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Shouldering appeal

Bags with shoulder straps — briefly pushed aside by smaller handbags — regain appeal and pack style for spring./1D



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Bulls sweep

Michael Jordan's 26 points leads Chicago Bulls to a 112-91 win over Miami Heat for sweep in first-round playoff series./1C

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Off to San Diego

Gov. George W. Bush said Wednesday he hopes to use his post as temporary co-chairman of the Republican National Convention to set a kinder, gentler tone for conservatism. "I've got something to say, and it will be a positive view of why I think conservatism is good for our country," said the eldest son of former President George Bush. Story, page 3B.

Kolas case

Court officials still have no new information in the almost 1-year-old murder case of Carolyn Kolas. The 42-year-old mother was walking in the predawn hours of May 27 when her throat was slashed. Police have few clues. Wednesday, the Midland County district attorney's office presented the case again to the grand jury, but no action was taken. The case remains open.

On the Dole

WASHINGTON — Squeezed for cash, Bob Dole's campaign has shifted dozens of staffers to Republican Party payrolls and let dozens more go, paring his staff from a peak of 230 down to 67. Moving campaign workers to the party payroll, common between primary and general elections, allows the candidate to keep valuable staffers working for the cause — getting Dole elected — without costing his campaign precious dollars. Page 10A.

No winner

AUSTIN — No tickets bought in the latest Lotto Texas correctly matched all six numbers drawn for the twice-weekly game, state lottery officials said Wednesday. The jackpot was worth \$4 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 9, 15, 24, 29, 44, 48. If sales continue as expected, lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$8 million.

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'Real-life' issue of airport terminal becomes case study for MHS social studies students

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

The debate on whether to build a new airport terminal building — to be decided by voters Saturday — has doubled as a real-life lesson in social studies for some high school students.

"The kids have to see the connection of what they are learning in the classroom and what's going on out in the real world. The airport is a perfect example of that," said Jeane Hightower, teacher and chairman of the social studies department at Midland High School.

Government and honors geography students discussed the controversial issue in class, and on Wednesday, 10 toured the terminal building at Midland International Airport for extra credit.

Airport officials pointed out the problems with

the existing terminal building and explained how the city decided to make plans to rebuild.

"I think it's kind of cool they'll let us come out here and teach us about it," said Shawna Hale, 10th-grade student in honors world geography. And although she's not old enough to vote, Shawna said, the tour provides an informative resource for voters.

For Andrew Beauchamp, 10th-grade honors world geography student, the tour was also educational.

"I didn't know it was as bad as it is 'till I saw it," he said. "If they (voters) have any doubts, they should come and see it."

The group of students seemed to agree unanimously that a new terminal is needed.

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Joe D. Williams/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Director of Airports Ken Day takes Midland High School students on a tour of Midland International Airport Wednesday evening.

May Day celebrations



Top, Cubans wave their nation's flags and walk toward a monument honoring Cuban independence hero Jose Marti at the Plaza de la Revolution in Havana, Wednesday, during May Day festivities. Right, some of about 20,000 Communist supporters with red flags and banners march outside Moscow's Kremlin in Moscow. Story, page 2A.



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PLO leader gets turn in spotlight at White House

■ Yasser Arafat accuses Israel of applying 'collective guilt' for suicide bombings, receives \$20 million loan from World Bank.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Accorded a statesman's welcome by President Clinton, Yasser Arafat lashed out at Israel on Wednesday for keeping its borders closed to Palestinian workers, then picked up a \$20 million World Bank loan to help them.

The PLO leader accused Israel of applying "collective guilt" for a series of suicide bombings. The effect of the travel restrictions, he said, has been to deprive 120,000 Palestinians of their jobs and to prevent export of their goods.

"We are losing about \$6 million a day from this closure," he complained during a speech to the National Press Club.

By day's end, Arafat had arranged a \$20 million emergency rehabilitation loan from the World Bank to help fund 40 projects. "I am very grateful," Arafat told the bank's president, James Wolfensohn.

Arafat also affirmed his confidence the Palestinians will have a state by 2000.



AP Laserphoto

Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat, with an unidentified interpreter, speaks at a National Press Club luncheon in Washington, Wednesday.

"Yes, yes, yes," he said in response to a question at the National Press Club. "No doubt it is coming. No one can hide the sun with his fingers."

Long despised in the West as a terrorist, Arafat advanced his transition to

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Judge denies Malkiewicz reduced sentence, withdrawal of guilty plea

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel
Staff Writer

In an impassioned but futile effort, the daughter of Nancy Malkiewicz pleaded to the judge who decided her mother's fate for a reduced sentence in the shooting of her father.

Ms. Malkiewicz pleaded guilty to hiring Jerald "Bo" Underwood, 19, to shoot her then-husband, Stanley Malkiewicz in exchange for money and other favors.

The 40-year-old woman was sentenced to 20 years by U.S. District Court Judge Royal Furgeson.

Ms. Malkiewicz appeared in court Wednesday asking the judge to reconsider his sentence or allow her to withdraw her guilty plea. The judge denied the motions.

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Ms. Malkiewicz entered a non-binding plea agreement with the U.S. attorney's office, pleading guilty to using interstate commerce facilities in connection with a murder-for-hire plan.

She pleaded guilty in exchange for the prosecutor's recommendation to the judge to give Ms. Malkiewicz a nine- to 12-year sentence.

However, during the pre-sentencing investigation, federal guidelines increased the range to 17-20 years in prison.

During the sentencing hearing, the

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New study touts reasonable amounts of mayonnaise, margarine as healthy

BOSTON (AP) — Don't hold the mayo, after all. Or the margarine or salad dressing.

Evidence is building that reasonable amounts of these foods — shunned by many because they are so high in fat — can be an important part of a heart-healthy diet. Why? They are good sources of vitamin E.

A major study published in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine found that women who get lots of vitamin E-rich food cut their chance of heart disease by almost two-thirds.

Vitamin E "is the most exciting, interesting area in diet and heart disease at the moment. We don't have the final word yet, but it looks like the potential for reduction in risk could be extremely large," said Dr. Walter Wil-

lett of the Harvard School of Public Health.

Last month, British researchers reported that daily vitamin E pills seem to reduce heart attacks by 75 percent when taken by people with bad hearts. The new study looked at the effect of vitamin E in food alone.

Dr. Lawrence H. Kushi, an epidemiologist from the University of Minnesota, followed 34,486 older women with no outward signs of heart trouble. Just 242 died of heart disease during seven years of follow-up.

Diet seemed to play a big role. The researchers divided the women into five categories, depending on how much vitamin E they consumed in their food. Women who ate the most were 62 per-

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AP Laserphoto

Joe Hunt, the former leader of the Billionaire Boys Club sits with his attorney, left, Tuesday.

door blew open, letting in a bitter wind, the witness recalled. A familiar figure stepped inside.

"I thought to myself, 'God, I know this person,'" Connie Gerrard testified.

It was Ron Levin, she said. No doubt about it.

Sightings of murder victim fuel new-trial bid of billionaire boy

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It was a rainy Christmas Day in 1987. At a small restaurant on the Greek island of Mykonos, a

But how could that be? Levin was supposed to be dead, murdered in 1984 by members of the Billionaire Boys Club, a group of ruthlessly ambitious young men who put their money into get-rich-quick schemes.

Like Elvis, though, Levin has been sighted all over, long after he supposedly died — at the movies, at a funeral, in the Greek islands, even driving a Mercedes in Los Angeles.

The Ron Levin sightings now form the basis of an effort to win a new trial for Joe Hunt, the 36-year-old former leader of the Billionaire Boys who was sentenced to life without parole for ordering Levin's murder.

At a hearing under way in Superior Court, Hunt's lawyers contend that Levin,

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In France, tempers short, but signoffs drawn-out, flowery

By William J. Kole
Associated Press

PARIS — Beat it. Get lost. Drop dead. But rest assured, dear monsieur et madame, of our most distinguished sentiments and heartfelt regards.

While the French are commonly accused of displaying excessive arrogance, attitude and irritation, they almost always end business letters with long, flowery signoffs that take courtesy to new heights.

"I pray you to believe, dear Mademoiselle, in my faithful considerations."

"Let us assure you, Madame, of our heartfelt regards and pray that you accept the expression of our best sentiments."

The theme has 38 official variations, found everywhere from electric bills to junk mail, and each is outlined in a book that tells which form to use, depending whether you're writing to the plumber or the president.

It's windy but wonderful, say defenders of the practice, lauding it as a welcome touch of civilization in a discourteous world.

"It's entrenched in our souls. It's been this way forever, and it will never change," says Hubert Ravel, a suburban Paris businessman. "In each letter we write, we have to say something stylish at the end — like saving the best for last."

This curious custom survives even amid France's rush to modernization, with fast food, fast trains and fast communication on the Internet. And no matter how blunt or how rude the French may seem, they have for centuries been unwilling to settle for a simple "sincerely yours."

Most self-respecting businesses keep handy a dog-eared desktop copy of "Le Parfait Secrétaire" ("The Perfect Secretary"), which regularly updates its explicit instructions for signing off.

The formula varies, the book explains, depending on whether you're writing to a colleague or the boss, which calls for "respectful regards," or to a subordinate, for whom "distinguished" will do.

To the uninitiated, it presents a minefield.

"The formula of politesse that precedes the signature is for many people the most difficult part of the letter. Beginning with the first word, you risk making a mistake and being badly judged," writes Louis Chaffurin, author of "Le Parfait Secrétaire" and France's pope of polite.

Writing to the real pope, of course, raises the stakes considerably. The French are told to end epistles to the Vatican this way:

"Prostrate at the feet of Your Holiness and imploring the favor of its apostolic benediction, I have the honor to be, Very Holy Father, with the deepest veneration of Your Holiness, the most humble and most obedient servant and son (daughter)."

Fortunately, few French count the pope among their pen pals. But even everyday communication can get complicated.

A woman writing to a man need convey only her "expression of my distinguished sentiments." But her male correspondent, fittingly worshipful, is expected to "pray that you agree with my most respectful homage."

Secretaries are expected to know which ending to employ. Pity the poor executive who has no such help to navigate the maddening maze.

"It's mind-boggling to me," moans Bertrand Palmer, who runs an environmental cleanup company from his home just west of Paris.

"Personally, I like something simple, a line I can use for everyone," he says. "It's way too complicated here. You have to choose. I don't think anybody really reads it, but you can count on offending someone if it's not there."

Electricite de France, the state-run electric utility, wouldn't think of doing business any other way.

"Resting at your disposition, we pray you to believe, Madame, Monsieur, in the assurance of our most devout sentiments." That was the signoff in a recent mailing to its customers — telling them their rates were going up.

Pianos, Thai food in; gin, shrimp paste out

HONG KONG (AP) — Chopstick holders, pickled lettuce and martial arts lessons: all passe.

Instead, Hong Kong residents are spending on mobile telephones, edible frogs and foot-care products, according to a survey used to measure inflation. The results show the city is becoming increasingly yuppie, health conscious and enamored of anything electronic.

Every five years the government surveys 5,600 households on how they spend. Then, officials use the list of popular products and services to measure inflation.

The new list, released Tuesday, added nearly 80 new items.

New items include electronic dictionaries, water purifiers, pianos and strawberries. Gin, shrimp paste, ox tongue and braised bamboo shoots were all out.

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WEATHER WATCH

Today to see sunny skies, mid-90s

Staff Report

Today's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high in the mid-90s and winds from south to southwest at 10-20 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for clear skies with a low near 60. Friday is expected to be sunny with a high in the mid-90s. The high for Wednesday was 84, the record high for that date is 96, set in 1992. Wednesday's low was 52. The record low is 34, set in 1970. Today's sunset is at 8:29 p.m., and sunrise for Friday will be at 7:02 a.m.

No rain was reported in the last 24 hours, and the total for the month is zero. The total for the year is 1.35 inches.

STATE

The weather for the first day of May was very pleasant across most of Texas with temperatures climbing into the 70s and upper 80s. North Texas had partly cloudy skies and comfortable temperatures Wednesday. Temperatures were mostly in the 70s by late afternoon, but ranged from 74 to 86 degrees.

The forecast for North Texas calls for low clouds this morning in the southeast, otherwise it will be partly cloudy. Highs will reach the lower 80s to lower 90s. It will be mostly clear tonight, with lows in the 50s and 60s. There is a slight chance of Friday afternoon thunderstorms.

Low pressure in the west and high pressure in the north increased the moisture over South Texas Wednesday. Skies were mostly sunny with high clouds over the Rio Grande Valley. Temperatures were in the mid-70s to upper 80s.

The forecast for South Texas calls for mostly cloudy skies and calm winds. Temperatures will span from near 90 to the 70s.

A weak trough of low pressure in West Texas and the Panhandle resulted in temperatures from 63 to 92. Winds were 5 to 15 mph. High pressure in the north resulted in sunny skies region wide.

The forecast for the area calls for sunny days and fair nights through today. Lows through tonight will be mostly in the 40s and 50s to near 60 in the Big Bend Valleys. Highs through Friday will be mostly in the 80s and 90s to near 104 along the Big Bend portions of the Rio Grande.

NATION

Mostly clear and dry weather brought smiles Wednesday in the rain-soaked Midwest and South, where residents were trying to clean up after several days of heavy rain and widespread flooding.

Some rain still fell across Ohio, West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania. Nickel-sized hail was reported in Highland, Ohio, and the National Weather Service warned that after a brief respite, more storms were expected late today.

Rivers were still rising in Ohio and Indiana and some were expected to crest today, endangering areas downstream of the rain-swollen waterways.

The series of storms since Sunday killed six people and dropped up to 9 inches of rain on Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri since Sunday. In the West, light rain was falling in western and central Montana.

Rainy weather in the Northwest was moving east, and scattered showers were expected to hit Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas by today.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

9-15-24-29-44-48
Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$4 million

Pick 3 Texas

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

6-1-4

Nicole's mother testifies that she knew instantly what had happened, who did it

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The moment she heard Arnette Simpson sobbing over the telephone, Juditha Brown felt that her daughter Nicole had been killed — and probably by O.J. Simpson, she testified Wednesday in a deposition.

Sources close to the case told The Associated Press that Mrs. Brown immediately recognized the voice of Simpson's adult daughter in the June 13, 1994, phone call from Simpson's house — and thought that Simpson's long history of abuse against Nicole had ended violently.

"She said that even before Arnette started talking she knew

that Nicole was dead, and she knew that Simpson had done it," said one source familiar with Mrs. Brown's testimony.

Simpson was acquitted last year in the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. The wrongful death suit against him, on behalf of the victims, seeks to hold him liable in civil court.

Mrs. Brown also said that on the night of the murders, Simpson was in a dark mood and his eyes were glassy as he stared at Nicole at their daughter's dance recital, the sources said. Simpson appeared upset that he wasn't being allowed to give flowers to Sydney.

PLO: President gives Arafat statesman's welcome

(From 1A)

statesman with a call at the White House. In 45-minute private talks, President Clinton agreed to establish a joint commission for studying economic problems of the West Bank and Gaza and promised to step up efforts to persuade donor countries to make good on promises of almost \$2 billion in aid.

"Our Palestinian people are facing a very serious economic siege," Arafat said in his speech. "Israel's military occupation destroyed the infrastructure of Palestine."

The spokesman for the Israeli Embassy, Gadi Baltiansky, said later his government has no intention of damaging the livelihood of Palestinians.

"The closure was a measure we had to take in order to prevent more terrorist attacks of the kind we suffered only a few weeks ago," he said. "Since then, we eased the closure and we will continue to do so, according to our security needs."

Earlier in the Oval Office, Clinton praised Arafat for acting "under difficult circumstances" to persuade the Palestine Liberation Organization's policy-making body to remove clauses in its 32-year-old charter that mandated an armed struggle to destroy Israel.

Asked Wednesday whether the PLO has given up its dream of taking all of Palestine, Arafat, suddenly angry, retorted: "This is an unfair question." He refused to reply.

Generally, Arafat spoke warmly of Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres and of his peacemaking partner, Peres' predecessor Yitzhak Rabin. He called the assassinated prime minister a cousin.

But Arafat several times deplored steps taken by Peres to try to screen out infiltrators, principally sealing of the borders with territory controlled by Arafat's

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TERMINAL: MHS social studies students tour airport

(From 1A)

"I think it's a pretty good idea. It just goes to show how we are improving our infrastructure and other stuff," said Ryan Fiske, 10th-grade world geography honors student.

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DENIES: Daughter pleads for reduction of mother's sentence

(From 1A)

assistant U.S. prosecutor defended the probation officer's report and offered evidence to support it.

Defense attorney David Rogers told the judge he believed the government did not do its part under the plea agreement.

"Our concern is that the government put on evidence so contrary to that plea agreement, it made it invalid," Rogers said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Roomberg said that during the plea negotiations, neither side discussed specific punishment ranges meeting with federal guidelines.

However, both sides agreed to knowing all the facts relating to the case.

"We fulfilled our responsibility by making our recommendation," Roomberg said.

"We assumed if they made this offer, then it would fit in the sentencing range," Rogers said.

Ms. Malkiewicz testified that she would not have entered the plea agreement if the nine- to 12 year-clause wasn't in the agreement.

"It was the only reason I signed the agreement," she said.

Roomberg presented Ms. Malkiewicz with a copy of the plea agreement with her signature on each page. He had her read the paragraphs containing the clauses that state she could not withdraw her plea if the judge gave her a tougher sentence than the one she expected and a paragraph stating she knew the agreement was non-binding.

She said she knew there was a chance she could get more prison time, but she believed that chance was so slim that she signed the agreement.

Furgeson told Ms. Malkiewicz that he had thought about his decision a great deal and denied all of her motions.

Palestinian Authority. "I hope Israel will reduce its collective punishment against our people," he said.

Arafat said Israel should combat terror by complying with U.N. resolutions that demanded its withdrawal from land the Arabs lost in the 1967 and 1973 Middle East wars.

"We are not looking for the moon," he said.

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HEALTHY: Study finds some mayonnaise could be good

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cent less likely than those who ate the least to die of coronary heart disease.

Those in the highest consumption group got at least 10 international units of vitamin E per day from food, which is the recommended daily allowance for women. Those in the lowest group got less than five.

Of course, too much high-fat food of any kind is not a good idea, and Kushi noted that the women who benefited didn't overdo it. For instance, mayonnaise consumption was considered to be high if they ate it four times a week.

Besides mayo, other good sources of vitamin E include margarine (especially if made from sunflower, safflower, canola or corn oil), salad dressings, vegetable oil, peanut butter, nuts, wheat germ and eggs.

"The public health recommendation falling out of these studies is clearly that people who are eating diets rich in vegetables seem to be better off," said Dr. Lenore Kohlmeier, a nutritionist at the University of North Carolina.

"These can be foods that are rich in fat, too, and still be desirable."

Indeed, Willett worries that people who think fat and cholesterol are the whole story may do themselves a disservice by switching to such things as fat-free salad dressing.

"One of the unfortunate parts of the fat phobia is that people eliminate major sources of vitamin E in their diets," he said.

Vitamin E is one of a group of nutrients known as antioxidants for their ability to offset the damage done by oxygen to the body. The Minnesota study found no sign that two other such nutrients — vitamins A or C — did any good. Vitamin E supplements also did not appear to reduce the risk, although the researchers cautioned that they did not know enough about how long the women had taken the pills to be sure of this finding.

Other recent studies also discount the benefits of beta carotene, the vegetable form of vitamin A.

In January, the National Cancer Institute released two large studies concluding that beta carotene pills do nothing to ward off cancer or heart disease, as many had hoped, and might actually speed up the development of lung cancer in smokers.

The witnesses eventually told their stories to police but did not testify at Hunt's 1987 trial.

Prosecutors contend Levin was killed after swindling Hunt in a \$4 million commodities scam.

A Hunt cohort, James Pittman, who pleaded guilty in 1987 to being an accessory after the fact, said on TV's "A Current Affair" in 1993 that he shot Levin in front of Hunt and helped bury the body in the Angeles National Forest.

But law officers' repeated forays into the 1,100-square-mile wilderness yielded no trace of the body.

The evidence against Hunt included a seven-page "to do" list in his handwriting, found in Levin's apartment. It included phrases such as: "Tape mouth, close blinds, handcuff, put gloves on, kill dog."

George Gerrard, her husband, corroborated the account, recalling that his wife turned to him and said, "That's Ron Levin." The husband said that after seeing photos of Levin, "I'm sure this is the man I saw in the restaurant."

Nadia Ghaleb, former maitre d' at a Beverly Hills restaurant, said that one morning in 1987, she was driving to work and spotted Levin getting into a brown Mercedes convertible on San Vicente Boulevard in the Brentwood section.

"I looked over and I clearly saw Ron Levin," she testified. "I said, 'Oh my God, there's Ron Levin. I haven't seen that guy in a long time.'"

She said she knew Levin in the 1970s and '80s and remembered his distinctive looks: tall, prematurely silver-haired, immaculately groomed in trendy clothes and always exuding "a slightly suspicious air."

Robbie Robinson, a former police reporter for City News Service, testified he was waiting in line to see the movie "Crocodile Dundee" in the city's Westwood section in 1986 when Levin stepped from the crowd, walked up to him and said, "Hi, Robbie."

"This was surprising because I hadn't seen him in 2 1/2 years and I heard that he was missing," Robinson said. He added that he "brushed off" Levin and didn't tell anyone for six months because "as a reporter, I didn't want to inject myself into it."

Ivan Werner, a funeral director, identified Levin as a mourner at a Westwood funeral in 1987. He said the man had white hair, a close-cropped beard and was impeccably groomed. Werner said he saw Levin's picture in the paper several months later and recognized him as the mourner.

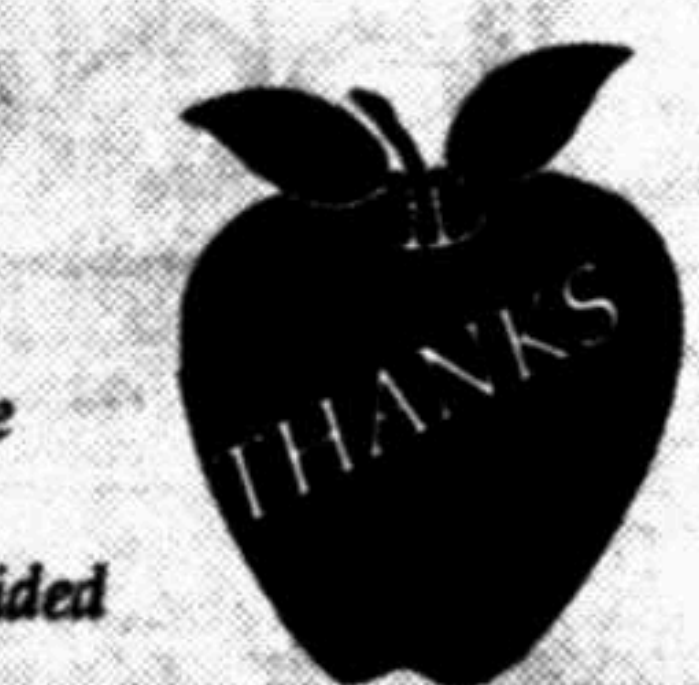
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Bodies litter streets; fighting moves to neighborhood of Liberia's main warlord

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Rebel factions moved their battles away from the U.S. embassy and into the neighborhood of Liberia's main warlord on Wednesday, littering the streets with bodies and provoking a strong showing of U.S. force.

The spread of fighting came one day after Marines guarding the U.S. Embassy in this West African country shot and killed three Liberians who fired weapons toward the compound.

Thousands of people fled their homes as fighting erupted in the Paynesville residential section — a peaceful neighborhood until now — and inched toward adjacent Congo Town, home to warlords Charles Taylor and Alhaji Kromah.

American warships came so close to shore Wednesday that witnesses could see helicopters taking off from their decks. The ships moved further out to sea before nightfall.

It was the closest the warships had come since their arrival two weeks ago to deploy 230 Marines to guard the U.S. Embassy and help evacuate foreigners.

A U.S. Embassy official in Monrovia, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the movement was "just to show a closer American presence."

The shooting at the embassy Tuesday was the first exchange of gunfire involving U.S. troops in Monrovia since April 6, when government forces tried to arrest a

rebel leader, setting off fierce fighting, mass evacuations and the closure of many international aid agencies. A temporary cease-fire was broken by the latest unrest.

Witnesses said the three Liberians killed Tuesday were rebels running toward the embassy firing their weapons while pursuing rival gunmen.

As a result, U.S. guards set up

barricades Wednesday to prevent anyone from driving past the embassy. American officials spoke with faction leaders, warning them to tell their followers to stay away from the compound.

Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs George Moose left the country Wednesday, after he failed to meet with rebel leaders, State Department spokesman Glyn Davies said in Washington.

Taylor and Kromah, former enemies who have since joined forces, refused to meet with Moose. Their rival Roosevelt Johnson, spoke with Moose by tele-

phone. "We view this as a missed opportunity, one of a number of missed opportunities, on their part, to demonstrate their com-

mitment to pursuing their political objectives through negotiation, rather than by force," Davies said.

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'Reports of my death greatly exaggerated,' new Chechen leader says

MOSCOW (AP) — Chechnya's new separatist leader surfaced Wednesday to shoot down rumors of his demise with a quote from Mark Twain.

"The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated," Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev told reporters, echoing the American satirist's famous setting-the-record straight words.

Yandarbiyev also laid down the same unyielding terms for peace talks with Russia as his slain predecessor, Dzhokhar Dudayev.

"The condition for talks is the total withdrawal of Russian troops," Yandarbiyev said at a news conference at a secret location in southern Chechnya.

Chechnya's pro-Moscow government on Monday claimed Yandarbiyev was killed in a clash among the rebels just a week after succeeding Dudayev.

Top Russian officials seized on the reports as evidence of a bloody, potentially crippling

squabble among his successors.

But on Wednesday, Yandarbiyev met with reporters and appeared in a clandestine TV broadcast to mock Russian talk of discord in the rebel ranks.

Sitting next to him at the news conference was Aslan Maskhadov, the separatists' military chief-of-staff. Some Russian analysts had predicted a power struggle between the two.

Like Dudayev, Yandarbiyev said the war cannot end while Russian troops remain in Chechnya. He also said there's no hope of peace if it's proven the Kremlin had Dudayev killed.

The rebels say Dudayev died in a Russian airstrike on April 21.

"If it turns out that the Russian leadership is involved in the killing of Gen. Dudayev, then there can be no question of talks," Yandar-

biyev said.

Before his death, Dudayev said President Boris Yeltsin had ordered his assassination. He said the order came during a Security

Council meeting at which Yeltsin was trying to come up with a way to end the war, or at least visibly wind it down, before the June 16 presidential election.

Yeltsin is seeking a second term in a tight race against Communist challenger Gennady Zyuganov.

Candles honor dead; Australia mourns victims

HOBART, Australia (AP) — Tiny flames flickered at the base of a simple wooden crucifix on Wednesday, one candle for each of the 35 people methodically slain by an enraged gunman as they visited a popular tourist site.

Hundreds of mourners prayed at Hobart's St. David's Anglican Cathedral for the victims, ages 3 to 72. And as residents of Tasmania grieve for the dead, their anger only grows toward the murder suspect.

Martin Bryant, 28, was badly burned in a house fire he set just before police arrested him. Now, under heavy police guard, he is being treated for burns in the same hospital that is caring for survivors of Australia's worst massacre in modern times.

Hospital officials say people have called to complain that Bryant should not receive any medical treatment. In an act of protest, 20 nurses at the Royal Hobart Hospital called in sick Wednesday, hospital chief executive Lindsay Pyne said.

Doctors say Bryant, who was charged with murder at a bedside hearing, might require plastic surgery and could remain hospitalized for another week.

Wednesday's tearful state service started with a minute's silence observed throughout Australia, which includes the island of Tasmania 300 miles southeast of Melbourne.

At 10:30 a.m., streetcars stopped running, financial exchanges suspended trading and schools interrupted classes.

Inside the Anglican cathedral where the service was nationally broadcast live on TV, 800 friends, relatives and neighbors of the victims sat with the nation's leaders. Some wept openly.

"The suddenness of the assault, the scope of the massacre, the senselessness of the carnage, have left us in deep shock and even anger," Tasmania's Anglican Bishop Phillip Newell said.

Before the service, Prime Minister John Howard, who has promised to tighten gun controls, visited the death scene, 30 miles south of Hobart.

"This is an event that has shaken the core of this country in a way that no individual crime has done in my lifetime," Howard said.

Bryant is accused of shooting sightseers and staff at the picturesque Port Arthur colonial prison complex on Sunday, using high-powered assault weapons. He then barricaded himself inside a guest cottage with three hostages, setting fire to the house Monday morning.

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The tempura battered broccoli may sound like a strange offering for a West Texas style menu, but natives seem to think it's a great side order for steak fingers. The broccoli is nice and crisp and the batter, well, it's D-E-E-E-L-I-C-I-O-U-S!

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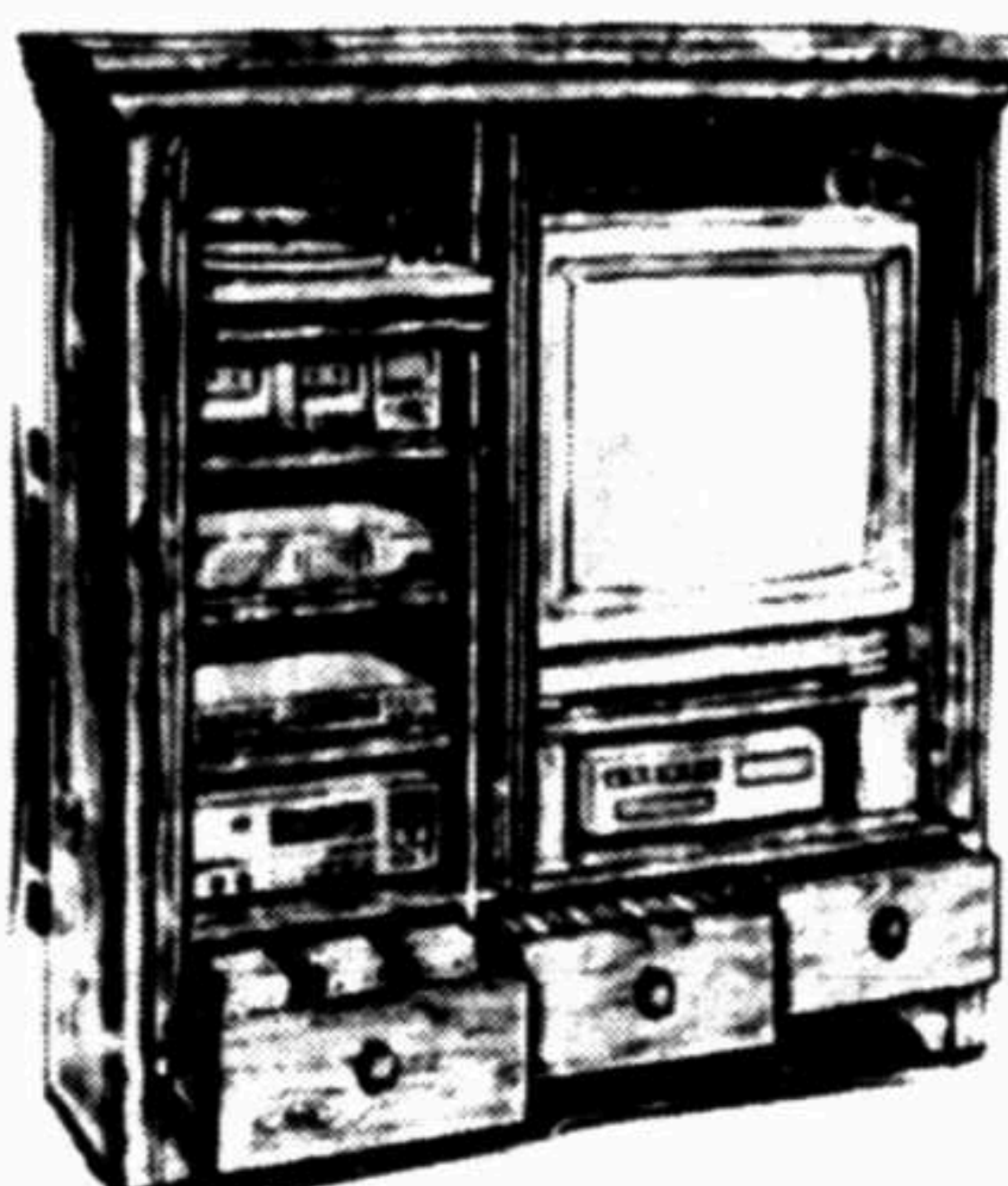
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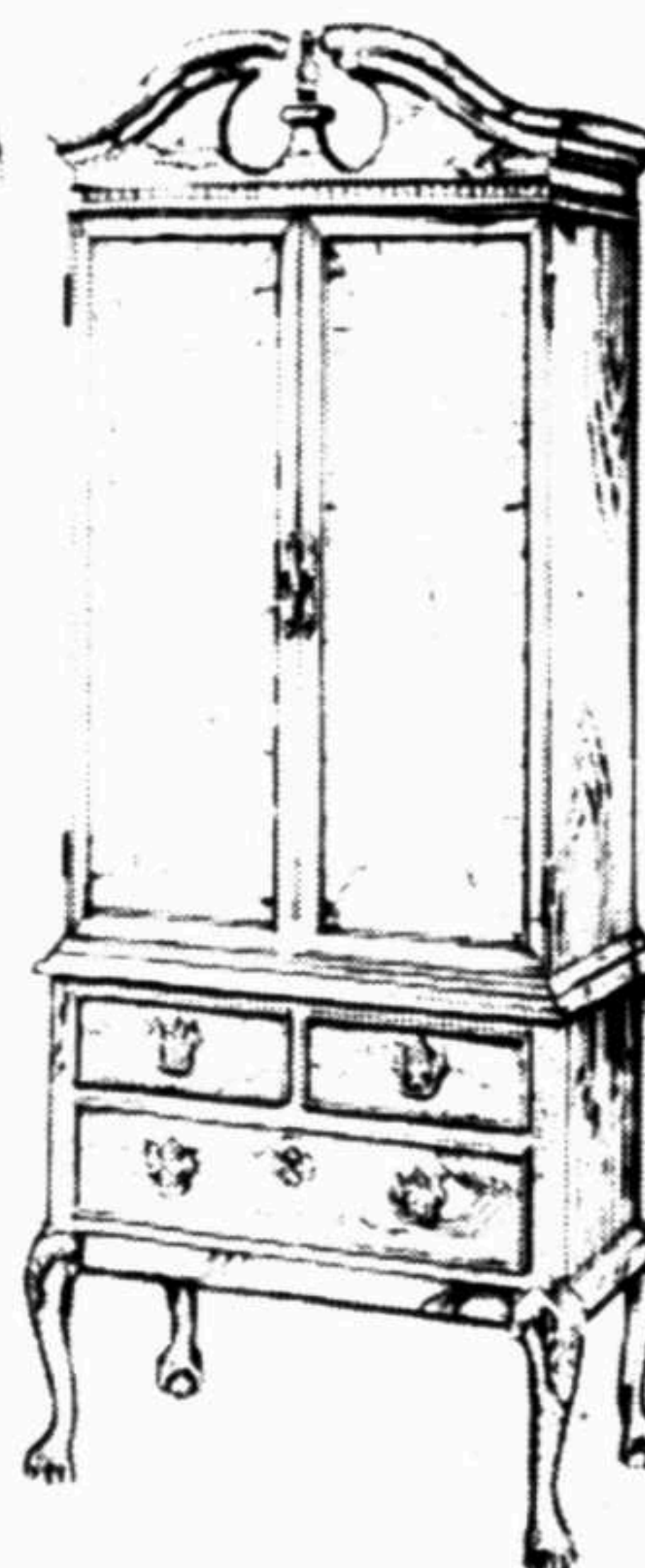


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Bilingual ballots deconstruct American identity

WASHINGTON — John Silber, the sandpiper president of Boston University, might have been governor of Massachusetts — he was the Democratic nominee in 1990 — were he not given to speaking his formidable mind as bluntly as he did when a voter asked what we should teach our children. "Teach them that they are going to die," he said. And have a nice day.

His point was that children need a sense of reality, beginning with the fact that life is short and that living nobly may depend on an early understanding of that brevity. He never tried, as most politicians do, to be a ray of sunshine.

Recently he was here among the politicians, displaying his penchant for uttering discomfiting truths. He is a philosopher by academic training and his testimony in favor of repealing bilingual ballot requirements was a model dissection of ill-conceived compassion.

The 1965 Voting Rights Act, as amended in 1975 and subsequently, requires bilingual ballots in jurisdictions with certain demographic characteristics pertaining to linguistic minorities, English deficiency, illiteracy and low voter turnout. But as Rep. John Porter, R-Ill., another advocate of repeal, noted in testimony, all this is patently peculiar because since 1906 any immigrant seeking citizenship has been required to demonstrate oral English literacy, and since 1950 has been required to "demonstrate an understanding of English, including an ability to read, write and speak words in ordinary English." Applicants over 55 who have lived here at least 15 years are exempted.

Porter said that if immigrants are gaining citizenship without knowing how to read English, the law is not being enforced. And if 18-year-old citizens born and raised here are illiterate in English, the education system is failing.

Deval Patrick, who as President Clinton's assistant attorney general for civil rights is paid to inflame the rhetoric of civil rights while trivializing the subject, testified against repeal of the bilingual ballot requirement, warning of "the pernicious disenfranchisement resulting

from a lack of English proficiency." He regards bilingual ballots as instruments of compassion for people who are "limited-English proficient" and exhorted one and all to "recognize, respect and celebrate the linguistic and cultural variety of our society."

"Very well?" Good grief. Talk about inadequate use of the language. How can bilingual ballots produce "equal access to and participation in the democratic process"? What is at issue is accommodations for people who cannot read English language ballots, and the law of the land is supposed to be a barrier between such people and citizenship.

It fell to Silber to say why bilingual ballots are of "constitutional consequence, amending in effect the very concept of United States citizenship." The naturalization statutes clearly presuppose that English is the language indispensable for life in America, where all the founding documents, and all the laws and all the proceedings of legislatures are in English. Citizens not proficient in English are, Silber said, "citizens in name only" because they cannot follow a political campaign, talk with a candidate, or petition a representative, and providing them with a bilingual ballot merely

makes a mockery of civic life.

Silber stressed that in no other nation do so many people, spread over so large an area, speak the same language. This nation, which Lincoln said is dedicated to a proposition, is a creedal nation, founded on shared affirmations, not on ethnicity. Here, Silber said, ethnicity is "a private matter." Various ethnic groups celebrate their saints and other sources of communal pride. Such private and voluntary undertakings are splendid. However, the government properly recognizes only Americans, not ethnic groups. In opposition to that principle, bilingual ballots "represent a dangerous experiment in deconstructing our American identity."

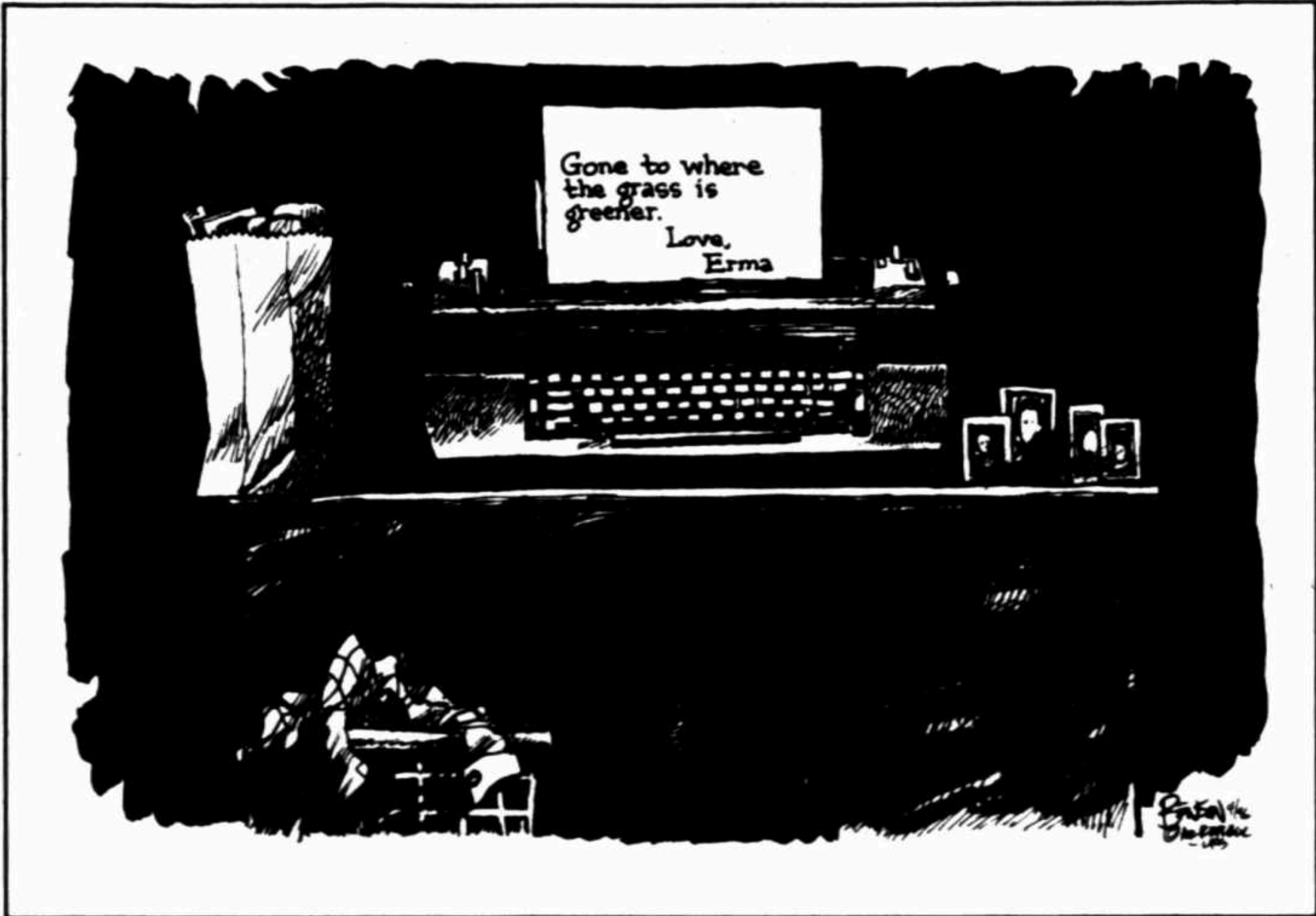
But of course. For some of the diversity-mongers who advocate bilingual ballots, such deconstruction is precisely the point. They think it is oppression for one American identity to be (in the jargon du jour of the multiculturalists) "privileged."

Silber says such deconstruction is how nations die. Have a nice day.

George Will's column is distributed by Washington Post Writers Group.



Will



LETTERS

Buchanan is GOP's only hope to win

The only hope the Republican Party has to win this year's presidential election is to select Patrick Buchanan as its vice-presidential candidate. My conclusion is based on past elections and the assets Buchanan could bring to the Republican campaign. I still remember the winning combinations that included Kennedy and Johnson, and Reagan and Bush; although seemingly bitter rivals in their primary campaigns, they teamed up to consolidate their respective political parties and win in their general elections.

Buchanan is a true Republican, a superior debater, appeals to a large number of Democrat and independent voters, and is most acquainted with the news media. Any other vice-presidential pick is inferior, and this move would eliminate the threat of a serious third party challenge. If I were making the decision, I would beg Patrick Buchanan to accept the vice-presidential nomination of the Republican Party!

Fred Jones
Midland

New airport would increase safety

I wish to voice my support for the new Midland airport. This worthy project will increase the safety of all air passengers and aircraft. Communities such as ours, which are long distances from certain types of medical help, depend on airports for rapid medical help.

While no one cares to see increased taxes it should be noted that more than 50 percent of user fees for the airport are paid for by entities outside the Midland-Odessa area.

To repair the present airport would only extend the problems that have chronically plagued the existing airport. The money invested in a new airport is money well spent not only for Midland but for the entire West Texas area. Therefore, I look forward to the undertaking of this project.

Bill Sohl
Mayor
City of Alpine

Zachery would be independent voice

In response to Mrs. E.G. Davis' letter that appeared in Sunday's edition (Letters, April 28) regarding Midland Independent School District (MISD) board candidate Clarence Zachery, perhaps she is not familiar with Zachery's activities and qualifications. He is a lifetime Midlander, college graduate and parent of two children attend-

ing MISD schools. He is involved in P.T.A., fundraising for choir at the high school level and has served on C.E.I.C. at Crockett Elementary. He gives his time and energy through Little League. On a more personal note, he has taken an active interest in individual students to prevent dropouts. He endorses a back-to-basics approach in education.

We need an independent, strong voice for District 2. Vote Clarence "Putty" Zachery.

C.A. Sokolowski
Midland

City should continue its 'can do' attitude

Thirty years ago when I moved to Midland, some folks in Fort Worth tried to tell me that Midland was to dry up and blow away because it was in the middle of a "bust." There were a thousand to 1,500 empty homes, some of which were being torn down by the federal government, which had foreclosed under VA and FHA loans.

In the intervening years, I have seen Midland continue to grow until it is almost three times the size it was when I moved here. From time to time, there have been naysayers and proponents of doom who forecast failure and defeat.

Fortunately there have been others who have been willing to undertake the utilization of empty homes, the rebuilding of the infrastructure of the city, the building of civic and cultural organizations, the promotion of further business in this city. I am pleased I moved to a city of forward-thinking, positive folks who have, on so many occasions, exhibited a "can-do" attitude.

In 1993 as a City Council member, I studied the airport issue and voted to build a new terminal. Since then, nothing has changed the economics or good sense involved in replacing a worn out facility. Accordingly, I will vote for the new terminal and urge you to do likewise.

Wm. C. Morrow
Midland

Air terminal needs to give good impression

Concerning the air terminal election, "You never get a second chance to make a good first impression." How many of us have used that statement to emphasize the need to put our best foot forward for economic development?

True story: Several years ago a major corporation acquired a controlling interest in one of our region's largest businesses. Before the acquisition announcement, key managers came to visit the area. Weeks later came the announce-

ment: Relocation of corporate offices to another Texas city. Lay-offs followed in the local operation. Reason: We didn't impress the corporate managers favorably about life in the Permian Basin.

While no one can attribute this decision directly to the condition of our international airport, it is undeniably true that, for many folks, their longest lasting impression is torn carpet, taped up seats, and smelly bathrooms that they saw in their first moments following deplaning.

Carole Symonette
Midland

Leaders in Midland should be ashamed

There are a few things I must get off my somewhat opinionated chest.

It is absolutely absurd, astonishing and disgraceful that the Midland Independent School District (MISD) board and administrators have spent 45 percent less than the statewide average on our schools and that more than \$110 million is now needed to bring them up to par. These so-called leaders and the city of Midland should be ashamed. Education is the single most important ingredient for our children's future. We must be willing to spend whatever it takes to insure a quality education for every child.

For many obvious reasons, it would be totally ignorant for Midland to vote against building a new airport and, instead, waste millions of dollars on the old one. Midland has a chance to become the center of West Texas, if we pull our heads out.

A few years ago, Texas and Midland were in a depression. First National Bank and others went bust, savings and loans everywhere went broke and oil dropped to \$10 a barrel. Today, banks are thriving, the economy is strong, interest rates are low, stocks are high, oil is \$23 a barrel and Midland is having a mini-boom. Clinton sure has been a lousy president.

In regard to the Celebrations curriculum, I want to say this. Blind faith leads to blind ignorance of the thoughts, ideas and beliefs of others. We cannot allow ourselves to become so self-centered and self-righteous that we dismiss the views and differences of those around us. The more we know about others, the more we learn about ourselves.

Richard Shelburne
Midland

Students have worked hard for concert tour

On behalf of the members of the Lee Chorale, I would like to say

thank you to members of the community who have supported our efforts to make a nine-day concert tour of Austria and Germany next month. The Lee High School Choirs have made this trip in 1974, 1981 and now in 1996. We will be performing at least five concerts and we are excited to see where many famous composers lived and wrote their music. Approximately 100 students will be making the trip at a cost of \$2,000 per student.

Throughout this year we have worked very hard to raise money on our own. We have presented "Voices of the 40s," "Voices of Yuletide," "Voices of the Renaissance" and will end our year with a concert entitled "Voices in Vienna." In addition, our chorale was one of the three choirs invited to sing at TMEA in San Antonio in February and our men's, women's and mixed choirs recently made sweepstakes ratings in UIL Contest. We have sold memberships, coupon books, poinsettias, spring flower baskets, license plate stickers and over \$1 million in Albertsons Gift Certificates (of which we make 5 percent). Chorale, Origin and Fab 5 have performed for many community groups.

We feel we must now turn to the community for donations. We need to raise about \$40,000 by the time school is out. We know that Midland is a wonderful place to live and grow up and we hope to represent it well in Europe. We feel confident that our funds will be there by the time we leave, but it will depend a lot on donations from the members of this community. We are asking for your help. Please send donations to Lee Choir, 3500 Neely, Midland, 79707.

Erin Stanton
Class of '96
President, Lee Chorale

Texas has comical highway signs

West Texas has quite a few comical highway signs. I snickered when I read, "Slick When Wet," and laughed when I saw, "Watch for Water on Road." But I did not collapse into uncontrollable giggles until I observed, "Road Subject to Flooding the Next Seven Miles."

While on the subject, I would like to congratulate Don Parks for his beautiful painting "Thunderhead over Midland" (MRT, April 28). I understand that it is one of a series entitled, "Unusual Happenings in the Permian Basin." He is a very patient artist. I remember the cloud, it came out of the west at about 4:33 p.m. on June 14, 1995.

Jim Williamson
Midland

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, May 2, the 123rd day of 1996. There are 243 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 2, 1863, Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was accidentally wounded by his own men at Chancellorsville, Va., and died eight days later.

On this date: In 1519, artist Leonardo da Vinci died at Cloux, France.

In 1670, the Hudson Bay Co. was chartered by England's King Charles II.

In 1885, Good Housekeeping magazine was first published in Halyoke, Mass.

In 1890, the Oklahoma Territory was organized.

In 1935, lyricist Lorenz Hart, who collaborated with composer Richard Rodgers on songs like "Thou Swell" and "My Funny Valentine," was born in New York.

In 1932, Jack Benny's first radio show made its debut on the NBC Blue Network.

In 1936, "Peter and the Wolf," a symphonic tale for children by Sergei Prokofiev, had its world premiere in Moscow.

In 1945, the Soviet Union announced the fall of Berlin, and the Allies announced the surrender of Nazi troops in Italy and parts of Austria.

In 1957, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, the controversial Republican senator from Wisconsin, died at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.

In 1960, convicted sex offender and best-selling author Caryl Chessman was executed at San Quentin Prison in California.

In 1965, the Early Bird satellite was used to transmit television pictures across the Atlantic.

In 1972, after serving 48 years as head of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover died in Washington at age 77.

In 1974, former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew was disbarred by the Maryland Court of Appeals, effectively preventing him from practicing law anywhere in the United States.

Ten years ago: Soviet official Boris N. Yeltsin told West German television that water reservoirs near the crippled Chernobyl nuclear power plant were contaminated with radioactivity.

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Republicans plan steady drumbeat on gas-tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Having declared Memorial Day as their target to repeal President Clinton's 1993 gasoline-tax increase, Republicans are planning a full menu of news conferences and congressional hearings to highlight their tax-cutting zeal.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., meanwhile, said Wednesday Democrats would permit repeal of the 4.3-cent-per-gallon surcharge only if the legislation "ensures that whatever benefit may be derived from this effort goes directly to the consumer."

And he said Democrats would look at pairing the gas-tax reduction with an increase in the minimum wage, a suggestion raised by Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan. House Republicans, however, expressed little enthusiasm for the linkage.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman William V. Roth, R-Del., scheduled a hearing on Friday featuring witnesses representing car owners, truckers, bus operators and others pinched by gasoline prices, which have risen to their highest level since the Persian Gulf War.

As a deficit reduction measure in 1993, a Democratic-controlled Congress and Clinton enacted — without a single GOP vote — a 4.3-cent increase in the gasoline tax, bringing the total to 18.3 cents.

Until now, Republicans hadn't tried to repeal it. But with gasoline prices having risen about 15 cents per gallon since February, Dole injected the issue into the election-year debate.

The House Ways and Means Committee planned its own hearing next Wednesday. The day before that, according to an aide, Republicans will hold a news conference revealing the details of their bill, including spending reductions to offset the tax cut.

The new conference is being timed to coincide with "Tax Freedom Day," the date, as calculated by the Tax Foundation, a research organization, when the average American will finish paying federal, state and local taxes.

"It's just another example where we can say to the American working people, 'We want to try to reduce your tax burden wherever we can,'" said Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas.

Dole, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, and House

Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said Tuesday they intended by Memorial Day, to send Clinton legislation repealing the 1993 rise until Jan. 1. Aides said that would cost roughly \$2.8 billion.

Dole and Gingrich said Congress would consider a longer-term repeal as part of 1997 budget.

Clinton has responded to soaring gasoline prices by ordering the sale of 12 million barrels of oil from the nation's strategic reserve and directing the Justice Department to investigate the price rise.

Dole, in a commentary published in Wednesday's USA Today, said Clinton's response "did not go far enough." He said, "The best solution to the rise in gas prices is to eliminate the tax increase on the American driver which Bill Clinton put in place in his first year in office."

SEARS

correction notice

On page 5 on the Sears Thursday, May 2 advertising section you may have received, there is a printing error. The Magnavox 46-inch TV featured is incorrectly identified as #54103/54113 (MFR. #FP4610W). It should be #54403 (MFR. #FP4620W). The 52-inch model is #54603 (MFR. #FP5220W). The home theater audio pkg. #98006 (MFR. #MX893AHT). We regret any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.



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Squeezed for cash, Dole shifts workers to RNC

WASHINGTON (AP) — Squeezed for cash, Bob Dole's campaign has shifted dozens of staffers to Republican Party payrolls and let dozens more go, paring his staff from a peak of 230 down to 67.

Moving campaign workers to the party payroll, common between primary and general elections, allows the candidate to keep valuable staffers working for the cause — getting Dole elected — without costing his campaign precious dollars.

The lion's share of the staff cuts and transfers to the Republican National Committee were made about a month ago as the primaries wound down, Dole spokeswoman Christina Martin said.

Half of the remaining staffers are in legal and accounting jobs. The rest are a skeleton crew of administration, communications, scheduling and political staffers. Those who were let go were involved in fund-raising, event planning and other campaign work. Some were state campaign workers whose jobs were eliminated after the primaries.

"Once you get past the primaries you scale back," Martin said.

She declined to say how many people were let go, but said the number of people shifting over to the party was in the dozens.

Those to head to the party ranged from Dole's chief fund-raiser Jo-Anne Coe, who became RNC deputy finance chairwoman, to Judy Toland, a campaign administration staffer last year who now is an accounts payable clerk at the RNC.

Dole is in a cash crunch, with less than \$2 million left to spend between now and the Republican convention in August.

Because he accepted federal matching funds for his campaign, Dole must stick to a legal spending limit of \$37 million for the primaries. He had spent \$35 million through the end of March.

In contrast, President Clinton has about \$21 million left to spend between now and August, mostly because he had no primary challenger. As a result, he has double the staff of Dole, or about 120 workers.

The salaries of staff involved in campaign work are applied toward the spending limit. Salaries for legal and accounting people who deal with compliance with election laws are not.

Moving campaign staffers to party payrolls is legal as long as the employees who switch actually work for the party and not directly for the candidate.

Campaign finance experts say it's an easy way to defray campaign costs and keep staffers working on the election without breaking the law. After all, Dole's campaign and the GOP are in the same business: getting Dole elected.

"There's a legal artifice created by election laws that flies in the face of the way the world works," said Trevor Potter, a lawyer and former Republican member of the Federal Election Commission. "The party is affected by how Dole is doing. If he's doing well, the party is doing well. It's all tied together."

With Dole's cash dwindling, the RNC plans to pick up the slack before the convention and spend millions on ads promoting Republican issues.

Mary Crawford, RNC spokeswoman, said campaign staff downsizing presents the party with an opportunity to pick up good people. The RNC has hired staffers from other GOP presidential candidates as well as Dole aides.

Feds quietly drop sex-bias probe

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The government has quietly ended its four-year sexual discrimination probe of Hooters, coming to the same conclusion as its sometimes snickering critics: We have better things to do.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission had demanded a \$22 million fine from the restaurant chain after looking into complaints by four men who said they were denied the chance to serve suds alongside buxom waitresses.

The EEOC also wanted Hooters to hire male waiters, compensate any men it had turned down for jobs, and set up a scholarship fund to enhance employment opportunities for men.

Ridiculous, said Rep. Harris Fawell, R-Ill., who had questioned the investigation, given the agency's limited financial resources.

The EEOC wouldn't say how much the probe cost.

Columnists had a field day as Hooters fought both the EEOC and a private lawsuit filed by the men, asserting a constitutional right to have only females squeeze into its skimpy orange shorts and tight white shirts.

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Sixth grader Cody Oldham recently won a gold medal for his first-place entry in the (UIL) University Scholastic League's journalism contest, with the following story about Mayor Bobby Burns' trip to fantasy baseball camp. "Good job, Cody."

It's a hit Mayor faces Nolan Ryan

By Cody Oldham

As he stood at the plate, facing a mean, competitive Nolan Ryan, Bobby Burns had one thought on his mind... "Get a Hit!" Today, as he stands before the city of Midland as mayor again he has one thought in mind... "Make Midland the best it can be!"

In a recent interview with Bobby Burns, the mayor shared a story about his opportunity to attend a "Fantasy Camp," a camp where ordinary people were invited to play against professional baseball players, including Nolan Ryan. Highlights included two special events.

First, he was given an opportunity to bat against Nolan Ryan. After receiving coaching to improve his batting, Mr. Burns stepped up to the plate. He wanted to get a hit, not walk, not strike out. He said he made up his mind that he would swing at everything, but he faced only four pitches.

The first pitch he barely tipped, and it went straight to the ground. This caused him to relax a little, he said. The second pitch came so fast that he didn't even have time to unload his bat. The third pitch he fouled in the stands down the first base line. He said he was feeling very good just to have touched the ball.

Then on the fourth pitch he hit the ball to right field. The right fielder dove, but the ball went off his glove. Mr. Burns glided to first base looking up to see if he had earned a hit or an error. It was scored as a hit! The next batter struck out, and the inning was over. Nolan knew that

Bobby was a "pretend" player. He told Bobby, "Good hit!"

"That felt good!" said the mayor. The other event was during a game where he played on the same team as Nolan Ryan. Burns was at second. Morry Wills, an older baseball legend, was at short stop. His team was winning 2-1. Last inning. Two outs. Runners on first and third.

Nolan looked back at Bobby and said, "Don't mess this up!" The next pitch was a hit to Burns. He flipped it over to Morry Wills who turned a double play to end the game. As Bobby and Nolan walked off the field, Nolan said, "Great play, Burnsy!"

Mr. Burns smiled as he told the story and said, "That made me feel good, because I hadn't let him down."

Today Bobby Burns says his goal is to make Midland a better place to live. He says he is most pleased with his success in bringing in 40 to 50 new businesses like the restaurants and office supply stores on the loop. He also says he wants to revitalize the downtown area, make some things happen on the interstate and get a new airport built.

In 1992 Nolan Ryan was complimentary to Bobby for his success at the Fantasy Baseball Camp. Today his successes includes bringing new industries to Midland and developing the commercial area on the loop.

In the words of Nolan Ryan, "Good job, Burnsy."

Cody visits with Mayor Bobby Burns about facing pitcher Nolan Ryan.



Mayor Bobby Burns with Cody Oldham and GEM Journalism teacher Elaine Paniszczyn.

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Dead woman's diary reveals terror of stalking

WEST ALLIS, Wis. (AP) — Barbara Steele carefully documented how terrified she was of her ex-husband.

"Our dog never gets let outside. I never get to take my contacts out of my eyes and I sleep in my clothes," she wrote in a diary she kept of Allen Steele's erratic and increasingly menacing behavior.

Her last entry was April 18. Two days later, her former husband shot her to death, then killed himself.

The diary was found among legal memos on Mrs. Steele's office computer. Her family released it in the hopes it would help other women.

"We're hoping ... because of Barb's death, a judge or the authorities will look at our laws and try to protect women and their children from people like this," said Kathleen McGowan, a colleague at Foley & Lardner, the Milwaukee law firm where Mrs. Steele worked as a typist.

Exactly why she kept the log isn't clear. Barbara sent pages to her children's lawyer to expose her former husband's behavior. But whether she wanted to stop Steele's unsupervised visits with their three children, or was compiling evidence in case anything happened to her, her family didn't know.

Her lawyer, Roger Rustad, declined to comment on the diary, citing lawyer-client confidentiality. The children's lawyer, Judith Budny, did not immediately return a call Wednesday.

Allen had court-ordered, unsupervised visits with Alexandra, 8, Cassandra, 6, and 20-month-old David. But Mrs. Steele often gave in to his demands to see the children on side of his scheduled visits to avoid confrontations.

"I don't want to keep the children away from their dad, I just want them to be 'mentally' safe and happy," she wrote in a letter to the children's attorney in October.

Steele never hit his ex-wife, said Mrs. Steele's best friend, Leslie Meka, but his behavior became increasingly hostile. "She was more worried about him doing something to his kids," Meka said.

In the diary's first entry, dated March 1, 1995, Mrs. Steele said her former husband was "doing everything in his power to cause heartache and trouble."

"Allen has been telling the children terrible lies about me, screaming at me in front of the children and making me bring the police into our lives almost every day," she wrote.

A diary entry dated March 2, 1995, reveals Mrs. Steele's concerns about her ex-husband's influence on the children: "Allen never sees his family, has no friends and now, I fear, has no job. If Allen is telling the girls these types of things, it is no wonder that Alexandra comes into bed by me

every night and Cassandra always gives me hugs and kisses and tells me to 'never let go.'"

On March 10, 1995, Steele disappeared with the children. Police found them four days later, 200 miles north. "The sheriffs found a lot of guns," Mrs. Steele wrote.

Allen paid a \$261 fine for carrying a concealed weapon and temporarily lost unsupervised visitation rights. Barbara obtained a

restraining order against him in early 1995.

Mrs. Steele wrote about how her daughters had grown afraid of Steele and how David cried whenever his father was near.

"I am thinking about refusing Allen the children, knowing that then he would go get the police, there would be a scene and the children would end up going with him anyway," she wrote.

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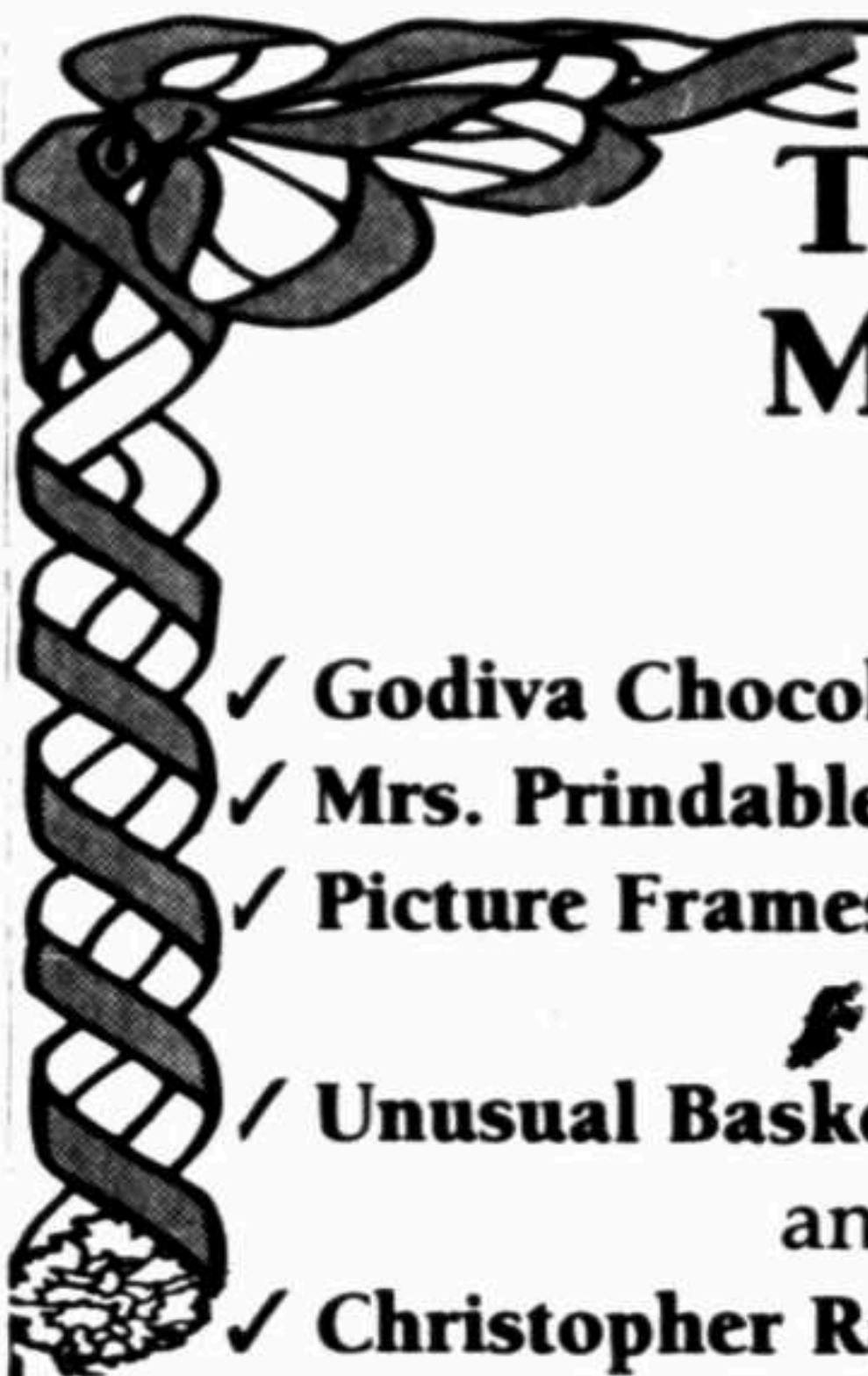
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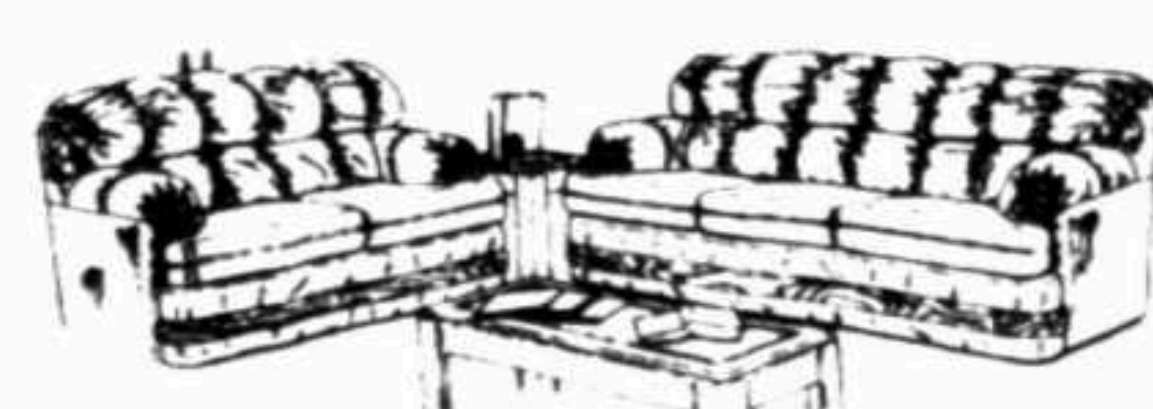


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'Patriot movement' leader gives up talks with Freeman

Former Green Beret Col. James "Bo" Gritz gave up trying to persuade the Freeman to surrender Wednesday, saying the anti-government extremists have taken an "oath to God" not to leave their compound until their demands are met.

Gritz, a leader of the self-styled patriot movement who helped negotiate an end to the deadly siege at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, in 1992, called it quits after a 2 1/2-hour session — his fifth meeting with the group.

Gritz said the Freeman were back to their earlier position that they will submit only to a tribunal of their own kind; they will not sub-

mit to the federal courts.

The Freeman "have had communications with God — Yahweh," and vowed not to leave their ranch unless their demands are met, Gritz said. "I don't see any way they're going to deny this oath to God."

Gritz didn't sound optimistic about a peaceful resolution. He said Freeman told him that "Yahweh has placed an invisible barrier around their sanctuary that no more enemies can penetrate."

The tribunal must consist of 23 people who are completely debt-free, do not work for the government and are not lawyers, Gritz said. Also, the members of the tri-

bune must reach a unanimous verdict.

The Freeman refuse to recognize the government's authority. They have their own laws and courts based on their selective interpretation of the Bible, the U.S. Constitution and other documents.

Members of the group are wanted on state and federal charges ranging from writing bad checks to threatening to kidnap and kill a U.S. judge. The standoff began March 25 after two of their leaders were arrested.

Gritz began negotiating with the group on Saturday along with Jack McLamb, a retired Arizona police-

man. Gritz had wanted to include white separatist Randy Weaver but said the FBI wouldn't let him. Weaver's wife and 14-year-old son and a U.S. marshal were killed in an 11-day standoff at Ruby Ridge in 1992 before Gritz persuaded Weaver to surrender.

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Prosecutor: Story of lost boy saved by dogs not true

CASSVILLE, Mo. (AP) — The tale of the retarded boy who got lost in the woods and survived three nights in the cold with the help of stray dogs is false, and his parents could face charges, a prosecutor said Wednesday.

Josh Carlisle, a 10-year-old with Down syndrome, did not wander away from home in March and did not spend days in the Ozarks wilderness as his parents claimed. Barry County Prosecutor David Cole said.

Cole said Josh's mother, Johnny Coffey, and his stepfather, Lynn Coffey, are suspects, but he did not elaborate on what charges they could face. He said he doesn't yet have enough evidence to bring charges.

The prosecutor did not say what he thinks really happened or offer a motive for the false story, except to say he doubts anyone concocted it to get a movie deal. The Coffeys sold the rights to their story to a Hollywood producer for an undisclosed sum.

The Coffeys stuck to their story Wednesday and denied Cole's assertion that they had been uncooperative.

"We lived through the nightmare of our lives," Mrs. Coffey said, her voice laced with disbelief. "And we're still putting up with garbage," her husband added.

Mrs. Coffey said Josh wandered away from their home March 6 while she was in the kitchen making dinner. The boy was later found in a dry river bed.

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Olympics

The annual Nursing Home Olympics are set for 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. May 10 at Manor Park. Competitors must be residents of area nursing homes. Prizes will be awarded for each event: wheelchair races, walking races, basketball, volleyball, horseshoe pitching and bowling. Registration is to begin at 9 a.m.; opening ceremonies are 9:45 a.m. For more information call Lettie England at 689-9898 or Kim Parker at 689-0707.

Graduation

ODESSA — Spring graduation at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin is set for Saturday at the gymnasium. Two ceremonies are planned to accommodate the more than 250 students and their guests. Business and behavioral students graduate at 10:30 a.m.; math, science and humanities/fine arts students graduate at 2 p.m. A reception will follow each ceremony. The public is invited to attend. For more information call 552-2635.

Memorial fund

A memorial fund has been established at Texas Commerce Bank for the three children of George Michael Sherfick, who died from massive internal injuries after he was struck by a metal pole April 23. The account number is 05100118588, Texas Commerce Bank, 400 W. Illinois Ave., Suite 100, Midland 79701.

Horse auction

The Spring 1996 Black Gold Invitational Horse Auction is set for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Double C Stables east of Midland. The event is a benefit for a new education program on drug, alcohol and gang prevention. From Interstate-20 take Garden City exit to Highway 307. For more information call Norie Casselman Reed, 563-6240, or Candi Cowden, 683-6621.

Reception

Midland Arts Association is hosting a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. today for a showing of works by S.I. Savage, Mary Kay Gwinn, Paul Wecker and John Van Auken at the MAA Art Gallery, located in the Executone Building, 112 S. Loraine St., across from the Hilton. The show will be up through May 25. Wine and cheese will be served. Call the business office, 685-5050, for more information.

Spring concert

The Midland-Odessa Symphony Chorus presents its annual Spring Concert at 8 p.m. today at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$5 for students and free for music students. For information call 563-0921.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.

Survivors Group for Sexual Abuse, Rape, Incest Victims, 6 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 3300 South FM 1788, 563-1200.

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Building, 15 Smith Road, 11:30 a.m., 687-7286.

LOOPS, 7 p.m., First Baptist Church, 550-LOOP.

Hearts Alive, 7 p.m., medical staff room at Memorial Hospital, 6843745.

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Basin to celebrate Cinco de Mayo

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel
Staff Writer

Cinco de Mayo is a day of celebration for Mexican-Americans and the Midland-Odessa area will have a weekend full of events to commemorate it.

Cinco de Mayo is a day to remember the victory of the Mexican army over the French army, according to Jose Ruiz-Escalante, professor of education at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

"It is not Mexican Independence Day, but it is a celebration of a victory in battle between the Mexican army and the French army," he said. "In 1862, the French army was the most powerful army in the world. The Mexican army won the battle but lost the war."

Ruiz-Escalante said France invaded Mexico and occupied the land for five years.

He said the holiday is celebrated more in the Southwest than in Mexico. Celebration of the holiday gained popularity when it began to be studied in public

schools.

"It is a celebration of hope because of the battle was like that of David vs. Goliath," Ruiz-Escalante said. The victory gave Mexico a national unity, he said.

A variety of events are planned for all weekend to commemorate Cinco de Mayo.

The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a parade, beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday at Unity Park, corner of South Street and Lamesa Road.

Entries can be submitted until Friday. The entrants need to be lined up at 10 a.m. at the start of the parade route. For an entry form call Rachel Stone at 682-2960.

Other festivities include a dance, featuring Jerry Dugan and West-Wind. The dance — sponsored by Neighborhood Housing Services — will be 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Alamo Ballroom. Tickets are \$7 each.

An international soccer tournament will feature teams from Mexico and around the state.

The games will start 6:30 p.m. Friday and continue all day Saturday; semifinals and finals are 2 p.m. Sun-

day. The tournament is to be played at Hogan, Windland and Sidwell parks.

The Midland Odessa Hispanic Cinco de Mayo Festival will feature almost a dozen Tejano bands performing Saturday and Sunday at Twin Cities Speedway.

Hailed as the "biggest Tejano jam in the world" the event features La Tropa F, La Mafia, David Lee Garza, Ruben Ramos, Little Joe, Los Palominos, Delia y Culturas, Xelencia and Katrina as well as mariachis, folkloric dancers and other entertainment.

Tickets are \$12.50 a day with children 5-10 \$3 and children under 5 free.

La Mafia is headlining the event.

"We have more of an international sound and we enjoy playing events like this in small towns where they don't get big concerts because the people enjoy themselves so much," said Oscar DeLaRosa, lead singer for La Mafia.

Obstetrician settles lawsuit in death of infant for \$1 million

DALLAS (AP) — A Midland obstetrician who practiced at two Dallas-area hospitals settled a lawsuit for \$1 million Friday in the death of an infant after an allegedly botched delivery at Baylor Richardson Medical Facility in May 1993.

A lawyer for the baby's family said the case illustrates how easily physicians' mistakes can escape notice if they give up hospital privileges in exchange for formal action not being taken against them.

Dr. Michael S. Phillips delivered twin girls to Shigeru and Sandra Katada on May 27, 1993. The second baby, Alexandra, suffered a fractured right elbow and a crushed spinal cord during a breech delivery with forceps, said Les Weisbrod, the Katadas' attorney.

Phillips told the Reporter-Telegram that the delivery was complicated, but denies that he caused the injuries to Alexandra.

Because of the spinal cord damage, she was virtually paralyzed from the neck down and suffered damage to her respiratory muscles. Confined to an iron lung, she died seven months later of respiratory failure after running up more than \$300,000 in medical expenses.

Phillips now practices obstetrics at Primary Medical Clinic in Midland and has admitting privileges at Midland Memorial Hospital on a provisional basis.

Hospital officials said the standard for new doctors, like Phillips, is that privileges are on a one-year provisional basis that allows Phillips to perform deliveries at the hospital.

Phillips said that Primary Medical Clinic knew of his lawsuit and that he had given them recommendations from the hospitals in Dallas and details of his work history.

"I gave Primary Medical Clinic my whole life history," he said.

Phillips was hired because he had used recommendations from friends who were doctors and they didn't mention his history of practicing bad medicine, Weisbrod said.

But Phillips said he had recommendations from the hospitals but not from those who didn't work with him.

"No hospital will accept recommendations from someone who hasn't worked with you and without an evaluation of clinical skills," Phillips said.

Because disciplinary action was not taken, Weisbrod said Memorial Hospital would never have known.

Weisbrod said he believed Phillips was investigated by committees of doctors at both hospitals and was allowed to

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Kindergarten registration to begin for children who'll be 5 by Sept. 1

From Staff Reports

Children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 are eligible for kindergarten at Midland Independent School District this fall.

Registration will occur this month. Parents need to bring their child's birth certificate, immunization record and Social Security card.

The registration schedule is as follows:

■ Bonham, May 9, 4-6 p.m.,

library

■ Bowie, Wednesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., library; students joining Bowie from West may register Tuesday

■ Burnet, May 13, 9:30 a.m.

■ Bush, May 15, 1:30 p.m., cafeteria.

■ Crockett, today, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

■ DeZavala, Tuesday, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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Ed Todd

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Surely.

Indeed, they are attainable but only by conscious pursuit and work and guidance of spirit. Attainment may not be perfect, but it is, in today's vernacular, doable.

And are civil society's taboo words, especially those four-letter utterances associated with X-rated

jokes and so-called "adult" talk and entertainment and sidewalk graffiti, becoming commonplace and used without shame and repentance?

Are concepts and notions of what is vulgar, obscene and profane becoming whitewashed?

Are words and, hence, values losing meaning and substance and exactitude?

Is there no reprehension for slovenliness in language usage, in manners, in dress, in courtesies, in behavior, in attitudes?

Is the judgmental rationale that is reflected in "literary license" or "socially redeeming" sufficient to honestly justify the use of "shock" words and phrases and scenes that are steeped in carnality and flagrant and which are obviously lacking in grace and temperance?

And, pray tell, why is it that certain terse words that denote normal biological functions and acts have become so tainted that shame or embarrass-

ment are associated with them?

Is discernment becoming a lost art and discipline? And are there certain subjects, intimate things, which polite society does not or ought not discuss in public?

Are there answers?

Of course.

And the answer is not mere education just as "just say 'no'" is not the answer to addictive drugs and to addictions.

Education, whatever that may entail, is no panacea by itself. However, the old, traditional education in "the classics" or a "classical education" would make heroic strides toward restoring civility to society.

If education alone were the answer to society's

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Elegant Elephant Sale

Above, Mary de Compiègne, co-chairwoman of the Elegant Elephant Sale, holds plates as event volunteer Cece Brune hangs one on the wall. The sale opens with a gala Preview Party today at 6:30 p.m.; admission is \$25. The sale continues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; tickets are \$1. At left, An entire collection of Franklin Mint antique auto models has been donated for the Elegant Elephant Sale, proceeds from which will benefit the museum.

Photos by Curt Wilcott

City to hold public meeting on plans to recondition Wadley-Barron Park

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

A public meeting concerning plans to recondition Wadley-Barron Park is set for 7 p.m. today in the cafeteria of Bowie Elementary School, 805 Elk Ave.

"The public is invited to express any concerns they might have with the redevelopment of the park and bike routes that might tie in with the park," said Chuck Swallow, the city's assistant director of commu-

nity services.

The gathering is being held in light of a grant obtained by Keep Midland Beautiful and the city for work at the park and duck pond located along A Street between Cuthbert and Harvard avenues. The grant — from the Texas Department of Transportation using federal dollars made available by the Intermodal Service Transportation Efficiency Act of

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POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Tuesday
Graffiti: Gang graffiti was written on a vehicle at 4630 Erie Drive, reported Carolyn Butts at 3:54 p.m.

Wednesday
Vandalism: A garage was damaged at 4613 Anetta Drive, reported Lynette Foster at 11:13 p.m.

Vandalism: A window of a vehicle was broken at 102 W. Shandon Ave., reported Mrs. Key & Locksmith at 8:58 a.m.

Vandalism: Lines to an air conditioner were cut at 2507 W. Illinois Ave., reported Mr. Key & Locksmith at 8:58 a.m.

Vandalism: A door on a vehicle was damaged at 4515 Fairgate Drive, reported Virgil Jones at 11:15 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Tuesday
Vandalism: A rock was thrown through a window at 2802 S. County Road 1082, reported James Herron at 4:23 p.m.

Theft: A pit bull dog was taken at 5200 S. County Road 1200, reported Richard Harper at 4:59 p.m.

Burglary: Two stereo speakers were taken at Interstate 20 and County Road 1223, reported Christopher Nathman at 5:06 p.m.

Wednesday
Vandalism: A tool box was taken at 804 E. County Road 133, reported Gonzalo Flores Almager Jr. at 9:04 a.m.

Anyone having information concerning these crimes should call the Police Department at 685-7108, the Sheriff's Office at 688-1228 or Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

DEATHS

Mariana May

Mariana May, 86, died Tuesday, April 30, at her Midland residence.

No services are scheduled. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Feb. 17, 1910, in Mexico.

She was a teacher in Edinburg. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Edinburg and PEO Sisterhood, D.M. Chapter in Edinburg and Hidalgo County Alumnae Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. She provided funds for the Marianna May Scholarship for excellence in mathematics for students at Edinburg High School.

She was a member and volunteer of the Friends of the Hidalgo County Historical Museum in Edinburg.

She moved to Midland in 1994. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Wallace May, a son, Joe Wallace "Beau" May, and a daughter, Mary Virginia May. Survivors include two daughters, Joanna Tanner of McLean, Va. and Sandra Wyllie of Midland; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society, 2304 Wadley Ave., Midland 79705; Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702; Spirit Wind, c/o St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 Kansas Ave., Midland 79701 or First United Methodist Church of Edinburg.

John McKeel

WHITNEY — Services for former Midlander John F. McKeel, 59, of Whitney are to be at 2 p.m.

Lee High drama students prepare for final production

By Myra Lee Salcedo
 Staff Writer

Lee High School drama students are rehearsing for their final production of this school year — the Neil Simon comedy "Barefoot in the Park," set for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the school auditorium.

All tickets are \$2. The comedy will be bittersweet for cast members, according to LHS drama teacher Horace Griffin.

"It will be the fourth and final show for this school year, and it will be the final performance on the Lee stage for several members of the cast," he said.

Griffin said the show features a newly married couple, an attorney "who has just won his first case, six cents in damages," and his young bride "who is as addled as they come."

The couple moves into a high-rise apartment. "The trouble is, in order to enjoy the charming character of this apartment, one has to climb six flights to get to it," Griffin said. Even worse, the skylight

today, May 2, at Fort Graham Baptist Church near Whitney with Allan Lane officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Marshall & Marshall Funeral Directors in Hillsboro.

McKeel died Monday, April 29, at a Temple hospital.

He was born Aug. 27, 1936, in Oklahoma, where he was raised and educated.

He received his bachelor's degree from East Central University in Ada, Okla., then moved to Midland where he taught at Midland Lee High School for 18 years.

He moved to Whitney in 1979 and was owner of Redwood Lodge until 1995 when he retired.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma McKeel of Whitney; a stepson, Mark Sears of San Diego, Calif.; three brothers, Bill McKeel of Tulsa, Okla., Larry McKeel of Las Vegas, Nev., and Nelson McKeel of Atlanta and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of the Heart.

J.M. Fife

Services for J.M. Fife, 69, are to be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 3 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa with Revs. Terry White and Bill Heggemeier officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa. Arrangements are under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Fife died Tuesday, April 30 at his Goldsmith residence.

He was born Jan. 22, 1927 in Paris.

He was a welder and veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II.

He married Betty Gunter on June 13, 1949 in Crane. He was pre-

ceded in death by a son, Craig Fife, in 1975.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Sam Fife and Tom Fife, both of Goldsmith; brother, Bill Fife of Lake Livingston; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Allison Clinic of Midland.

Ronald White

Services for Ronald Joe White, 55, of Odessa, were at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 1. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa. Arrangements were under the direction of Odessa Funeral Home.

White died Monday, April 29 at an Odessa hospital.

He was born July 30, 1940 in Eunice, N.M.

He was a longtime resident of Odessa, an oilfield worker and Baptist.

Survivors include sister, Barbara Pitchford of Midland.

Honorary pallbearers were Rusty Mitchell, Michelle Mitchell, Patrick Free, Justin Free, Chris Taylor, Todd Taylor and Nicole Pitchford.

Ann James

Services for Ann Marie James, 74, are to be at 3 p.m. today, May 2 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Ms. James died Monday, April 29.

Pallbearers will be Edward Marker, Jerry Gilmore, William Underwood, Gregory Brown, Rick

Ganem, Robert McNaughton and Mark Cevella.

Honorary pallbearers will be Christopher James, Timothy James and Mark Cevella.

ANN WALTON

Services for Ann S. Walton of Midland, Texas are to be held Thursday, May 2 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Gary Dyer and Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Mrs. Walton died Monday evening in Houston, Texas. She was born in Dublin, Texas on September 12, 1936. Mrs. Walton was educated in Erath County and attended Texas Christian University. After completing her education she became a model for a Dallas agency.

She married James A. "Jim" Walton on October 10, 1962 in Midland, Texas. She and Jim moved to the Walton Ranch in Midland county where she actively participated in the ranching operation, not only as a top hand working sheep and cattle but also completed her work day by serving meals to the ranch hands. Upon their move to the city of Midland, Mrs. Walton became an active volunteer and leader of many charitable organizations, including the Midland Cerebral Palsy Center where she served on the Board of Directors and as President. She was a member and past President of the Children's Service League, a member of Midland Symphony Guild, past President of Permian Basin Landwive's Auxiliary and on the Board of Directors, the Midland Country Club Ladies Association, a member of the Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. As in many past years, Mrs. Walton served as Chairman of the Beefsteak Ball in 1995 benefiting the Children's Service League. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Walton enjoyed people, entertaining, and she and Jim traveled extensively. She will be greatly missed by her husband, family and all of her friends.

Mrs. Walton was preceded in death by her parents Madeline & Olin Sharp. She is survived by her husband, Jim; her children, Joe C. Walton, Jamie Walton Minardi and Julie A. Walton of Midland, Texas, her grandchildren, Justin Walton and Caitlin Anne Minardi; her brothers and sisters, Pierce Sharp and James Sharp of Dublin, Texas, Charles Sharp of Burleson, Texas, Joy Starks of Dallas, Texas and Sue Black of Arlington, Texas.

Pallbearers are to be C.H. Brockett, Tom Moore, Joe Melton, Wes Perry, Bob Wynn, Ron Holcomb, George Tope and Bill Henry. Honorary Pallbearers are T.O. Midkiff III, Perry Bolger and Ricky Patterson.

The family request memorials to be made to the Midland Cerebral Palsy Center, Ann Walton Memorial Fund, 802 Ventura, Midland, Texas.



MEET: Public to discuss park renovations

(From 1B)

1991 — totals \$350,000. The grant includes a 20 percent required match by the city of Midland.

The grant is expected to pave the way for a hike/bike trail to tie in Wadley-Barron Park with other parts of the city and other trails.

In addition, the grant is eligible to pay for amenities such as a concrete trail around the park, bank stabilization of the pond to help control erosion, wetland vegetation to help re-oxygenate the water, and landscaping and beautification work.

The project is in the design stages and expected to be completed in about 18 months.

The public meeting is being hosted by a steering committee assembled by Keep Midland Beautiful to oversee the project.

Harris Kerr, committee chairman, said public input is sought to help an engineering firm come up with a tentative design plan. Users of the park and area residents can provide valuable feedback to help create a design that would best serve the community, he said.

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■ Emerson, May 14, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., cafeteria; other days, office during school hours

■ Fanin, May 16, 12:30-1:30 p.m., library

■ Greathouse, Friday, 9:30 a.m., cafeteria; all other days, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., school office

■ Henderson, Friday, 9-10 a.m., rooms 105 and 106

■ Houston, May 16

■ Jones, May 13-May 16, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., office; May 17, 1:30 p.m.-7 p.m. in the office, visits to kindergarten rooms set for 5:30-7 p.m. May 17

■ Lamar, Tuesday, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday at office during school hours

■ Long, May 9, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

■ Milam, May 9, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

■ Parker, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., cafeteria

■ Pease, tour of school, Wednesday, 9-10 a.m.; registration will be in the fall

■ Rusk, Wednesday, 11:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m., room 103; will continue daily at the office

■ Santa Rita, May 17, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

■ Scharbauer, May 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

■ South, May 9, 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

■ Travis, Tuesday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

■ Washington, Tuesday through May 10, during school hours, with May 9 until 6 p.m.

For more information call the school office.

DEATH: Midland obstetrician settles lawsuit

(From 1B)

voluntarily resign from obstetric practice to head off disciplinary proceedings.

"Why did he give up his obstetrics privileges at Richardson and Medical City if it was not under duress?" Weisbrod said. "We have talked to three separate doctors involved in some sort of counseling or action against this guy."

But hospital officials at Baylor Richardson said Phillips still has courtesy privileges and is allowed to perform deliveries at their hospital.

"Then why isn't he still practicing in Dallas if he has privileges there," Weisbrod said.

After the Katada delivery, Weisbrod said Phillips was allowed to keep privileges at Baylor Richardson so long as he promised never to practice there.

However, Phillips said he has never given up any privileges at the two hospitals in order to avoid disciplinary action or to prevent it from being reported.

He said he withdrew his privileges at Medical City because it was becoming difficult for a solo

practitioner to practice in Dallas.

Weisbrod said three doctors had advised Phillips that he was taking unnecessary risks by not performing caesarean deliveries instead of breech deliveries. Weisbrod said Phillips had performed two other deliveries resulting in similar injuries, one at Baylor Richardson.

Phillips says he has no idea who the three doctors might be.

"Mr. Weisbrod is full of hokey,"

Texas law requires medical peer review committees to report any decision to "accept the surrender of privileges in return for not conducting an investigation or a proceeding," said Tim Weitz, general counsel for the Texas Board of Medical Examiners.

"They're required to report that to us so we can look into it and see if we should follow up," Weitz said. "If they didn't do that, then I certainly would have a bone to pick with them."

Staff writer Joe Gaines contributed to this report.

TODD: Pursuit of wisdom would restore manners

(From 1B)

ills, then today's Information Age, alarmingly enabled by the worldwide computer network, would be the great facilitator.

It is not.

The answer is as ancient as it is current. It is in the pursuit of wisdom. And there can be no wisdom without a measure of knowledge and morality and discipline and restraint and compassion and respect for life — respect for what is.

And the diligent pursuit of hon-

orable precepts, such as those eloquently expressed in the Proverbs and in other ancient writings, certainly would restore dignity and manners to a nation, and to a world, in need of grace and humility and understanding and wisdom.

Perhaps, then, the headlines would praise goodness and civility among a people and the peoples of the world.

Ed Todd is a writer for The Midland Reporter-Telegram.



Lee High School students Chris Marsh, left, and Jennifer Wisdom star in the school's production of "Barefoot in the Park."

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Gov. Bush to share key post at Republican National Convention

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush said Wednesday he hopes to use his post as temporary co-chairman of the Republican National Convention to set a kinder, gentler tone for conservatism.

"I've got something to say, and it will be a positive view of why I think conservatism is good for our country," said the eldest son of former President George Bush.

Bush and New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman will share the post, presiding over the early portion of the Aug. 12-15 convention in San Diego. House Speaker Newt Gingrich will be the permanent chairman.

"It's important for the Republican Party to have people, whether it be me or Christine Todd Whitman, say we've got a good philosophy, a compassionate, decent philosophy that can make America a better place for our children and our children's children. I look forward to saying that," Bush said.

Some Republicans have said

they thought the 1992 GOP convention in Houston, where Bush's father was nominated for a second term, left too negative an impression on television viewers.

Asked about that, Bush said, "I'd love to see the convention take a hopeful tone, an optimistic tone, a tone that says follow us, we've got a better vision for America."

He deferred questions about involvement of Pat Buchanan or other defeated GOP presidential candidates to the prospective nominee, Kansas Sen. Bob Dole. Bush endorsed Dole before the March 12 Texas primary.

The first-term governor said he viewed the selection of himself and Ms. Whitman as a statement by the national GOP about progress being made in states under Republican leadership.

"I think part of the emphasis is that the states are doing some really remarkable things. They would like me to share the success story as to why and what we've done," he said.

Since his election in 1994, when

he defeated popular Democratic Gov. Ann Richards, Bush pushed for and won passage of four major legislative initiatives.

The state overhauled the education laws to give more control to local school districts, toughened juvenile crime laws, passed limits on civil lawsuits and changed welfare to put time limits on benefits and require job training.

Bush said his selection also demonstrates the political importance of Texas, the nation's second-largest state. "Good things happen to you when you're the governor of a great state," he said.

Nationally, some GOP officials said party leaders were offering a mixed bag of views on the abortion issue in their choice of convention officials.

Ms. Whitman vocally supports abortion rights, while two staunch abortion opponents were expected to head the party's platform committee: Illinois Rep. Henry Hyde, as chairman; and Utah Gov. Michael Leavitt as one of two co-chairmen.

Bush described himself as "pro-life," saying he favors limiting abortions to cases of rape or incest, or to save the life of the mother. "I've made that clear. And I will continue to stay with it — this isn't a political position."

And while his own view is different, Bush said he believes the GOP should retain a platform plank calling for a constitutional ban on abortion.

"It was a winning platform in

1988. I don't think it determined the outcome of the 1992 election. I think it's important to keep it in," he said.

The governor downplayed suggestions that the convention would face a major battle over the issue.

"Now I know the national press is going to try to focus the convention on abortion. I'm not going to let it. I'm going to talk about the future, what we've done," he said.

Bush is the latest Texan to play

a major role in recent national political conventions.

In 1988, then-state treasurer Richards was the keynote speaker at the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, while then-Sen. Lloyd Bentsen was the party's vice presidential nominee. That also was the year Bush's father won his first presidential nomination.

Civil rights groups: Morales' remarks hurt equal rights

AUSTIN (AP) — Infuriated civil rights advocates Wednesday blasted Attorney General Dan Morales over remarks they say hurt the battle for equal rights by mischaracterizing affirmative action as unfair discrimination.

They also said a petition filed by Morales with the U.S. Supreme Court, appealing an anti-affirmative action decision on university admissions, is partly aimed at stemming lawsuits against Texas officials over civil rights.

Meanwhile, Gov. George W. Bush said if the state loses the appeal, "I believe there is a constructive way for all our universities and others to design programs that are inclusive in nature that don't necessarily have to include race."

Bush said such factors as income level and a person's background could be considered, adding: "I believe we ought to do everything in our power to make sure that our university systems are not exclusive, but I think there's a positive way that we can react... in a way that does not have any kind of discrimination."

Jim Harrington of the Texas Civil Rights Project said Morales turned the filing of the state's appeal "into a cheap, political maneuver rather than dealing with this (affirmative action) as a moral issue in our society."

Jeff Trivillion of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People called Morales "a disgrace to the movement that made his opportunity possible."

Other groups criticizing Morales included the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, National Organization for Women and Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

Morales, one of two Hispanics elected to statewide office in Texas, drew the criticism one day after he announced Texas' appeal of the affirmative action decision by a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The March ruling struck down the University of Texas Law School's admissions policy in a lawsuit by four white applicants, saying UT had failed to justify favoring some racial groups.

While contending universities should be allowed to consider race as one of many factors, Morales said that university admissions should be based on individual merit.

He said past discrimination can't be remedied by new discrimination, and that it's wrong to give someone an "automatic advantage" based only on skin color.

The civil rights groups, while agreeing with Morales' decision to appeal the 5th Circuit ruling, took issue with his comments.

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Mayor wants Legislature to lower some speed limits

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin Mayor Bruce Todd, upset with the Texas Department of Transportation for raising freeway speed limits in his city, is hoping for help from the Legislature.

Todd wants legislation introduced in the 1997 session to reverse the DOT's decision to raise the speed limits on stretches of two highways, Interstate 35 and the MoPac Expressway.

"I am determined to press ahead to restore some level of sanity to an otherwise fairly insane process," Todd said.

Todd said he would seek support from other big city mayors for full-scale lobbying to restore "our local control."

Susan Horton, Texas Municipal League general counsel, said Todd's concerns have been echoed by a few other big city officials. But she said it's too soon to say whether legislation favored by Todd would be a league priority in

1997.

In addition to Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas and San Antonio had opposed the speed limits set by the Transportation Department within those cities.

However, Transportation Commissioner Anne Wynne of Austin said, "I've gotten one phone call on this, and that has been from Bruce Todd. I know the mayors in those other cities. No one else has called me, and they usually don't hesitate if I do something they don't like."

Todd told the Austin American-Statesman that he also wants legislation to change the state policy for setting new speed limits, which is based on the speed 85 percent of motorists drive during nonpeak hours. Todd called the method "an idiotic mathematical computation that has no element of common sense built into it."

"The same logic would indicate that we should make running a stoplight legal, because if you

actually did a study you'd probably find that half the drivers do that," he said.

John Hurt, Texas DOT spokesman, said the state's method of setting speed limits is encouraged by the Federal Highway Administration. "If there's a state using another method, I'm not aware of it."

He said granting local control could result in cities setting arbitrarily low speed limits to create speed traps to get money from speeding tickets.

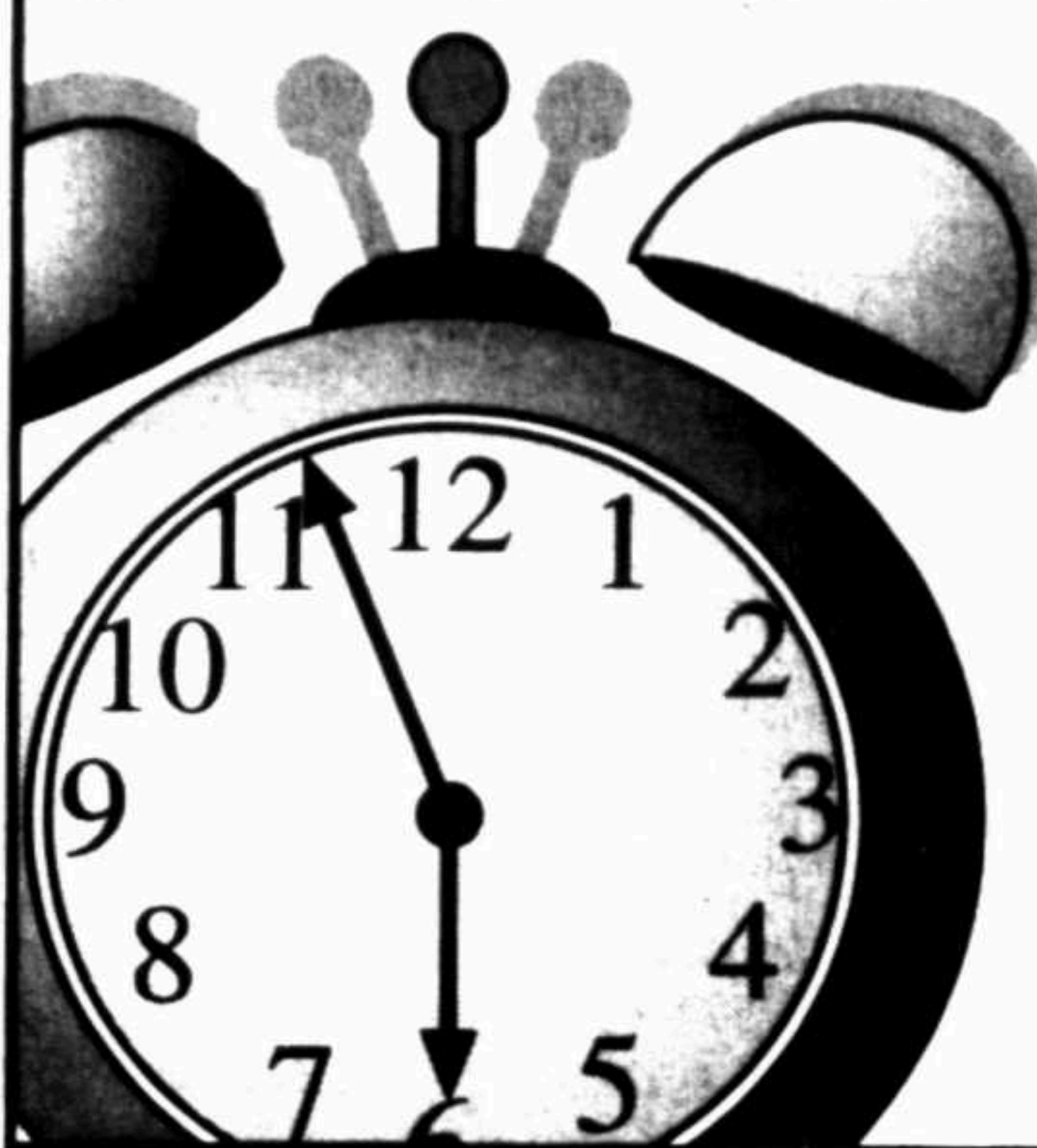
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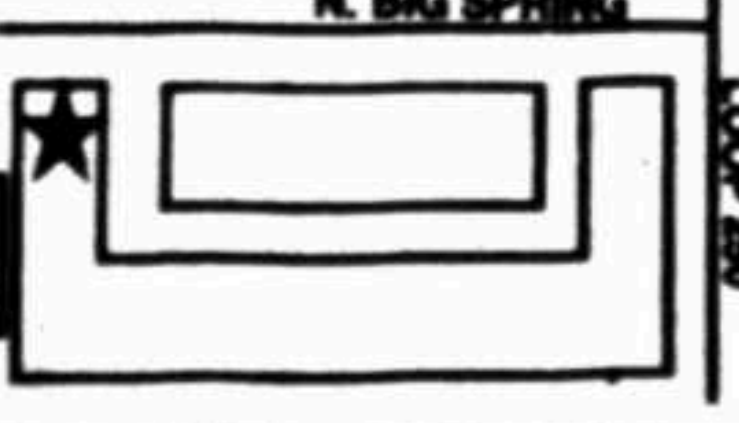
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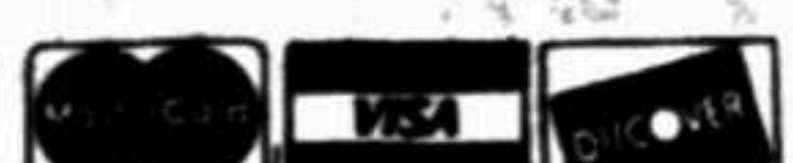
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By Juan Elizondo
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Student jurors find Bart Simpson not guilty of stealing Butterfingers

By Juan Elizondo
Associated Press

AUSTIN — His little sister, Maggie, may have shot Mr. Burns, but Bart Simpson didn't finger the Butterfingers, a "jury" of 5th- and 6th-graders decided Wednesday.

About 150 students from Sanchez Elementary School served as jurors in a mock trial in which Bart, the popular cartoon character known for his pranking and troublemaking ways, was accused of stealing a box of Butterfinger candy bars.

The students knew well of Bart's preference for Butterfingers, in part because he's a pitchman for the Nestle chocolate bar.

The trial was part of the celebration of Law Day. Attorneys and other employees at the State Bar of Texas took on the roles of Bart, his best friend, Milhouse, Bart's parents, Marge and Homer Simpson, and other characters from the Fox animated comedy "The Simpsons."

The court hearing harkened back to recent criminal drama on "The Simpsons" in which Bart and several other characters were suspected of shooting the shows anti-hero, Montgomery Burns. It turned out — after a cliffhanger episode parodying the "Who Shot J.R.?" saga on "Dallas" — that baby Maggie pulled the trigger.

In this case, as in the "Who Shot Mr. Burns?" drama, the hardly innocent Bart turned out to be not guilty.

Students cheered as verdicts from three assembled juries were read. Many of the students said

they learned about the court process and how criminal trials proceed.

"It was cool," said Valarie Almanza, a 10-year-old who played the role of court bailiff. "I learned what a bailiff does. It was fun."

Jim McCormack, general counsel for the Bar, said the event was a good chance to introduce students to the law in a way that would interest them.

The students heard testimony that the candy bars were in Milhouse's desk when he left school but gone when he returned the next morning. Candy bar wrappers were scattered around Bart's desk.

Prosecutor Michelle Hunter said that, combined with Bart's love of Butterfingers and his mischievous past, proved he committed the theft.

But the student jurors said Homer Simpson provided the reasonable doubt needed to find Bart not guilty.

Homer, played by Brian Plotts, sat at Bart's desk during a parent-teacher conference the night the candy bars disappeared. He also had a Butterfinger candy bar conspicuously hanging out of his pants pocket.

Questioning the attorneys after the trial, students asked if Homer would be tried and whether the case could have been mediated.

McCormack explained that criminal cases are rarely mediated, and said "prosecutors" would have to determine if they had a good case against Homer.

So another cliffhanger for the young Simpson's fans. Perhaps it will be answered next year.

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Owner struggles to restore historic theater in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The owner of the theater where Lee Harvey Oswald was captured after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy is struggling to keep the historic building from deteriorating more than a year after it was severely damaged by fire.

"We can't restore it fully at this stage," owner Don DuBois said of the Texas Theatre, where balcony seats are blackened, the smell of smoke still lingers and pigeons nest in the rafters.

Preserved are Oswald's name and the infamous date — emblazoned in white block letters — on the seat where he took in a matinee after the Nov. 22, 1963, shooting.

DuBois wants to safeguard a piece of the nation's past.

"It is part of history — or infamy — whether we like it or not," he said.

A March 1995 fire did about \$1 million in damage to the Texas Theatre. It wasn't until afterward that DuBois discovered he was insured for only \$200,000.

DuBois of Santa Monica, Calif., said he hopes to sell the building or have the city or a private entity take it over as an historic landmark. But so far, there have been no takers.

Oswald was arrested inside the theater in Dallas' Oak Cliff neighborhood just hours after Kennedy was assassinated.

Built in 1931 by the late billionaire Howard Hughes, the theater had been hamstrung by financial problems and went into foreclosure in June 1992. DuBois' corporation, Texas-Rosewin-Midway Inc., bought the building from United Artists Theatres Inc. in July 1993 and saved it from being razed.

The Italian renaissance-style theater, located three miles from where Kennedy was shot, reopened last year after being dark for about three years.

One of the new attractions was a lobby display with pictures and other memorabilia surrounding the Kennedy assassination, including Oswald's arrest and slaying by nightclub owner Jack Ruby.

DuBois had begun showing movies in the theater before the fire, which is thought to have started in a motor that pulled the screen curtain open and closed.

The roof over the stage collapsed, but the walls of the two-story structure remained standing. The flames did not reach the 1,080-seat auditorium, but smoke, water and intense heat damaged much of the interior.

In the balcony, soot covers the ceiling and thick carpeting. Plaster and charred curls of paint are scattered about. The cushioned seats are blackened and partially melted.

The roof above the stage and screen area has been repaired for the most part, but pigeons squeeze in and out of the few remaining holes and nest in the rafters.

Ms. Howard hopes someone will buy the theater.

Several citizens were chasing Oswald down a street near the theater after the Dallas police officer J.D. Tippit was found beside his police car shortly after Kennedy was shot.

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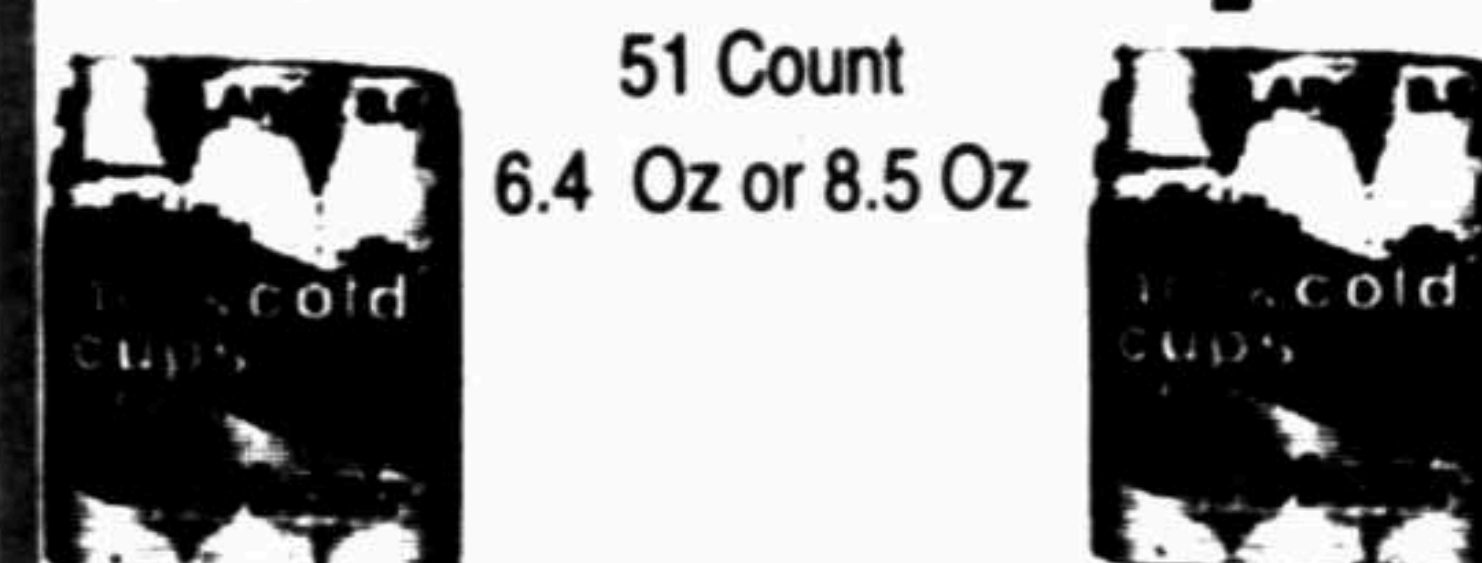
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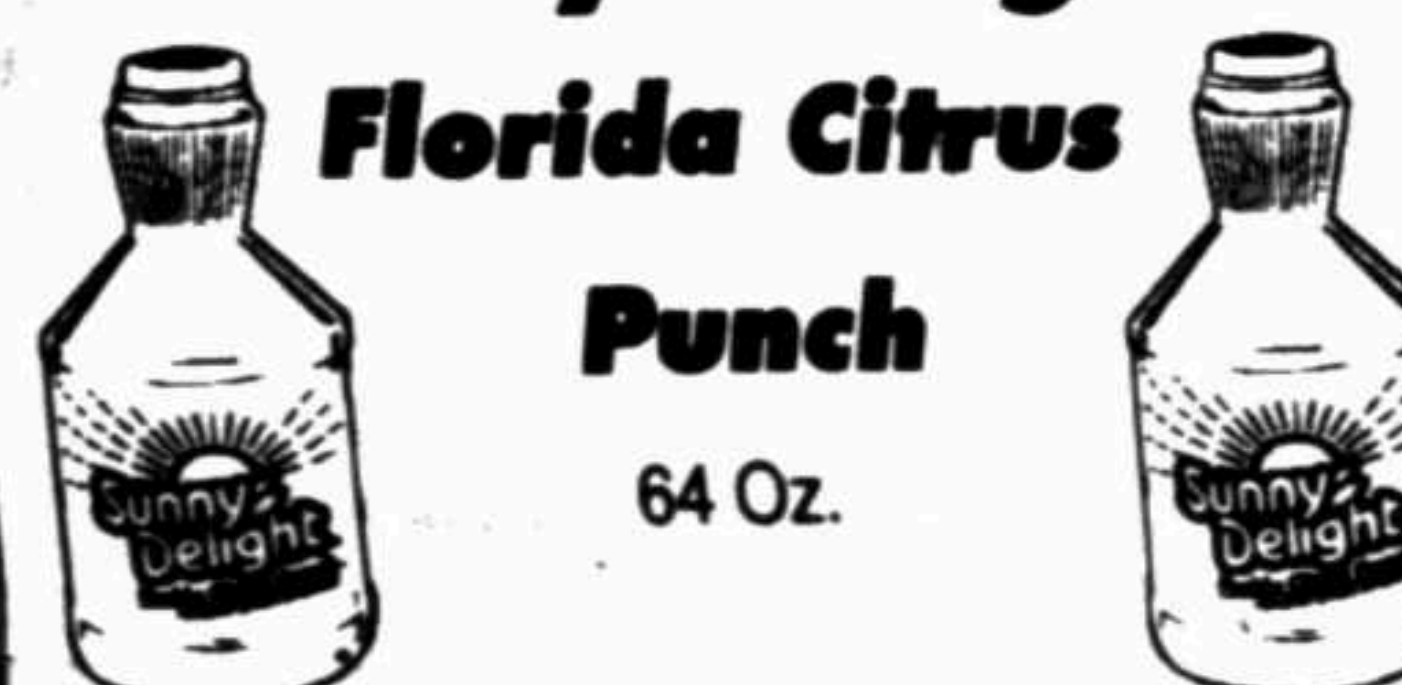
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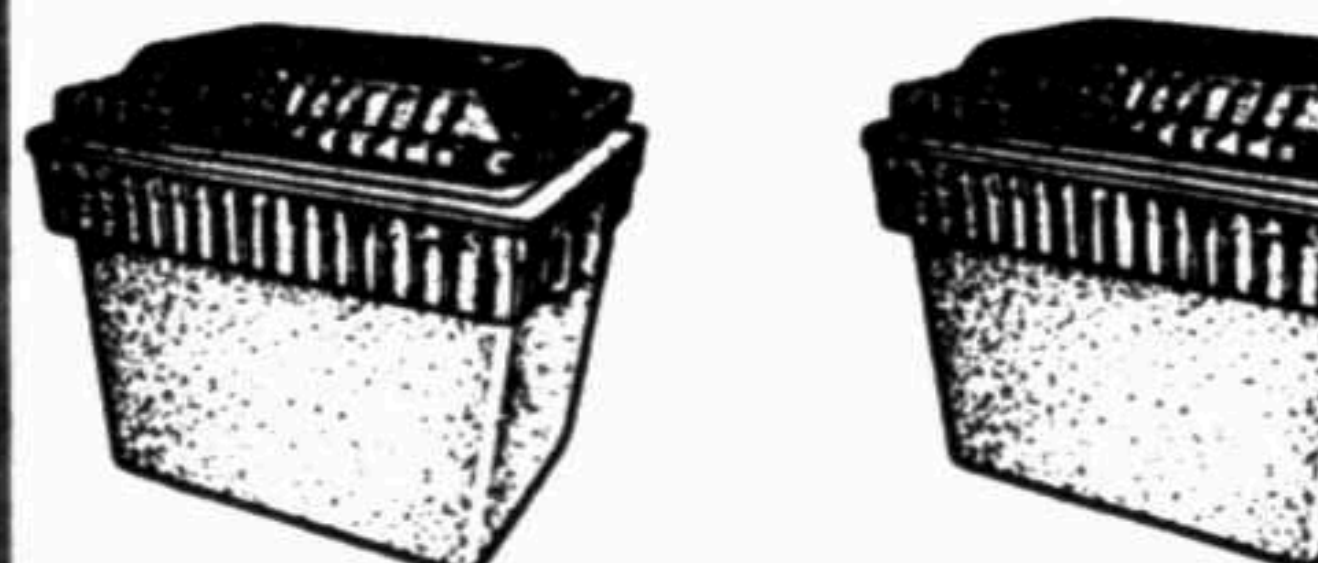
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Health insurance bill: It's big, but what would it do?

By Diane Dunton
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's less complex than the overhaul envisioned by President Clinton two years ago. Even so, the health insurance bill now being negotiated in Congress has many people scratching their heads.

What would change? And what wouldn't?

At its core, the bill would make it easier for people who switch jobs or lose jobs to keep their health benefits. But it would not make those benefits any cheaper.

Here are the answers to some commonly asked questions:

Q: Who would directly benefit from the bill?

A: Workers with health benefits who change jobs or become self-employed — even if they have pre-existing health problems — would receive continued access to health coverage. Small businesses that now find health benefits too expensive to offer to workers also would benefit.

Q: Would the bill limit the cost of insurance?

A: No, it would not restrict how much insurance companies could charge for the coverage they would be required to offer. State regulators would control those costs. The Health Insurance Association of America, which opposes the bill, predicts health insurance premiums overall would jump 10 percent. Sponsors contend premiums would rise only 2 percent to 3 percent.

Q: How would the bill help small businesses?

A: Small businesses would have more flexibility to form purchasing cooperatives to negotiate better insurance rates than each can individually.

Q: If I'm buying health insurance under the terms established by COBRA, does the bill affect me?

A: The provisions in the bill would kick in after a person has exhausted benefits under COBRA, the federal law that allows a person to temporarily stay with a former employer's group plan by paying the full premium price, plus

2 percent.

Q: I'm self-employed. What would the bill do for me?

A: The Senate bill would allow self-employed people to deduct 80 percent of health insurance costs from their taxes; the House bill would allow a 50 percent tax deduction. Current law allows a 30 percent deduction.

Q: What would the bill do for the terminally or chronically ill?

A: It would allow tax deductions for long-term care expenses. It would enable penalty-free IRA withdrawals for large medical expenses and for unemployed people to pay health insurance premiums. And terminally ill people who cash in their life insurance policies to cover medical costs would get the money tax-free.

clarifying the current somewhat confused situation.

Q: What's the chance that medical savings accounts will be in the final bill?

A: The House bill contains a provision for this insurance option, but the Senate voted 52-46 against it. Despite that vote, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole wants to appoint senators who favor medical savings accounts to the conference committee that will negotiate a final version of the bill with the House. Democrats have blocked Dole's maneuver, saying the Senate conferees should go to the negotiating table reflecting the Senate's vote.

Q: How would medical savings accounts work?

A: Consumers could make tax-

deductible contributions of up to \$2,000 a year or \$4,000 per family to an account created by an insurance company. In addition, the insurance company would provide a catastrophic health plan for big medical expenses. Employer contributions to the account would not be considered employee income, and earnings would be tax-free.

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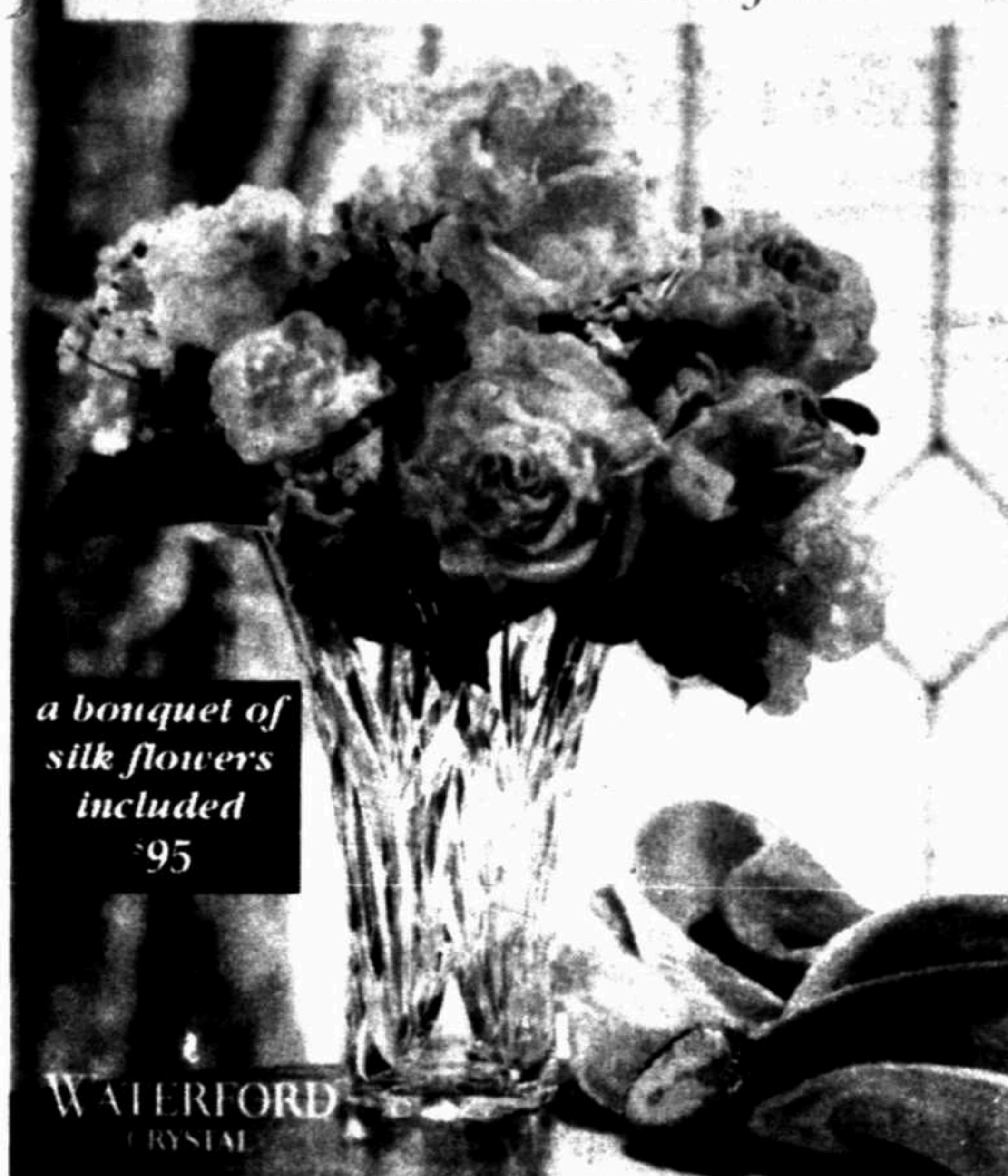
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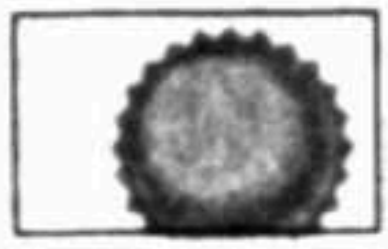
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Lubbock	78/51/0
San Angelo	87/59/0
San Antonio	87/51/0

PRECIPITATION	
Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00 in.
Total for the month	0.00 in.
Total for the year	1.35 in.
Normal for the month	0.05 in.
Normal for the year	2.48 in.

TEMPERATURES

High	84
Low	52
Norm. High	84
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VFR conditions all day. Scattered clouds at 15,000 feet. West wind at 12 knots.

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Sunrise today	7:02 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:30 p.m.
Sunrise Friday	7:01 a.m.
Sunset Friday	8:31 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:57 p.m.
Moonset today	6:30 a.m.

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Atlanta	81	57	pc	Denver	75	44	pc	Las Vegas
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Baltimore	70	50	pc	Detroit	60	39	pc	Louisville
Birmingham	81	54	pc	Duluth	51	30	pc	Memphis
Bismarck	56	35	sh	Evansville	71	52	t	Miami Beach
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Boston	89	48	pc	Flagstaff	75	36	s	Minneapolis
Buffalo	59	41	pc	Grand Rapids	57	36	pc	Mobile, AL
Charlotte	79	53	pc	Great Falls	52	30	c	Nashville
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Chicago	63	41	pc	Honolulu	84	66	sh	New York
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TV Sports

HOCKEY — NHL Playoffs, conference semifinals, Florida at Philadelphia, game No. 1, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.

BASEBALL — Major League Baseball, Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 6:30 p.m., WGN.

BASKETBALL — NBA Playoffs, Indiana Pacers at Atlanta Hawks, 6 p.m., TNT.

Los Angeles Lakers at Houston Rockets, 8:30 p.m., TNT.
Seattle Supersonics at Sacramento Kings, 9:30 p.m., TBS.

CYCLING — Tour DuPont, stage No. 2, at various sites (delayed tape), 11:30 p.m., ESPN.

Texas Scores

NBA PLAYOFFS — Phoenix Suns 94, San Antonio Spurs 93.

BASEBALL — Texas League, Midland Angels 9, San Antonio Spurs 4.

AL, Texas Rangers 5, Seattle Mariners 4.

Houston Astros 3, Atlanta Braves 0.

SOCCER — MLS, D.C. United 1, Dallas Burn 1.

Sports Today

BASEBALL — Texas League, Midland Angels at San Antonio Missions, noon, KCRS (AM 550) Radio.

BANQUET — The Midland College Athletic Banquet will be conducted at Green Tree Country Club, 7 p.m.

Huggins at Banquet

University of Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins will speak at the Midland College Athletic Banquet tonight. The event starts at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$10 at the door.

Cinco de Mayo

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is running a special section for the Cinco de Mayo Futbol Festival. The insert for this weekend's tournament can be found in today's paper.

Dumas arrested

DALLAS — For the second time this year, police are pressing charges against Dallas Mavericks guard Tony Dumas.

Dumas faces a Class A misdemeanor assault charge after police say he beat and punched his pregnant girlfriend last Friday. The charge carries a penalty of up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

According to police reports, Dumas, 23, was driving his girlfriend, Georgia Foy, 25, on Interstate 635 in North Dallas about 4 a.m. when the two began arguing. Police said Dumas repeatedly hit her in the face with the back of his hand and punched her in the torso.

Foy, who is four months pregnant, then dove from the car, hitting her head on the ground, police said.

Dumas allegedly stopped the car, got out and dragged her on her knees back into the car.

After the incident, Ms. Foy called police and sought medical attention for a black eye, cuts and scrapes, police said.

Mavericks spokesman Kevin Sullivan said the team had no comment on the incident.

Dumas' lawyer, Danny Garner, said he has spoken briefly to his client about the incident.

On Jan. 14, Dumas was arrested and charged with falsely reporting to police that his car had been stolen.

Police say he filed the report as a cover for fleeing the scene of an accident earlier that night. The false report charge against him is pending.

Drexler uncertain

HOUSTON — Clyde Drexler had neck spasms during practice Wednesday, and there is a chance the Houston Rockets guard might not play Thursday night against the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 4 of their playoff series.

Dr. Bruce Mosley said Drexler's neck was stiff when he awakened Wednesday and the condition worsened during practice.

"At practice today, it really went into a bad spasm," Mosley said. "What we're hoping is that he makes a really good turnaround."



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Iverson confirms move to NBA

■ Georgetown guard announces that he will make himself ready for NBA draft. The junior is the first Hoya in 24 years to leave school early.



By Joseph White
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John Thompson doesn't like losing, and he doesn't take it well. On Wednesday, he reluctantly lost Allen Iverson to the NBA, and all the coach could do was wish his player well and take a few potshots at the NCAA.

Citing personal and financial reasons, Iverson became the first player in Thompson's 24 years at Georgetown to leave early for the pros. One of the last major pillars of the four-year student athlete has finally crumbled in the wave of the leave-school-early '90s.

"I don't blame anybody but us," Thompson said. "We have the most antiquated set of rules. They're



Allen Iverson announces that he will forego his last two years to make himself available for the NBA draft.

almost prehistoric based on the times. If we don't look at it very clearly, there won't be one halfway sensible reason why kids will stay in school."

Under Thompson, 72 of 74 players who have stayed

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Jones: Negative publicity could inspire Cowboys

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jerry Jones has found on-field inspiration for the Dallas Cowboys in the off-field adversity of one of his players — Michael Irvin's arrest on drug-related charges.

"We were thinking of ways to get our people fired up," the Cowboys' owner said on Wednesday. "Thanks to the bad judgment of some of our players, we've found a way to circle the wagons."

Jones was in New York on Wednesday to talk to the Newspaper Association of America, pleading the case for the joint interest of the newspaper industry and pro

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REBEL WITH A PLAYOFF CAUSE

Mark-ed Man Holly makes last playoff go around for Midland Lee

By Sean Wallace
Sports Writer

Sitting in the Abilene Cooper locker room following Midland Lee's District 4-5A baseball playoff loss, Mark Holly began to contemplate how he wanted to end his senior season with the Rebels.

And it wasn't like this.

"I just kept thinking about what had happened to us during basketball season," said Holly, who was a member of the Lee basketball team which lost a district playoff game to the Cougars. "Here we were sitting in the same locker room that we were in when we lost in basketball, and that wasn't the way I wanted to end my senior year."

That loss carried over into the team's playoff run, a first-round exit at the hands of Lubbock High. This time, Holly has a chance to make amends as the Rebels begin their 1996 baseball playoff run.

"I know we've had a lot of success this season, but I really don't think we've played on all cylinders yet," said Holly, who was 5-0 with two saves this year and a minuscule 2.10 ERA. "We know we've got to go out and work hard in practice and if we do, we can put it all together for the playoffs."

Holly is expected to get the start in Game 1 of Lee's best-of-three, bi-district series with Plainview Friday night at 7 p.m. at Wayland Baptist University having not lost a district game in three

seasons with the Rebels. He was named to the 4-5A all-district team as a sophomore and then a second-team selection in 1995.

"After the last game I pitched (a 9-6 win over Cooper on April 24) I was real excited about it and it's been a high point in my career, but it's not enough for me," Holly said. "Not many pitchers get a chance to do something like that but I want us to do well in the playoffs."

The Rebels are coming off a regional quarterfinal appearance last year when Holly was the No. 2 man on the pitching staff behind Lance Watters. Now that he has taken the role as the No. 1 guy, Holly is ready to prove he's up to the challenge.

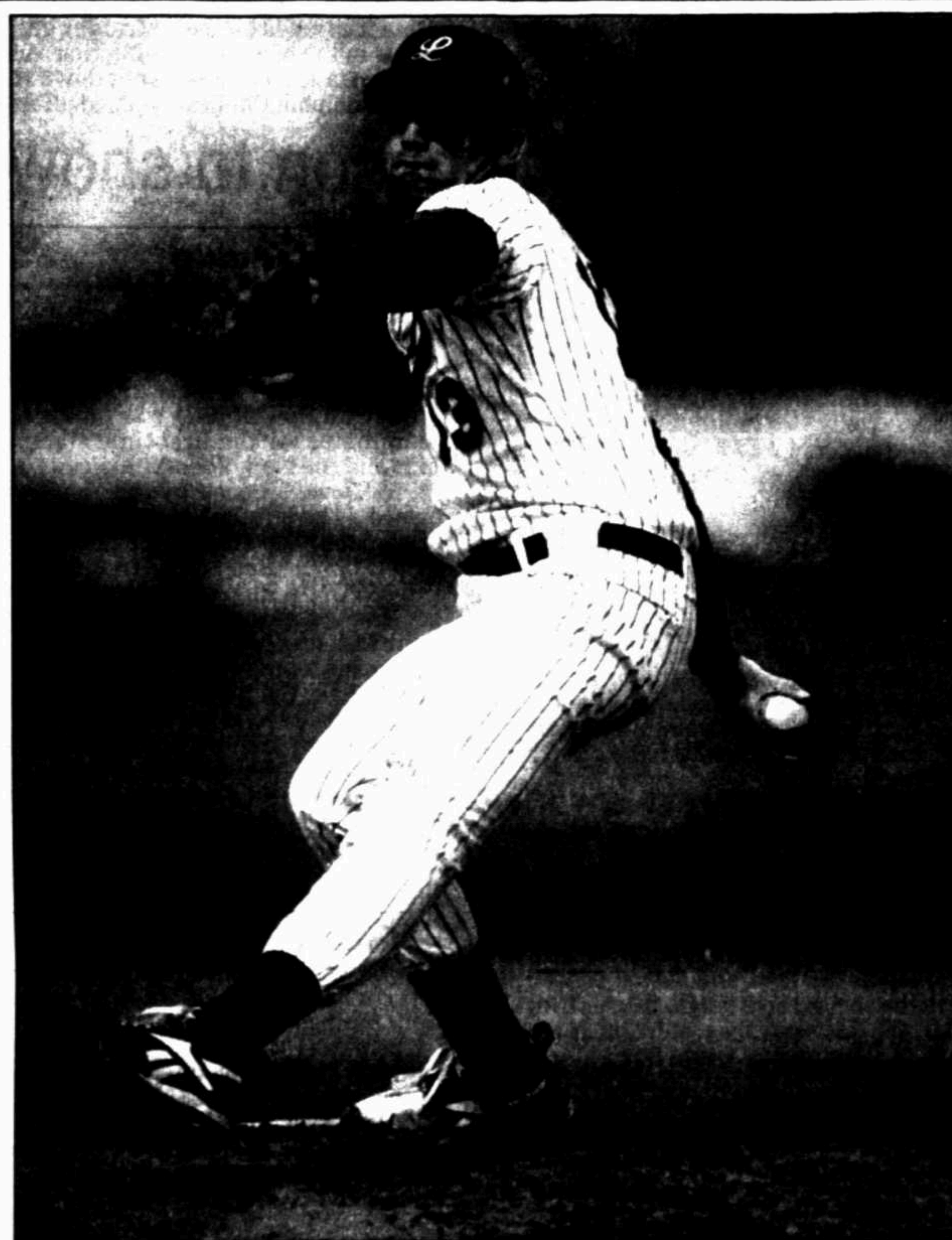
"I think that the experience I've had in the playoffs (in baseball and basketball) is really going to help," he said. "We've got a bunch of great guys on the team and hopefully some of that will rub off."

The Rebels have made their name on the field in the 90s, winning or tying for the 4-5A championship in five of the seven years, but when most people outside of West Texas hear Midland Lee, their first thoughts are football.

"When people here 'Midland Lee' they automatically think of the football team because of their success, and sometimes that works in our favor as an intimidation factor."

That rabid fan support also extends to

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Two-sport star Mark Holly will take the mound as the Midland Lee baseball team starts its Region I-5A run Friday in Plainview.

Chicago makes Miami Heat go down in flames

By Steven Wine
Associated Press



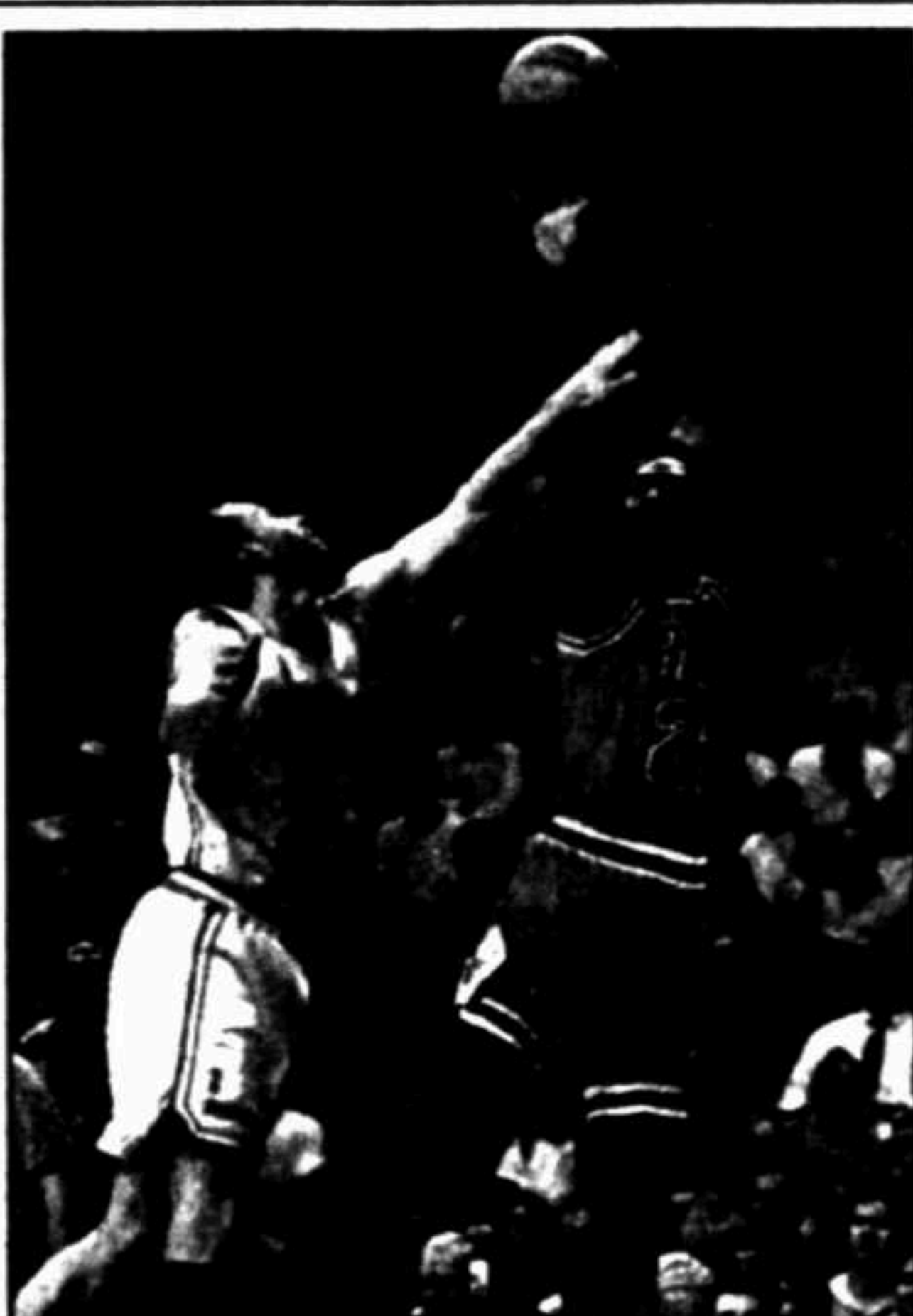
MIAMI — A bad back couldn't stop Michael Jordan, and neither could the Miami Heat.

Playing in pain, Jordan scored 26 points Wednesday night to lead the Chicago Bulls past Miami 112-91 for a sweep of their first-round playoff series.

Scottie Pippen added his 17th career triple-double for the Bulls, who will meet the New York Knicks in a best-of-7 series beginning Sunday in Chicago.

"I can't see anybody getting in their way," said Heat coach Pat Riley, who failed to advance out of the first round of the playoffs for the first time in his 14 years as an NBA coach.

Jordan, who played 33 minutes, said his back is improving with treatment, and he



Chicago's Michael Jordan shoots the ball over Rex Chapman (7).

hopes it will be 100 percent for the Knicks series.

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Lee makes needed moves to return to Region I semis

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

Replacing names like Emily Hayes, Christian Lance, April Rice and Amee Pullen was going to be difficult for the Midland Lee softball team.

But first-year skipper Perry Young has made all moves necessary to again make the Lady Rebels into a contender for the Region I title.

Young took a team fresh off an appearance in the state semifinals and had to make changes because of the loss of many quality players at key positions.

"It was difficult," said Young, who replaced J.C. Gotcher at the team's helm. "I had concerns about making major moves, but I was doing what was in the team's best interest."

The changes included filling the teams needs. Lee lost its pitcher (Hayes), catcher (Pullen), centerfielder (Rice) and right fielder (Lance). That left Young experimenting with lineups and

trying to get the right players in the right positions.

Young started by moving players who started in one position last season to other spots for the 1996 campaign. That included last year's starting first baseman, Adrian Nobles, to catcher. Then third team all-state shortstop Susanna Reed was switched to first.

Other players moved included Kim Murphy (starting third base to designated hitter) and Chrystal Smith came in from left field to fill the shoes of Hayes, the state's senior player of the year, inside the pitching circle.

Then inserted into the lineup were Jessica Garcia (shortstop), Jennifer Aman (third base), Patricia Carrasco (right field), Marcie Villa (center field) and Michelle Primeaux (left field).

The end result was having one returning starter playing the same position as a year ago (Stephanie Gentry at second base).

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Whiteside a perfect (Level) 10

■ Midland star heads to Atlanta for the U.S.A. Gymnastics meet.

By Mike Butts
Sports Writer

Any kid who does a cartwheel in the front yard gets a proud parent's attention. But Midlander Hayley Whiteside has proved she's not just any kid.

The cartwheels she did as a preschooler seemed like something special to Julie Whiteside. Six years later, 11-year-old Hayley has proved her mother right. Friday Whiteside becomes, according to her coach, the first Level 10 gymnast from West Texas to compete at the U.S.A. Gymnastics national competition in Atlanta.

"Hayley is as good an athlete as there is in Midland, Texas, and that's a fact," said Russ McEwen, the coach of Whiteside's Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders gymnastics team.

Considering Whiteside is one of 112 athletes nationwide to qualify for the USAG

national meet in her division, McEwen has a good argument, at least if he's referring to kids Whiteside's age. Whiteside scored 36.5 points at the USAG region competition in Houston April 13. Level 10 is just below the elite level, which produces Olympic gymnasts.

But without Julie's critical eye, the Hayley Whiteside story may have turned out differently.

"I used to do gymnastics and I saw her do a cartwheel one day and I thought, man that's a pretty good cartwheel," Julie said. "We took her down to the YMCA and she just took off. She liked it immediately."

The fifth-grader specializes in floor exercises and the balance beam. She performs a move on the floor that few gymnasts can execute — a triple full.

"It's very, very difficult," McEwen said. "It's an elite level move and that's as difficult as there is. And for the national competition, she's going to add a front through to the triple full."

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Midland's Hayley Whiteside, who competes for Big Spring, will take part in the Level 10 competition of the U.S.A. Gymnastics competition this Friday in Atlanta.

Perot, McDavid group purchase Dallas Mavericks

By Kevin O'Hanlon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Sixteen years to the day after a franchise agreement was signed that brought the Mavericks and the NBA to Dallas, the team got its second owner.

A group of investors led by land developer Ross Perot Jr. and auto dealer David McDavid purchased a 67 percent interest in the team Wednesday from Donald Carter.

Dick Motta will give up his coaching duties but remain a part of the organization in a consulting role, Carter said.

The \$125 million price is more than 10 times the \$12 million Carter paid for the franchise in 1980.

Carter and some limited partners

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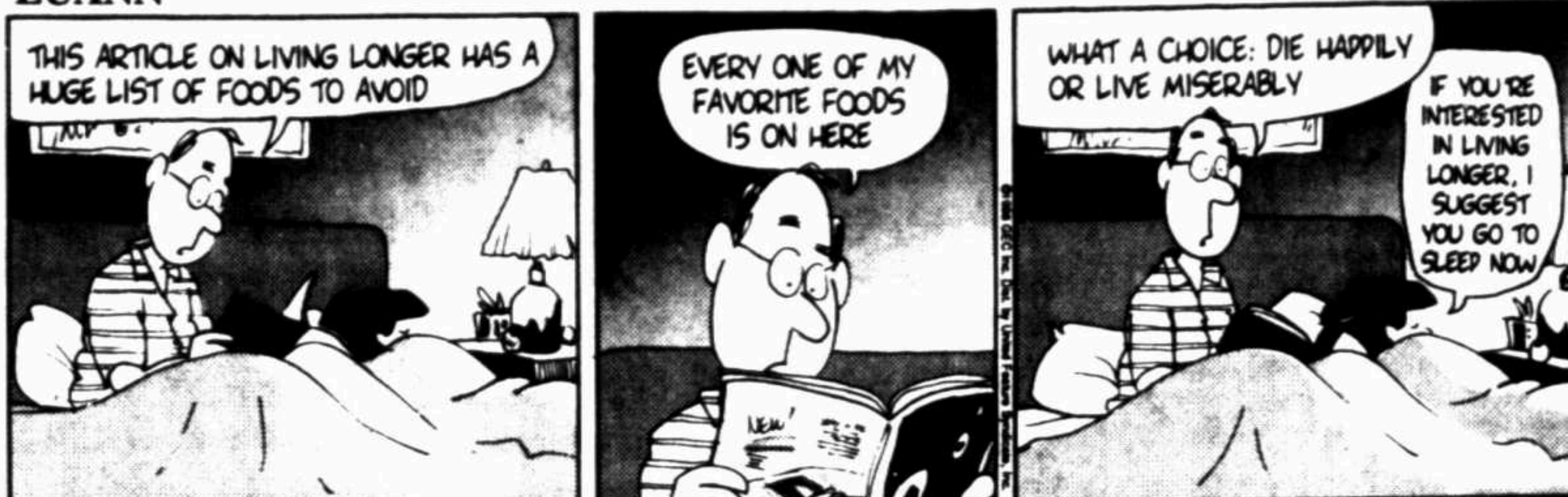
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: New partnerships hold wonderful promise. The harder you work, the more success you will enjoy. Late summer is the best time to buy or sell property. Employment in the arts or communications field is favored. Having too many irons in the fire at one time could hamper progress. Learn to prioritize! A romantic relationship is strengthened when you make a clean break with someone from your past. Build for the future.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: legendary singer Bing Crosby, supermodel Naomi Campbell, singer Lesley Gore, pediatrician Dr. Benjamin Spock.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Loans and special favors are granted today. Repayment will be expected in the near future. A business trip brings better results than expected. Use a direct approach if asked to address a financial crisis.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Deal with any professional jealousies in a positive way. A family matter could interfere with business or career progress unless you take corrective action.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If money is tight, call a halt to spending. Expensive furnishings will have

to wait. Your intuition is right on target where partners are concerned. Have faith.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your usually keen judgment could be offbase today. Consult experts about the commercial value of a home-produced item. Investigate starting a business.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Launch a new project with fanfare. Hard work is the magical elixir offering fame and fortune. The less you compromise yourself in business the better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Neighbors can be lucky for you in a surprising way. When traveling for business, find a way to enjoy it. Offspring may be feeling more insecure than usual. Be supportive of their goals and dreams.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Even though extra work is heaped on your shoulders, the rewards are there. Attention to detail brings fantastic results. Collaborative efforts are favored, and so is a real estate purchase.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A surprise strategy will get co-workers scrambling aboard your band

wagon. Move swiftly to put innovative ideas or new methods into action. Tenderness and patience help you build a special one-on-one relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Ignoring gossip will increase your productivity. Opt for teamwork rather than going it alone. Cutting back on spending helps create financial stability.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may have to use unconventional tactics to gain a prominent person's attention. A get-together with old friends could produce a lucrative idea or valuable connection.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do not let self-doubt threaten your professional advancement. Utilizing proven methods will restore your confidence. Unexpected expenses call for creative financing. New public recognition is possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be willing to travel to follow up employment leads. Enrolling in high-tech courses will boost your earning power. Consider performing more services for yourself to cut expenses.

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THE 11TH PLAGUE

100 honors. More crimes have been committed in an attempt to collect those bonus points than we care to list. But the most expensive of all occurred just a few weeks ago in a high-stake Chicago rubber bridge game in New York.

A jump shift to three clubs with the South hand seems automatic, but South decided to leave maximum room for exploration. After North reversed in spades, however, we would simply have checked for aces and, finding three in partner's hand, would have committed the hand to seven no trump. There are 12 top tricks and virtually no possible holding North could have for a reverse which would not produce the 13th. As it is, declarer can claim 14 tricks off the top, and that can be increased to 16 with the marked heart finesse. But the lure of 'honors' tempted South to commit the hand to clubs, and the double

seemed like manna from heaven, hence the redouble.

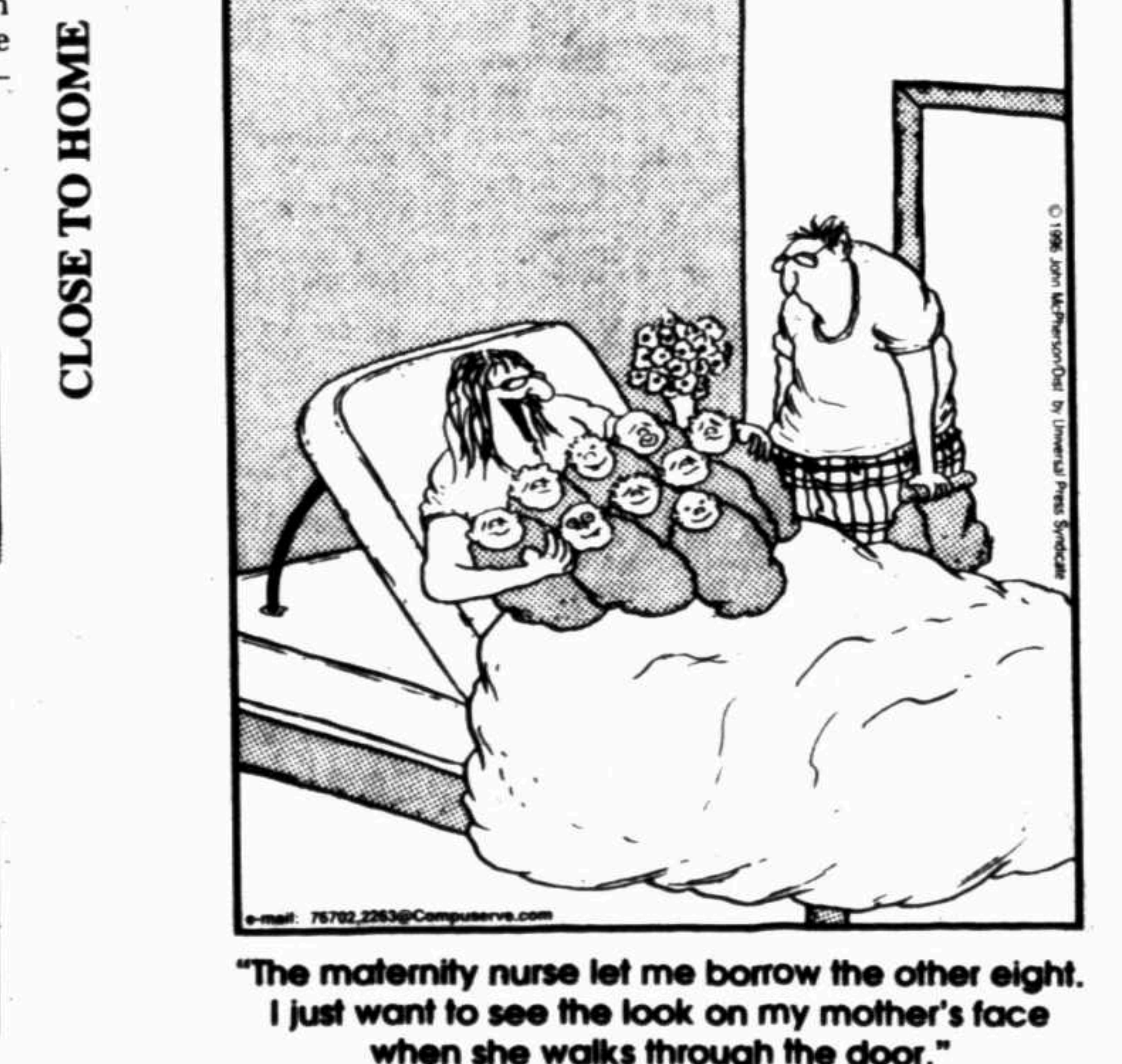
East's double asked for dummy's first-bid suit, and West was delighted to oblige. The defenders gaily crossruffed three hearts and three spades, for down five — 2200 in the new scoring less 100 honors, instead of +1520 for 13 tricks at seven notrump.

South, able to maintain a sense of humor about the incident, remarked: "This is the first time I have held 150 honors between the two hands and lost six trump tricks!" North was too dumbstruck by the enormity of the catastrophe to comment.

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PEOPLE

Sharon Stone, 37, says she would do nude scene, but the sooner the better

LOS ANGELES — Anyone who wants to cast a naked Sharon Stone in a movie better hurry up.

"If somebody says to me the movie is going to make \$5 million if you take off your clothes... I am probably not going to do it," Stone told TV's "Extra" in an interview for broadcast today.

"But if it has a value that I can comprehend, then I probably would. But the sooner the better because I am not getting any younger," the 37-year-old actress said. Stone, who was promoting her role as a death-row inmate in the film "Last Dance," said she was eager to do the gritty role.

"I never get scripts like this. They must have confused my mail with someone else," she said. The film opens Friday.

MINNEAPOLIS — Wearing dark glasses to hide an "unglamorous case of pink eye," Jane Fonda told youth workers to keep urging girls to stay in school and avoid pregnancy.

"We've got to create a new norm, a new cultural norm," Fonda said Tuesday to the Minnesota Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Parenting. "A norm that will say, 'It's cool to stay in school, it's really great to stay healthy and work out and not get AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases. It's really manly to be caring and considerate and not coercive.'"

Fonda, 58, said she got interested in high rates of teen pregnancy after attending the 1994 U.N. population conference in Cairo. The actress is vice president of the Turner Foundation, a private grant-making group founded by her husband, media magnate Ted Turner.

INDIANAPOLIS — The world's tallest woman wants kids to know it's OK to be

different. That's why she's starring in a new video aimed at teaching schoolchildren that being different in any way — from size to color — doesn't make anyone inferior.

"When I went to school, I was taller than everybody else, they made fun of me, teased me, called me names, hurt my feelings quite a bit," Sandy Allen told Indianapolis public school students earlier this week.

At 7 feet 7 1/4 inches, Sandy Allen is tied with a Pakistani man for the title of tallest person in the world, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.

Weighing only 6 pounds at birth, Allen, now 40, began growing faster than normal babies, and was 6 feet 3 inches by age 10.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — From Van Morrison to Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, the music will range from traditional Delta blues to rock 'n' roll, gospel and alternative at the Beale Street Music Festival.

It all gets going Friday night with alternative bands Jackopierce and Cracker and wraps up Sunday night with Morrison.

On Thursday, top blues performers will be honored at an awards concert featuring appearances by Luther Allison with Koko Taylor, Joe Lewis Walker with Jimmy Rodgers and Tracy Nelson with Al Kooper. Ruth Brown is host.

Other performers in the lineup: the Allman Brothers Band, The Blind Boys of Alabama, O'Landa Draper & The Associates, Joan Baez, Herman Green and the Green Machine and George Clinton & the P-Funk All-Stars.

NEW YORK — It was one of those quintessentially New York evenings on Tuesday, when more than 200 people from the worlds of theater, cabaret and restaurants gathered to honor Faith Stewart-Gordon, the longtime owner of the Russian Tea Room, who sold it to the restaurateur Warner LeRoy last June.

The International Association of Women Chefs and Restaurateurs gave her its Outstanding Achievement Award at a Russian dinner in the Hudson Theater.

Jerry Stiller and Anne Meara performed one of her favorite sketches. Nancy Dussault, Karen Mason and Julie Wilson sang, and Helen Gurley Brown and Isabelle Stevenson were among the speakers.

Reflecting on the party, Ms. Stewart-Gordon said Wednesday, "I was really touched. It gave me the ability to really say goodbye to the Tea Room."

DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

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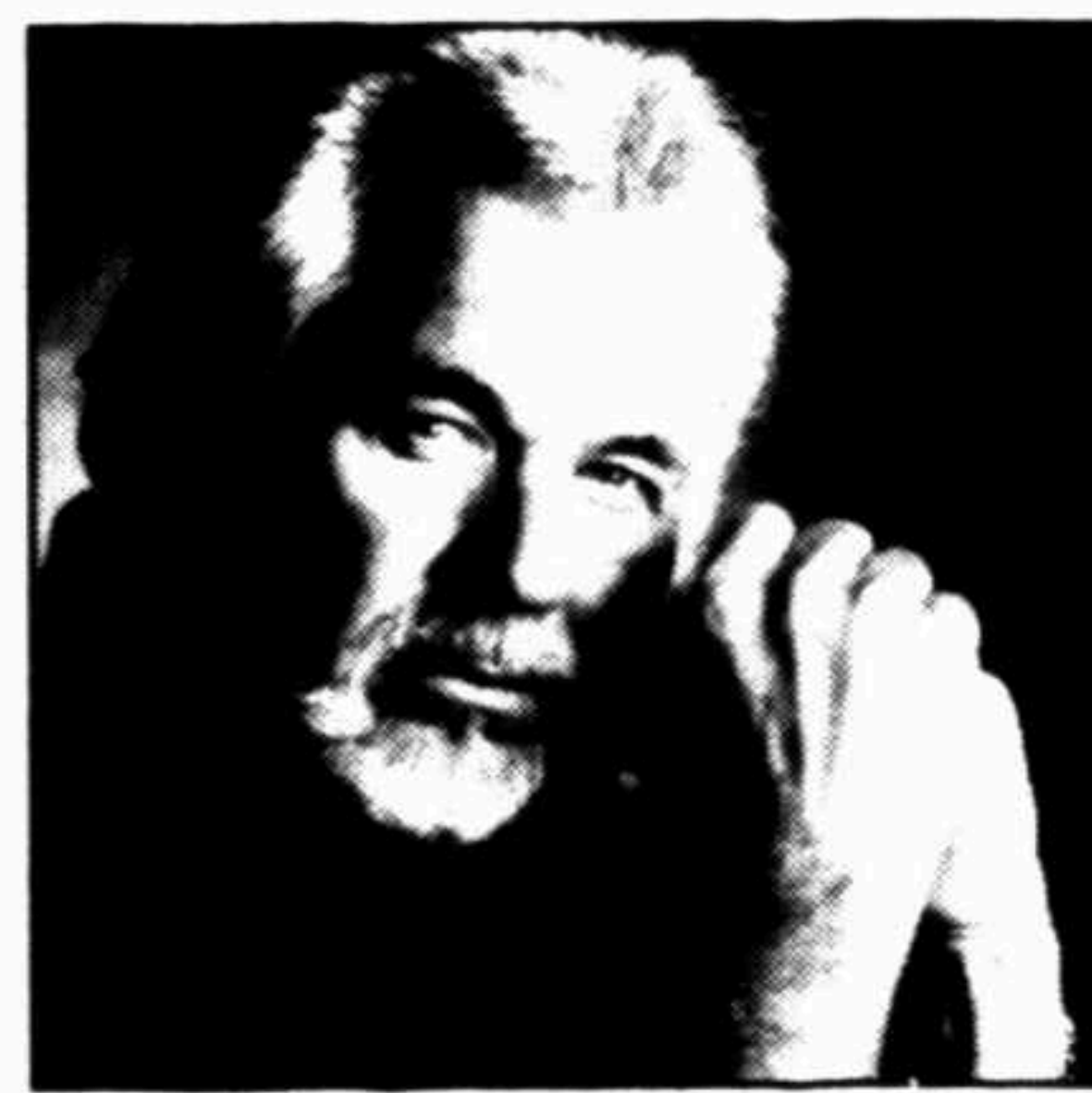
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TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

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(5) KPEJ	24	5 The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Martin: Why Can't We Be Friends?	New York Undercover (Part 1 of 2) 91821
(7) KOSA	7	News 859	Entertainment Tonight	Smithsonian Fantastic Journey 2 75389	Rescue 911 84837
(8) KWES	9	News 5585	Seinfeld	The Single Guy	Sinfeld: The Bottle Deposit 28395
(12) KMLM	12	The Light of the Southwest 802869	Wild America	Lat. on Demand	Bishop J. Osteen
(13) KOCV	36	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 35444	West Texas Journal	Mystery! 894889	Sex, Yarns and Public Schools 874005
(14) CNBC	8	Money Club	Steals and Deals	Equal Time	Rivers Live 1084550
(16) WGN	10	Family Matters	Baseball: Chicago White Sox at New York Yankees 905753	Baseball: Chicago White Sox at New York Yankees 905753	Baseball: Chicago White Sox at New York Yankees 905753
(17) WTTW	11	Fun Videos	NBA Basketball: Conference Quarterfinal, Game Four 576395	NBA Basketball: Conference Quarterfinal, Game Four 576395	NBA Basketball: Conference Quarterfinal, Game Four 576395
(18) BRV	18	The Jewel in the Crown	The Spy Who Came in From the Cold 419595	Music by R. Rodgers	The Falcon & the Snowman (10:15) 761234
(20) BET	20	All Night	Sanford	Video Soul 629799	Comicview
(21) DISN	21	In Search of the Castaways (R, 82) (Maurice Chevalier, Mabley, Mills) 24590	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911 776111	Newsweek: The 700 Club
(22) FAM	23	The Waltons	The Obstacle 27734	PrimeTime Politics	Larry King Live 818901
(23) CNN	35	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeTime Politics	Larry King Live 818901
(24) ESPN	36	SportsCenter	NHL Hockey: Conference Semifinal, Game One 350579	NHL Hockey: Conference Semifinal, Game One 350579	NHL Hockey: Conference Semifinal, Game One 350579
(25) USA	37	Wings	Good Mornings, Vietnam (R, 82) (see 6:00)	Whisper 677004	Hart to Hart 9024802
(26) FX	37	Fail Guy 4306598	Wings	Good Mornings, Vietnam (R, 82) (see 6:00)	Whisper 677004
(27) A&E	39	The Equalizer	941376	Biography: Bruce Lee	The Curse of the Dragon 45043
(28) TLC	42	America's Natural Heritage	6:3640	This Century: History of the Submarine 28545	Eye on History 277111
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(36) AMC	15	Magic of Bing Crosby	Dukes of Hazzard	Life of Kenny Rogers	Prime Time Country 946024
(37) TNT	17	In the Heat of the Night	NBA Basketball: Conference Quarterfinal, Game Four 904734	NBA Basketball: Conference Quarterfinal, Game Four 904734	NBA Basketball: Conference Quarterfinal, Game Four 904734
(38) MAX	22	In the Line of Duty	Disasters at Sea (R, 15)	Victor Cullen	804734
(39) VCI	29	Movie (S) 2107753	Movie (S) 2107753	Movie (S) 2107753	Movie (S) 2107753
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(43) TMC	33	Tough Enough (S) (PG)	The Bachelor (R, 95) (see 10:00)	The Bachelor (R, 95) (see 10:00)	The Bachelor (R, 95) (see 10:00)
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Midland's Eddie Graham rolls perfect game at ABC Bud Light Masters Tournament

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Midland's Eddie Graham rolled a perfect game in the second qualifying day of the \$250,000 American Bowling Congress Bud Light Masters Tournament at the Salt Palace Convention Center.

Hugh Miller of Centralia, Wash., averaged 234 for five games Wednesday to take the lead after four of six squads.

The 39-year-old right-hander, who owns six Professional Bowlers Association titles, had 1,172 pins Wednesday to go along with his opening 1,171 on Tuesday for a 2,343 total for 10 games.

Bob Hanson of Spokane, Wash., was second with 2,294, followed by Tim Weisbrod of Cincinnati with

2,287, Don Genalo of Perrysburg, Ohio with 2,281 and Daniel Guerrieri of Youngstown, Ohio with 2,269.

Three more 300 games were bowled Wednesday, bringing the two-day total to five. Mark Bowers of Aberdeen, Md., Carl Chavez of Albuquerque, N.M. and Graham joined Rick Steelsmith of Wichita, Kan., and Tom Shucart of Florissant, Mo., who had perfect games Tuesday.

The remainder of the 532 entrants rolled five qualifying games Wednesday before the cut was made to the top 134. Those competitors face another five games Thursday before the top 63 join defending champion Mike Aulby of Indianapolis in the double-elimination match play round Thursday.

BOYS: Owner says team can become inspired from troubles

(From 1C)

sports.

"Even when you're critical of us it generates interest in our game," he said. "And I know because I've been told that when we win, we sell more newspapers in Dallas."

Jerry being Jerry — a man who never met a public forum he didn't like — he wasn't in the attack mode in an address to many of the nation's top newspaper executives.

But he couldn't help wondering how attention has shifted from the Cowboys' success on the field to the troubles of his players off it.

He never mentioned Irvin by name, but he didn't have to — his star receiver's indictment on drug charges has been the signal event of the post-season.

He noted, for example, that a major newspaper had devoted a major story to the Cowboys' troubles on the same day it devoted "only one inch" to Emmitt Smith getting his college degree.

"I'd hope," he said, "that we could concentrate on the positive example on someone who makes millions of dollars, one of the most visible stars in American sports, going back to college to get his degree."

But Jones said he understood. "You can win a Super Bowl," he said. "You can win three Super Bowls."

"But you're not as important as the undercurrents surrounding the personal vagaries of some of your players."

United cools off Burn

Two second-half goals drive D.C. team to its first win of the year and give Dallas its second loss.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — D.C. United, getting second-half goals from Marco Etcheverry and Steve Rammel, beat the Dallas Burn 3-1 Wednesday night for their first victory of the Major League Soccer season.

The game was played before a crowd of 11,253 at RFK Stadium, much smaller than the attendance of 35,000 for the United's home

opener last week.

Raul Diaz Arce opened the scoring for the United (1-1) in the 15th minute. Dallas (2-2) tied it in the 43rd minute on a penalty kick by Washington Rodriguez.

Etcheverry, the star Bolivian midfielder, then struck off a free kick from 23 yards in the 53rd minute to make it 2-1 before Rammel added an insurance goal in the 68th.

HOYA: Guard averaged almost 25 points

(From 1C)

four years have received their degrees. But unlike previous Georgetown greats such as Patrick Ewing and Alonzo Mourning, Iverson found the temptation of an NBA contract too great to pass up.

An All-American sophomore guard and one of the game's quickest players, Iverson said his decision boiled down to one factor: money. He revealed that he had a 1-year-old daughter living in his hometown of Hampton, Va., and said his 4-year-old sister, Iiesha, had been having seizures.

Speculation had been rife for weeks that Iverson would leave — he has recently been driving a \$130,000 Mercedes on loan from a local dealer, an apparent violation of NCAA rules — but Thompson had done his best to downplay the rumors.

Before the Big East tournament in March, Thompson said Iverson would leave only with his permission "or he will go nowhere." On Wednesday, however, it was obvious the decision was Iverson's alone.

Thompson bemoaned the fact that, under NCAA rules, he was powerless to do anything to help Iverson's sister.

"It's a frustrating thing," Thompson said. "Even though we might have the best hospital around, you can't do anything about that."

Thompson has maintained young athletes need to mature in college before entering the money-driven world of the NBA. He said Iverson, who spent four months in jail during high school on a conviction that was later overturned, was no exception.

Iverson's game will be suited to

the NBA's fast pace. Last season, he averaged 24.7 points, 3.8 rebounds, 5.0 assists and 3.5 steals. He was the Big East defensive player of the year for the second time.

Iverson's newly acquired agent, David Falk, predicted Iverson would be a top five pick in the June 26 draft.

As for losing his first early draftee, Thompson was philosophical.

"My reputation has never been important to me in anything that I did," Thompson said. "Doing that which is correct was more important to me. You check my life, there are many contradictions in it."

"If you were ask me, 'Should he stay here?' I would tell you absolutely yes. If you were ask me, 'Did he make the right decision to leave?' I would tell you absolutely yes, based on the reasons he used to make that decision."

Ironically, Thompson said, Iverson's departure should help his recruiting.



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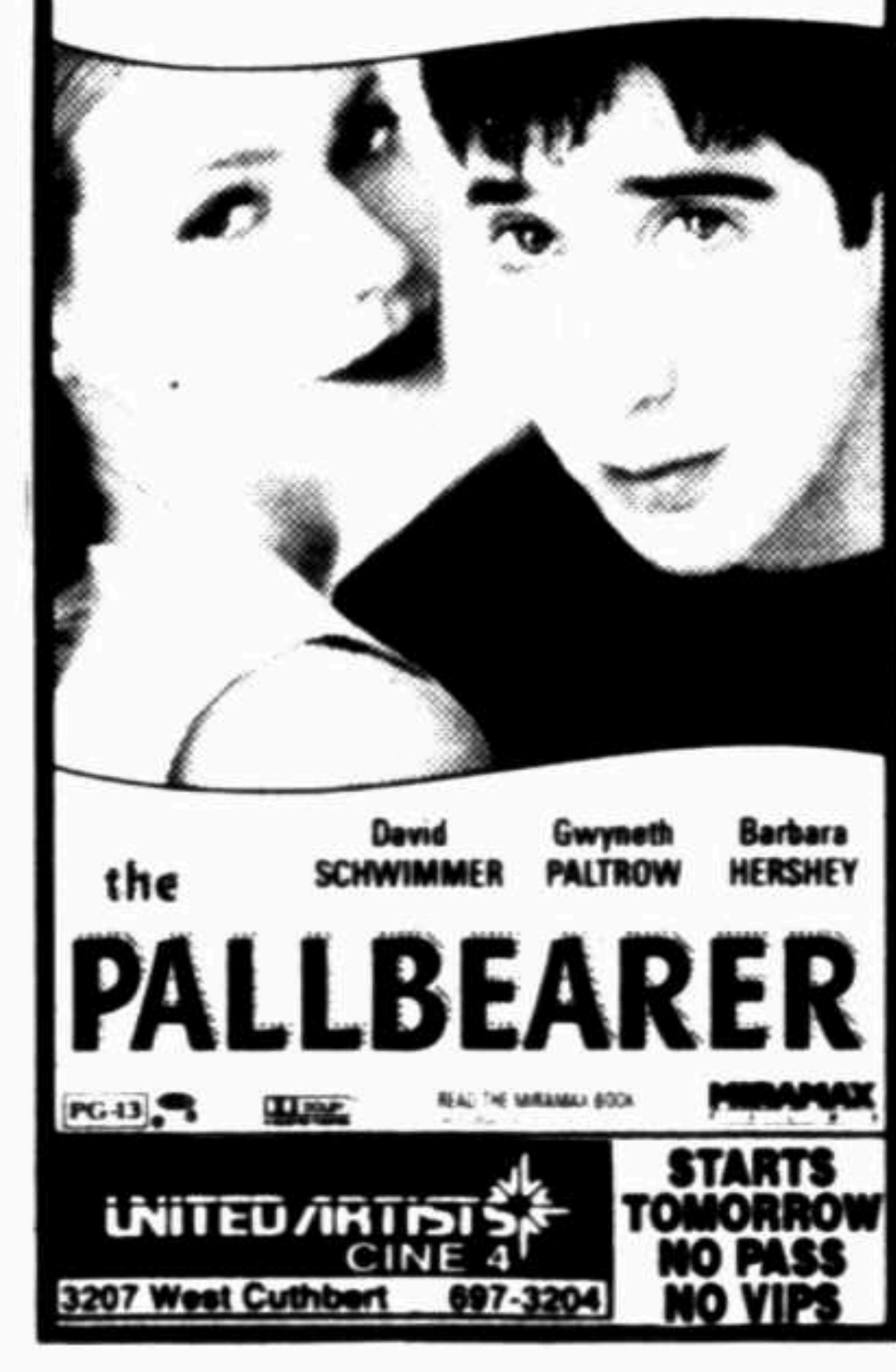
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Despite bad fourth quarter, Knicks complete sweep of Cavaliers with 81-76 win

Associated Press



NEW YORK — The New York Knicks survived a terrible fourth quarter after celebrating a bit too early and swept their first-round playoff series from the Cleveland Cavaliers with an 81-76 victory Wednesday night.

The Knicks, who opened a 19-point lead in the second quarter and seemed to be cruising in the third, went scoreless for more than five minutes in the final period and fell into a 70-70 tie with 4:51 left.

John Starks, who taunted Cleveland coach Mike Fratello late in the third quarter when the Knicks led by 13, made his fifth 3-pointer of the game and 14th of the series with 3:22 left to build the lead back to five.

Cleveland never got closer than two down the stretch — even though Patrick Ewing missed five of six free throws in the final 2:04. The Cavs were swept in a playoff series for the third time in four years.

Starks had 22 points to lead New York, which advanced to the second round against the winner of the Chicago-Miami series.

Ewing added 16 points and 10 rebounds but went just 6-for-14 from the free throw line. The Knicks, who scored only 13 points in the fourth quarter, won despite having 21 turnovers and shooting 20-for-37 from the line.

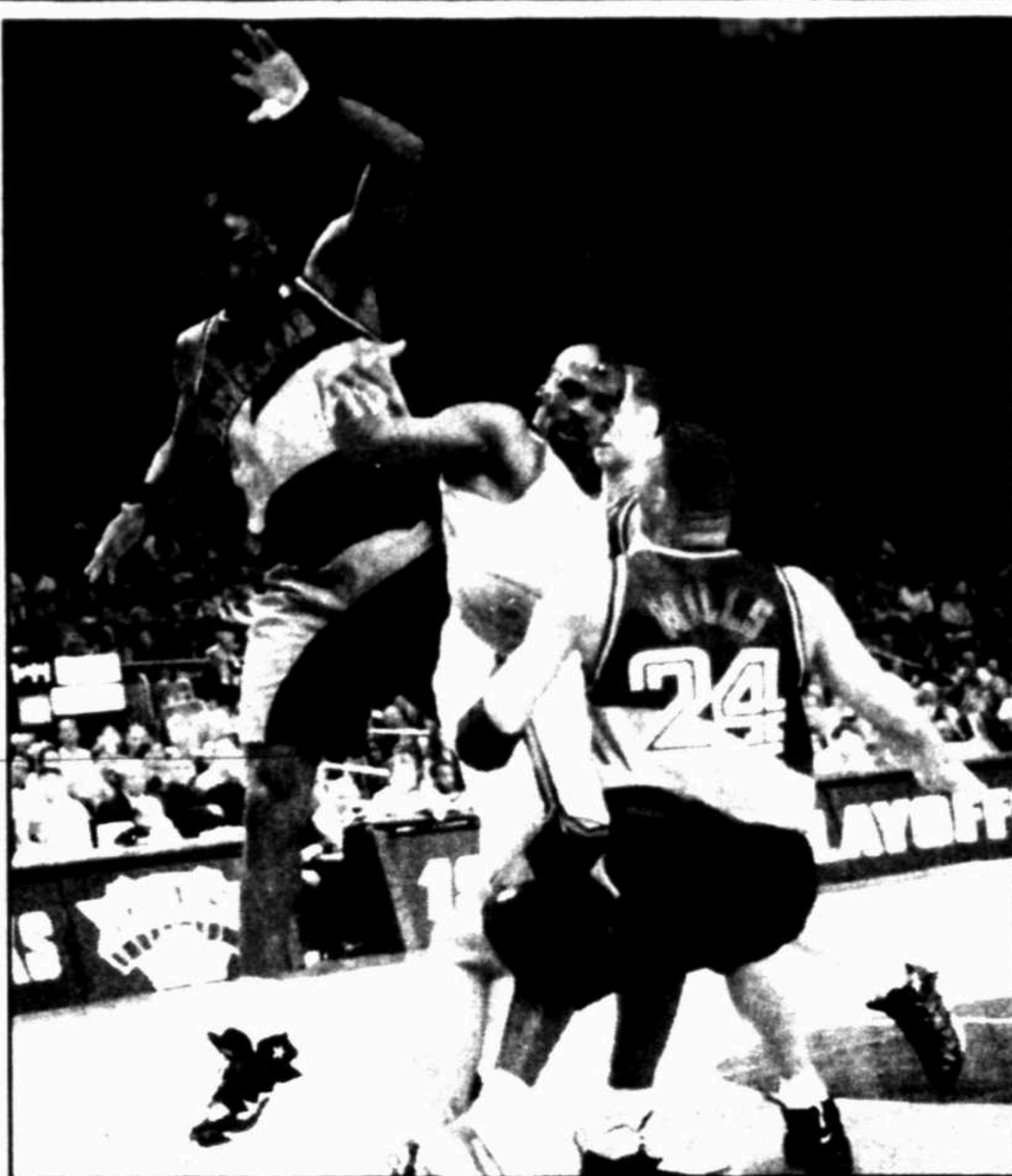
Terrell Brandon had 19 points and Dan Majerle 16 for the Cavaliers, but both missed crucial shots in the final 30 seconds.

Tyrone Hill scored on a putback with 49 seconds left to draw Cleveland within two, 78-76, and Anthony Mason answered with a post-up hook with 35 seconds remaining.

Brandon missed a 3-point attempt and Ewing rebounded and was fouled, but he missed both shots with 24 seconds left. Majerle then tried a running left-hander that missed, and Starks picked up the loose ball. He was fouled and made one of two from the line for the final margin.

The 3-0 series victory was New York's first playoff sweep since 1989 against Philadelphia.

By halftime, it seemed as though the Knicks would advance to the next round without even enduring a tense moment. Hubert Davis had eight points in a 16-3 run that gave New York a 44-25 lead, and Starks hit a twisting 3-pointer from half-court at the buzzer for a 50-32 lead at intermission.



New York's Charles Oakley loses control of the ball as he is surrounded by Cleveland's Michael Cage (left), Chris Mills (24) and Danny Ferry.

Cleveland, which shot only 37 percent, couldn't catch up in the third, and when Brandon was called for his fifth foul with one minute left in the period, Starks started the premature celebration by grinning and waving five

fingers in the face of Cavs coach Mike Fratello.

Fratello didn't respond, but his team came back with a 15-4 run to tie the game at 70 and set the stage for the final stretch.

Rockets hope to muffle Johnson again, end series

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Crunch time used to be Magic Johnson time for the Los Angeles Lakers.

But the Houston Rockets made Johnson feel all of his 36 years Tuesday night with a swarming fourth quarter double-team defense. The question now is: can they do it again Thursday night and eliminate the Los Angeles Lakers from the NBA playoffs?

The Rockets lead the best-of-five series 2-1 and could end it with another victory in The Summit.

They admit it won't be easy. "It's always pleasing when you can go against a hall of famer like Magic Johnson and do well," said Robert Horry, one of the Rockets' defenders who held Johnson to seven points. "It's a bad thing, too, because the next game he'll come out and get more points."

"We just have to be aggressive and hope he misses some more shots."

Johnson, who led the Lakers to five NBA titles in the 1980s, came out of retirement and played 32 games in regular season, but the going is getting tougher in the playoffs.

Johnson doesn't fault his or his team's effort in Tuesday night's 104-98 loss.

"I'll take the same game if we just play the last six minutes," Johnson said. "We're not down and we're not out. We just have to play 48 minutes instead of 42."

Hakeem Olajuwon paved the way to victory by scoring 30 points and leading a 13-0 late fourth quarter stretch.

Olajuwon and Johnson have traded big games in each of the three games. Now, it's Johnson's turn and the Rockets are wary.

"I know about Magic and his pride," forward Mario Elie said. "He's mad and he's looking forward to making up for it in Game 4. This is do-or-die for them. We'll get their best punch."

Trailblazers even series with clutch win over Jazz

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Rod Strickland and Arvydas Sabonis provided the offense Wednesday night as the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Utah Jazz 98-90 to even their first-round playoff series 2-2.

Strickland had 27 points, seven assists and six rebounds as Portland won its second straight at home to force a deciding Game 5 Sunday in Salt Lake City. Sabonis scored 25, hit all three of his 3-point attempts and grabbed 13 rebounds.

Portland took the lead for good in the first six minutes, led by as many as 17 in the second quarter, and was up by 21 in the third.

With stars Karl Malone and John Stockton suffering through horrible shooting nights, the Jazz got no closer than eight in the second half.

Strickland capped the victory by sinking two 3-pointers late in the fourth quarter. His first, with 5:13 to play, put the Blazers up 89-75. His second, with 2:40 to go, made it 92-77.

Jeff Hornacek was the only consistent offensive threat for Utah, scoring 30 points, including 4-for-4 from 3-point range. Malone was 4-for-16 from the field and 7-for-12

at the foul line for 15 points, 17.7 below his series average. Stockton had 11 points and 11 assists, and was just 3-for-13 from the field.

Clifford Robinson scored 15 points for the Blazers despite foul trouble.

Leading 54-40 at halftime, the Blazers outscored Utah 9-2 at the start of the third quarter to make it 63-42 with 9:33 left in the period.

The Jazz scored the next 12 points, with Hornacek and David Benoit both hitting 3-pointers, to cut the lead to 63-54.

Stockton's layup to start the fourth quarter made it 74-66, but the Blazers used a one-two Robinson punch to regain momentum.

Rumeal Robinson's driving layup and Clifford Robinson's three-point play on a foul by Malone boosted the lead back to 79-66. The Jazz couldn't stop Sabonis in the first half. The 31-year-old rookie from Lithuania was 5-for-5 from the field, including two 3-pointers, and 6-for-7 from the foul line for 18 points and six rebounds in 17 minutes.

Utah's three centers amassed nine fouls in the first two quarters trying to stop him.

Portland made 14 of its first 18 shots before cooling off to 48.5 percent for the game.

BULL: Pippen gets triple-double in win

(From 1C)

"It was tough getting loose," he said. "Once I got loose, I felt pretty good. Every now and then when I twisted, I could feel the pull."

Pippen had 22 points, 18 rebounds and 10 assists in 39 minutes. His rebound total tied a career high.

"Scottie picked it up a notch," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said. "He knew he had to be an initiator because of Michael's back."

The teams traded caustic comments throughout the series, and when it ended, most of the Heat players declined to shake hands with the Bulls. Chicago's three victories in the best-of-5 sweep were by an average of 23 points.

"It was thorough," Riley said. "I know how bad we feel and how bad a lot of people in this town feel about the show we put on tonight."

Jordan scored 17 points in the first 14 minutes as Chicago raced to a 42-25 lead. But for the second game in a row, he gave the Bulls a scare by leaving in the first half because of his back.

This time he hurt it driving to the basket when Keith Askins grabbed him around the

waist with both arms. Jordan later declined to criticize Askins.

"I anticipate those situations, or I wouldn't be out there," Jordan said. "I don't take it in a negative way."

Jordan laid on his back by the bench for several minutes and received treatment from a trainer, who tugged on the superstar's long legs. Jordan then returned to the game midway through the second quarter.

He was 7-for-11 before being jarred by Askins, then went 3-for-12 the rest of the way.

Nonetheless, Jordan led Chicago's scoring for the third consecutive game. His crowning moment was a no-look, back-to-the-basket, over-the-head layup to make the score 74-55 late in the third quarter.

"Michael played under wraps," Jackson said. "We nursed him through."

Alonzo Mourning, who struggled in the first two games of the series, managed 30 points but couldn't spark Miami.

Before the series began, Mourning said the Heat were capable of beating the Bulls. Those words backfired against a team that set a

league record this season with 72 victories.

"It's not a good feeling at all," Mourning said. "You have to give credit where credit is due. It's difficult to say that because of my attitude about wanting to win."

Bulls forward and author Dennis Rodman contributed just three rebounds in 18 minutes.

Rodman's autobiography, "Bad As I Wanna Be," was released this week, but he failed to live up to the title, complaining only mildly when he picked up two fouls 11 seconds apart in the first quarter.

While the Heat concentrated on blocking out Rodman, Pippen grabbed eight offensive rebounds to help Chicago gain a 51-41 edge on the boards.

"Scottie played a complete game," Riley said. "That's no surprise."

And Jackson won the latest round in his sometimes bitter rivalry with the Heat's first-year coach.

"Phil has put together a machine that is incredibly in sync," Riley said. "When you vote for coach of the year, my vote is for Phil. There isn't anybody in the league doing a better job."

Bad as he wants to be, Rodman bares all

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Madonna has her own chapter.

So do the subjects of sex, race, the San Antonio Spurs and painted fingernails.

If the contents of Dennis Rodman's just-released autobiography, "Bad As I Wanna Be," don't cause a mild commotion, then the book jacket surely will.

There he is on the front cover, striking a backward pose on a Harley, buck naked save for a strategically placed basketball.

There he is on the back cover, featuring his overexposed backside.

But it's between the covers — in the profanity-laced pages — that the Chicago Bulls' famous forward really bares all.

The NBA's five-time rebounding champion said:

—He's happy he didn't commit suicide in 1993, when he almost shot himself while parked in a pickup truck outside the Detroit Pistons' arena. But he adds that he probably will someday.

"I'll know when my life is complete. Then I'll take out a gun and shoot myself in the head. That's how it will end, right there."

—That now-teammate but then-opponent Scottie Pippen had "Rodman on the brain" during the 1991 playoffs.

"I think he took himself out of the game. I think he got a little

freaked out by me. All of a sudden, he came down with a migraine headache."

—That Magic Johnson having the AIDS virus hasn't changed the sexual habits of NBA players.

But now, he said, "Unprotected sex is not uncommon at all."

Rodman, who wrote the book

with Tim Keown, takes a few shots at NBA commissioner David Stern and several fellow players.

But most of his venom is saved for the San Antonio Spurs, who traded him to Chicago for Will Perdue after blaming Rodman for playoff collapses in 1994 and 1995.

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Tug of War		Stadium	3:00

FISHING REPORT

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for May 1, 1996.

WEST

ARROWHEAD Water clear, 3 1/2 feet low, 57 degrees; black bass are good on spinners, crank baits and dark worms; crappie are good on minnows and jigs; catfish are fair on shrimp and night-crawlers.

FORT PHANTOM HILL Water murky, 9 feet low, 65 degrees; black bass are slow; hybrid strippers are fair, but small by trolling white jigs and deep-diving crank baits; crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs; catfish are fair on shrimp and night-crawlers.

FRYER Water clear, 4 feet low; black bass are fair on spinners and minnows; catfish are fair on shrimp and night-crawlers; crappie are slow; channel catfish to 4 pounds are fair on minnows and live.

GRANBURY Water off-colored; normal level; 63 degrees; black bass up to 7 pounds are good on watermelon colored worms fished in 10 to 14 feet of water; striped bass are good on large slabs with trailers fished on the lower end of the lake; white bass are good on small spoons and jigs fished at the outlet; crappie are fair on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water; catfish are fair on cheese bait fished in 15 to 30 feet of water.

KEMP Water clear, normal level; black bass are slow; striped bass are scattered; crappie are good on minnows and jigs; catfish are good on shrimp and night-crawlers.

MEREDITH Water clear, normal level; black bass are scattered; smallmouth to 5 pounds are very good on live water dogs; crappie are good on minnows and live bait; flathead catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch; walleye to 7 pounds are good on jigs tipped with minnows.

OAK CREEK Water murky, 8 feet 7 inches low, 64 degrees; black bass to 7 pounds are good on crank baits and spinners fished in shallow water; white bass are very good by trolling a white bait with a red head Roadrunner; crappie are fair, but small on minnows and jigs fished in 15 feet of water; catfish are fair to good on chicken liver and shrimp.

O.H. IVIE Water clear on main lake, murky in upper and tributaries; lake level 1549.17; 58 degrees; black bass are good on worms, crank baits and topwaters fished in 20 feet of water and less; smallmouth are good on worms; crank baits and slabs fished in 10 to 20 feet of water around the rocky points on the main lake; white bass are good on small spinners and on crank baits fished along the river and main lake shorelines; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 20 feet of water around the creeks, rivers and main lake shorelines; blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait and black, yellow; catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait; no catches of walleye reported.

POSSUM KINGDOM Water clear, 6 feet low, 60 degrees; black bass are slow; striped bass are fair on live bait and by trolling; white bass are starting to school on the main lake; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 15 to 18 feet of water; catfish are good on rod and reels baited with night-crawlers.

PROCTOR Water murky, 1 foot low, 70 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are good on minnows, spinners and crank baits; hybrid strippers are good on shad and crank baits; crappie are slow; catfish are slow.

SPENCE Water clear, lake level 1863.43; 60 degrees; black bass are good on topwaters, jerk baits and bass minnows; striped and white bass are good on shad, topwaters, slabs and spoons; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs; catfish are fair on out and prepared bait.

TWIN BUTTES Water clear, very low, very few fishermen out.

WHITE RIVER Water clear, low, 60 degrees; black bass are good on spinners and worms; crappie are good on jigs and small minnow; catfish up to 40 pounds are good on rod and reels and dropshots baited with live perch and large bass minnows; walleye are good by trolling small Bomber lures.

CENTRAL

BASTROP Water clear, 10 feet low, 70 degrees; black bass are fair to good on worms, spinners and Rat-L-Trap; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs; catfish are fair on minnows, shrimp and live King's Punch Bait.

BELTON Water clear, low, 62 degrees; black bass are slow; hybrid strippers and white bass are good on jigs and topwaters; crappie are good on minnows, jigs and live bait; catfish are good on shad and prepared bait.

BROWNWOOD Water clear, black bass to 5 pounds are slow on silver spoons; hybrid strippers and white bass are slow; crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs; channel catfish are fair on shrimp and worms.

BUCHANAN Water clear, low, 70 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are fair on topwaters, worms and lizards; striped bass are very good on live bait and by downrigging; white bass are good on live bait and topwaters fished around Garrett Island; crappie are fair on minnows fished up the river around Colorado Bend State Park; yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch.

COLORADO BEND Water murky, 5 feet low, yellow catfish are good on live bait; all other fishing is slow.

DECKER Water clear, normal level; 75 degrees; black bass up to 9 pounds are good on water dogs; hybrid strippers are good with limits coming on shad and shrimp; crappie are fair on minnows; catfish are good with limits caught on stink bait fished in 14 feet of water.

FAYETTE Water clear, normal level; 61 degrees; black bass are fair to good on live water dogs and Carolina-rigged worms; catfish are fair to good on live water dogs; minnows and prepared bait.

GIBBONS CREEK Water clear, 10 inches low, 70 degrees; black bass are good on worms and crank baits fished in 8 to 10 feet of water; crappie are good on minnows fished in 10 feet of water; catfish are good on jugs fished with perch.

LBJ Water clear, lake full; 72 degrees; black bass are good on 4 inch Power Worms and spinners; white bass are very good on slabs and 1/4 ounce

Rat-L-Traps; crappie are fair on tube jigs; channel catfish are good on Mr. Whisker's Cheese Bait fished over ball-baited with perch.

SOMERVILLE Water murky, black bass are slow to fair on worms and on Rat-L-Traps fished in deep water; crappie are slow to fair on minnows and jigs; catfish are fair on commercial carp bait and on prepared bait.

SQUAW CREEK Water clear, 3 feet low, 72 degrees; black bass are good on worms and spinners; white bass are slow to fair; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs; catfish are good on Mr. Whisker's Cheese Bait, shrimp and worms.

STILLHOUSE Water clear, 2 feet low, 70 degrees; black bass are good on spinners, worms and minnows; smallmouth are good on lizards and minnows fished around the marina; crappie are good on minnows; catfish are fair on minnows and worms.

TRAVIS Water clear, low, 64 degrees; black bass are good on smoke grubs, spinners and on dark worms; striped bass are fair on live and prepared bait; white bass are fair on slabs and water; crappie are fair on spinners and jigs; no report for catfish.

WACO Water off-colored, 3 feet low, 67 degrees; black bass are fair on spinners, crank baits and on jigs; white bass are fair to good on minnows, slabs and spoons; crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished around the docks; catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with out and prepared bait.

WHITNEY Water clear, 5 feet 10 inches low, 58 degrees; black bass are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps and large spinners fished around the powerlines; smallmouth are fair on spinners and Rat-L-Traps; striped bass are slow on live bait and with some topwater action; white bass are good, but small on topwaters fished in the creeks; crappie are fair to good on minnows fished in 9 feet of water around the boat docks; catfish are fair with slugs in the 2 pound range and yellow in the 40 pound range on out and live bait.

SOUTHEAST

B.A. SHAWHAGEN Water muddy; lake rising, 72 degrees; black bass are good on minnows, spinners and worms; crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished over brush; catfish are fair on cheese and cut bait; bullheads are in the docks of creeks.

CORROE Water fairly clear, low; black bass to 8 1/2 pounds are good on spinners and worms; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around the brode and marinas over brush; catfish are good on minnows and cheese bait fished in the creeks.

HOUSTON COUNTY black bass up to 7 1/2 pounds are good on live water dogs, Power Worms, Power Lizards, Slugs and Zoom Lizards; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 3 to 8 feet of water on minnows; catfish are fair on night-crawlers and worms.

LIVINGSTON Water clear, normal level; 68 degrees; black bass up to 7 pounds are good on spinners and worms; white bass are good on yellow Charlie Slabs; crappie are good on minnows and

jigs; catfish are good on shad fished around the bulkhead areas.

RAYBURN Water clear, lake level 153.74; 72 degrees; black bass are good on topwaters, spinners and worms; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 22 to 24 feet of water; catfish are fair on cheese bait, night-crawlers and shrimp.

TOLEDO BEND Water clear, lake level 188.18; 60 degrees and strike bait; on Rat-L-Traps, spinners and Rat-L-Traps; striped bass are slow; crappie are good on small jigs; no report for catfish.

SOUTH

AMISTAD Water clear, 42 feet low, 68 degrees; black bass to 7 1/2 pounds are good on spinners and Power Worms; striped bass to 20 pounds are good on Redfins and topwaters with the best bites happening early in the morning; catfish are good on cheese bait fished in 20 to 40 feet of water and are moving into shallow water.

BRALING Water murky, normal level; 70 degrees; black bass to 7 1/2 pounds are good on crawfish, shad and Power Worms; hybrid strippers to 4 pounds are fair on live and shad; redfin are fair to good on perch; channel catfish to 5 pounds are good on shad.

CALAVERAS Water murky, 8 inches low, 73 degrees; black bass are slow on worms; hybrid strippers are very good on grubs, liver and spoons; redfin to 15 pounds are fair on crawfish, perch and lizards; channel catfish are fair on shad and Bob's Cheese Bait; yellow catfish to 11 pounds are fair on live; conina to 14 pounds are fair on tilapia, shrimp and shad.

CHOKE Water murky, lake dropping, 74 degrees; black bass are good on worms, crank baits and topwaters fished early and late; white bass are very good on Rat-L-Traps, Little Georges and Boy Blades; crappie are slow with a few caught in deep water around big trees and at the outlet; catfish are fair to good on cheese and cut bait fished in shallow water.

COLETO CREEK Water clear, low, 75 degrees; black bass are fair on minnows, spinners and worms; hybrid strippers are slow; crappie are slow; catfish are fair on minnows and jigs.

CORPUS CHRISTI Water clear, low, 65 degrees; black bass; striped bass are good on shrimp fished on the bottom; jigs fished over brush; catfish are fair on Rat-L-Traps, Little Georges and Boy Blades; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in deep water; catfish are good on trotlines and rod and reels fished in 8 feet of water.

FALCON Water clear, 42 feet low, 79 degrees; black bass are very good on crank baits and Carolina-rigged worms fished off of the rocky points around the ledges; striped bass are good on Knockers; spoons fished on long, sloping points; white bass are fair; catfish are very good on rod and reels; walleye are slow; striped bass are slow; white bass are slow; crappie are slow; catfish to 6 pounds are good on cheese bait and live.

MEDINA Water clear, 26 1/2 feet low, black bass to 10 pounds are good on worms early and crank baits later in the day; striped bass are slow; white bass are slow; crappie are slow; catfish to 6 pounds are good on cheese bait and live.

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HOLLY: Senior will play ball at Hill JC

(From 1C)

the baseball team, and Holly said it has helped many times this season.

"The good thing about our fans is that they come out and support not only football but other sports as well," he said. "It's not just parents and students, but businessmen

from the community who want to support us as well."

Holly plans to play baseball for Hill Junior College in Hillsboro next year while he pursues a business degree, and although he'll be nearly seven hours from home, there will still be a piece of Midland with him. Watters is current-

ly a member of the Hill JC pitching staff and third baseman Britt Harper will also be going to the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Association school.

But before he starts the next chapter of his baseball career, there are still a couple left to write in Midland.

MAVS: Owners might move team from city

(From 1C)

will own 33 percent of the team, said Norm Sonju, who remains general manager.

Completion of the sale has been considered a formality since April 15, when the Perot group reached an agreement in principle to purchase the team.

Perot, son of Dallas billionaire and former presidential candidate Ross Perot, said his interest in the team will be more than 51 percent.

"I've never had a great desire to own a professional sports team, so the people that know me are very surprised I'm up here right now," he said. "David talked me into doing this."

McDavid, who will run day-to-day operations, said he was excited about his new venture.

"I'm sure there are a lot of you sitting out there wondering what does a used car salesman know about basketball," he said. "I'll tell you right up front, not much. I like it. I've always enjoyed the game, but I think that Ross and I are smart enough to surround ourselves with people that should make this thing work."

McDavid said he is committed to making "the few

moves that need to be made to win." Keith Grant will remain as director of player personnel — at least for the time being, McDavid said.

Other potential buyers who were interested in the NBA franchise included Oklahoma City media magnate Edward Gaylord and Dallas Stars owner Thomas Hicks.

Hicks earlier confirmed his interest in buying the Mavericks, calling it "a natural alignment" to own the team and the NHL's Stars, especially since the clubs are working together for a new arena. They currently share the downtown Reunion Arena.

Perot said "three or four" other investors might be brought aboard. He didn't name them.

He also said his "vision" is eventually to merge the Mavericks and Stars into one organization in which the public will be able to invest.

Perot said he has not talked formally with city officials about building a new arena in Dallas. But he said he would not rule out building the arena in a suburb.

Recent reports quoted unnamed sources as saying that Perot and McDavid will be quick to pursue negotiations for a new arena with the cities of Arlington, Irving and Lewisville if talks with Dallas break off.

FLIP: Hayley practices six times a week

(From 1C)

Whiteside likes to play basketball, read, and watch and rewatch her video tape of the Nadia Comaneci story. But she doesn't have too much time for those things with her six-day a week practice schedule in Big Spring. Julie said the Sidewinders, who commute to Big Spring for workouts, do their homework and eat on the way to and from practice.

Hayley gets home after 9 p.m. on all but Friday nights during the week.

"(She's) an extraordinary kid," said McEwen, who has coached her for two years and has coached

the Sidewinders for 15 years. "Here's a kid that's 11 years old and willing to be in a car pool that drives to Big Spring six days a week. A football player or a baseball player practices only on a seasonal basis. We do it year round."

Hayley competes in Atlanta as an alternate. She did not make the Region 3 team from Texas and surrounding states but was picked up by Region 6 because its team didn't have enough competitors. McEwen said Region 3, which includes Oklahoma, Texas and five other states, is the best in the country.

"Texas gymnastics is the strongest gymnastics in the nation

and they're some really strong clubs from Oklahoma," McEwen said. "For the last couple of years, our region has won nationals."

Hayley started at the age of five. "It's just fun," she said. "It's one of the hardest sports."

As the first at the national meet from this area, Hayley could set a precedent for others to follow. McEwen hopes her competing at the national level is the first of many such experiences for Sidewinder athletes.

"They think we're kind of hicks out here and we don't know gymnastics," Julie said. "But we're coming around. And it's going to help us open some doors."

season and has scored 47 runs in three playoff games. For newcomers like sophomore Aman, coming in and adjusting was easy considering the many times they have seen each other play.

"It didn't take long to realize what coach had set up was good," Aman said. "I'm so used to playing against them that playing with them has been easy."

Smith, who is 25-6 for the season, says that the players had a lot of pressure to come in and learn the system quickly. The team's season depended on it.

"It is do or die and they had to be tough and step it up a level," Smith said. "I can tell you they have come along. This is a young team."

Of course, the same type of pressure was on Young, who himself knew from day 1 what kind of expectations would be on this team. He jokes about a transaction that would have been made if the team had not done so well.

"If they had not worked, they would be talking about where I was going next year," said Young.

REBS: Lee has never lost a region game

(From 1C)

The switches did not happen overnight but have paid off. The Lady Rebels not only with came away with a second-place finish in District 4-5A and two tournament titles (in the El Paso Ysleta and Brownwood tournaments), but with a spot in Friday Region 1-5A semifinals. The Lady Rebels, 26-7 for the season, will play Keller at 8 p.m. in Brownwood.

"The moves I have made were for the team," said Young. "We did some experimenting and I was evaluating them. It has worked out, we are in the regional semifinals."

When making such changes over a season there is a transition, especially for the veterans of the ball club. The three seniors (Reed, Gentry and Murphy) had played with the same group of players for two seasons, so getting all the little things down took some time.

"It was difficult," said Reed, who had saw some time at first base in last year's playoff game against Richland. "We had to learn how each other played and their

styles. We were not experienced enough in our positions. Last year, we had an established team and had communication with each other."

One reason for the success is the number of quality players who filled spots on the team.

"We had to make the adjustments," said Murphy, who has seen time this season at third base and in the outfield. "We have the people to fill the spots. We have had to become better all-around players. It makes you a better player."

The club's versatility has made it easier to deal with difficult times. The depth with players like Maressa Underwood, Gracie Villa, Andrea Rodriguez, Ceresa Mays and Jessica Wellborn allow anyone to be able to step in and play when needed.

"Last year, if you didn't get a position, you would have to sit on the bench," Murphy said. "Now, we have a lot of players that can play multiple positions."

The players have done the job defensively and offensively. The team batted .371 for the regular

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Prices slump

The Clinton administration's decision Monday to release 12 million barrels of oil — less than a day's consumption for America — continued to affect the market, said Peter Cardillo, an analyst with Westfall Investments Inc. in New York. But he said June crude's two-week low could induce a sell-off.

"I think it's basically in a technical rut," he said.

June crude fell 39 cents to \$20.81 a barrel. Local crude purchasers lowered their posted price 25 cents to \$19.25.

Investment seminar

Smith Barney Financial Consultants Kenneth Smith and Daniel Watts will host a seminar entitled "Invest for Success" today at the Odessa Country Club beginning at 6 p.m.

There is no charge but reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 685-1234.

Dollar strengthens

NEW YORK — Further signs of an improving U.S. economy helped lift the dollar against leading currencies Wednesday in trading thinned by holidays in much of the world.

In New York, the dollar stood at 105.32 yen, up from 105.13 yen Tuesday, and 1.5363 marks, up from 1.5310.

The British pound traded at \$1.4915, down from \$1.5075. During the day, the pound reached \$1.4898; the last time the pound was that low was on May 11, 1994, when it hit \$1.4860.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with Tuesday: 1.2505 Swiss francs, up from 1.2435; 5.1855 French francs, up from 5.1700; 1.564 Italian lire, up from 1.561; and 1.3610 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3615.

Markets gain

NEW YORK — The Nasdaq market and the Russell 2000 closed at record highs for the 10th straight session Wednesday as renewed fervor for technology and more speculative issues regained momentum.

The broad market rose after a new report indicated a slower pace of economic growth, allaying fears about inflation. But the gains were modest again, and trading remained restrained ahead of a pivotal report on April employment.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 6.14 points to 5,575.22 — the fourth straight move of less than 10 points for the sluggish barometer of big U.S. companies. The Dow was up as much as 25 points in the afternoon after rebounding from a loss of more than 20 in the morning.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 9.14 to 1,199.66 and now has gained more than 100 points, or about 9.3 percent, in less than three weeks. The Russell 2000 list of small companies rose 2.00 to 350.28, bringing its gains to more than 6 percent since early April.

The American Stock Exchange's market value index, also dominated by smaller companies, set a record for the ninth time in 12 sessions, rising 2.88 to 593.78.

Trading was busier than in recent days, but still well below the hectic, earnings-driven pace of the past few weeks.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by almost 5 to 4 on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 403.30 million shares.

The NYSE's composite index rose 0.29 to 351.53 and the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index gained 0.41 to 654.58.

Cinemore Theaters sold to Dallas chain

■ Cinemore founder plans to proceed with Midland Forum shopping center project.

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Dallas-based Hollywood Theaters, which has announced plans to construct a 14-screen movie theater complex in Midland near the new Target store, Wednesday announced the acquisition of six Cinemore theaters from Gary Moore of Big Spring.

The six theaters are in Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Waco, Houston and Dallas. The theaters in Houston and Waco are first-run theaters while the other four are second-run or "dollar" theaters.

Hollywood Theaters President Tom Stephenson said the theaters would be renamed Hollywood Theaters and the company will begin a major expenditure to upgrade the theaters in terms of sound, concession and other areas. He said the formats of the six would not change.

Gary Moore, who late last year had announced plans to construct an 18-theater complex in conjunction with the Midland Forum, a major new shopping center he was developing at Wadley and Loop 250, said the sale "made sense because we knew it wouldn't be healthy for Midland with two big new cineplexes. So we acquiesced our situation to them and allowed them to proceed with their plans."

He said he had offered to buy out Hollywood Theaters before agreeing to the sale and said that the sale "gives them a chance to expand on what they've started. They're now the largest independent circuit in Texas. This is a smart buy for them and allows them to aggressively move into the West Texas market."

He said the sale has left him two options: To build an eight-screen second-run complex for Hollywood on the site of his proposed Cinema City or to proceed with the Midland Forum without a cineplex.

Moore added that he has been busy with a number of other projects, acquiring office buildings, building some additional theaters and buying property in Hawaii to develop.

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"The reason we haven't started yet," he explained, "is because all the tenants that committed early on haven't followed through by sending in their leases. They signed letters of intent, said they loved the site, loved the market and wanted a place to call home. But the lead tenants I need to go forward with the project haven't signed leases. So I'm working diligently to determine if they're for real and if they're interested in the project. If they are, I want to proceed. If they're not, then I want to be able to walk away."

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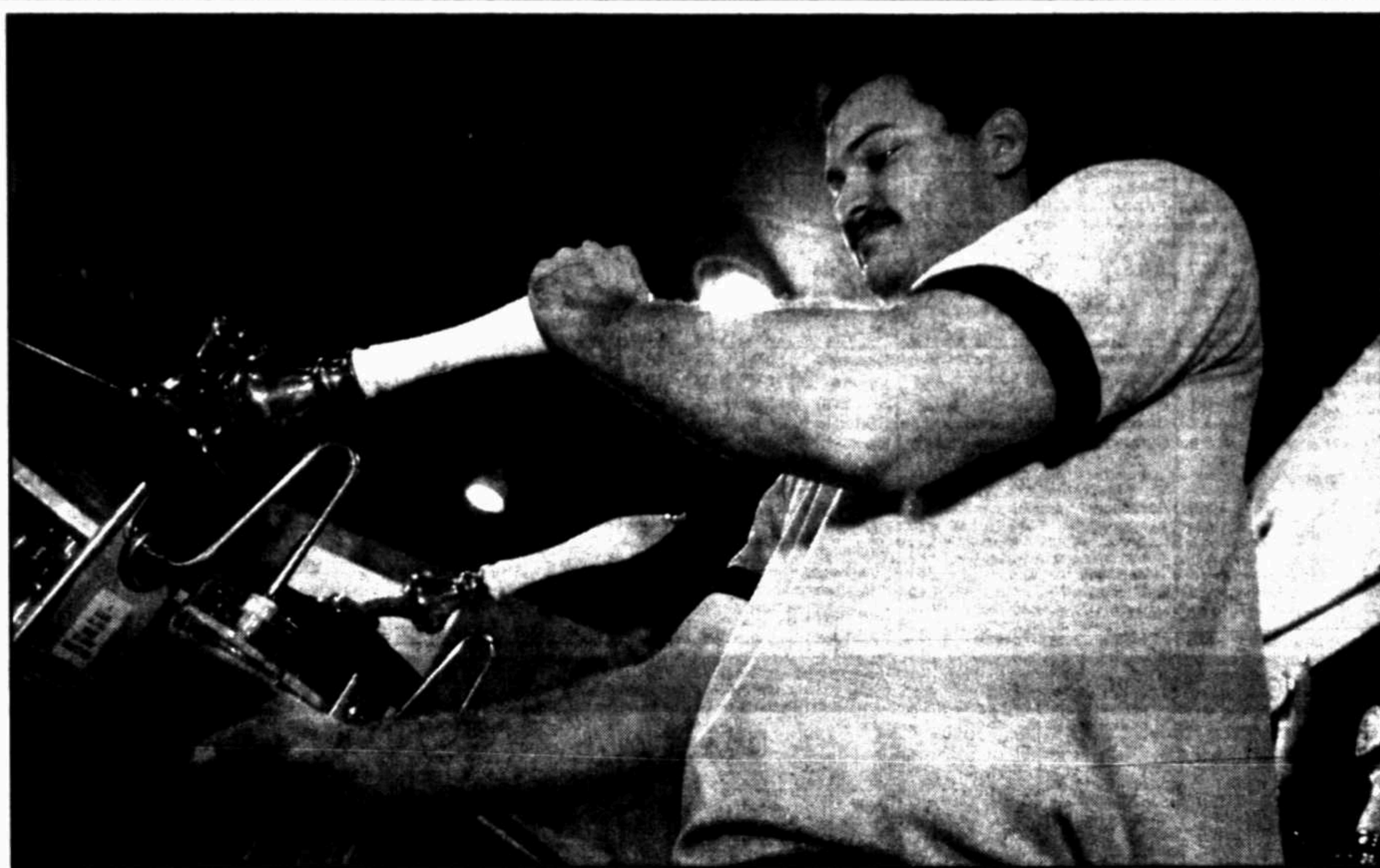
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Awash in home-brewed suds

■ Midland's first brewpub opens for business.

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

Handcrafted beers, homemade root beer and sparkling waters complement steaks, corned beef sandwiches, fish and chips and other fare at Hierman's Hofbrau.

The recently-opened establishment is Midland's only brewpub, so-called because of the beers brewed on the premises.

Seven brews are currently available on tap: mild ale, brown ale, light lager, Dortmunder-style lager, pale ale, Irish stout and house special ale. A best bitter and robust porter are in the making and expected to be available in about two weeks.

The brewpub is anticipated to offer a selection of 16 different beers in the future. Styles of beer will change seasonally, such as an Oktoberfest beer in the fall and a raspberry imperial stout for Valentine's Day.

"There are primarily 72 styles of beer," explained owner Thomas Hierman. "Of the 72 beer styles, in two years we'd like to have made all."

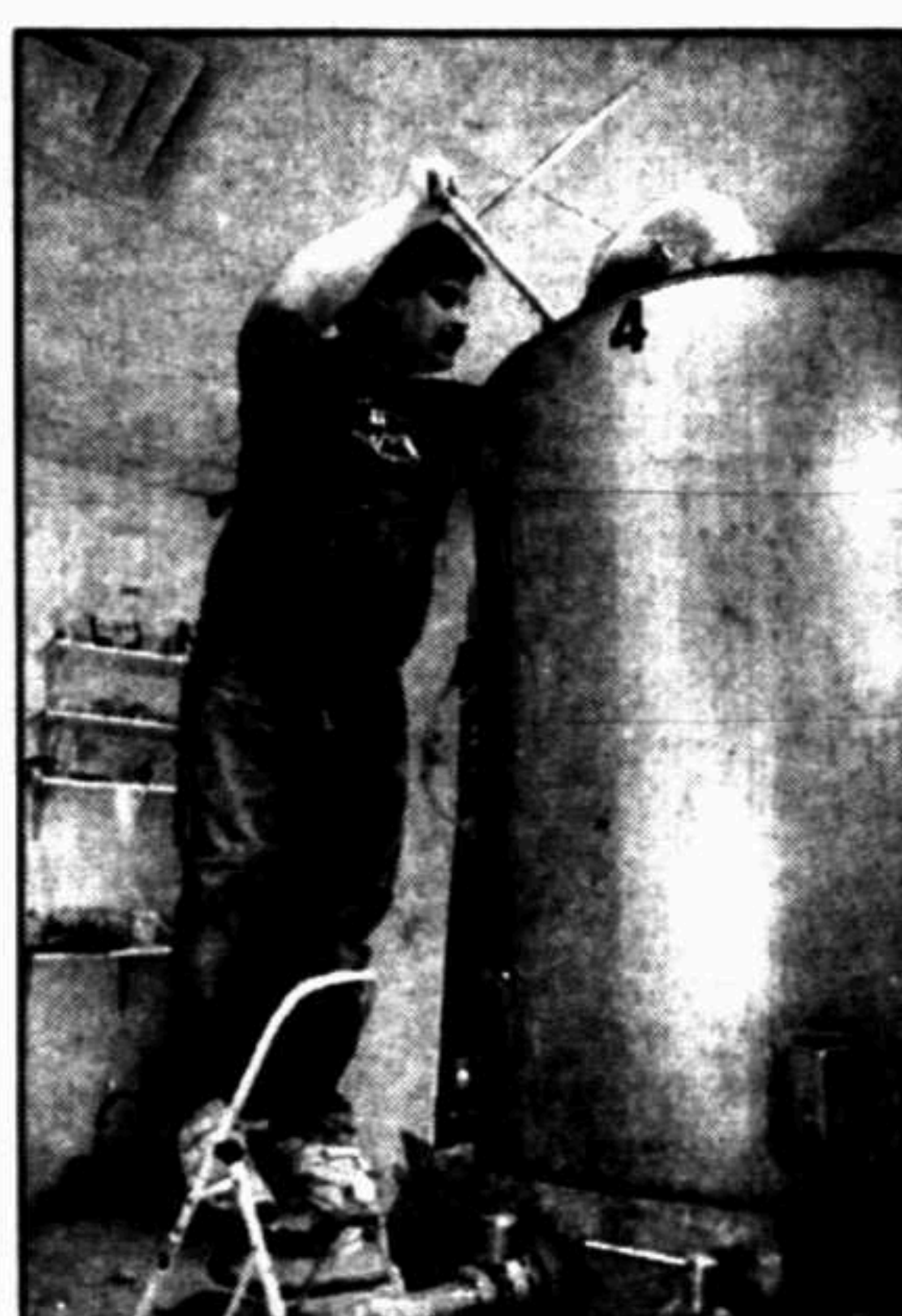
The variety offered to customers is part of the Hierman's business philosophy. "We wanted something different than other brewpubs. We wanted some versatility," he said.

Brewer John Heard, who's been making beer about seven years, said freshness and flavor are characteristic of the beer at Hierman's Hofbrau. The beer is made from traditional ingredients — hops, malt, barley, yeast and water — and no adjuncts or fillers used.

"It's fresh. We brew it right here on the property. It doesn't get old sitting in a warehouse," he said.

And "there is flavor here," Heard continued. "We brew stuff from a light lager all the way up to some extravagant brews, (such as) a winter ale."

Hierman's Hofbrau serves its beer in



Hierman's Hofbrau is Midland's first and only brewpub, where beer is brewed on the premises. Above, Head Bartender Jonas Edwards draws a glass of brew to be quaffed. Left, Brewmaster John Heard stirs the tank where he and Hierman's Hofbrau owner Tom Hierman make all of the various kinds of beers they serve.

Photos by Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

12, 16 and 20 ounce glasses as well as 6.75 ounce samplers. Ales are served at 45 degrees and lagers at 35 degrees for optimum taste, Hierman said.

A mug club allows regular patrons to purchase a 10-ounce, numbered powder-horn style glass, which entitles the drinker to beer discounts. Customers can also buy refillable growlers — two liter containers — to enjoy the fresh beer at home.

No commercial beers are available at Hierman's Hofbrau except English-made Samuel Smith.

In addition to beer, the restaurant serves homemade root beer and sparkling waters. No commercial soft drinks are sold. A mock champagne and cider are expected to be offered in the future.

Hierman's Hofbrau also offers a variety of wines, including vintage ports, by the glass or bottle.

But there's more than wine, beer and soda available. "We're serving some traditional German foods and pub fare," Hierman said.

Menu items include sausage and

cheese plates, bratwurst sandwiches with sauerkraut, corned beef (cured and cooked on the premises) sandwiches, fish and chips (using homemade beer batter), steaks, grilled chicken breast, sauerbraten (also cured and cooked on the premises), jalapeno mushrooms and fresh bread.

"A long time ago, you'd go to a restaurant to get food you couldn't make at home, or a fast food restaurant for convenience," Hierman said. "We are trying to get you to go out because you can't make this at home."

Hierman's Hofbrau is located in the San Miguel Square atrium at Wadley Avenue and Midkiff Road. Hours are 4 p.m. to midnight, everyday. The brewpub is expected to expand hours in the near future to include lunch.

Hierman's Hofbrau is also home to monthly meetings of the Basin Brewers (a home brewers association) and the West Texas Wine Tasting Club. The brewpub is expected to host meetings of the West Texas Cigar Society in the future. Hierman's Hofbrau sells about eight types of cigars.

Economic numbers paint picture of economy growing steadily

NEW YORK (AP) — A new round of economic reports Wednesday showed signs of strength in U.S. manufacturing, construction and the overall economy, easing fears of recession.

The reports indicate the economy is sticking to the course of moderate growth and low inflation charted by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan — a course that has thrilled Wall Street and driven stock prices to dizzying heights.

The monthly survey of purchasing executives showed manufacturing improved in April for the first time since last summer. Also, the government

reported that construction spending shot up in March. In addition, the Index of Leading Economic Indicators, designed to forecast economic activity six to nine months in advance, rose in March for the second month in a row.

"This is what the doctor ordered, Dr. Greenspan," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Norwest Corp., a banking company.

The number that had the biggest impact Wednesday, at least on Wall Street, was the National Association of Purchasing Management's manufacturing index. It improved to 50.1 percent in

April from 46.9 percent in March, the first time since July 1995 it has risen above 50 percent. Readings above 50 percent represent expansion in manufacturing.

At the same time the purchasing managers report was released, the Commerce Department reported construction spending rose 3.1 percent in March, the biggest gain in four years.

Prospective homeowners had some good news, too, with the National Association of Realtors reporting its Housing Affordability Index improved for the first three months of the year.

Completing the picture, the Conference

Board reported a 0.2 percent rise in March in its Index of Leading Economic Indicators, which tracks 11 areas, including the stock market, money supply, durable goods and consumer expectations.

It was the index's first consecutive monthly gains in 1 1/2 years and its highest level in a year.

"With the NAPM performance and the leading indicators and the employment growth we've seen over the past couple of months, we don't have to worry about an imminent recession," said Peter Jaquette, senior economist at the Welfa Group, an economic consulting firm.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Careful planning will simplify settlement of estate

By Bill Doyle

Q: I am a 71-year-old widow. My investment portfolio consists of mutual funds, Series EE U.S. savings bonds and U.S. Treasury securities in a Treasury Direct account.

On my attorney's advice, I have my checking account and bank money market deposit account listed in my name and Social Security Number, "in trust for" my two children equally. These are not trust accounts. I am completely in control. My children cannot make withdrawals or write checks. In the event of my incapacitation, a health power-of-attorney arrangement will kick in.

My Treasury securities are in my name, "payable on death" to my children — half to each. The mutual funds have been registered in "transfer on death" form since I read about it in your column and my funds began accepting TOD registration.

My investments and assets are under \$600,000.



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With these arrangements, will my children inherit what I leave without probate? And will the basis — cost for tax purposes — of what each child inherits be its market value on the date of my death?

A: You get affirmative answers to both queries. It's clear you have put a great deal of time and effort into your estate planning.

First off, your children will inherit everything you listed without going through probate. That's because "in trust for," "payable on death" or "transfer on death" accounts escape the probate process, as do trust accounts and accounts in joint ownership or co-ownership.

Secondly, for each child, the basis of what you leave will be its value on the day you join the choir silent — unless an alternate valuation date is used when your estate is settled. Count that as unlikely.

Your heirs should be grateful that your planning will simplify the settlement of your estate. Because you will leave less than \$600,000, no federal estate tax will be due. Nor will any state inheritance or estate tax. Your return address shows you live where the state death tax mimics the federal

levy.

Q: In order to get my total assets below the \$600,000 level, I have been giving stocks to my three daughters and three grandsons.

The stocks are now in their names. They agreed to have the broker pass the dividends back into my account until I die. I reimburse them for any extra costs in figuring their taxes. They will not profit from these gifts until I die. I have my assets down almost to the desired level.

Are we doing anything illegal? Would the Internal Revenue Service cock an eyebrow at our ploy?

A: You're fracturing rules right and left.

Each stockholder is required to report and pay income tax on dividends received from stocks he or she owns. If the revenooers get wind of your scheme, you and your relatives could be hit with all kinds of charges.

It's amazing that a stockbroker is willing to get involved and arrange for the transfer of dividends from your relatives' accounts to your account. That should be a tip-off something is amiss.

Q: I have two grandchildren, ages 8 and 5. I am concerned there might not be money available for them to start either college or trade school when

they graduate from high school.

Do you consider zero-coupon bonds wise investments for their education? How much should I invest to receive \$1,000 when each "zero" matures?

A: Zeros are excellent conservative educational investments.

They are called "zeros" because, unlike most bonds, they do not pay out interest. Instead, you buy a zero at a large discount below its face value and receive its face value when it reaches maturity.

U.S. Treasury "Strips" — an acronym for "separate trading of registered interest and principal of securities" — are the most popular form of zeros.

As I write this, it will cost you about \$500 to buy a \$1,000 face-value Strip maturing in August 2006, when your older grandchild is ready for higher education, and about \$395 for one maturing in August 2009.

Bill Doyle is a syndicated columnist for King Features. He welcomes written questions, but is able to provide answers only through the column.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,875 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in boldface are up at least 25 cents and 5 percent or more in price. Underline for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 200 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional facts related through the week, as follows:

Names: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.

Last Price: Stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.

Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...

Tr: The stock's ticker symbol.

How to use: The ticker symbol can help you get information about a company. Two important uses: Most services that provide stock quotes over the phone require the ticker symbol. Second, stock brokers and analysts can recognize stocks more easily with a ticker symbol.

Generally, ticker symbols resemble the company name although some — BUD for Anheuser-Busch Co. and FOM for Sprint Corp. — are more related to what a company does. Tickers on the New York and Amex usually don't exceed three letters. On Nasdaq, they go up to five letters.

The names you see in these are abbreviations of the company name supplied by The Associated Press. Companies can help determine what their abbreviation will be. However, AP takes to use an abbreviation that will most closely match the full company name.

Stock Footnotes: a — PE greater than 90; b — Loss in last 12 mo; c — New 52-week low during trading day; d — New 52-week high in U.S.; e — New issue in past 52 weeks; f — Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks. Dividend begins with date of split or stock dividend; u — New 52-week high during trading day; v — Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual dividends based on last dividend; pf — Preferred; gh — Holder (see instrument) of convertible preferred; it — Rights; ur — Unit; w — When distributed; w — When issued; w — Warrants; w — With warrants; w — Without warrants.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
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Enersys	75875	36 1/4	+1/4	Amplex	20840	9 1/4	+1/4	Unicom	88772	17 1/2	+2 1/4
Formid	51984	36 1/4	+1/4	Laser	10807	19 1/4	+1/4	IMP	86218	18 1/4	+1/4
Microm	42984	36 1/4	+1/4	Harken	12423	2 1/4	-1/4	Intels	85071	87 1/4	+1/4

GAINERS (\$2 on stock)				GAINERS (\$2 on stock)				GAINERS (\$2 on stock)			
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New Highs	131	24 1/4	+2 1/4	New Highs	42	24 1/4	+2 1/4	New Highs	25	24 1/4	+2 1/4
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Volume	489,506,250	24 1/4	+2 1/4	Volume	43,918,580	24 1/4	+2 1/4	Volume	654,269,100	24 1/4	+2 1/4

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PARTY SUPPLIES

Performance Fabrics Work Out for Casual Clothing

By Mary Martin Nicpold
Associated Press

Fashion today is as much about technology as it is about aesthetics.

Leqwa Products and Intera Corp. have created Cool Comfort Nylon for hosiery that keeps the wearer dryer, and therefore cooler, in the heat. Liz Claiborne recently introduced Liz & Lycra, a collection that includes leggings with a double dose of DuPont's spandex to remedy baggy knees.

Koret of California uses Teflon, the stuff of non-stick frying pans, to repel stains on tailored clothes. Workout shorts from Dan Skin, as fashionable in the gym as on the street, contain an anti-bacterial fiber. And for the sun-sensitive, there is clothing with a special finish that repels harmful UV rays.

As chemical companies and fabric mills find more ways to add function to fashion, consumers come to expect more — and seem willing to pay more.

Consider \$50 a pair for seamless — literally — panty hose from Wolford, the Austrian hosiery manufacturer. The stockings are knit as one continuous garment. Only a flat

Please see FABRICS/2D

This L.L. Bean drawstring jacket for spring combines fashion with function. It is made of Polartec 200 polyester fleece, which stretches, breathes and dries quickly. It is \$68 in sage, natural, raspberry and deep royal.

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Bags muscle their way back to the shoulder

By Francine Parnes
Associated Press

Shoulder bags — pushed aside briefly by the smaller, structured handbag — are packing style for spring. The little hand-held bags lost their grip when working women found they couldn't maneuver without a hands-free tote bag enough for their daily planners, cell phones and bottled water.

The shoulder bag looks newest when it's cradled close to the body on a short strap, squarely under the arm. If it hits the hip, it looks dated.

"The structured handbag went perfectly well with overly structured suits and dresses," says Joan Kaner in New York, senior vice president and fashion director for Neiman Marcus.

"But now we've moved into a much more relaxed-chic sports-wear feeling, and you need to move away from high, high heels and structured handbags," she says. "The shoulder bag frees your hands and goes with the return of the loafer and lower heels."

At Chanel, the new handbag goes with the spirit of the clothes for spring, according to Anne Fahey, Chanel spokesman in New York.

"The length of the chain has really changed for us," she says. "A lot of the bags now have shorter double-chain straps so the bag can be tucked right underneath your arm. With a very simple dress, that's

Be sure to bag the right bag

Associated Press

When shopping for a shoulder bag, be sure the bag is sturdy and big enough to serve you without overwhelming you.

"From what we're hearing from department stores, their customers tend to buy just one bag a season," says Ed Miccinati, president of Ganson Ltd., a handbag company in San Francisco. "So you should examine the bag before you buy it to see if the stitching is secure, with no loose threads. Patterns and fine grains offer

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Quilted cotton gingham shoulder bags, with signature chain-like straps, are one of Chanel's inspirations for spring and summer. But they're not for the thrifty. The zip-top style is about \$1,250.



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A symmetrical vest and pull-on pants in an African-inspired print are from E Style, a mail-order venture of Ebony magazine and Spiegel catalog. The vanilla vest with tortoise buttons and pants, in black, brown, tan and ivory are \$49 each in rayon.

The colorful black dress

By Francine Parnes

Associated Press

For some, Paris and Milan are the nerve centers of fashion. For others, it's Africa.

American blacks — men, women and children — are expanding their wardrobes to include native-printed dashikis, vibrant kente cloth and crown-like kufi hats. More than just something to wear, these clothes say it loud: "black and proud."

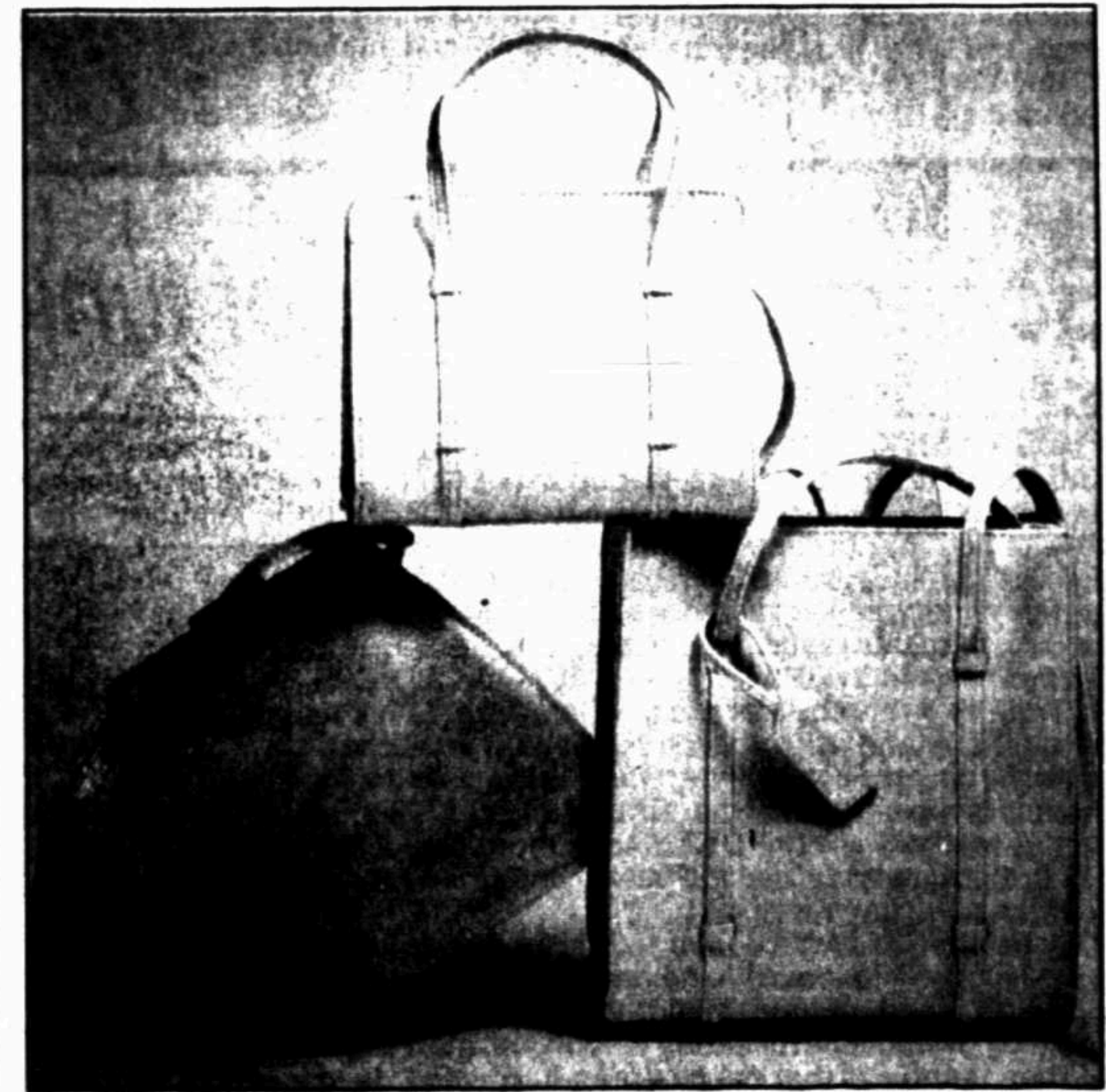
Authentic Afrocentric apparel is rich in history, a ticket back to the roots, and a natural conversation starter.

It's an extensive wardrobe for Lois Alexander Lane, a seamstress and director of the Black Fashion Museum in New York's Harlem.

"Those of us who know how exceptional the fabric is want to be seen in it," Lane says. "If I'm going out to some place special, I wear a whole ensemble."

For teachers, Afrocentric apparel is a way to educate. "I just got an order from a church in Washington, D.C., whose children's choir wants to wear mud cloth vests instead of traditional choir robes," Matrice Johnson says. "They wanted to make a statement and do something different, to let people know they're an Afrocentric, on-the-move type of church."

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Pearlized leather shoulder bags in pastel colors range from \$45 to \$69 each from Liz Claiborne.

chic."

Among the status bags in stores are seasoned names such as Prada, Gucci, Ferragamo from Europe and Judith Leiber from New York. Also trendy but less expensive are styles by Kate Spade, Liz Claiborne, Coach, Nine West and Enzo Angiolini.

In almost every collection at Neiman Marcus, Kaner says, neutrals are selling well: leather in black and brown, particularly tobacco; white patent; and natural wicker. Prada's calf leather shoulder bag with top flap and silver ring, in butter or black, is \$830. Ferragamo's wicker rectangle in natural or white, with goldtone chain strap, is \$450.

But there's also a world of textures, from mock crocodile to shiny vinyl and woven leather, and a rainbow of hues. At Saks Fifth Avenue, Ferragamo's rectangular bag in aqua grosgrain is \$290, a bucket bag in bone and black striped fabric with black patent strap is \$385.

Then there's Paloma Picasso, who has captured the color explosion with her new fuchsia and turquoise spring line. A rectangle bag, with

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Casual revolution is heating up

By Constance C.R. White
N.Y. Times News Service

If the television show "Dynasty" was the paradigm of 1980s fashion, the current hit "Friends" tells quite a different story.

Rachel's cardigans, nondescript short skirts and body-by-Rachel T-shirts bespeak a life of languid, low-key effort. "Dynasty's" Alexis, on the other hand, with celebrity-size shoulders, pinched waist and towering heels — cobalt blue and sequins were a favorite combination — was poised for saber-toothed war.

These contrasting images reflect a sea change under way in fashion, spurred by women's and men's cravings for a more relaxed, stress-free life.

Casual dress is becoming the custom in every walk of life. But surprisingly — and perhaps cause for worry — is the realization that the world's top designers have little to do with it.

"It does seem like the customer is going one way and designers in New York and Paris are going another," Adrienne Vittadini said.

Designers have been both unable and unwilling to seize on the interest in casual clothes and make it the kind of fashion moment the industry has been aching for to catapult it forward. It is a staggering missed opportunity at a time when fashion is in a funk, both creatively and financially.

It is not too late. As designers present their women's fashions for the fall, it will be interesting to see who will make a grab for the casual reins.

Retailers, from the high-end Saks Fifth Avenue to the more populist Limited, have a vested interest in seeing influential designers turn their minds to interpreting a concept that so many consumers are interested in. However, they see clearly the problems designers face in attempting to meet the challenge.

"It's hard to do it both ways — designer and casual," said Rose

Marie Bravo, the president of Saks. "There is a price-point issue. The mentality today is not to spend a lot of money. If they have to think that they can go to the Gap and get it, it's so pared down and simple, they're wondering, 'Why should I pay so much for it?' That's the danger for designers."

A snapshot inside a typical department store would record the revolution under way — seas of women's suits and men's suits and blazers being replaced and augmented by casual fare — a virtual avalanche of casual collections in the areas carrying less-expensive wares, and more relaxed fashions from small design houses. What would appear virtually unchanged, however, is the designer floor.

There, as was the case a decade ago, would be rows of jacketed suits, works of sartorial splendor requiring huge investments of thought, care and attitude on the part of the wearer.

Casual clothes do not lend themselves easily to traditional notions of exclusive design. There is a lingering idea that designer fashion entails a strict formality in substance and attitude.

"Designers are hemmed in by the type of things that are the differentials between the upper end and the rest of fashion, like fine tailoring," said Michael Weiss, a vice chairman of the Limited.

It will take a leap of faith for veteran designers to give over their collection businesses to something new and unproved. But some, like Gianni Versace, say they are now ready to try, after personally experiencing the palpable shift in the cultural mood. Others, like Calvin Klein, who has introduced a line called CK Calvin Klein Jeans Khakis, are content to make their casual statements in their lower-priced lines, effectively hedging their bets.

"There is the risk when you

become a big designer that you become blind," said Versace, who believes indicators are telling him it is time to move on. He noted that he had incorporated casual touches in his men's wear collection earlier. Next, his fall women's line will introduce small sweaters and short skirts for evening, a statement for ease in dress.

"I was very interested in music, rock-and-roll, in the past, but more and more my interest is turning to sports and fitness — all the things people do to make their lives more comfortable," he said. "For me, it's a new field, and I feel like this myself. I want a little more comfort. It's a big change."

Versace said it is difficult to ask designers who for years have been wedded to one way of doing things to change overnight. He drew a parallel between the style shift he is about to make and one he made a few years ago. "I was very baroque 10 years ago," he said, "but when I understood that it was time to change and a more minimal feeling was wanted, I cleaned up my style."

The high-frequency contrast between Donna Karan's fall 1995 women's collection and what she presented for spring 1996 would have given even Mary Reilly some real cause to feel rolled. Ms. Karan went from relaxed clothes to a hard-edged chic. Her ambivalence illustrates the trouble designers are experiencing in preparing a response to the call for casual in their top lines, for both men and women.

"I was thrown off by spring," Ms. Karan said. "I did it because people were really upset with me for doing casual. Now, I'm ready to do it. It's time to start talking to the consumers instead of talking to the artistic ego in our industry, to the fashion press."

Pressure from the fashion-industry machine has delayed the arrival of designer casual, said Ms.

Karan. Magazines and newspapers demand to know what's new, and casual, already a homey concept, is not exotic enough.

At her April show, Ms. Karan presented easy pieces, like chino pants, jeans and a lace shirt, that can be mixed and worn with comfort.

For Oscar de la Renta the issue is not whether women are willing to pay top price for casual styles, or even whether designers can muster enough creativity to ignite a casual fashion trend. The point is: Does the customer really want designer casual?

"I can make a \$3,000 casual outfit," he said. Clothes must be appropriate for a variety of situations, he said, and that does not necessarily spell casual styles. He is standing firm with dressier clothes.

While designers have not defined a trend-setting casual look as yet, there are those, like Ms. Karan, Miuccia Prada and Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel, who have begun to explore the possibilities. And one designer, Zoran, has quietly emerged in stores as a successful purveyor of the look of languorous luxury for women.

Ms. Bravo, of Saks, said that Zoran is among the five top-selling designers at the store. This would put Zoran, who does not advertise and is not widely known, in a league with powerhouse names like Ralph Lauren, Versace, Giorgio Armani and Chanel.

The demand for clothes that soothe may also be a line in the sand between an older generation steadfast in its belief that designer casual's time has not come and a younger one more attuned to changing rhythms. Or perhaps the new guard has less at stake.

"Fashion reflects the times. You can't design a look no one's interested in, and that's where the new group of designers always comes in. Fashion seems to go in 10-year cycles. It's people who are answering the needs of the time."

"But now, since people are dressing down, a black man might wear an African print tie, a vest of kente cloth or a kufi crown. And black women might wrap their hair in kente cloth or wear a jewelry set made from wood, stone, shells or bone."

BUT BLACKS ARE aware that they are also Americans.

"We may not choose to dress in African garb from head to toe," Lori Scott of Downers Grove, Ill., associate merchandise manager for E Style catalog.

"For a holiday such as Kwanzaa (celebrating the first harvest), it's beautiful to dress in an authentic African outfit with matching hat," she says, "but otherwise we enjoy elements of it in our wardrobe."

In 1993, Scott helped launch E Style, a joint effort of Spiegel and Ebony magazine. While the catalog concentrates on fit and color flattery to blacks, the spring issue features some authentic African fabrics and ethnic-inspired accents.

African Village Apparel, a women's line that Sears began testing last September, includes some African-inspired prints in jump suits, caftans, pantsuits and separates.

"It's now in 99 Sears stores across the nation. And we will continue to refine the potential to go into more stores," according to Linda Blackley, a Sears spokesman in Chicago.

Fannie Lou Kids: (800) 896-9546.
E Style: (800) 237-8953.

FABRICS: Quest for functional fashion is closer to success

(From 1D)

waistband is added.

"If technology allows you to get to the next level, the consumer will take advantage of this opportunity and pay for the opportunity, because today's equation is dollars spent equals level of expectation," says Russell Klein, president of Easton International, Inc. in New York, exclusive U.S. distributors of Wolford, the Austrian hosiery manufacturer.

What drives the quest for functional fashion such as DuPont's "performance casualwear" that mixes functional fibers and consumer demand?

"There's less time to shop and buy replacement clothing," says Joe Raffo, activewear/outerwear segment manager for DuPont, the Wilmington, Del., chemical conglomerate. "Also, people expect things to get better, faster and stronger. Witness the information highway. You take those characteristics and add in a casual lifestyle in the workplace, and people want clothing that performs as everything else does, or it's obsolete."

Until a couple of years ago, performance clothing was for specific weather-based sports activities. DuPont's Thermostat polyester was meant to keep you warm while skiing. Its Supplex nylon was designed to keep you cool and dry while playing tennis.

And Lycra spandex moved from activewear to underwear, hosiery and tights; to bodysuits pioneered by Donna Karan to men's tailored suits.

While the demand for activewear in performance fabrics has steadily increased, the dressing down of corporate America has created a greater need for casual clothes, preferably those with multiple functions.

Voila! Makers of high-tech fabrics and clothing manufacturers such as The North Face and L.L. Bean have woven the trends into performance casualwear. It is clothing meant for the business traveler, office worker, tourist and anybody who wants wrinkle-

resistant, moisture-wicking, quick-drying, soft-to-touch, long-lasting clothing that is as at home on a hike as behind a desk.

Raffo says the category has evolved over several seasons and transcends the synthetic fabrics of the past known for the easy-care in casual wear.

The North Face, the San Leandro, Calif., company known for tents and ski clothes, calls its entry in the field Tekware. The company says it relies on the best technological fibers out there.

Some of the best are W.L. Gore's WindStopper, which keeps wind from getting in while letting perspiration out. Maiden Mill's Polartec fleece offers warmth and quick drying. From DuPont, Cool-Max polyester keeps you cool; Cordura Plus nylon is sturdy; Supplex nylon is soft; and Lycra spandex gives fit and stretch.

All of these wonder fibers are combined in various ways for the multi-functional clothing that's filling department and specialty outdoors stores. Cotton, long the natural wonder of T-shirts, is not to be found in the Tekware collection. It retains moisture and takes too long to dry.

"Our history is really in technical skiwear, outerwear and equipment," says Joanne Sessler, senior product manager of Tekware. "Our view is that Tekware is equipment for the body."

"Our criterion is that every fabric must have wicking capabilities (moving perspiration away from the skin). It must keep you warm and wick or keep you cool and wick. So it is comfortable but also safe."

Like rugged clothiers such as Timberland, The North Face is fast becoming a favorite fashion look with young people.

"We are a company that creates extreme outerwear that people wear on the street," Sessler says. "We'll never say something we make shouldn't be worn just for hanging out. We build product that withstands the worst conditions, so it will certainly stand up in the best conditions."

A Liz Claiborne bag in bone vinyl with taupe trim, \$64, and Dooney & Bourke's flap bag in black leather with tan trim, \$185, are among styles at Lord & Taylor.

BAGS: Removable shoulder strap offers best of both worlds

(From 1D)

shoulder straps held by brass-tone rings, is available in turquoise or fuchsia leather or cream patent. It's about \$215 at Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus and Macy's.

Chanel goes gaga over gingham. A top-zip shoulder bag in white with red, navy or beige cotton gingham and silvertone chain is about \$1,255 at selected Chanel boutiques and Bergdorf Goodman.

"Top-handle bags aren't a huge business for us," Fahey says. "Women like shoulder bags because you can fit your Filofax and makeup inside. It's hard to go to work with a little top-handle bag, though there's a certain moment for it."

At JC Penney in Dallas, fashion director Lucille Klein says structured handbags with a removable shoulder strap offer the best of both worlds.

"The biggest growth in shoulder bags is in structured bags with optional shoulder strap," she says. "Anything that's on a frame is selling."

A JC Penney private-label bag in black, navy, white and ivory leather or black patent, with removable strap, is \$40.

TEST: Bag is part of total look

(From 1D)

the most scuff resistance." Ask to test the handbag by filling it with all of the belongings you plan to carry in it.

"Make sure they all fit and that the bag hangs right," Miccinati says. "A bag stuffed with tissue paper doesn't necessarily tell you what it will look like with all your belongings."

As for size, remember proportion.

"Your bag is an accessory item. Look at it as part of your total look," Miccinati says. "The Glamour magazine 'Do's and Don'ts' tell you if you're five feet two and have a bag that's almost as big as you, you're way out of proportion."

BLACK: Fashion shows cultural connection

(From 1D)

Johnson owns Fannie Lou Kids, an Afrocentric children's clothing company in Ardmore, Pa., a Philadelphia suburb. The clothes, in prints from African locales such as the Ivory Coast and Senegal, are available by mail-order for newborns through age 12. There's a hang tag on each item describing the region of Africa where the fabric originates.

Julia Chance, associate beauty and fashion editor for Essence magazine in New York, says it's important to pass traditions from one generation to the next.

"I see kids on the street in really colorful kufi caps and outfits made of mud cloth," she says.

"This generation of children has a cultural connection they can be proud of, the same way that someone Scottish would know about plaids."

Eunice Johnson, fashion editor of Ebony magazine in Chicago, says Afrocentric clothing signals a renewed interest in native textiles and one's heritage.

"For people who really get into the clothes," she says, "it's the equivalent of taking an African name."

MUD CLOTH IS brimming with history.

"It has been used for specific ceremonial purposes, such as birth, marriage and female circumcision," says Lynn Felsher, curator of textiles at the museum at New York's Fashion Institute of Technology.

Knowing key terms helps when shopping

By Francine Parnes
Associated Press

Before setting out on a shopping expedition for traditional African garb, it might help to know a kufi hat from kente cloth.

A few key terms:

Kufi: A hat in a pillbox shape inspired by African headpieces. It's also referred to as a crown.

Dashiki: A loose, collarless tunic in a native print, with butterfly sleeves. It was introduced to the United States in the late 1960s for general wear, particularly by American blacks.

Kente cloth: A symbol of leadership in Asante country, a loose confederation in the 17th century in a region now known as Ghana. The leader, Asantehene, ordered fine cloth for his household woven into patterns solely for his use. He also set aside other designs for favored officials and other political allies. Most weavers used cotton thread, though imported silk was sometimes available.

Ewe cloth: Woven by Asante neighbors. The cloth was not royally commissioned, so the creativity of design was left to the weaver and the marketplace. Ewe cloth was worn for festivals and religious holidays and to mark rites of passage such as puberty, marriage and childbirth.

Mud cloth: A stiff fabric made of hand-spun yarn from Mali that is washed and dried in the sun and then printed with mud as a dye.

Kwanzaa: An Afro-American holiday based on the traditional celebration of the first harvest. It begins Dec. 26 and lasts for seven days. Kwanzaa means "first" in Swahili and stands for "first fruits of the harvest."

"Making mud cloth is a tradition passed down for more than 100 years," Felsher says, "and supposedly only women of high status made it. The actual motifs on the clothes are very evocative symbols, such as a scorpion's tail, a jealous husband's teeth, iguana's elbow and snake bones."

Much of the traditional dress available now is geared to chil-

dren, but college students are expressing interest and, where allowed, it's showing up in the workplace.

"Casual dressing in the office is making people feel more comfortable with Afrocentric dressing," Chance says. "During the '80s, the dress-for-success corporate blue suit and tie did not leave space for free expression."

DEAR ABBY

Scheme to get rid of junk mail runs into dead end

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: After reading the comments in your column about junk mail, I had to share my experience with you. It all started in Vancouver, where my wife ordered a sweater for me from the landlady who ran the bed and breakfast inn where we were staying. The landlady wanted to be paid only for the yarn, not her time. She suggested we give what we felt it was worth to our favorite charity.

When we received the sweater at home in Pennsylvania two months later, my wife sent a check to the landlady and asked her to put her favorite charity on the check. Soon my wife was getting pelted with financial support letters from Jimmy Swaggart's ministry. Finally, I wrote "DECEASED" on one of the solicitations and returned it. Presto! She no longer got mail from Jimmy Swaggart.

My brother-in-law, a doctor in Miami, heard how I got rid of my "junk mail" and put "deceased" on all of his junk mail and returned it to sender. A few weeks later, he realized that he was not receiving important mail that he was expecting. He then found out that his postman had seen "deceased" on his mail and, assuming that he was indeed dead, had put "deceased" on his first-class mail and sent it back, too. My brother-in-law then discovered that he'd been mourned by his Harvard classmates and was no longer a member of some of his clubs and associations.

His remark to me was, "The next time you get a smart idea, don't tell me about it!" — AN ABBY FAN IN LAKE WALES, FLA.

P.S. About 30 years ago, I wrote you about my wife not being interested in sex. You suggested we see a sex therapist, only we couldn't afford to go because I was starting a new business. This year, when things went from bad to worse, we started going to a therapist — and we wished we had taken your advice years ago!

DEAR FAN IN LAKE WALES: Better late than never.

DEAR ABBY: I have never written to you before, but I read the letter from "Wondering in Missouri," about the lady who wanted to know if she should give her children things that were special to her before she passed away. Yes, yes, yes — please do!

My mom died earlier this year and none of her wishes were obeyed. For years and years, she had been telling everyone the things that she wanted her children and grandchildren to have. Well, after she was gone, her husband ignored her wishes, refused to pay one cent for the funeral, and treated us worse than anyone could ever begin to imagine. He



Van Buren

kept everything she wanted her loved ones to have.

I and her granddaughters are devastated. We not only have to live every single day with the grief of losing her, but we have nothing of hers that she wanted us to have. Mother would be so very sad.

Her husband destroyed her will and did not even give us the courtesy of seeing her last words. So, if you have loved ones who are special to you — then please, please give them the things that you want them to have before you die. We can't even get a lawyer to try and fight this injustice because we can't afford it. My heart is broken. —BROKEN-HEARTED IN OREGON

DEAR BROKENHEARTED: I have often said, "Do your giving while you're living, and you'll be knowing where it's going."

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DENVER (AP) — lawyers in the OK bombing case argue that the federal decision unconstitutional because likely to be meted victims are old, young.

"It makes no sense person was more violent others," said Richard lawyer for Timothy McVeigh and Terry get the death penalty of murder in the 1995 killed 168 people.

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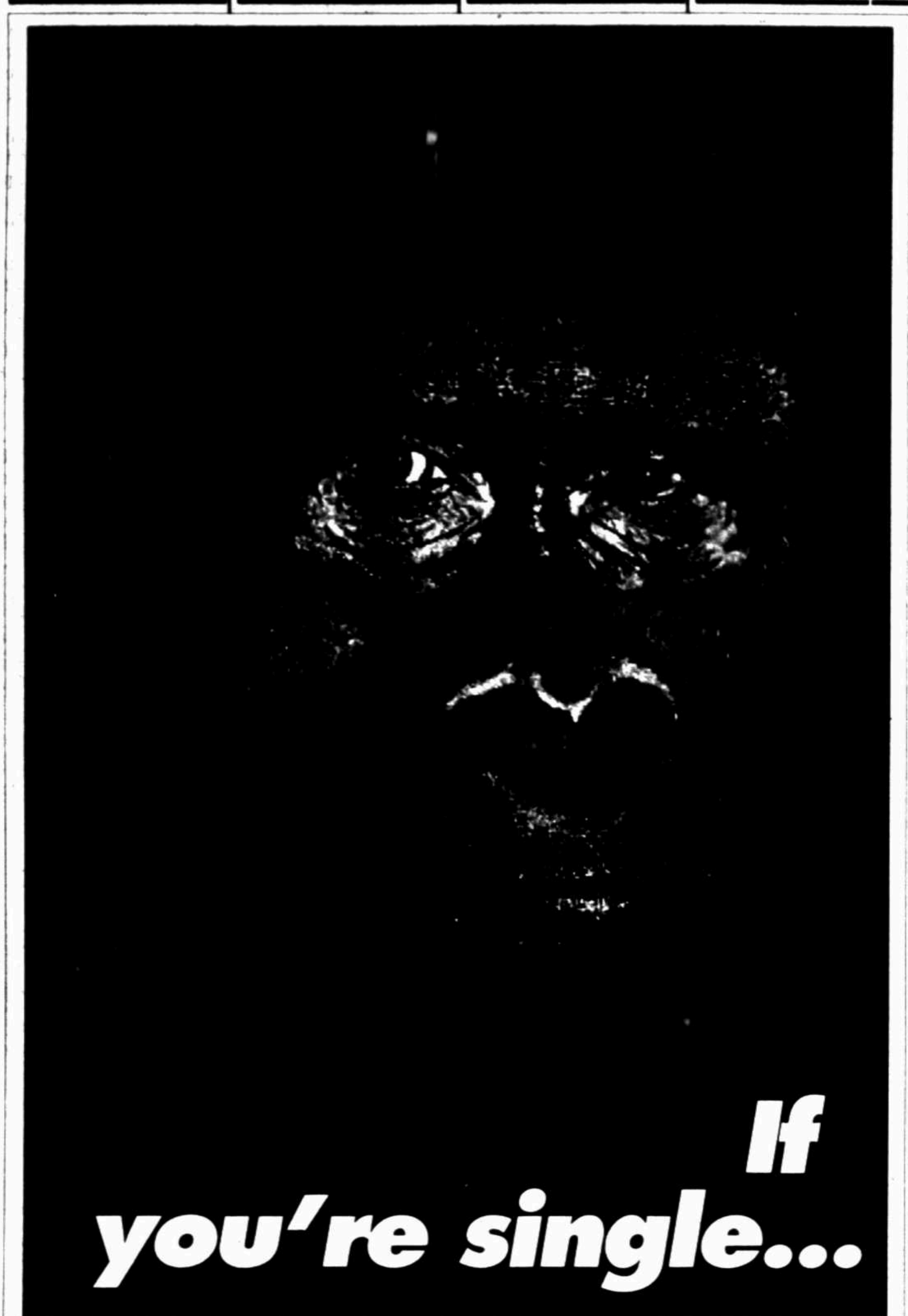
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