago sued the producers of cable TV's popular show "The Contender," saying it paints Italians as born criminals.

5-A coalition of artists, academics, free speech advocates and politicians denounced a new "decency panel" formed by New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani in response to a work of art that depicts Jesus as a nude black woman.

Plates: 4-The Sopranos; 5-Rudolph Giuliani.

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Dumais brothers find path to success in competitive diving goes through Texas

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

It seems like a matter of practicality that the children of the Dumais family of Ventura, Calif. took up diving. With five young restless kids, Marc and Kathleen Dumais figured diving was as good an activity as any to keep them occupied.

"It was something just to get the kids out of the house," said Justin Dumais, the oldest of the Dumais children. "My mom had five kids in the house under eight."

Not only did diving get the Dumais kids out of the house, it has gotten three of them as far away from Southern California as Texas.

Four of the Dumais clan are scheduled to be in Midland this week for the U.S. National Indoor Diving Championships at Mabee Memorial Aquatic Center. Competition begins today at 5:30 p.m. with preliminary rounds in the men's and women's 3-meter and platform synchronized events.

Justin and Troy Dumais, the two oldest siblings, have led the migration to Texas, as both are juniors at the University of Texas. Brice Dumais, the third oldest,

Brothers Troy, left, and Justin Dumais will compete at the U.S. National Indoor Diving Championships, which start today at Mabee Memorial Aquatic Center.

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

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RockHounds AT HOME



Midland's Jay Pecci slides in safely at third base — just ahead of the throw from Round Rock right fielder Kyle Logan to third baseman Cesar

Morillo, left. The RockHounds lost their second straight home game Monday at Christensen Stadium, falling to the Express, 7-3

Lack of clutch hits, late bullpen problem doom RockHounds against hot Express

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The Midland RockHounds just can't find a way to beat the Round Rock Express.

If it's not errors plaguing the RockHounds, like they did in a 5-2 loss on Sunday, it's leaving too many ducks on the pond. The RockHounds not only stranded 14 runners on base Monday but also saw the bullpen buckle with a five-run ninth inning by Round Rock in a 7-3 win by the Express at Christensen Stadium.

Round Rock has now taken the last two straight games in Midland and has won six out of the eight meetings against the RockHounds this season. The Express broke a 2-2 tie with a big ninth inning which saw Round Rock smoke Midland's pitching staff with six hits, four of which went for extra base hits.

"That's the way it's been all year," said Express right fielder Kyle Logan about the ninth-inning outburst. "It started at home and we've just carried it over to the road. It seems like the later innings we tend to score more runs. All it takes is for someone to get a big hit to get things started."

It all started with a Barry Wesson triple to the gap in right-center field off Midland reliever Eric

Thompson (0-1). Tyler Yates was then brought in relief of Thompson but the fire was far from extinguished.



Carlos Maldonado doubled to bring home Wesson, Chris Tremie had a sacrifice bunt to move Maldonado to third and then Logan brought home Maldonado with another double to right field,

which seemed to have some leverage thanks to the 30 mph wind gusts.

"The wind caused the ball to go all over the place in the outfield," Logan said. "It's been real bad the last two games. I thought a tornado was coming."

Yates appeared to be closer to getting out of the inning when he struck out David Matrangola. But Yates' misery on the mound wasn't over as Eric Bruntlett hit a triple to the right-center field gap to score Logan for a 5-3 lead. Yates exited after walking Jason Lane.

Yates came into the game with a team-leading three saves and a 0.00 ERA. This just wasn't his night.

"Tyler is going to learn from this, I'm sure," said Midland manager Tony DeFrancesco. "Tyler had executed three out of four save (opportunities) for us this year."

Bryan Mazur was brought in and he also was given a rude greeting from the Express with back-to-back RBI singles from Charley Carter and Cesar Morillo. The inning finally ended when Morillo was caught in a rundown between second and third base.

The Hounds had their opportunities in the game to score more runs, especially with bases loaded in the first and seventh innings. They instead walked away with nothing leaving a total of six runners stranded in those two innings alone.

"You saw early in the game that we had bases loaded and came away with nothing," said Midland manager Tony DeFrancesco. "We need to learn that when we have the opportunities to score some runs, we better take advantage of that."

Midland did add a solo home run by Josh Hochgesang in the bottom of the ninth inning for the final margin.

Brandon Puffer (2-0) got the win for Round Rock in relief as he went 2 1/3 innings, allowed

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Aikman will join Moose on Fox team

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Troy Aikman is moving from the backfield to the broadcast booth and longtime teammate Daryl Johnston is going with him.

The former Dallas Cowboys will be reunited this fall on Fox as NFL game analysts. They'll work alongside play-by-play announcer Dick Stockton.

"If we can go out there and do a game as if we're in our living room, I think it gives us the opportunity to have something that's pretty exciting," Aikman said Monday during a conference call announcing the hiring. "I think it has the makings of a team that can be successful and be entertaining for the audience."

Aikman said that the chance to begin his second career helped convince him to retire as a quarterback after 12 seasons, three Super Bowl titles and 10 concussions.

The Cowboys released him March 7 and there were several teams he was interested in joining. When those didn't come together, he started listening to his friends at Fox and they won him over. "I'm excited about the newness, the freshness of the challenge," Aikman said. "That was very appealing to me."

Aikman gave broadcasting a whirl two years ago when he did NFL Europe games for Fox. He leaves Tuesday for another stint overseas.

Johnston, the former fullback best known as "Moose," worked NFL Europe games for Fox last year, then did games for CBS last fall.

He happily returned to Fox for the chance to work with Aikman, his teammate from 1989-99 and one of his closest friends. The two also are both soon to be fathers — their wives are due a day apart in August.

Johnston said he expects viewers to be surprised to hear how candid Aikman can be when speaking for himself and not as the leader of one of the most high-profile teams in sports.

"People may have had the perspective that Troy was being guarded, but he was giving the opinion or insight he felt was necessary for the betterment of the team," Johnston said.

"I've told Troy one of the best things about being retired is that you can be outspoken and say how you feel. It's a lot of fun. I think you're going to be in for a side of Troy Aikman a lot of people haven't seen."

Aikman cautioned not to expect another Dennis Miller.

"I'm not going into the booth feeling I've got to create some fireworks or be a negative, critical analyst," he said. "I'm going to call it as I see it and be fair to the players because I understand how difficult the game is."

The first time Aikman and Johnston call a Cowboys game will surely be a ratings-grabber. But Fox

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Argentine claims first PGA victory in 5-hole playoff

By Pete Iacobelli
AP Sports Writer

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Jose Coceres never let circumstances or opinions slow him down.

He learned the game in the Chaco province of Argentina, hitting rocks with tree limbs his older brothers turned into clubs. As a sentry during his required military service, Coceres could see a golf course from his post, but never let on he could play.

When the owner of the body shop he worked at forced him to choose between banging out dents and playing golf, Coceres grabbed his clubs and set out for his future.

"I'm thanking him quite a bit that he got me out," said Coceres, who beat Billy Mayfair on Monday on the fifth hole of a playoff in the WorldCom Classic for his first PGA Tour victory.

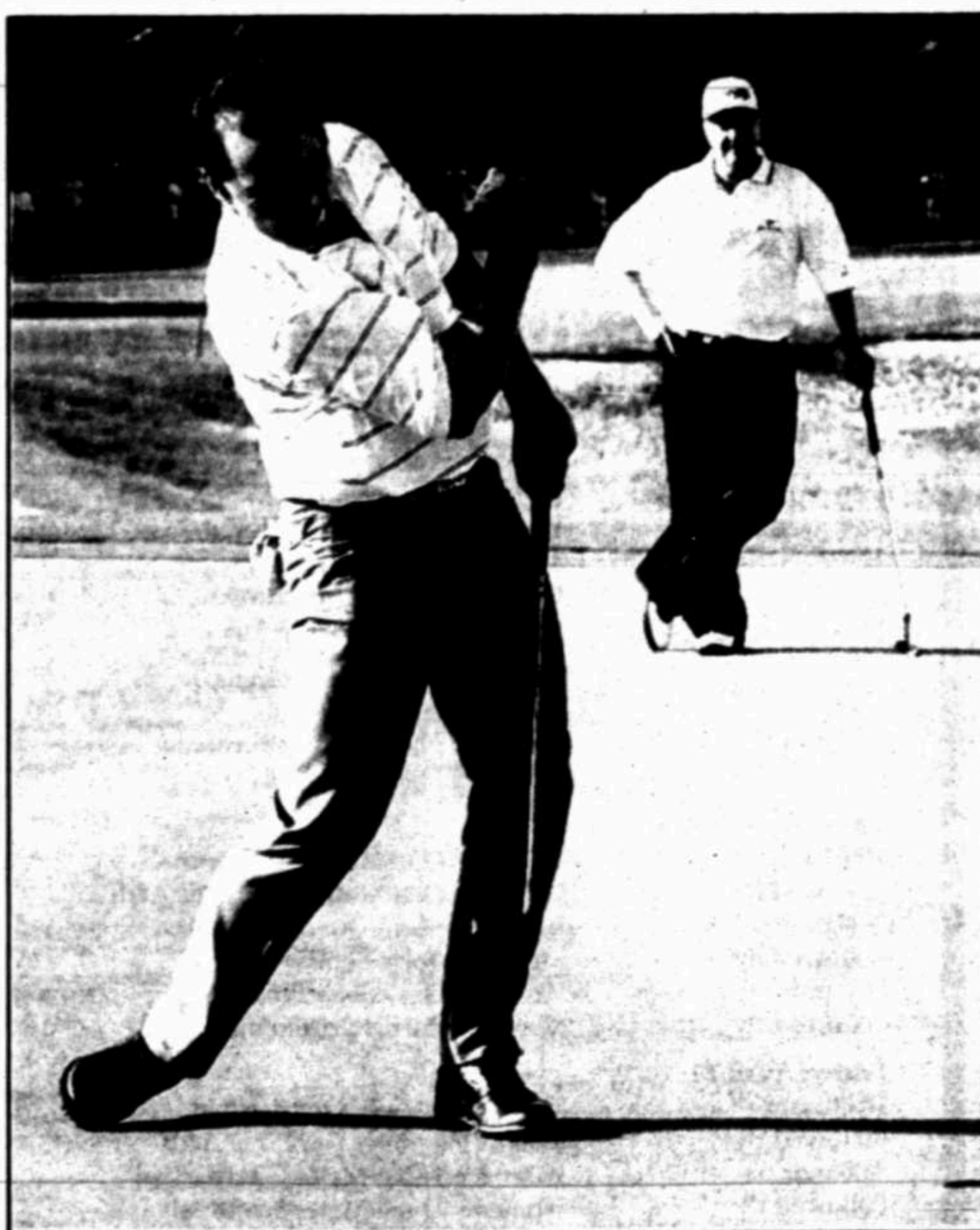
Coceres and Mayfair finished four rounds at 11-under 273 and played two extra holes Sunday before it got too dark. They finished with three more holes Monday morning.

The 37-year-old Argentine seemingly gave away his chance by missing a 3-foot par putt on Harbour Town Golf Links' closing lighthouse hole, the first one they played Monday. Earlier, Mayfair left a 30-foot putt short, pushed the next putt past the hole and took bogey himself. Coceres then fashioned two par saves — from a bunker on the par-3 17th and a seaside marsh on the 18th — to become the first Argentine to win on tour since Roberto De Vicenzo 33 years ago.

De Vicenzo, best remembered for signing an incorrect scorecard to lose the 1968 Masters by a stroke, won at Houston a month after his error.

"I am not as popular" in Argentina, Coceres said. "But this is going to change quite a bit, I am sure. It has changed my life 100 percent."

Mayfair, who beat Tiger Woods in a playoff in the 1998 Nissan Open, hit a 4-iron to the 17th that left him a straight 15-footer for birdie, but he missed. On the closing hole, Mayfair was about 25 feet away in two. But, perhaps remembering the previous one he left short, he blasted the birdie putt 6 feet by the cup and watched his par putt



Jose Coceres celebrates as he sinks his putt on the fifth playoff hole to win the WorldCom Classic Monday at Harbour Town Links on Hilton Head Island, S.C. Billy Mayfair, the man Coceres beat in the playoff, looks on.

slide past the hole.

"Jose actually gave me a gift there on the first playoff hole by missing that little putt," said Mayfair, who earned \$378,000. "I put all the pressure on him that I could."

Coceres, who has won more than \$2.3 million during his career, broke through to win the Dubai Desert Classic in 2000.

But some Argentineans were bothered that Coceres passed up the Argentine Open last month to prepare for the Masters and chase his dreams of the PGA Tour. Now he has a \$630,000 victory and the

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Seattle fans have mixed feelings about ex-M's star

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE — Alex Rodriguez made Artie Kelly's 8-year-old son cry when he took off for Texas. The father is fed up, too.

Kelly, 43, planned to boo the one-time hero of his two young sons at Monday's late game between the Seattle Mariners and Texas Rangers at Safeco Field — the first for Rodriguez in his former town since the shortstop signed a record \$252 million contract with the Rangers.

"I don't care what comes out of their mouths, I still love them," Rodriguez said of Seattle fans in a pregame news conference.

He said it had already been an emotional return to the city where he played six seasons — and it was strange walking into the visitors' clubhouse.

Rodriguez ate lunch in the city Monday and posed for pictures and signed autographs. He said he was excited to play before his former fans, but expected to be booed, saying "it's good for baseball."

Fans swarmed around the Texas dugout during the Rangers' batting practice. They waved and cheered when Rodriguez ran by. But a few minutes later Rodriguez took batting practice, and fans began booing from all directions.

"I sure don't know how they feel about me, but I know how I feel about the city. ... I'm in love with this city," he said.

So, why would he sign a letter to Boeing Co. officials, saying they should relocate to Dallas?

Rodriguez said he was approached by the Rangers' ownership to endorse the city and thought the aerospace giant already had made a final decision to move its headquarters from Seattle.

"It was never presented as Seattle versus Dallas," he said.

A neon pink "KRod" sign was one of many banners in the left field bleachers before the game, a play on Rodriguez's nickname, A-Rod. Others read "Who let the DOG in?" and "A-Wad."

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LOCAL SOFTBALL TODAY

Odessa Permian
at Midland High

Where: Gill Sports Complex off Loop 250.

When: 4:30 p.m.

Records: Midland High is 18-14 on the season and 3-8 in District 4-5A play. Odessa Permian is 19-13 on the year and 5-5 in 4-5A.

4-5A Significance: Midland High has been eliminated from the state playoff hunt, but will have a huge say in who does represent the district in this game. Odessa Permian, at 5-5, is in a tie for third place with San Angelo Central. A win by Permian would go a long way toward placing the Lady Panthers in the state playoffs since Central still has games left with league leading Abilene High and second place Midland Lee. Permian ends up against Abilene High on Friday.

Notes: Permian defeated Midland High 3-2 at home in the first half. Permian scored all three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to erase a 2-0 MHS lead. MHS is coming off a 6-0 loss to league leading Abilene High after winning

two consecutive district games. Permian is coming off a huge 3-2 win over Central to force the tie for third place. Should Permian and Central end up in a tie for third place, they will have a district play-off game to decide which team advances to the state playoffs, probably Monday or Tuesday of next week. Permian's Lauren Stahl struck out nine Central hitters and allowed only one earned run in the win over the Lady Bobcats. Sophomore Rachel Cherry took the loss against Abilene High for MHS. This is the final game of the season for the Lady Bulldogs and the seniors will be recognized prior to the game.

Midland Lee
at Odessa High

Where: Ratliff Stadium Softball Complex in Odessa.

When: 4:30 p.m.

Records: Midland Lee is 27-2-1 on the season and 8-1-1 in District 4-5A play. Odessa High is 9-14 on the year and 1-9 in 4-5A play.

4-5A Significance: There really isn't much significance left. Lee

has already secured a seventh consecutive state playoff berth, but still could possibly obtain a share of the league title with Abilene High if the Lady Eagles falter. Odessa High, on the other hand, has been eliminated from the play-off hunt.

Notes: Lee is coming off a 5-0 win over Abilene Cooper with Brandie Row getting the shutout. Odessa High was open last Thursday and will end the season on Friday against Cooper, a team that still has playoff hopes. Lee defeated Odessa High by a 10-0 margin in five innings as Row threw a no-hitter at the Lady Bronchos. Mandy Hacker is expected to pitch today for Lee. Senior outfielder Jessica Thompson drove in four runs with a double and triple for Lee in the first meeting with OHS.

Next: Lee will host San Angelo Central at 4:30 p.m. Friday to end regular season play, but the Lady Rebels now have their eyes set on the state playoffs which will begin the following Friday or Saturday.

LOCAL BASEBALL TODAY

Midland High
at San Angelo Central

When: 4:30 p.m.

Where: Central High.

Records: Midland High is 20-5 overall and 7-2 in District 4-5A. Central is 7-13 and 2-6.

4-5A Significance: The worst thing that can happen to Midland High with a loss is that the Bulldogs will still lead the district by a half-game. With a win, MHS would claim a two-game lead if Abilene Cooper beats Odessa Permian, and if Odessa High beats Abilene High, that would clinch a playoff berth for the Bulldogs since they would finish no worse than 8-4 and Abilene High would be no better than 7-4-1. Central is mathematically alive for a playoff spot but that's about as realistic as its chances of making the playoffs get.

Notes: Midland High is still in the best shape of anybody in the district to make a playoff run, but the Bulldogs are in a potentially precarious spot. They lost a tough 4-3 eight-inning decision to Cooper last Thursday in which they had only three hits, and if Jayson Nix hadn't hit the first pitch of the game out of the park, the offensive totals would have looked even more anemic. Pitching has been solid most of district for the Bulldogs, as Matt Bosc gave a valiant effort in going the full eight innings in the loss. Sophomore right-handed Daniel Stovall or junior varsity call-up Robert Friday will more than likely start today. Midland High's bats went cold during the first

meeting with Central this season, which the Bobcats won 3-1 at Zachery Field. The Bulldogs left nine men on base against Central lefthander John Black. It ruined a fine effort by Stovall, who pitched a complete game three-hitter.

Next: The Bulldogs will stay on the road in District 4-5A Saturday, traveling to Abilene High for a 2 p.m. game.

Midland High Statistics
(District Games Only)

BATTING												
Player	AB	R	H	Av	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	PO	CS
Jayson Nix	29	15	19	.517	4	1	4	14	8	1	12	10
Matt Bosc	28	14	10	.500	4	1	0	12	10	1	9	5
James Gripp	28	12	7	.429	2	1	2	9	5	1	2	0
Michael Forrest	18	7	7	.389	0	1	0	3	0	1	3	0
James Smith	33	12	11	.364	1	1	1	3	2	1	3	2
Madison Edwards	30	10	12	.333	1	0	4	13	10	1	13	10
Ryan Riddle	7	2	3	.286	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	7
Tony Esslinger	24	5	5	.208	0	0	0	1	6	8	0	0
Jason South	25	5	7	.200	0	0	0	1	4	6	0	0
Colby Overstreet	16	2	2	.125	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	0
Daniel Stovall	11	2	2	.091	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0
Drew Simmons	2	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ty Orr	5	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coody Cornell	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roberto Cedillo	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Angel Diaz	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casey Zachry	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PITCHING												
Player	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	ERA	BB	K	PO	CS
Jayson Nix	1	0	0	4.2	5	2	0	0.00	5	0	0	0
Matt Bosc	1	0	0	2.0	2	7	2	2.25	5	24	0	0
Casey Zachry	2	0	0	12.0	18	11	8	4.67	6	12	0	0
Daniel Stovall	2	1	1	22.1	31	22	18	5.64	10	15	0	0

DIVING: Championships start today

(From 1C)

is competing at Southern Methodist University as a sophomore.

Although Troy is younger than Justin, Troy is the one whose lead Justin followed. Troy came to Austin straight out of high school while Justin started his collegiate diving career at the University of Southern California. But when Justin had a falling out with his USC coach, Troy presented a second option.

"I encouraged (Justin) to come down here if only because he could train under normal circumstances," said Troy. "I came to Texas because I wanted to get out of Southern California and I wanted to figure out who I was and take my own path."

The move obviously paid off for Troy. In 2000, he finished second in the 3-meter springboard at the U.S. Olympic trials, earning him a spot on the U.S. team which went to the Olympics in Sydney. At the Olympics, Troy finished sixth.

That experience left a lasting impression which Troy carries into each competition.

"No matter what, have fun and don't hold anything back," said Troy of what he learned from his Olympic trip. "Just from the whole Olympic atmosphere you want to be good. Sports is about having fun and enjoying yourself."

Like many other transplanted Californians, that's what drew Justin to Austin. About a month after deciding to leave USC and visiting Troy in Austin, Justin decided to make the move.

"It's probably one of the best decisions I ever made," said Justin.

Where Troy is a stronger springboard diver, Justin says his

strength is in the platform. While Troy has been a 1-meter and 3-meter NCAA champion each of the last two years, Justin won the silver in the platform at the NCAA's earlier this spring.

Justin thinks that now that he and Troy have such a great proximity to each other that it's helped them both.

"That's the primary reason we've both gotten so good," said Justin. "You always try to match each other and get better."

Troy thinks that the transplanting of the sibling rivalry from Southern California to Texas has also benefited him.

"It's a good situation in the sense that (Justin) pushes me," said Troy. "Ultimately every top athlete wants to be the best at what they do. We don't really get to train enough together because of our different schedules."

Schedules aren't the only areas where Troy and Justin differ. While Troy prefers to play other sports during his rare down time, Justin often goes airborne, not surprising for a diver.

Since coming to Texas, Justin took up flying. He earned his pilot's license in September of last year and owns a Cessna 152, which he said is about as cheap a plane as he could find.

Justin, who has logged over 100 hours in the air, plans to apply with the Air Force to enlist with a reserve unit out of Fort Worth after he graduates from UT.

"I found my passion but with school and all these meets I haven't been able to get up (in the air) as much as I'd like," said Justin.

Troy has yet to accompany Justin on any of his flights, and doesn't necessarily wish to go up in Justin's two-seater, in part he says because he already spends enough time on planes as it is.

Yet, Troy has made at least one trip which Justin can't yet claim, the experience of going to the Olympics, something he'd like to repeat in 2004 when the Olympics go to Athens.

"I'd love to go back," said Troy. "My goal is a gold medal and if it doesn't happen that's fine. I'm never going to walk away from this sport saying 'I should have done this or I should have done that.'"

Justin doesn't claim to be envious of his younger brother's trip to the Olympics, but he would also like to go to the 2004 games for personal satisfaction if nothing else.

"I'd like to stick around that long," said Justin. "It would be anticlimactic to end it after my college career. That gold medal's still off in the distance."

Here is the schedule for each day of the U.S. National Indoor Diving Championships at Mabee Memorial Aquatic Center.

5:30 p.m. Men's and women's 3-meter synchronized platform preliminaries, men's and women's platform synchronized preliminaries.

10 a.m. Men's 3-meter quarterfinals and semifinals. 3 p.m. Women's platform quarterfinals and semifinals.

Wednesday

10 a.m. Women's 1-meter quarterfinal, women's 1-meter semifinal A & B. 3 p.m. Men's platform quarterfinals and semifinals. 7 p.m. Men's 1-meter final, women's 1-meter final, men's platform synchronized final.

Friday

10 a.m. Men's 1-meter quarterfinal, men's 1-meter semifinal A & B. 3 p.m. Women's 3-meter quarterfinals and semifinals. 7 p.m. Men's 1-meter final, women's 3-meter synchronized final.

Saturday

7 p.m. Men's 3-meter final, women's platform final, men's synchronized final.

Sunday

1 p.m. Women's 3-meter final, men's platform final, women's platform synchronized final.

2001 U.S. Indoor National Diving
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Tuesday, April 17

5:30 p.m.

Followed By

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Men's 3-meter Synchro Prelim
Women's Platform Synchro Prelim
Men's Platform Synchro Prelim
Women's 3-meter Synchro Prelim

Wednesday, April 18

10:00 a.m.

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Men's 3-Meter Quarterfinals
Men's 3-Meter Semifinals
Women's Platform Quarterfinals
Women's Platform Semifinals

Thursday, April 19

10:00 a.m.

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Women's One-Meter Quarterfinals
Women's One-Meter Semifinals A&B
Men's Platform Quarterfinals
Men's Platform Semifinals

Friday, April 20

10:00 a.m.

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Men's One-Meter Quarterfinal
Men's One-Meter Semifinal A&B
Women's Three-Meter Quarterfinal
Women's Three-Meter Semifinal
Men's One-Meter Finals
Women's Three-Meter Synchro Final

Saturday, April 21

7:00 p.m.

Followed By

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Men's Three-Meter Final
Women's Platform Final
Men's Three-Meter Synchro Final

Sunday, April 22

1:00 p.m.

Followed By

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Women's Three-Meter Final
Men's Platform Final
Women's Platform Synchro Final

Workout Schedule

Saturday, April 14

Sunday, April 15

Monday, April 16

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Olajuwon makes no decision

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Nobody knows — not even Hakeem Olajuwon himself — whether Tuesday night's season-ending game will be the final one for the star center in a Houston Rockets uniform.

Olajuwon started the season thinking he would retire after completing his \$16.5 million contract with the Rockets but changed his mind during the season.

"It could be his last game, but we can't be sure. I can't say that," coach Rudy Tomjanovich said Monday as the Rockets closed their final workout before their finale against the Minnesota Timberwolves at Compaq Center.

Olajuwon, who missed the Rockets' last three games with an ankle sprain, planned to be in uniform. But he could offer little else about his future other than to say he will test the free agent market and plans to play next season.

"I've never been a free agent before, I don't know the rules," Olajuwon joked. "As a free agent, I like my position. The big man role is as important as ever. They have changed the rules to zone defenses so the big man is still important."

Olajuwon missed three games with his latest injury. He was twice sidelined earlier this season with a swollen right knee and most recently from March 5-27 because of a blood condition that threatened to end his career.

LOCAL SPORTS

Trinity boys
lead region

WEATHERFORD — The Midland Trinity boys golf team held a seven stroke lead after the first day of the TAPPS 3A regional tournament at Canyon West Golf Club Monday.

Trinity shot a 333 and sits in front of Arlington Grace Prep at 340. In the medalist race, Trinity's Tom Moore is in second with a 76, while Corey Mays and Michael Stoltz are tied with several other players in third place with an 83.

Steven Goudeau and Will Jackson both shot 91 for Trinity. In the girls regional tourna-

ment, Trinity's Katy Beal is in sixth place with a 113 while Janae Brown is in eighth with a 116.

Hardin-Baylor
honors locals

BELTON — A pair of graduates from Midland Christian have been honored for their performances at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Andrew Hufford was named the school's male Senior Athlete of the Year. Hufford, a starting free safety in football, finished his career last season as the all-time leader in tackles and interceptions. He is a three-time all-conference selection as well as

an all-academic team pick. Another MCHS grad, sophomore Mindi Sheppard, was named the conference's West Division Pitcher of the Week. Sheppard threw a six-hit shutout against Texas Lutheran last week, her fourth shutout of the season. She has a 6-6 record with a 1.51 ERA.

Baseball

Sophomores
Midland Lee 15, French 5, For Lee (8-5-1); WP — Josh Garcia, 9 strikeouts; Aaron Timmerman, 2 hits; Brad Richard, 3B, 2 RBI; Keith Vest, 3B; Brett Stevens, 2B; Shea Owen, 2 RBI; Adam Lawlis, 2 RBI.
Midland High 12, San Angelo Central 5, For MHS (6-1 in district); WP — Zack Hernandez, 6 strikeouts in 3 innings; Matthew Stovall, 2B; Jerry Zachary, 2-for-4; Steve Ellington, 3-for-4; Gerardo Rendón, 2-for-3, 2 RBI; Garrett Elander, 2-for-3, Zack Frisbee, 2-for-4.

RANGERS: A-Rod goes back

(From 1C)

Kelly also was making a sign on a giant tarp to hang from the framework of the Seattle Seahawks' new football stadium within view of Safeco Field. Kelly is an ironworker building the new stadium, and he also worked on Safeco.

"We don't appreciate building that stadium for Alex and the other superstars and have him walk away," Kelly said during a lunch break at the Stadium Market near the ballpark. "To go to Texas is a slap in the face."

"If it was New York or another big market I could understand. But to go to Arlington, Texas? What's in Arlington, Texas? I'm tired of him breaking all my little boys' hearts."

Audra Higgins, 25, who works for a publishing company near the stadium, said she would treat the game like any other.

"I don't really care. I'll just go

watch the game," she said. "Whatever. We have a shortstop. I hope they lose, though. And I hope nobody riots."

Several Mariners fans eating lunch at Pyramid Alehouse across the street from Safeco said they understood why Rodriguez took the big bucks.

"He went for the money. Who wouldn't?" pub manager Bob Bunich said. "He played good years for us."

"I still think he's a good guy," said Michael Jacovino, a refrigerator distributor who attends about 12 games a season. "I'm not going to bash Alex. He was classy and kept his mouth shut and did his time here. Then he took the highest bid."

Tim Bellflower said he thinks the Mariners made a "big mistake" when the organization issued a statement last week warning fans to behave.

"You threaten someone and

you get a fight," said Bellflower, 43, a wholesale foods distributor. "They've created their own problem if there is an over-negative response."

Karl Sauskojus hoped for a rude welcome.

"He played here a long time and all of a sudden he says he wants to be known as a Ranger. That's backstabbing where your roots are," said Sauskojus, 20.

Jake Bannister, 21, didn't have tickets for the game, but he had an opinion.

"I don't think anyone is worth \$252 million," he said. "I don't care if they can play baseball." Rodriguez said any person who was in his position would have a hard time turning down that kind of money.

"There's this preconceived notion people want to kill me," he said. "It was a great decision to make. It was an opportunity of a lifetime."

GOLF: Winner will hike to pray

(From 1C)

chance for a two-year exemption, if he joins the tour within 60 days.

"Three weeks ago I came from Argentina, they told me I was a European tour player. Some people have criticized me for coming to play over here," Caceres said. "I think that now they may not criticize me anymore."

Caceres says he will keep his spot on the European tour, where he has played the past decade. But he also wants to increase his presence here. There will be time for all those decisions after returning home Tuesday, he said.

The final heart-in-the-throat moment came as Caceres hit a low liner that landed left of the green in the marsh on No. 18. But he had a surprisingly good lie and swept the ball within 4 feet.

"I think everybody who was

behind me helped that ball go closer to the hole," he said.

When his putt went in, Caceres punched the air to the crowd's cheers, then held up a sign he had hand-lettered at 5:30 a.m. on a pillowcase.

"For my family and my friends and for all the Argentinians, a million thanks," it said in Spanish.

Before he decides what to do next, Caceres says he has a visit to make in his homeland. He had promised that after his next tournament victory, he would walk about 23 miles to a shrine honoring the Virgin of Lujan for a prayer of thanks.

"I have done it twice and I will do it again," he said.

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Bucs' Ramirez makes Astros pay for ploy

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Houston walked Brian Giles to pitch to Aramis Ramirez.

Bad decision.

Ramirez hit a tiebreaking two-run single in the sixth inning Monday night as the Pirates beat the Astros 3-0.

■ NL Roundup

"Giles is a far better hitter than Ramirez," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "You're hoping to get a double play. If you don't walk him, you have to play the infield in. It's a right-hander versus a left-hander and Giles is one of the best left-handed hitters in the game."

Dierker was still convinced he was right when he saw Ramirez's swing.

"As it was, he didn't hit the ball well," Dierker said.

Ramirez is a power hitter but his manager liked the way he approached the situation, thinking contact and going with the pitch.

"He was using the whole field," Lloyd McClendon said. "If he hits like that all the time, he's going to get some big RBIs."

Ramirez said he fully expected to get the opportunity because was certain the Astros were going to walk Giles.

"I think 29 out of 30 managers in the big leagues would do that," Ramirez said.

Jimmy Anderson (1-1), who had been 0-3 with a 12.96 ERA in four career appearances against Houston, allowed seven hits in seven-plus innings, pitching out of trouble as he stranded a pair of runners three times during the first four innings.

"We stunk," Astros first baseman Jeff Bagwell said.

The Astros 3-through-6 hitters — Bagwell, Richard Hidalgo, Daryle Ward, Lance Berkman and pinch-hitter Moises Alou — were a combined 1-for-16.

"We're not going to win many games doing that," Bagwell said. "We were just in a little bit of a team funk."

Mike Williams pitched the ninth for his third save, helping stop the Pirates' four-game losing streak.

Wade Miller (2-1) matched his career high with five walks, giving up two runs and three hits in six innings. Houston lost consecutive games for the second time this season.

The crowd of 20,128 was the smallest in six games at new PNC Park, including two exhibitions. The temperature was 45 degrees at gametime, and it rained at times.

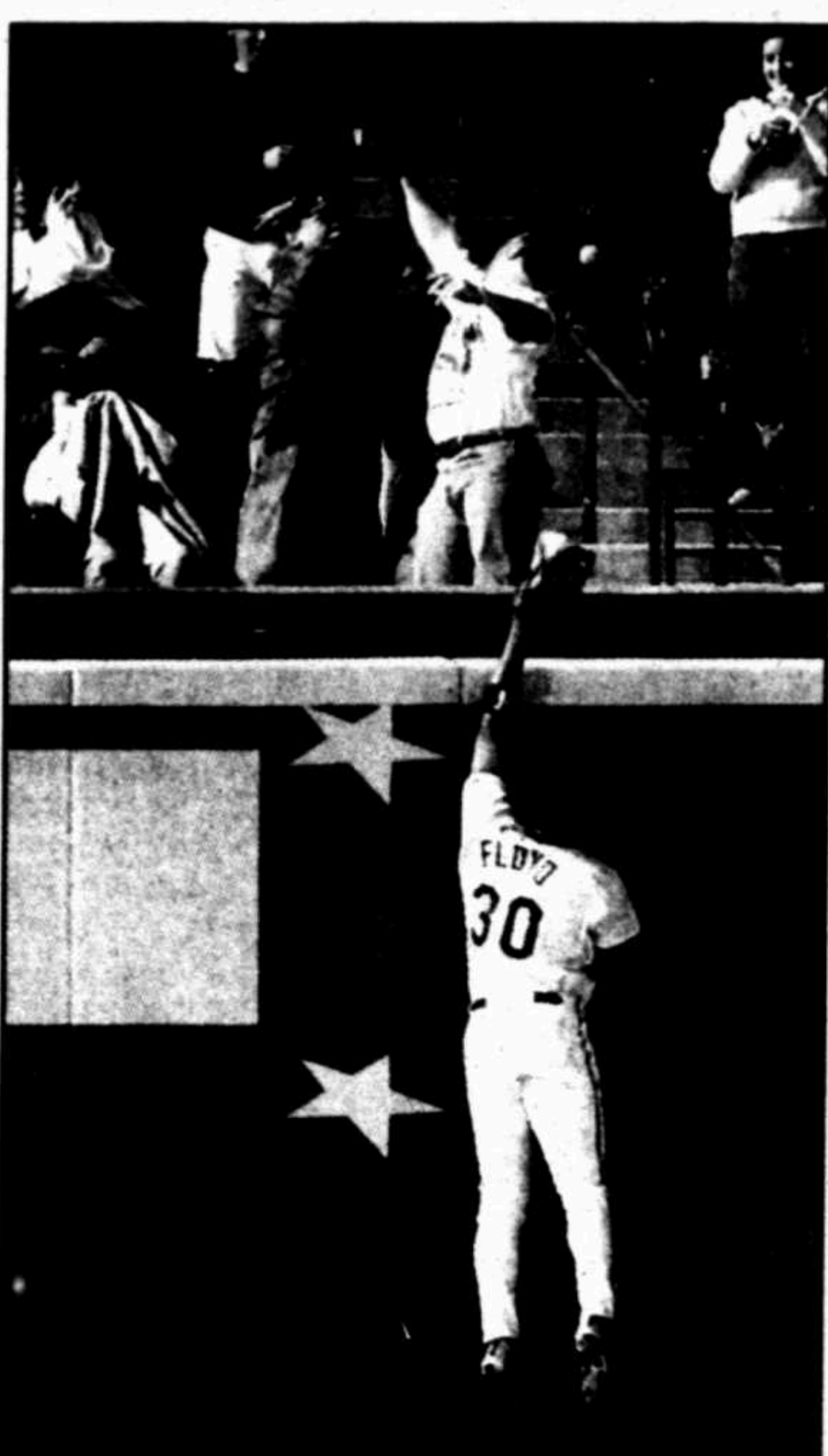
Miller didn't allow a hit until Pat Meares' lead-off single in the fifth.

Jason Kendall walking leading off the sixth, Emil Brown singled and a groundout moved up the runners.

Giles was intentionally walked to bring up Ramirez, who struck out twice previously. Ramirez lined a 1-1 pitch to center for a 2-0 lead.

Third baseman Chris Truby's second throwing error of the game helped the Pirates score an unearned run in the seventh. The Pirates executed a double steal, with Jack Wilson scoring as Kendall was thrown out.

Anderson left with two on and no outs in the



Florida's Cliff Floyd can't catch this home run ball off the bat of the Braves' Andruw Jones — and neither can these Atlanta fans. The Braves won, 4-3, Monday.

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Business in Brief

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Net-working giant Cisco Systems Inc. warned Monday that third-quarter earnings and revenue will fall short of forecasts. It also said it will eliminate 8,500 jobs, about a 1,000 more it said it would a month ago. The cuts include about 2,500 temporary workers.

The company said it expects earnings per share to be in the "very low, single-digit range." Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call were expecting 8 cents per share.

The San Jose-based company also said that it expects revenue to be 30 percent below the company's second-quarter sales of \$6.7 billion, or about \$4.7 billion.

In the year-ago third quarter, Cisco had \$4.9 billion in revenue. It would be the first time in Cisco's 11-year history as a public company where revenues fell from quarter to quarter.

NEW YORK (AP) — Earnings at Citigroup and Bank of America fell in the first quarter from a year earlier because of weakness in investment returns but still beat analysts' estimates. Bank of New York, meanwhile, reported an earnings increase in line with forecasts.

Citigroup, nation's largest bank said Monday its core income excluding one-time items was \$3.66 billion, or 71 cents a share, in the January-March quarter, compared with \$3.94 billion, or 76 cents a share, a year earlier.

Charlotte, N.C.-based Bank of America bank said net income in the first quarter totaled \$1.87 billion, or \$1.15 a share, down from \$2.24 billion, or \$1.33 a share, a year earlier.

The nation's third largest bank, behind Citigroup and J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., blamed the profits decline on a \$415 million increase in its provisions for loan losses and a \$416 million decline in investment gains.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Monday it will clarify the Americans with Disabilities Act's protections for workers who are partly disabled or can be accommodated only by sidestepping a company's seniority system.

The justices said they will hear two cases. One involves a former worker at a Toyota manufacturing plant in Kentucky who says she is partly disabled but still able to perform some duties.

In the other, a US Airways employee in San Francisco says his disability is the world's largest soup maker, reported a 4 percent drop in fiscal second quarter profits in February. But sales, boosted by a cold winter and increased marketing investments, were up 2 percent to \$2 billion, halting a steady decline.

Campbell president and chief executive Douglas R. Conant said that revitalizing its North American soup business is Campbell's top priority. "This new organizational alignment is designed to sharpen our focus on consumer marketing and competitive strategies for soup," Conant said.

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Former penny-stock tycoon Robert E. Brennan was convicted Monday of bankruptcy fraud, the first charges carrying prison time the financier faced in two decades of clashes with stock regulators.

Brennan, 57, was convicted by a federal jury on 7 of the 13 counts after a four-week trial. The offenses carry a penalty of six to 10 years in federal prison.

A hearing was scheduled for Tuesday to determine if he would remain free on bail while awaiting sentencing.

Brennan had been accused of hiding millions of dollars from creditors in his 1995 bankruptcy filing by manipulating ill-gotten gains in an offshore trust and concealing \$525,000 in chips from the Mirage Resorts casino.

Housing sales at four-year high

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Cingular Wireless' arrival in Midland won't immediately impact the Tall City's housing market, where sales reached their highest level in four years.

Cingular's plans to establish a customer service center at the former Builders Square location at Loop 250 and Highway 191 has local Realtors excited, said Jana Tucker of Langston Realtors and president of the Permian Basin Board of Realtors.

"The immediate impact won't be felt on the housing market," she said of the new center, which will create 750 jobs when it opens this summer, expanding to 1,000 jobs by October. "But as the center ramps up, I'm sure it will."

As preparations for the new center get under way, Realtors have been busy. In March, Realtors in Midland and Big Spring sold 154 homes, up from 116 in February and up from 143 in March 2000, 114 in March 1999 and 118 in March

1998, the board reported.

The average sales price was \$98,884, up from \$91,927 in February and from \$92,164 a year ago. In 1999 the March sales price averaged \$88,270 and in 1998 the sales price averaged \$91,693.

For the first three months of the year, 361 houses have been sold, up from 329 for the same period of 2000, 270 in the first quarter of 1999 and 343 in the first three months of 1998.

Amarillo Economist Karr Ingham, who prepares the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index for First American Bank, the Midland Chamber of Commerce and Reporter-Telegram, said that for the first three months of the year, housing sales appear to be slightly ahead of the same period last year.

"But," he pointed out, "housing sales in the first three months of 2000 were about 30 percent ahead of the year before."

Just the sheer number of Cingular employees alone, Ms. Tucker said, will impact the housing and rental market.

Though most of those jobs should be filled locally, it is expected some management personnel will transfer to Midland and some employees could transfer in from other centers. She also said the center should attract potential employees from surrounding towns as well as giving a boost to the commercial market.

She added that she has been asking fellow real estate agents where their clients are coming from.

"I've been polling people, finding out where their clients, their customers are coming from," she said. "The bulk are still in town, buyers moving up. Interest rates are very good, prices are good."

But, she said, one of her clients is an oil company executive moving to Midland from Jordan and a second had recently purchased an oil company. Realtors are also seeing retirees selling their retirement homes and returning to Midland, she said, adding that other clients are in the medical field.

"People seem to have more confidence," she said. "This is the time of year

we get busy. April and July are really our busy season, but our phones are really ringing."

Andy Garner, comptroller with Stewart Title of Midland, said her office is busier than usual, with the staff starting to see quite an increase in demand for refinances.

"Traditionally, this isn't our busy season," she said. "Ours is June through September or October."

Like Ms. Tucker, she attributes the increase in demand to increased confidence in the local economy.

Ms. Tucker said she and her fellow Realtors expect a strong year, something Ingham also predicts.

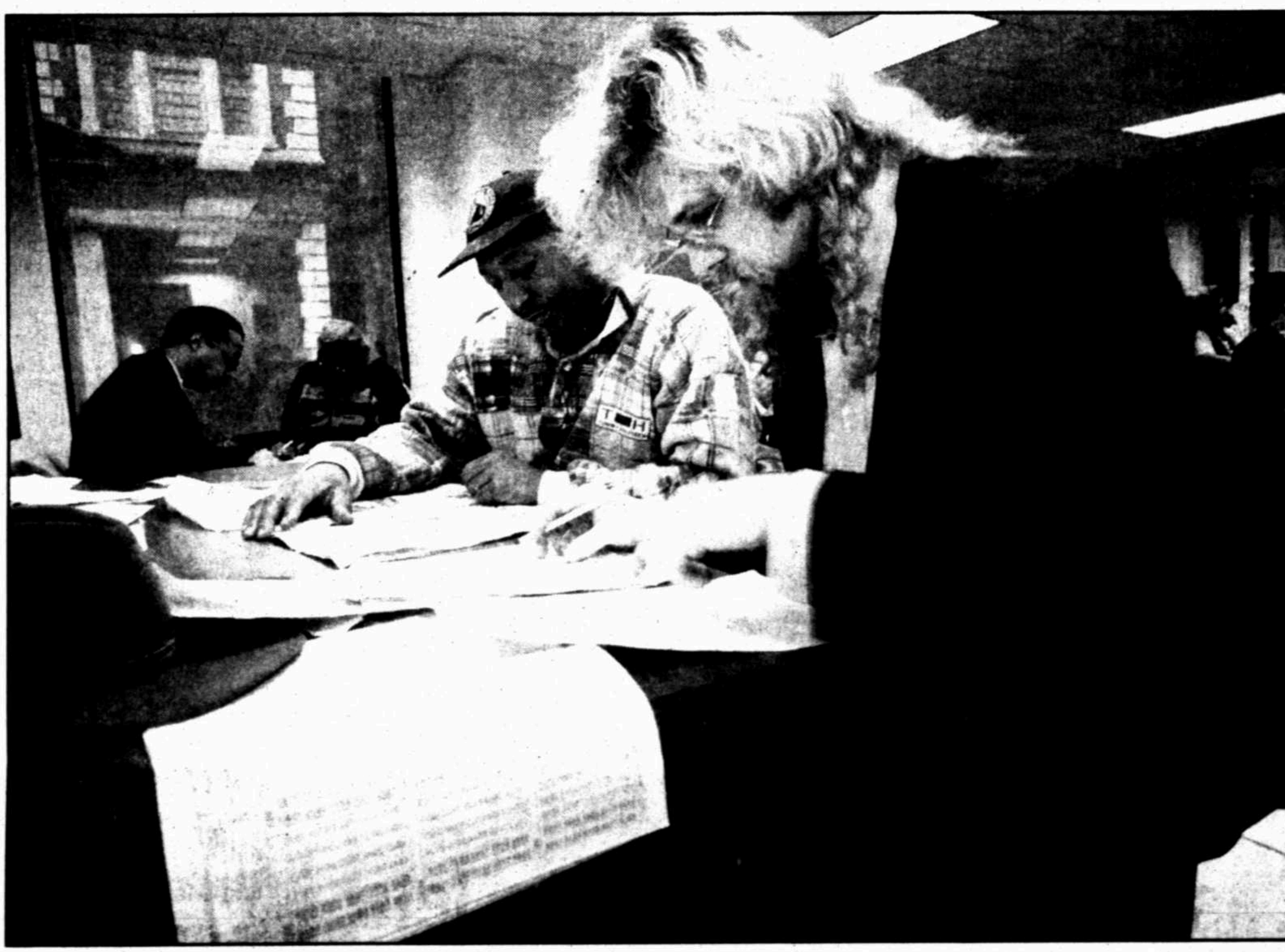
He said the housing market, which weakened noticeably in the last half of the year as it underwent a correction, has completed the process and he sees no reason housing sales shouldn't be healthy this year.

"Most of the local sectors look favorable and there's no reason home sales ought not to be strong," he said.

At the stroke of midnight

Actor Zorikh Lequidre, right, goes through tax tables as he fills out his 2000 federal income tax forms Monday at one of several Internal Revenue Offices in New York. An estimated 26 million filers faced a midnight deadline for getting their income tax forms on the way to the Internal Revenue Service.

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First Union to buy Wachovia for \$13.1 billion in stock

By Paul Nowell
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — First Union Corp. is buying North Carolina rival Wachovia Corp. for about \$13.1 billion in stock in a deal that would create the nation's fourth biggest banking company.

Executives of the banks said the deal combines banks with "compatible cultures" and should be more profitable and valuable for shareholders. Among cost-saving steps, the companies plan to pare nearly 7,000 jobs, or 7.8 percent of their combined work force of nearly 90,300 people, over three years, half of the cuts through attrition.

But some analysts said it may be tougher than expected to blend the two companies and said the slim premium being paid for Wachovia shares could tempt another bidder into making an offer for the smaller bank. The deal announced Monday would create a bank with \$324 billion in assets, trailing only Citigroup Inc., J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. and Bank of America Corp.

among U.S. banks.

The combined bank, with operations from Florida to Connecticut, would take the name Wachovia Corp.

Acknowledging First Union's recent history of unprofitable mergers under former chief executive Ed Crutchfield, First Union president and CEO Ken Thompson said this acquisition was different.

"This is not growth for growth sake, but to strengthen our core business lines," said Thompson, who will hold the same positions with the combined company.

"This was too compelling to pass up. We think it will create impressive shareholder value," he said.

L.M. "Bud" Baker Jr., Wachovia's chairman and chief executive, will become chairman of the combined company, and said, "This is always a transaction I've dreamed about... I just love anything with 19 million customers."

But analyst Christopher Marinac of Robinson-Humphrey Co., told clients in a memo that large banking mergers "often take longer for integration and fre-

quently miss the mark on expected (earnings per share) benefits."

Analyst Claire Percarpio of Janney Montgomery Scott told her clients that Wachovia could have sold itself for a premium of at least 20 percent in contrast to the 6 percent premium that they were offered over last week's closing price in this deal.

While speculation arose that another bank might make an unsolicited higher bid for Wachovia, analyst Mike Plodwick of UBS Warburg said it would be difficult for a rival to succeed. "Historically, these things are tough to bust once you get a definitive agreement in place," he said.

"Are there companies that appear capable of paying a higher price? Yes. Will they go hostile? Whoever tends to go hostile, their own stock gets punished."

The boards of First Union and Wachovia have approved the transaction, which Thompson said is expected to close by the third quarter of 2001.

The combined bank will have 2,900 banking branches and nearly 600 broker-

age offices. The new company will be based in First Union's hometown of Charlotte. Wachovia now has dual headquarters in Winston-Salem and Atlanta.

First Union is offering two of its shares for each share of Wachovia, which would value Wachovia at about \$63.84 a share — a premium of only 6 percent over Thursday's closing price of \$60.20. The U.S. stock markets were closed Friday for Good Friday.

"There was no real consideration about a premium," Baker said. "All we talked about was this being an incredible strategic opportunity."

On Monday, First Union's stock dropped 72 cents, or 2.3 percent, to \$31.20 in trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Wachovia's stock rose \$1.85 to \$62.05.

Both Baker and Thompson said they expect the newly merged company to minimize the impact of the job cuts. "It's nothing like 7,000 people losing their jobs," Thompson said. "We have time to study it and take care of our employees."

INVESTORS' GUIDE

SEC yield is best to use when comparing bond funds

By Eric Tyson

Q: Some of the mutual funds I own report their yields as "30-Day SEC Yield." These figures tend to be higher than the yields reported in some other publications — for example, those that use yearly data. Which is the truer or more useful number?

A: Fund companies are supposed to report the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) yield, which is a standard yield calculation that allows for fairer comparisons among bond funds. The SEC yield reflects the bond fund's so-called yield to maturity. This is the best yield to use when you compare funds because it captures the effective rate of interest an investor will receive looking forward.

Funds also calculate a current yield, which only looks at the recently distributed dividends relative to the share price of the fund. Funds can pump up this number by purchasing particular types of bonds. For just that reason, current yield is not nearly so useful a yield number to look at (although some brokers who sell bond funds love to use it because it can be uti-

lized to make particular funds look better than they really are).

Yearly data isn't terribly useful, for the simple reason that such a yield measures how much a fund has distributed over the past year. Going forward, the SEC yield offers you a much better indication of what a fund might pay out in yield.

Finally, as you already seem to know, when you ask a mutual fund company for a bond fund's current yield, make sure that you understand the time period the yield covers.

Q: I am a 34-year-old married man. My wife and I are novice investors, currently investing \$200 per month in the Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund and the Vanguard STAR Fund. We plan to use this money before we retire in the next 15 to 20 years. I am also putting money aside in my employer's 403(b) retirement plan. I am not maxing out, but I am putting in more than necessary to gain my employer's match. Am I diversified enough? What about my fund selections?

A: First, I hope you're aware that the Vanguard STAR is not a particularly tax-friendly fund, as it has a substantial portion of its assets invested in taxable bonds. If you are in a higher tax bracket, you would be better off investing in municipal bonds when doing bond investing outside of a tax-sheltered retirement account.

It's hard for me to say if you're diversified enough, as I don't know what specific funds you hold in your retirement plan. In addition to U.S. stocks of varying-size companies, you should hold some foreign stocks (these are lacking in your two Vanguard funds), as well as bonds.

I question your not fully funding your 403(b) account to take full advantage of the tax benefits. What do you plan on using your nonretirement savings for? Could you borrow money from your current retirement plan if need be?

Q: What is the World Trade Organization and GATT?

A: The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) was signed in 1947 by 23 non-Communist nations dedicated to expanding free trade and for settling international trade disputes among member countries. Now, more than 120 nations are members. GATT seeks to liberalize trade by limiting trade barriers (such as tariffs and quotas) and preferential trade agreements between member countries.

The World Trade Organization established in 1995 is the guardian of GATT. The WTO is responsible for enforcing GATT rules and settling trade disputes between member countries.

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Privacy law dooms some Web sites

■ Year-old law prohibits sites from requesting certain information from children under 13.

By Anick Jesdanun
AP Internet Writer

NEW YORK — In the past year, the kids site Zeeks.com closed its chat rooms and disabled e-mail accounts for children. Internet matchmaker eCrush dropped users under 13, as did America Online's ICQ service. Alloy Online banned young children from contests.

Children under 13 can do less on the Internet these days in part because of a federal law designed to protect their privacy.

The law, which marks its first anniversary next week, requires sites that attract children under 13 to get permission from parents before asking for names, physical locations and other details that could expose kids to marketers and molesters.

Scores of sites have re-evaluated whether they really need all the information they had previously collected, and many have improved mechanisms to get parental consent. But others simply dropped services or limited usage to avoid paperwork.

Zeeks.com tried keeping its services for a few months, but ultimately decided that staffing, equipment and storage of consent records would cost \$200,000 a year.

Traffic dropped by 20 percent when Zeeks took away chat rooms and e-mail accounts, said Steve Bryan, the company's chief executive. The company couldn't make money and sold the site a few weeks ago.

"Today, kids are less safe on the Internet because ... sites trying to do the right thing for kids have gone away," Bryan said. "Under (the law), we were assumed to be evil marketers."

At eCrush, co-founder Karen DeMars said accommodating younger children would have cost at least \$25,000. Because they were less than 5 percent of the site's user base, eCrush decided to not bother.

Likewise, compliance for Alloy Online means keeping younger kids out. Although the site bills itself as a community for Generation Y — ages 10 to 24 — co-founder Matthew Diamond said its products and ads mostly target 15- to 17-year-olds.

Supporters of the law say it has generally worked as intended, though they acknowledge disruptions for kids who have to wait for parents to fax, mail or phone in consent or to provide credit card verification. Consent via e-mail is acceptable only in some cases.

"Kids want it to be quick and immediate," said Elizabeth Lascoutx, director of the Children's Advertising Review Unit, part of the Council of Better Business Bureaus. "Waiting for Mom to come home to call 800 numbers holds it up."

Parry Aftab, a New York lawyer who wrote a book on Internet safety for children, said getting parents' attention can be tough. At Bonus.com, for instance, 63 percent of parents never replied to requests for consent. Of the ones who did, most granted consent.

"They are busy and have a million things to do," Ms. Aftab said. "Giving their kids permission to chat online and do other things online doesn't make their top-priority list."

Both Ms. Aftab and Ms. Lascoutx believe the law needs to be tweaked to make getting consent easier.

Andras Csaszar, president of Bonus.com, said hurdles for kids could drive them to gambling and other general audience sites, which do not fall under the law if they do not ask for age.

A study from the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania last May found that two-thirds of kids ages 10-17 were willing to reveal their favorite stores in exchange for a free gift. More than one-third were willing to disclose the amount of their allowances and what they do on weekends.

Under the law, sites could still collect those details, but they need consent. Chat rooms and other interactive features are covered because kids may let such details slip. The law covers only information collection, not content restriction.

The law affects sites that target or know they have young kids who live in the United States. Violators are subject to fines of up to \$11,000.

Even so, many sites still are not in full compliance.



AP Photo
Child-privacy advocate Parry Aftab, an attorney, has written a book on Internet safety for children. Ms. Aftab thinks a current federal law protecting the privacy of children under 13 who use the Internet is too restrictive.

A separate Annenberg study in March found that almost half of the 162 sites checked don't have prominent links to statements that disclose how they use any data they collect. One in 10 had no link at all on their home page. And some sites let kids hit the back button and enter a different birth year if they are rejected for being under 13.

The Federal Trade Commission has held workshops and set up telephone hotlines to help sites comply. Toby Levin, a senior FTC attorney, believes compliance costs are often exaggerated so that sites can blame the law for other dot-com woes.

Kathryn Montgomery, president of the Center for Media Education, said sites may have pulled back on services, but they also pulled back on collecting information — the goal of the law.

Sites, she said, also had to rethink practices and clarify their targeted audiences.

In addition to cutting off young kids from ICQ instant messaging, AOL also stopped letting children use a membership directory to disclose hobbies and other personal details about themselves.

AOL spokesman Andrew Weinstein said parents who activated the software's kids-friendly settings already had those features blocked, and AOL simply extended that practice to the remaining kids as well.

Meanwhile, a commerce site that targets kids without credit cards decided to spend \$100,000 to set up consent procedures. RocketCash.com believes the decision will give the site a competitive advantage

in pursuing partnership deals with companies that want a broader audience.

The Direct Marketing Association, a trade group, remains supportive even though some sites had to close or curtail services.

"We knew some would drop out," said Jerry Cerasale, senior vice president for government affairs. "The hope was that the experience of marketers who stayed in will be positive enough to encourage them back. The goal was not to cut children out. We want to protect them."

On the Net:

Some of the sites that have tried to meet requirements under a child privacy law without curtailing services or restricting usage:

■ Sports Illustrated for Kids

<http://www.sikids.com>

Instead of asking for full names, the site requests only first names and last initials when kids submit essays or use other interactive features. It also asks for e-mail addresses, which it uses to contact parents as needed.

■ Microsoft

<http://www.msn.com>

If Hotmail or another Microsoft site knows it is dealing with a kid under 13, it requires parents to sign up for Kids Passport. The free tool lets parents declare how much information their children can share.

■ RocketCash

<http://www.rocketcash.com>

This site lets parents open online shopping accounts for kids who do not have credit cards. Parents give consent when they deposit money into accounts.

Girls need advice when heading for cosmetics counter

By Elizabeth A. Kennedy
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — It starts with a touch of lip gloss. Then, she wants to wear eye shadow — but just a little, she promises. Next comes the mascara, then the blush.

Suddenly there's no turning back. Your daughter is wearing makeup.

Now what?

First, take a deep breath. Girls in their "tween" years, between 8 and 14, typically want to wear cosmetics, according to Tina Pieraccini, who studies the effect of media on women, children and minorities.

They are surrounded by media images of sexy starlets and the girls want to emulate what they see, says Ms. Pieraccini, a professor of broadcasting at the State University of New York at Oswego. "At that age they don't define themselves from within.... Media is part of what a young girl uses to define herself, and to mirror those images is common."

Once it's been established that makeup is on the horizon for a young girl, she should not venture out alone into the sea of cosmetics.

One reason, according to Ms. Pieraccini, is that it's dangerous to allow a girl to define herself just through what she sees in the media.

"It gives a girl that young a very false sense of who she is," Ms. Pieraccini said. By exploring makeup options together, parents can help their daughter understand that her actions, not her appearance, define who she is.

Also — given teen-agers' propensity to wear anything involving glitter — making sure they learn to apply makeup correctly is one way to avoid having your little girl resemble a disco ball.

Gordon Espinet, chief makeup artist for MAC cosmetics, said girls should keep their makeup "minimal, minimal, minimal."

"For younger girls, makeup is not to shape and define a face as much as it's just to add color," he said. "You want to keep it light and fresh. You don't

want to use makeup to make you look older."

But this philosophy can be at odds with what a girl wants to wear.

According to Annemarie Iverson, editor in chief of YM magazine, young girls tend to overdo their makeup more than high schoolers who better understand proportion.

Ms. Iverson notes that the popular beauty products range from pink and glittery to dramatic — including stage makeup such as black, gothic eyeliner.

So how can a parent reconcile what a girl wants to wear with what is acceptable for her age?

Espinet suggests shiny, colored lip glosses for young girls because they are demure enough that "your dad will let you out the front door."

The girls, however, are into mascara right now, he said.

"There's something fresh and pretty about long, exaggerated eyelashes." (Although he urges girls to stick with basic black instead of the bright colors he sees them wearing.) Unlike most beauty-pro-

duct companies that target older consumers but still attract younger ones, Bonne Bell is a girls' makeup brand. It considers age-appropriateness when developing its products.

Julie Shlepr, director of marketing, calls the offerings "girl-selected, mom-approved."

Young girls generally do not need foundation, according to Collier Strong, a consulting makeup artist. "Most teens have very fresh skin," she said.

But what about those girls whose faces are dotted with what Espinet calls "undesirables," and the rest of us call zits? He suggests using a very small brush to put concealer onto the pimple.

But dermatologist Michael Whitlow warns that adult cosmetics aren't always kind to tweens' young skin.

"Some people are sensitive to cosmetics," explains Whitlow. "But some people can use makeup without problems." The only way to test for a reaction is trial and error, he says.

But there is one thing that Whitlow recommends for all

skin types: using sunscreen every day to protect the skin and ward off wrinkles.

He suggests a broad-spectrum sunscreen that blocks ultraviolet A and B. Ingredients to look for in a sunscreen include titanium dioxide, zinc oxide, and Parsol 1789.

Paula Begoun, author of "Don't Go To the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (Beginning Press, \$24.95) warns that even products aimed at teenagers are problematic for their sensitive skin.

Tingling skin after applying a beauty product isn't "normal," she said.

Common irritants found in cosmetics are alcohol, menthol, camphor and eucalyptus, and tweens think that these drying agents will clear up acne, she said.

Not true, according to Ms. Begoun. "Avoid them like the plague."

Instead, she recommends products with salicylic acid for exfoliating the skin and stopping acne-causing bacteria from thriving in the pores.

FAMILIES TODAY

It's a big step for kids to visit step-parents

By T. Berry Brazelton, M.D.
N.Y. Times News Service

QUESTION: Recently, my 8-year-old daughter came to stay a week with me and my wife, her stepmother. After three days — and a typical seed-planting phone call from her mother — my daughter suddenly decided (tearfully), "I miss my mama," and wanted to go home.

I told her it was OK and said I would take her home. Of course, then she was fine. And I took her home — 80 miles round-trip. My wife says I was manipulated. What I should have done, she says, is reassure my daughter that it was OK to miss her mother — "Everyone misses their mama when they're away from home." — and taken her mind off it for a while. Then she would have been OK. What do you think? — J.C., Kempner, Texas

DR. BRAZELTON: I think you were right to take your daughter seriously. Your present wife probably wishes she were happy with you two — for your sake. Next time, I would try her reassuring suggestion, but without making a big issue of it. After all, you want your daughter to want to come to see you — even for three days.



Brazelton

That was quite an accomplishment for her, I suspect, so value her for it. It's hard for your daughter to accept the breakup of her family and a substitute for her mother that your new wife represents. For more advice, read "Stepparenting" by Jeannette Lofas and Dawn B. Sovia (Zebra, 1985).

QUESTION: Our son has a 4-year-old son and a 3-year-old daughter. His wife is obsessed with keeping the children close to her. She shares a bed with them (our son has his own room), takes baths with them and just recently stopped breastfeeding the youngest.

She feels she is the only important person in their lives and becomes enraged if they visit us. In her presence, they cling to her as if afraid to show affection to anyone else.

She is physically abusive to our son. He dearly loves his children and vehemently denies that his wife would inflict her abuse on them. How can we convince him that if she abuses him, she will abuse the children? — R.T., Address Withheld

DR. BRAZELTON: Your daughter-in-law indeed sounds as if she has a major problem in separating from her children. Abuse may loom in her family. Perhaps that's why she's angry. Or maybe she just can't make a relationship with your son any longer.

I doubt that she'd physically abuse the children, but hovering over them can be harmful too.

As grandparents, you probably can't interfere. But can you find someone she trusts who would steer her toward therapy? If your description isn't biased because of your very natural desire to protect your grandchildren and to participate in their lives, she certainly could use some help in balancing her needs and theirs to become independent.

QUESTION: Our 8-year-old daughter is an all-around terrific kid. She's a great student, popular, good manners, etc. Her problem: She poops in her pants — almost every day.

If her mom or I ask if she has had an accident, she'll swear up and down that she hasn't and then run to the bathroom to clean herself off. The denials concern us, as does the fact that she doesn't know how or why or even when these episodes happen.

This has been going on for months. We had physical tests done, and they came back negative. What should we do? — D.C.B., Mechanicsburg, Pa.

DR. BRAZELTON: The fact that your daughter has to hide her problem shows that she is ashamed. Her future self-esteem is at stake. Whatever the reason for her incontinence, it is time to have her evaluated by a pediatric child psychiatrist who can help her (and you) understand the reason for her inability to control herself, and can give her back her self-esteem.

Whether she has had an accident or not is nowhere nearly as critical as how she must feel about her inability to control herself — and her reaction to everyone's disappointment in her.

Questions or comments should be addressed to Dr. T. Berry Brazelton at families@nysyn.com or care of The New York Times Syndication Sales Corp., 122 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10168. Brazelton heads the Brazelton Foundation, which encourages and supports education and training programs for children and families.

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Korean Lee wins Marathon, ends Kenya's 10-year streak

Associated Press

BOSTON — A South Korean who nearly quit running after a poor showing at the Sydney Olympics ended Kenya's 10-year winning streak at the Boston Marathon.

Lee Bong-ju became his country's first champion in 51 years Monday when he pulled away in the closing stages to win in 2 hours, 9 minutes, 43 seconds.

Kenya still had a winner in the women's race, with Catherine Ndereba victorious for the second straight year.

Americans, meanwhile, had one of their best races in several years.

Rod DeHaven, the only American to make the men's 2000 U.S. Olympic team last year, placed sixth in a career-best 2:12:41 — the first top 10 finish by a U.S. runner in seven years.

Josh Cox, at 25 the youngest of the elite Americans, even took the lead briefly at the 12.4-mile mark before fading and finishing 14th. Mark Coogan, a 1996 Olympian, was the third American in the top 20, placing 19th at 2:18:58.

Lee's victory was the first by a non-Kenyan since Italy's Gelindo Bordin in 1990 and the first by a Korean since Kee Yong-ham in 1950.

Lee won the silver medal at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, and said he was spurred on by the recent death of his father, Hae-ku.

"That was the one thing that pushed me to exert myself more in this competition," the 30-year-old Lee said. He beat runner-up Silvio Guerra (2:10:07) of Ecuador by about 120 yards in the cool, sunny weather.

The presence of the highly successful Kenyans didn't bother Lee.

"I knew I was alone with many Kenyans," he said, "but the marathon is competing against yourself. I focused on competing against myself and not paying attention to the others."

After winning the race every year since 1991 and with the past four winners running Monday, including two-time champion Moses Tanui, the best the Kenyans could do was a third-

Midlander Ryon finishes

Garry Ryon of Midland finished the Boston Marathon Monday.

He ran the 26-plus mile race in 3 hours, 41 minutes and 43 seconds. He finished 5,831st overall.

A total of 13,752 runners started the race, and 13,395 finished.

This was Ryon's 19th marathon but his first Boston Marathon.

place by Joshua Chalang'a in his marathon debut.

Tanui, the 1996 and 1998 winner, finished 12th; defending champion Elijah Lagat was 17th; and 1999 winner Joseph Chebet dropped out.

Olympic gold medalist Gezahegne Abera of Ethiopia was 16th.

At last year's Olympics in Sydney, Lee finished a devastating 24th and thought about quitting marathon running.

"The result of the Olympics was so disappointing that if I didn't pull myself through, it would be the end of my career," he said.

He rekindled his career with a second-place finish at the Fukuoka Marathon in Japan in December.

Lee called it "a great honor" to be the first Korean winner in a

half-century, adding "the last winners were my heroes. I did not know them. There was a big time gap."

Lee began running marathons at 18, and this was his 26th. When he was a 16-year-old in high school, he ran a 4:17 mile.

But he never won as big a race as he did Monday.

Lee took command between the 24th and 25th miles when the inexperienced Chalang'a fell back. Shortly thereafter, Guerra also slowed, and Lee was home free. As he came toward the finish line down Boylston Street, he started waving his arms in celebration.

The women's race wasn't nearly as competitive. After a comparatively slow first half of 1:13:05, Ndereba took charge four miles later and broke away from three-time Boston champion and 1996 Olympic gold medalist Fatuma Roba of Ethiopia.

She won by about 1,000 yards at 2:23:53.

"After the 17th mile, I had full confidence I would win," Ndereba, 28, said.

Ndereba, the women's road racer of the year in 1996, 1998 and 1999, surprisingly was left off the Kenyan Olympic team last year despite winning the Boston Marathon. Instead of competing at Sydney, she went on to win the Chicago Marathon with a career-best 2:21:33.

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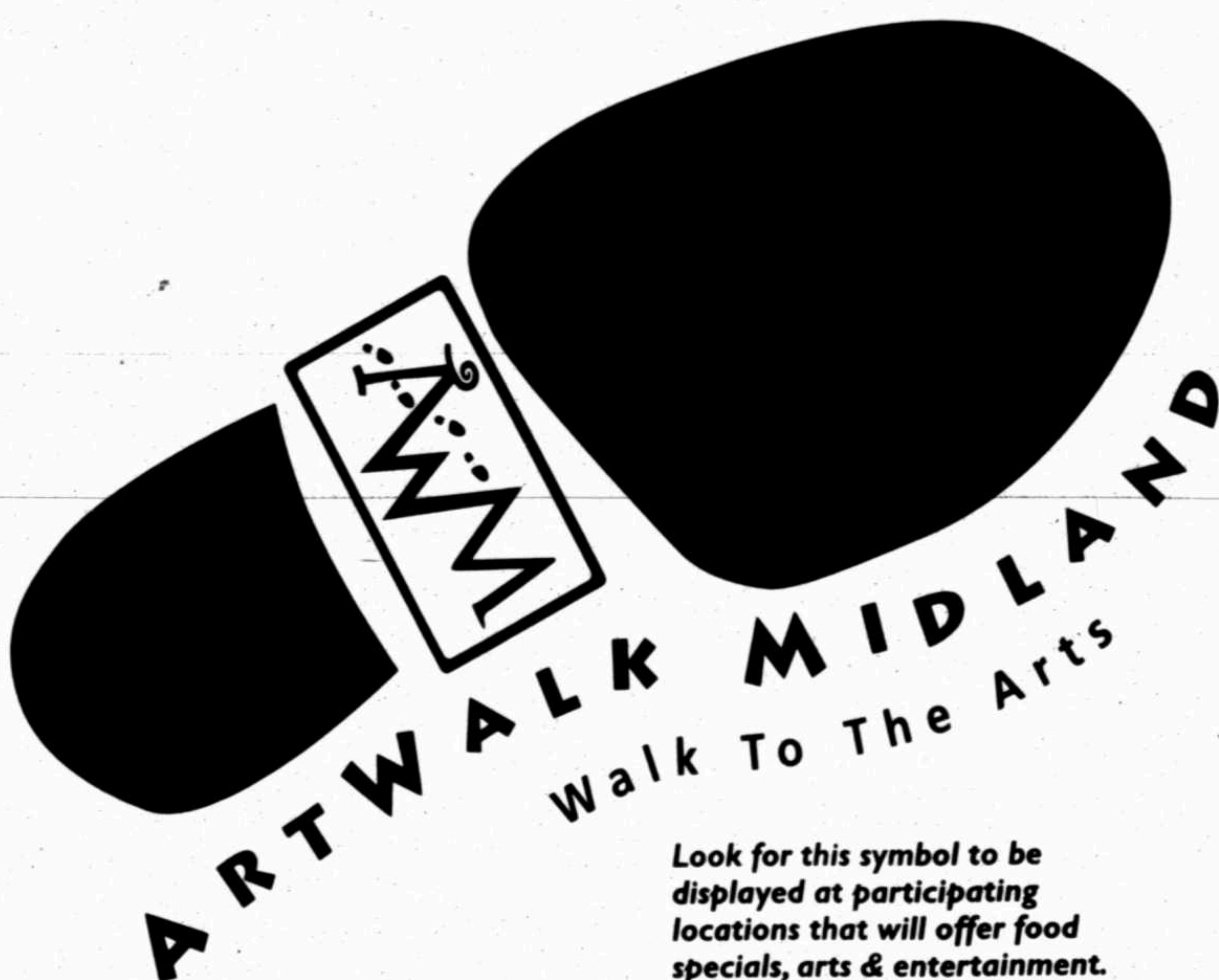
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Change boosts Natkin's stock

■ UTEP tight end could go in fifth-seventh round of NFL draft.

Associated Press

EL PASO — In 1997, Texas-El Paso tight end Brian Natkin was undersized, underweight and playing for an offense that relied mostly on the run.

Four years later, he's a unanimous first-team All American getting ready to be drafted by the NFL.

Natkin's transformation started in 1997 when Gary Nord was hired to put some passing into the team's offense. That gave Natkin a chance to prove himself.

"We changed the philosophy drastically," said Nord, who was promoted to head coach last year.

Natkin, a San Antonio native, bulked up and worked hard to become a vital part of UTEP's new offense. It all paid off.

Last season, the 6-foot-3, 245-pound Natkin led all tight ends in the nation with 64 catches — 44 of them for first downs — and

787 yards. He finished his career with 172 receptions, most in school history.

His performance helped boost UTEP to an 8-3 season, a share of the Western Athletic Conference championship and a bowl appearance for the first time in 12 years and second in 40 years.

Now Natkin is waiting for draft day. "From what I hear, he's on everybody's draft list," Nord said. "He'll be a fifth-, sixth-, seventh-round selection. He's going to be on somebody's football team, in somebody's camp."

Nord said Philadelphia, Detroit and Seattle have expressed interest in Natkin.

"I grew up a Bears fan, my father's from Chicago," Natkin said. "Their tight ends coach talked to my agent."

But, he added: "The big thing is just getting into camp."

Nord said Natkin probably will be drafted to play wing back or special teams, at least for the first year. That means he'll be catching passes over the middle, where he's vulnerable to big hits.

"He has a knack of getting open and catching the ball and take a collision," Nord said. "The whole key is getting him with the right team."

Natkin's strength is his instincts for the game. He didn't measure up as well as the combines, where scouts can see how high prospects can jump or how fast they run.

"Those things aren't Brian's strong suit," Nord said. "But when you put the pads on, he's as good as any of them."

Natkin again wants a chance to prove himself. He was a redshirt freshman when Nord arrived in 1997 to become the team's offensive coordinator.

"I don't think anybody thought he was going to be an All-American," Nord said. "He was a little slow of foot. I knew that he had the potential for this offense, to score points."

Natkin admits that speed still isn't his strong point, but, at UTEP, he has proved he can get the job done.

"He's a throwback type of player, from the old days," Nord said. "He's worked as hard as any player I've ever coached."

Coach/father Jack Elway dies at 69

Associated Press

DENVER — Jack Elway, the father of John Elway and an innovative college coach in the 1970s and '80s, died of an apparent heart attack at his home in Palm Springs, Calif. He was 69.

Jack Elway died Sunday morning, Broncos spokesman Jim Saccomano said. John Elway, the retired Denver Broncos' quarterback, flew to Palm Springs on Sunday to help with funeral arrangements.

Jack Elway retired last year as the Broncos' director of pro scouting.

"A lot of people don't understand how close he (John Elway) and Jack were, even the people around him," Broncos owner Pat Bowlen said.

Coach Mike Shanahan said Jack Elway was crucial in building the Broncos' two Super Bowl

championship teams.

"Jack was happy to stay in the background and let others get more public attention, but his position with us was truly invaluable," he said.

For the past two weeks, the elder Elway lent his expertise in the Broncos' pre-draft meetings, working side by side with his son. John Elway considered his father his best friend.

John Elway, who retired from the Broncos after winning a second Super Bowl title in 1998 and who has designs on owning or running an NFL team, was offering football insight and learning about draft preparations.

When the meetings wrapped up Friday, Jack Elway returned to Palm Springs.

Colorado State coach Sonny Lubick, an assistant under Elway at Stanford, called him a "classy, loving person. He was as fine a

coach as there was and, more important, as fine a man as there was."

A native of Hoquiam, Wash., Jack Elway played quarterback at Washington State, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees. During the 1960s, he was a high school coach in Washington and Montana.

At the college level, he was head coach at Cal State-Northridge (1976-78), San Jose State (1979-83) and Stanford (1984-88).

In 34 seasons as a head coach and assistant coach in high school, junior college and college, he posted a .650 winning percentage. He was selected as head coach in both the Blue-Gray and East-West Shrine games.

Known for his creative, multi-dimensional offenses, Elway was inducted into the Cal State-Northridge Athletic Hall of Fame in

1997. He was inducted into San Jose State's Ring of Honor in 1998, joining a group that included Dick Vermeil, Bill Walsh and Steve DeBerg.

He also was coach of the Frankfurt Galaxy in the World League from 1991-92 and scouted for the New York Jets in 1990.

He spent seven years in the Broncos' scouting department (1993-99), the last five as director of pro scouting, and subsequently served the team as a scouting consultant until his death.

Besides his son, Elway is survived by his wife, Jan; daughters Lee Ann and Jana; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in Palm Springs on April 24. Funeral arrangements were pending.

Davis: Raiders had to pay for NFL rights

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Raiders owner Al Davis acknowledged in court Monday that the NFL owned the rights to Baltimore, St. Louis and Houston when teams left those cities, but insisted the Raiders retained the rights to Los Angeles.

"It turned out that way, yes," Davis said when NFL attorney Allen Ruby asked him if the professional football rights to those three cities belonged to the league after their teams went elsewhere.

But the Raiders had to buy the rights to Los Angeles, Davis said under cross-examination in his fifth and final day of testimony in the team's \$1 billion lawsuit against the National Football League.

"It was written in stone. I thought we were the first ones to have to do that," Davis said.

He was referring to a court decision that preceded the settlement between the Raiders and the league in the team's successful antitrust case against the NFL in the 1980s.

The Raiders were awarded \$64 million but later settled out of court for \$18 million.

Davis considers the other \$46 million payment for the territorial rights to Los Angeles, and the Raiders claim they still own those rights despite the fact the team returned to Oakland in 1995.

The NFL disputes that contention.

Ruby, questioning Davis about the settlement agreement in the earlier case, pointed out that there was no mention of the \$64 million total or of the \$46 million Davis alleges went for the territorial rights.

Davis also was shown the Raiders' standing among the NFL teams in annual income, noting the team jumped from 19th in 1994 to sixth in 1995, its first season back in Oakland.

He contended the Raiders would have still moved up the earnings ladder had a plan to build a new stadium in nearby Inglewood gotten off the ground. He said fans wanting to ensure themselves seats at the proposed new stadium adjacent to Hollywood Park would have bought tickets to Raiders games at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

He suggested that the Raiders would have moved up to around 10th in earnings among NFL teams.

Much of the day was spent with Davis thumbing through 3-inch-thick documents relating to the earlier case, financial statements and the move to Oakland. Wearing Raiders colors with a black suit, black shirt and silver tie, he was contentious at times during

Ruby's questioning.

When Ruby asked if Davis knew that an injunction in the 1980s antitrust case referred only to the Raiders' right to play specifically in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, Davis voice rose as he responded: "If it does, it does. If it doesn't, it doesn't. I can't answer that."

In addition to claiming they still "own" Los Angeles, the Raiders

contend that the NFL spoiled their plan to move into the proposed new stadium at Hollywood Park.

Financial statements for the Raiders for 1995 and 1996, however, apparently did not contain any money paid to architects, engineers or others who might have been involved in planning that stadium.

After flipping through pages of copies of the financial state-

ments, Davis said that such payments might have been listed under team or game expenses.

"I thought we paid," he said.

The Raiders, who began presenting their case on March 13, expect to wrap up on Tuesday. After a day's break, the NFL is scheduled to begin its defense on Thursday, with the trial expected to go to the jury sometime next week.

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