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Four soliders die

Four soldiers die after struggling in chilly, chest-deep swamp waters in last days of 2-month effort to become Army Rangers./7A



SPORTS

Prep basketball

Midland Lee faces San Angelo in a district playoff while Midland High, Lee girls seek regional quarterfinals./1C

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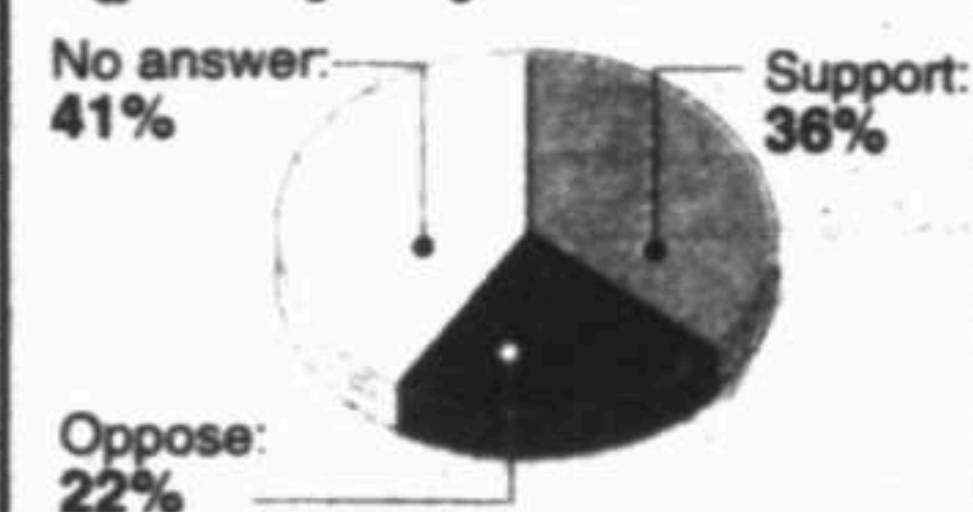
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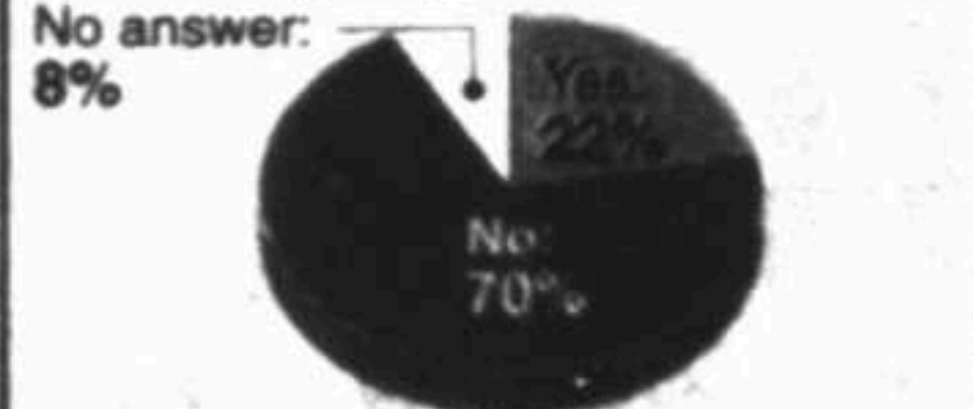
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Few oppose Surgeon General nominee

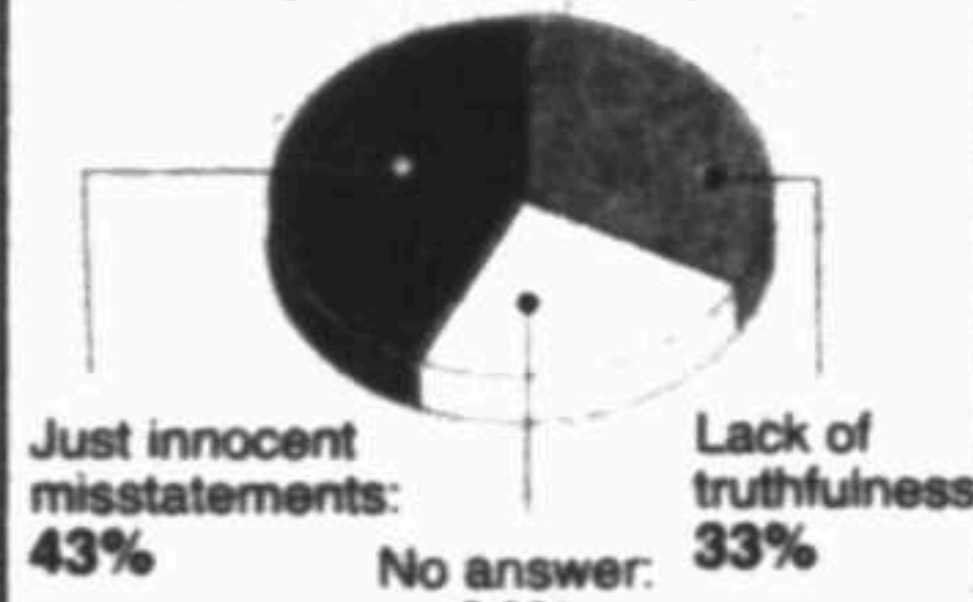
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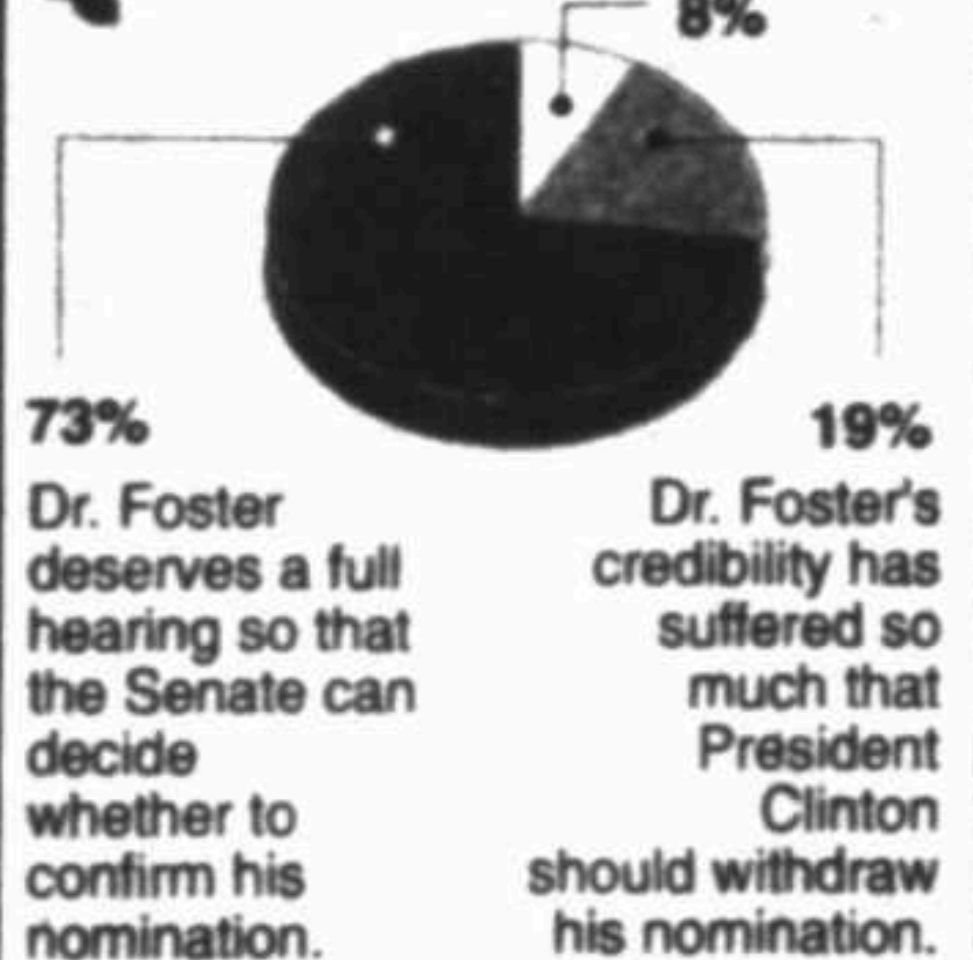
Q: Do you think the fact that Dr. Foster has performed abortions should disqualify him from serving as surgeon general?



Q: Dr. Foster has given different accounts of the number of abortions he has performed. Do you think this represents...



Q: Which comes closer to your view?



Source: AP national telephone poll of 1,008 adults taken Feb. 10-14 by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., part of AUS Consultants. Margin of sampling error 3 percentage points, plus or minus. Because of rounding, sums may not total 100 percent.

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City pauses to remember Julianne

By Katherine Poteet
Staff Writer

Braving low temperatures and bitter wind, about 150 Midlanders gathered at Centennial Plaza Thursday for a candlelight remembrance of 10-year-old Julianne Powell, who was found dead last Friday.

The event was organized by the Crisis Intervention Unit (CIU) and the Midland Rape Crisis Center and was attended not only by residents, but by various members of

the police, fire and sheriff's departments and city officials.

Julianne's mother, Lynn Fisher, and other family members were in attendance. Delanno Fryar, the girl's cousin, issued a statement from the family.

"We are overwhelmed by your show of support for our family," Ms. Fryar told the crowd. "I want to thank each of you on behalf of my family."

"Julianne was found dead Feb. 10 at the apartment of Henry Ortiz,

41, at Quinten's Walk Apartments, 3100 W. Caldera Blvd. Both the suspect and the victim lived in the same building.

Preliminary autopsy results indicated that the girl had been sexually assaulted and died due to a constricted airway, either by suffocation or strangulation.

Ortiz was arrested Saturday. A grand jury indicted him Wednesday on capital murder charges. He remains in jail without bond.

Please see PAUSES/4A



Lynn Fisher, left, is comforted by her nephew, Eric Fryar, during a candlelight vigil Thursday in memory of Ms. Fisher's daughter, Julianne Powell. The vigil was at Centennial Plaza.

Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram



Fred Shortell, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., watches New York replacement players.

Baseball's back; real thing isn't

Spring training opens with replacement players

By Chris Sheridan
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The cracks of bats, fly balls, pinstripes, temperatures hovering near 80 with a cool ocean breeze blowing across the field.

A perfect day for the opening of the New York Yankees' spring training — with such an imperfect cast of players.

Baseball was back Thursday, but it wasn't the real thing. The 27 players in Yankees uniform were minor leaguers and replacement players, not the heroes the fans wanted to see on the day they usually anticipate more than any other once the World Series ends.

The real players were on strike for the 189th day, and many of them met with their union head in Orlando. No other formal workouts were held by

the other 27 teams, although replacement pitchers and catchers did report at several training sites.

The fans stayed away, too. At Fort Lauderdale Stadium, despite free admission, row upon row of seats were empty. When practice began, fewer than 50 people were there. The attendance topped out at about 75 an hour later. Normally, a couple hundred would turn out.

Hot dog vendors, souvenir vendors and security guards sat around talking. Nobody asked the players for autographs because practically nobody recognized their names.

The manager and coaches went through the motions, watching players with far inferior skills.

The pitchers had about 30 tosses apiece. No curveballs were allowed.

Please see BALL/4A

'I'm a little embarrassed for the fans that we couldn't get this settled.'

— George Steinbrenner, Yankees owner

U.S stays course on energy despite security risk finding

Staff and wire reports

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration acknowledged Thursday that petroleum imports are threatening U.S. national security but rejected any new initiatives to help domestic producers, sparking cries of protest from industry officials.

"We are stunned, absolutely stunned," said Denise Bode, president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America. "To propose to do

nothing direct or indirect that's new... is astonishing."

Don Sparks, President of Discovery Operating Co., a Midland-based oil company and an IPAA regional vice president, was even more vociferous in his denunciation of the president's action. "We have seen once again a president stand to increase oil imports, even though their own administration says it poses a risk to national security."

Sparks said it was time the

Please see STAYS/4A

Justice opens finance probe of Ron Brown

Decision means department has found specific allegations that commerce secretary may have committed a federal felony.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has opened a preliminary criminal investigation of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown's personal financial dealings. Brown's attorney said he was certain the probe would find "no violation of law."

The decision, announced Thursday by Attorney General Janet Reno, means the department has found specific allegations from a credible source that Brown may have committed a federal felony.

The preliminary investigation began Wednesday. The department has 90 days from then to decide whether there is enough evidence to ask a special court to name an independent prosecutor to conduct a full criminal investigation.

The special court, acting under the independent counsel law, authorized Reno to announce the move and said only that the investigation covered "allegations that have been widely reported by the news media."

Neither the court nor Reno gave additional details of the inquiry.

Brown's lawyer, Reid Weingarten, called the action routine.

"The independent counsel act left Justice with no choice," he said. "This is the step at which point Justice, for the first time, evaluates the allegations and receives evidence."

Weingarten said he is confident the pre-



Commerce Secretary Ron Brown

liminary investigation will find that there was "no violation of law and that there is no need for an independent prosecutor."

At the White House, press secretary Mike McCurry said only: "The attorney general did what attorneys general have

Please see PROBE/4A

Airlines deal blow to travel agencies

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Midland travel agencies are preparing for an economic blow in the wake of announcements from some major airlines that commissions will be cut on many of the tickets sold.

Travel agents are usually paid 10 percent commissions on the airline tickets sold through the individual travel offices. Travel agents, however, sell their tickets for the price each ticket would cost at the airline counter, said Robert A. Landreth who owns Travel Agents International in Midland.

Travel agents make their money on commissions from airlines and other travel-oriented businesses and do not charge clients for their services. Landreth said. Therefore, this drop in compensation could damage local travel businesses.

Delta, American and other airlines announced last week that they would begin capping commissions at a maximum of \$50 for any round-trip domestic ticket and \$25 for any one-way domestic ticket.

Southwest Airlines, which services Midland, is not capping commissions

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'Oh, my God, she's dead' Detective: O.J. didn't ask how wife died

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson got upset and said, "Oh, my God, she's dead," when told by a detective over the phone that his ex-wife had been killed, but never asked how, when or where, the officer testified Thursday.

Detective Ronald Phillips, on the stand for a second day at the murder trial, said he placed the call from Simpson's home to the hotel in Chicago where the former football star was staying on June 13, the morning after the slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald

Goldman.

The detective said he introduced himself and told Simpson: "I have some bad news for you: Your ex-wife Nicole Simpson has been killed."

He said Simpson replied: "Oh, my God, Nicole is killed. Oh, my God, she's dead." "And then he got very upset on the telephone," the detective continued. He said he tried to calm Simpson down, telling him, "Please try to get ahold of yourself."

Simpson said he would catch

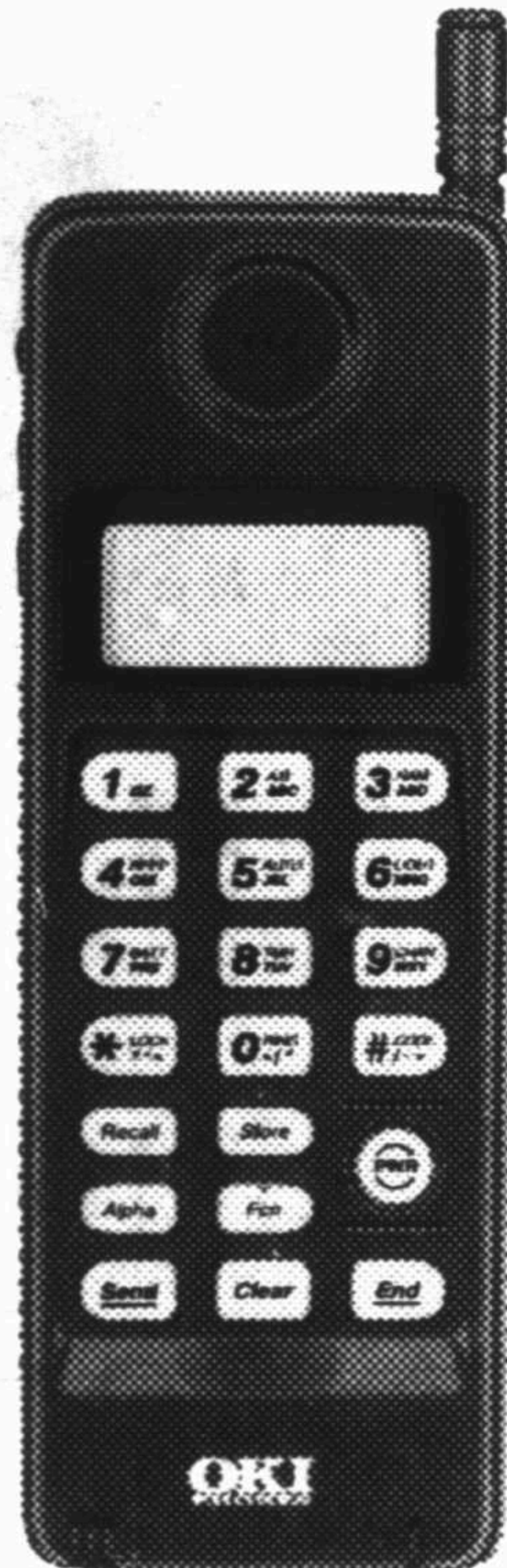
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Los Angeles police detective testifies that when told over the phone that his ex-wife had been killed, Simpson never asked how, when or where.

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Yeltsin blames military for Chechnya losses, insists on right to use force

MOSCOW (AP) — In a dark and defensive address to the nation, President Boris Yeltsin berated his military leaders for big losses and human rights abuses in Chechnya but insisted Russia must use force to defend its unity.

Looking somber but steady, Yeltsin stood through-out his 61-minute speech to a rare joint session of parliament, winning only mild applause from the lawmakers when he finished.

It was his bleakest portrait of post-Soviet Russia since he became president in 1991, bereft of hope and vision at a time when his popularity is at an all-time low and many believe he should resign.

Following his unsteady arrival at a meeting of fellow leaders in Kazakhstan last week, all eyes were on Yeltsin for signs he might be unwell or had been drinking.

But Yeltsin looked confident as he strode to the microphone to deliver his address. He closely followed his prepared text, rarely looking up at the lawmakers. At one point, he paused briefly, apparently losing his place.

However, there was little of the old vigor or great sense of drama. He seemed deeply preoccupied by domestic problems, raising international issues briefly at the end of his speech.

In addition to Chechnya, most of the issues he raised were gloomy: the rise of fascism in Russia, renewed inflation, a weakening ruble, a huge budget deficit, rampant crime, corruption and an ineffective judiciary.

At the opening of his speech, Yeltsin asked lawmakers to observe a moment of silence for the victims of the fighting in Chechnya. Members of the State Duma and the Federation Council then stood in the Kremlin's Marble Hall.

Yeltsin admitted "failures, setbacks and mistakes" in Chechnya by the Russian armed forces, which demonstrated the need to accelerate military reform. However, he was adamant about the right to use force.

"Such blisters like the Medellin cartel in Colombia, the Golden Triangle in Southeast Asia and the criminal dictatorship in Chechnya do not disappear by themselves," he said. "To preserve the sovereignty and integrity the state can and must use the force of power."

Yeltsin often sounded defensive and offered few clues about how he planned to bring peace to Chechnya or solve the ailments he outlined.

Sergei Stankevich, a lawmaker and former Yeltsin adviser, said he was disappointed because the speech offered "no ideas, no breakthroughs."

"One gets the impression the president fell from another galaxy," said Vasily Starodubtsev, a hard-line lawmaker who was one of plotters against Mikhail Gorbachev. "He doesn't realize what is happening in the country."

The speech was Yeltsin's first major address since he sent 40,000 soldiers into Chechnya on Dec. 11 to force the republic to renounce its 3-year-old independence drive.

Mexican market recovers slightly following plunge; concerns remain

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Stocks rebounded slightly Thursday after abruptly plunging the day before, but financial markets remained unsettled over concern that Mexican companies could default on short-term debt.

Wednesday's sharp drop of 6.41 percent raised fears that neither Washington's multibillion-dollar bailout package nor the Mexican government's control of territory formerly held by rebels has restored financial stability to the nation.

Word that one of Mexico's major conglomerates, Grupo Sidek, had defaulted on short-term dollar-denominated debt Wednesday was a major factor in the instability.

Other factors included rising interest rates, delays in agreement on terms of the international credit package and a change in presidential policy toward the year-long Zapatista rebellion in the southern state of Chiapas. After moving army forces into rebel-held jungle areas last week, the government has halted its offensive and offered to talk.

Mexico's stock market rose 1.37 percent in moderate trading Thursday, after Wednesday's dramatic drop. The market's main IPC index stood at 1,822.18, up 24.18 points from the day before, but far short of the 1994 year-end level of 2,375.66.

Uncertainty drove the peso to a close of below 6 per dollar for the first time since President Clinton announced the \$50 billion rescue plan Jan. 31. It wound up Thursday at 6.075.

That was still above its low close of 6.30 on Jan. 30.

The highly leveraged Grupo Sidek, with interests in real estate, tourism and steel, depends on property sales for cash flow. The December financial crisis that caused the peso to lose 40 percent of its value against the dollar, and interest rates that soared above 40 percent, nearly killed the real estate market.

Some expressed confidence Sidek's case was an exception, not the rule.

U.S. signs child protection pact

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — After five years of refusal, the United States on Thursday signed a U.N. agreement on children's rights.

One hundred seventy-seven countries now have signed the 1990 U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, which requires nations to protect children from abuse and guarantee access to education and basic health care.

U.S. critics opposed the convention on the grounds that it would undermine parental rights, increase the state's role and ban the death penalty for people under 18.

U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright called the convention "an expression of our commitment to the survival and humane treatment of children everywhere."

But she added that President Clinton would propose "appropriate reservations and understandings" before the Senate is asked to ratify the convention.

On Feb. 10, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced at a memorial service for former UNICEF director James Grant that the United States would sign the convention — one of Grant's major projects.

Grant's wife, Ellen, and his son, William, stood next to Albright as she signed the convention. Albright then hugged Ellen and gave her the pen she used.

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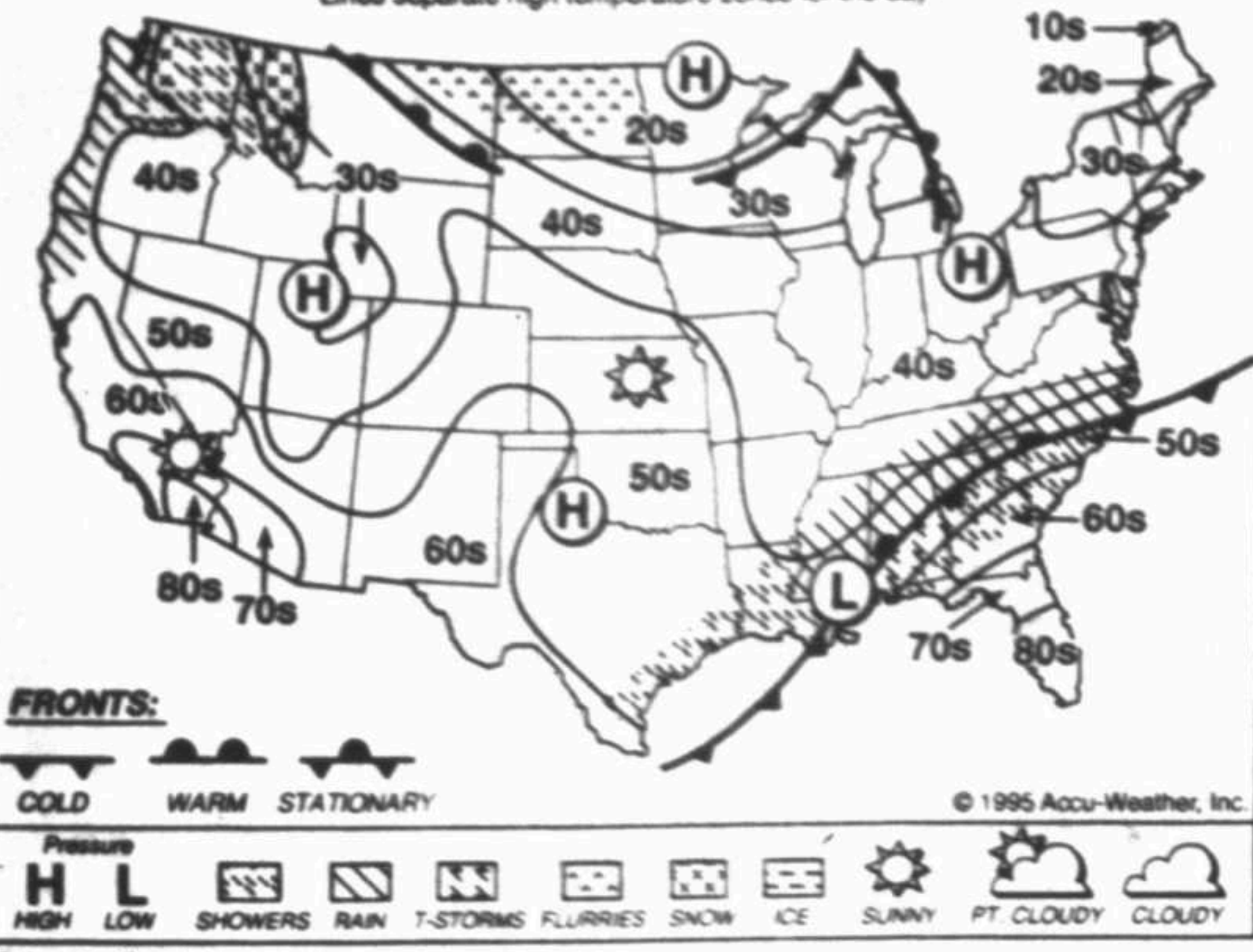
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WEATHER WATCH

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon today.

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Look for mid-50s, cloudy skies

Staff reports

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the mid-50s and light winds. Tonight should be mostly fair with a low near 30, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Saturday should be sunny with a high in the mid-60s. After an overnight low of 38, Thursday's high reached 45, compared to the record high for that date of 80 set in 1971. The record low was 17 set in 1936.

Midland statistics

FORECAST
Today: partly cloudy, high in the mid-50s, light winds.
Tonight: mostly fair, low near 30.
Saturday: sunny, high in the low 60s.
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS
Yesterday's High: 45 degrees
Overnight Low: 38 degrees
Sunrise today: 6:37 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow: 7:28 a.m.
Precipitation: 0.02 inches
This month to date: 0.03 inches
Year to date: 01.15 inches

Area forecast

West Texas: Permian Basin-Upper Trans Pecos — today, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid- to upper 50s. Tonight, mostly fair. Lows near 30. Saturday, sunny. Highs in the mid-60s. Sunday, fair. Highs in the mid-60s. Monday, fair. Lows around 40. Highs in the mid-60s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-40s. Highs in the upper 50s. Concho Valley-Southern Plains — today, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid- to upper 50s. Tonight, mostly fair. Lows near 30. Saturday, sunny. Highs in the mid-60s. Sunday, fair. Highs in the mid-60s. Monday, fair. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the upper 50s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Highs around 70.

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. CST.

	H	L	Pcp.
Abilene	37	34	
Albany	62	41	
Alpine	46	22	
Austin	59	50	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	74	61	16
Bryan-College Station	57	49	
Corpus Christi	71	58	
Dallas	51	39	08
El Paso	55	49	41
Fort Worth	48	39	13
Galveston	67	57	01
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Laredo	59	43	
Lubbock	46	33	13
Marfa	56	39	06
San Angelo	50	40	18
San Antonio	68	54	
Victoria	64	53	
Waco	52	41	01
Wichita	53	44	20

Weather elsewhere

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7 p.m. CST.

	H	L	Pcp.
Albuquerque	59	34	
Atlanta	78	43	53
Baltimore	47	33	18
Boston	48	41	33
Chicago	45	16	08
Cleveland	37	29	08
Denver	51	17	
Detroit	37	30	08
Flagstaff	47	20	08
Honolulu	81	67	08
Indianapolis	36	25	08
Kansas City	43	14	08
Las Vegas	64	37	08
Los Angeles	77	54	08
Miami Beach	80	69	08
Milwaukee	31	17	08
Nashville	42	40	08
New Orleans	77	68	08
New York City	46	35	08
Oklahoma City	41	27	08
Orlando	64	34	08
Philadelphia	47	33	08
Phoenix	71	50	08
Pittsburgh	38	34	08
Reno	56	26	08
Sacramento	58	37	08
St. Louis	34	20	08
Salt Lake City	45	19	08
San Diego	64	52	08
San Francisco	56	44	08
Santa Fe	53	32	08
Seattle	48	40	13
Tampa-St. Petersburg	81	65	08
Tucson	68	46	08
Washington, D.C.	43	35	08

Border forecasts

New Mexico — Today, mostly sunny under increasing high clouds. Becoming partly cloudy southwest with a slight chance of afternoon showers. Warmer east. Highs 40s to mid-50s mountains and northwest with mid-50s to mid-60s lower elevations east and south. Tonight, partly cloudy southwest with a slight chance of showers. Fair skies north and east with high clouds decreasing. Lows in the upper 30s to low 40s mountains and north with mostly 30s lower elevations south. Saturday and Sunday night, fair skies. Warmer Saturday with high clouds decreasing. Lows in the upper 30s to low 40s mountains and north with mostly 30s lower elevations south. Sunday through Tuesday, fair skies with daytime temperatures above seasonal averages. Lows in the upper 30s to low 40s mountains and north with mostly 30s lower elevations south. Sunday through Tuesday, fair skies with daytime temperatures above seasonal averages. Lows in the upper 30s to low 40s mountains and north with mostly 30s lower elevations south.

PROBE: Reno announces investigation

(From 1A)

to do." He declined further comment.

Before Reno's announcement, McCurry had said President Clinton continued to have full confidence in Brown.

Brown is the second Cabinet secretary now undergoing such a preliminary investigation. The department also is looking into whether there is enough evidence to seek appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros for payments to a former mistress.

Late last month, Sen. Lauch Faircloth of North Carolina and 13 other Senate Republicans asked the department if it was looking into possible criminal violations by Brown. Later, 22 House Republicans wrote to Clinton, saying Brown should be forced to resign.

Faircloth has questioned whether Brown violated federal disclosure requirements for Cabinet officers and possibly evaded taxes in a series of transactions with former business partners.

The senator said Reno's action "confirms my view that Ron Brown is in very serious trouble, is

a liability to the president and that an independent counsel will ultimately be named in this matter."

Rep. William Clinger, a Pennsylvania Republican who chairs the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, praised Reno's decision.

He added that President Clinton "has to very seriously ask himself" if Brown can continue to effectively represent the administration. "My personal feeling is probably not," Clinger said he will decide next week whether to hold hearings about the ethics of Brown's activities.

Congressional Republicans have questioned how Brown received more than \$400,000 from a company in which he invested no money. Brown, a former Democratic Party chairman and once considered a possible choice to head Clinton's re-election campaign, has said he sold off significant amounts of his holdings in 1993 to avoid possible conflicts of interest.

Most questions about Brown's business dealings have concerned his complex financial relationship with Washington businesswoman Noland Hill.

BALL: Batting, too, was substandard

(From 1A)

"We told them just to throw fastballs. We don't want anybody showing up hurt tomorrow," Yankee manager Buck Showalter said.

The batting also was substandard. During 20 minutes of batting practice, no ball was hit to the outfield fence or over it.

The workout lasted about 2 1/2 hours, and Showalter, the coaches and trainers left afterward to attend the union meeting in Orlando.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner also came to camp and called for an immediate resumption of negotiations with some "new faces at the bargaining table."

The two sides haven't met since spurning President Clinton's demand for a settlement earlier this month at the White House. Acting commissioner Bud Selig and union head Donald Fehr testified

Wednesday before Congress, which is considering legislation to end the strike.

"I'm a little embarrassed for the fans that we couldn't get this settled after seven months or so," Steinbrenner said. "We haven't lost the fans, but some day in the not-too-distant future we may."

The replacement players, meanwhile, were enjoying themselves.

Almost none of those at Yankees camp have major league — or even high minor-league — experience. But they were wearing real Yankees practice uniforms.

"I feel like I'm a Yankee right now. We're in the uniforms and on the field," said pitcher Pat Russo, a 27-year-old right-hander. At Orioles camp in Sarasota, minor leaguers showed up at the team hotel and bypassed the main training complex. Baltimore is the only team refusing to field a replacement team.

TRIAL: Detective's testimony irritates Simpson

(From 1A)

the next flight back to Los Angeles, then asked to talk to his daughter Arnette, the detective said. Phillips said he handed her the phone. The 6:05 a.m. call lasted about five minutes in all.

Under questioning by prosecutor Marcia Clark, Phillips emphasized he used the word "killed," not "murdered," in the call.

"Did Mr. Simpson ask you how she was killed?" Clark asked.

"No," Phillips said.

"Did he ask you when she was killed?"

"No."

"Did he ask you if you had any idea who had done it?"

"No."

"Did he ask you where it had occurred?"

"No."

"Did he ask you anything about the circumstances of how his ex-wife had been killed?" Clark asked.

"No," Phillips replied.

Prosecutors were trying to imply that Simpson already knew how his wife had been killed because he was the murderer.

Under cross-examination by defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr., Phillips defended investiga-

tors' decision to delay notifying the coroner's office for 6 1/2 hours, when police regulations call for "immediate" notification.

"This is a black-and-white thing you're referring to, and I deal in the gray area out here," Phillips said. When you walk out to a crime scene you just don't immediately turn around and make a phone call to the coroner's office."

He said he interpreted "immediate" to mean "as soon as practicable."

Detectives waited until about 6:50 a.m. to make their first call, which was only to notify the coroner's office of the deaths, not to ask that someone be sent immediately.

About 8:10 a.m., Phillips called again.

Ultimately, someone from the coroner's office didn't arrive until 9:10 a.m. — about nine hours after police first reached the scene of the crime.

The defense contends that because of the delay, the coroner's office lost the opportunity to more closely fix the time of death. Prosecutors say the killings occurred about 10:15 p.m., which would have given Simpson time to get back to his house and clean up before leaving for Chicago around 11 p.m.

Phillips said that after he finished talking to Simpson by phone, he went outside, where he was approached by his partner, Detective Mark Fuhrman. Fuhrman led him down a narrow walkway behind the guest house and "pointed out an object to me."

Cochran suggested Phillips was more concerned with a celebrity being involved and the possibility of a media crush than with getting the coroner to the scene to establish the time of death.

The defense attorney played a tape of Phillips' first call to the coroner's office, in which he warned: "The press is going to be crawling on us like ants when they find out what's going on."

The detective swore the coroner's officer to secrecy before telling him that the killing involved O.J. Simpson's ex-wife.

"Oh, boy," the man at the other end of the phone sighed.

Phillips described how police officers scaled a wall at Simpson's estate the morning after the killings and found Arnette Simpson sleeping in a guest house. She helped police track down her father by phone, calling his secretary to find out where he was staying.

Phillips said that after he finished talking to Simpson by phone, he went outside, where he was approached by his partner, Detective Mark Fuhrman. Fuhrman led him down a narrow walkway behind the guest house and "pointed out an object to me."

It was a leather glove in the

leaves, Phillips said.

"Did you think that was significant, that glove?" Clark asked.

Phillips said yes, because "it looked like it was also the same type of glove we had seen" at the murder scene.

Prosecutors have argued that the glove is the mate of one found near the bodies. The defense contends Fuhrman is a racist who may have taken a glove from the crime scene and planted it on Simpson's property.

Cochran also pressed Phillips on whether Fuhrman wore a jacket at the crime scene, raising the possibility Fuhrman hid one of the gloves in his coat. Phillips said Fuhrman was in his shirt sleeves.

Asked if he would be surprised to hear that Fuhrman had on a blue blazer at Simpson's estate, Phillips said, "Not at all."

"He takes it off and puts it on and takes it off and puts it on," he said. "He always has it in the car."

In another effort to cast doubt on evidence, Cochran noted that red berries dropped by a tree at Ms. Simpson's condominium had stained the walkway. He suggested that the off-mentioned bloody shoeprints were actually caused by people tracking through berry juice.

PAUSES: More than 100 gather, light candles

(From 1A)

Ms. Fryar thanked the CIU and the Rape Crisis Center for their support of the family and thanked the officers who investigated the incident for "their swift and careful handling of this tragedy."

Ms. Fryar described the girl as "a bright meteor who came to earth" and an cheerful, inquisitive girl with red hair and a desire to become a teacher some day.

"I wanted to share with you our memories of Julianne, so she won't become just another statistic," Ms. Fryar said.

The residents lit candles and listened to "Candle in the Water," from the movie "Pete's Dragon," a song chosen because of Julianne's affection for Disney movies.

In addition to lighting candles, many people at the vigil wore green and plaid ribbons, distributed by the CIU and the Rape Crisis Center. The ribbons came with slips of paper explaining that green was Julianne's favorite color and the plaid represented "the diversity of victims of sexual assault and other violent crimes."

Mayor Bobby Burns issued a proclamation from the city that paid tribute to Julianne and expressed sympathy for her family.

"We lost someone very special, we have lost one of our children," Burns said.

Group plans safety seminar for property managers

By Mella McEwen

Staff Writer

Following the murder of a 10-year-old girl at a northwest Midland apartment complex, the West Texas chapter of the Institute of Real Estate Management is planning a safety seminar for rental property managers.

Mitch Malouf, chapter president, is working with the Midland Apartment Association to present the SMART — Safety Management Alliance of Residents and Tenants — Partners Program. IREM created the program — designed to help reduce crime in multifamily residential, office and retail properties — last year.

"I'm working with the association, trying to coordinate things with them and the Midland Police Department," Malouf said.

IREM officials said the nation's burgeoning crime rate is of particular concern to property managers because one of the most common crimes is crime against property — vandalism or theft — which occurs every two seconds. Property managers are in a position to help because of their access to tenants and residents.

The program is designed to help real estate managers and their residents or tenants form working partnerships with police and other local commu-

nity resources to increase safety awareness at their properties and reduce the opportunities for crime.

Another aspect of SMART Partners is the concept of community policing, which has become a major focus of law-enforcement efforts all over the country.

IREM developed the education-based program using expertise from top crime-prevention experts across the country. Its components include:

- a day-long seminar for property managers;
- a book dealing with such subjects as screening residents or tenants, enhancing safety awareness and dealing with drugs and gangs;
- a resident/tenant guide for starting a SMART Partners program; and
- safety awareness and crime-prevention tip sheets for residents, tenants or for posting in common areas.

"It's not just a question of real-estate managers providing better security systems," said Beverly A. Roachell, 1994 IREM president. "It's everybody taking an active part to reduce crime."

The program, introduced in a Spanish-language version this year, has drawn praise from the Department of Justice, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Farmers Home Administration and President Clinton.

Lauri Barber, of the Rape Crisis Center, said the event was a positive sign of the city's unwillingness to accept the violent death of one so young.

"I am hopeful that this city is so outraged that it has come together in its grief and anger to take

action," Ms. Barber said. "We need to urge our families, our children, to be safe."

"We are gathered here this evening in the darkness, trusting in the light," said the Rev. Stocton Williams, of Holy Trinity Church. "We know that death does not

have the final word. We are here to celebrate life, Julianne's life."

The remembrance ended with the song "Lean on Me," which had been played at Julianne's funeral Wednesday in California.

BLOW: Travel agencies brace for economic blow

(From 1A)

according to a corporate spokesman. But other airlines that service Midland — American and Continental — are instating the caps.

Continental officials said the decision was reluctantly made to follow suit with Delta, which originally made the changes. To do otherwise would create a "cost disadvantage" between Delta and Continental.

American Airline officials said the change would be established on Feb. 27, the earliest date its com-

puterized reservation systems can be changed.

"For the past 25 years, travel agencies have been the primary distribution system for the airlines," Landreth said. "Professional travel agents have been the most efficient way for airlines to sell tickets, while at the same time, providing an unbiased source for the public to obtain the most convenient and economical flights," he said.

The degree to which these caps will adversely affect local travel agents is as yet unclear, said a spokeswoman for Envoye Travel

in Midland. "We'll be working harder for a lot less money," she said.

It is also unclear how the computerized reservation equipment, for which travel agents pay to use in their offices, will figure into the new compensation scheme, she said.

The caps likely will affect those companies with a greater number of business-class clients, since the effect on leisure-travel tickets will be less, she said.

"Obviously, the \$4.90 we earn on every \$49 ticket we write doesn't begin to cover our expenses," Lan-

dreth said. "In addition, we exchange tickets for our clients with no compensation. We have been able to provide these services because of the profit we earned on higher-priced tickets, but from now on, that amount will be limited," he said.

The Travel Agents International organization is pushing to have airlines compensate travel agents with a flat fee of \$45 for every ticket sold.

STAYS: Decision to stay course stuns industry

(From 1A)

president told the public the true cost and high risk of cheap imported oil. He said the U.S. was in the position of having to defend one of the most unstable regions of the world and would not be able to prevent a catastrophe in the Middle East.

The IPAA, which represents small- and mid-sized oil and natural gas producers, had petitioned the Commerce Department last year for an analysis of the effect of cheap energy imports on U.S. national security.

The Commerce study, released Thursday, found that national security is endangered by rising oil imports. That finding was accepted by President Clinton.

"I am today concurring with the Department of Commerce's finding that the nation's growing reliance on imports of crude oil and refined petroleum products threaten the nation's security because they increase U.S. vulnerability to oil supply interruptions," the president said in a written statement.

"I also concur with the department's recommendation that the administration continue its present efforts to improve U.S. energy security, rather than to adopt a specific import adjustment mechanism," he said.

Small producers and oil-patch state lawmakers in recent years have lobbied the White House vigorously for tax breaks and regulatory relief to stimulate domestic production.

In his statement, Clinton said the administration would continue to

stress its policies on energy efficiency, increased use of natural gas, alternative fuels and renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power.

Last year was the first time in U.S. history that more than half the oil used domestically came from foreign sources. Domestic production also hit a 40-year low. The federal Energy Information Agency predicts that 65 percent of the United States' energy consumption in the year 2000 will come from foreign sources.

In the two years that Clinton has been in office, the industry has lost some 22,000 jobs. More than 500,000 jobs have disappeared in the last decade.

"Maybe they have written off the 30 producing states," Ms. Bode said. "There is going to be a firestorm in the oil and gas-producing states," she added, noting that Clinton's campaign promises included a pledge to boost the industry's sagging fortunes.

Even as the administration was proposing to stay the course on its domestic energy policy, the eight-member Oklahoma congressional delegation introduced a broad package of legislation intended to spur domestic production.

The IPAA and the American Petroleum Institute, which represents major producers, are turning away from the White House and pinning their hopes on Capitol Hill.

"Now is the time for us to get something done that we have been needing done for years," said Rep. Bill Brewster, D-Okla.

offered Thursday by Oklahoma's two senators and six House members would:

- Provide a \$3 a barrel tax credit for existing and new marginal oil wells, phasing out when the market prices hit \$20 a barrel. Similar tax credits would be provided for natural gas marginal wells, phasing out at \$3.55 per metric cubic foot.

■ Repeal existing bans on the export of domestic crude oil. This measure is designed specifically to lift the restrictions on the export of Alaskan North Slope oil.

■ Allow producers to deduct their geological and geophysical costs while exploring for oil and gas reserves; and expand the Enhanced Oil Recovery tax credit and use of the five-year writeoff for intangible drilling costs.

■ Allow the government to reduce its royalty charges for oil and gas leases on federal lands.

Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., said passage of the legislation won't be easy in a climate where Republicans are emphasizing tax cuts at the same time they are seeking to balance the budget. "This is going to be a real tough time to do it," he said. But, he added, "We have to do some things to avoid premature abandonment of some of these marginal wells."

Pick 3 Texas

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Wayne Gibbons, president of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, said the legislative package is the first in a series of steps that would help the industry.

"That's a very, very good program they have put together and it would be very helpful," he said.

But Gibbons is hopeful that the industry will also be helped by Congress' current consideration of overall regulatory relief.

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Rabin, Arafat defuse crisis, make agreement to step up self-rule talks

EREZ JUNCTION, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chief Yasser Arafat broke a deadlock Thursday and agreed to step up talks on expanding self-rule in the West Bank.

Rabin promised to ease a travel ban and permit 15,000 Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to return to jobs in Israel next week. The move came after Arafat arrested militant opponents of the peace talks and created a military court to try those suspected of attacking Israel.

Rabin also proposed that Arafat's self-rule government take over the running of the West Bank city of Jenin. But Palestinians were cool to the idea because he suggested this be done without Israeli troops pulling out.

Rabin told reporters both sides were committed to implementing the second stage of the Israel-PLO autonomy accord — troop withdrawal from Palestinian towns in the West Bank and Palestinian elections.

Arafat did not speak to reporters, but Palestinian Economics Minister Ahmed Qureia confirmed the two sides agreed to step up negotiations.

"The result of the meeting was less than we expected, but I think it broke the ice and ended a crisis," Qureia said.

There was violence Thursday between Israelis and

Palestinians. Israeli soldiers shot and badly wounded a Palestinian in Hebron who was among stone-throwing rioters, according to military sources.

In the Old City of Jerusalem, five Palestinians and two Israeli policemen were wounded in a scuffle, police said. The violence broke out when a policeman asked a Palestinian for identification and he and some friends assaulted the officer and began throwing stones.

Police called in reinforcements and fired rubber bullets, slightly wounding five residents, police said. Rabin and Arafat agreed to meet again in three weeks, then a week after that.

Under the autonomy accord, Israel was to have completed a troop pullout from West Bank towns by July 1994 so Palestinians could hold general elections. Rabin delayed withdrawal after Islamic militants carried out attacks, most of them suicide bombings, which have killed 56 Israelis since October.

Just before the summit, Arafat named five judges to a special military court that will try suspected assailants. Palestinian police rounded up eight followers of Islamic Jihad, the group responsible for a Jan. 22 bombing that killed 21 Israelis.

But Rabin said he still wasn't satisfied with the performance of the Palestinian police and would keep pushing Arafat to do more to foil attacks on Israelis.

Bangladeshi exiled author longs for her home, family

OXFORD, England (AP) — Taslima Nasrin misses her country but knows she probably can't go back. She longs to walk the streets again, free of the ever-present fear of attack.

At 32, the Bangladeshi writer is an international symbol of the perils of free speech. She is also a sad and lonely woman.

"I have given up all my happiness... that one day society and women will wake up," she said Thursday in an interview with The Associated Press. "I have sacrificed my normal life."

Ms. Nasrin fled Bangladesh last August after Islamic extremists put a \$5,000 bounty on her head for works that rail against religious persecution and the oppression of women in her homeland.

Ms. Nasrin, who now lives in Sweden under constant guard, came to Oxford Thursday to give a speech for Oxford Amnesty, a group that raises money for the London-based human rights group, Amnesty International.

"My writing is more important than a normal life," said Ms. Nasrin, escorted by two police officers.

A tall woman, she is reserved and solemn as she spins out her thoughts in halting English. Keeping a cigarette just out of sight of a television camera, she asked to pause every few minutes to take a deep drag.

"When I write a book or an article, I never think what will happen," she said. "I only think that as a writer I should tell the truth. I should protest inequality and injustice."

Her smile — all the more dazzling for its rarity — broke out broadly as she spoke of a scheduled reunion with her father today, their first meeting since August.

"I miss my country, I miss my relatives. I want to go home," she said. "I would like to walk down the street alone."

But that's impossible, even in Sweden, "because any militant Muslim can kill me at any moment."

Ms. Nasrin said she stands by "Shame," her scorching 1993 novel about Muslim persecution of Hindus.

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Relief for jails only one side of change

There's good news — even if it is only temporary — in the fact that the number of state jail beds now available for use in Texas has helped relieve overcrowded county jails. That should defuse a dangerous situation that has existed in many county jails — including Midland County Jail — for months.

Under the state jail felony law that went into effect Sept. 1, 1994, judges are required to give probation in state jail felony cases. Those cases are essentially fourth-degree felonies, in severity between a misdemeanor and a third-degree felony. The intent was to give those offenders state jail time instead of keeping them in county jails or shipping them to state prisons.

Some prosecutors — including Midland District Attorney Al Schorre — were understandably concerned that the new category of state jail felonies could clog the courts and county jails, and with the state prison system already having to release some prisoners early as well as refusing to take other prisoners from county jails, such a prospect wasn't at all appealing. But the anticipated "flood" of state jail felony inmates is still working its way through the legal system.

Noting that the new class of felonies had to be committed after Sept. 1, Schorre speculated that "it may be September of this year before we see the jails fill up." As a result, the fact that more state prison beds are now available is a definite relief for counties.

Of course, that doesn't mean that the prisons won't fill up again at some point. In fact, Schorre and other prosecutors believe that if Senate Bill 15, proposed by Sen. John Whitmire, becomes law, the prisons definitely will fill up. Senate Bill 15 would expand the range of punishment for state jail felonies from the current six months to one to three years, eliminate mandatory probation, enhance the penalty for a third state jail felony to time in prison and make other changes in the law that do not pertain to state jail felonies. Prosecutors, including Schorre, say the changes in Senate Bill 15 are needed.

That will, of course, bring about the "bad news" — in the form of overcrowded jails, prisons and courts. But those distasteful consequences are part of the "cost" of crime that all of society must bear.

We must continue to make criminals "pay" for their crimes.

JACK ANDERSON

Questions about Job Corps need answers

WASHINGTON — Whether it's a presidential nomination or a billion-dollar federal program, Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee Chairman Nancy Landon Kassebaum, R-Kan., can't seem to get a straight story from the Clinton administration.

Last month, Kassebaum was misled about the abortion record of surgeon general nominee Henry Foster Jr., whose confirmation hearings will be held by her committee. During a private phone conversation with Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, Kassebaum was told that Foster had performed only one "therapeutic" abortion. Since then, the administration has been revising the figure almost daily, and Kassebaum has gotten a public apology from the president.

Although it hasn't been on the front pages, Kassebaum has also gotten conflicting stories from the Labor Department over her efforts to reform the Job Corps program.

Each year, more than 60,000 students enter Job Corps, the 31-year-old federal program that provides basic job training to disadvantaged youth. But nearly 50 percent of these students drop out of the program within the first six months.

In an internal Labor Department memo last June, Job Corps' national director, Peter Rell, explained: "The evidence strongly suggests that the greatest single factor causing students to leave our program early is violence.... If students feel threatened or unsafe at any (Job Corps) center, they 'vote with their feet' and leave before gaining any real benefit from the program."

But as soon as Job Corps' funding came under fire, the Labor Department changed its explanation. Later in June, Kassebaum asked the Appropriations Committee to slash Job Corps' \$1.1 billion annual budget because of the dropout rate and other poor performance data.

In its response to the Appropriations Committee in July — just one month after the Rell memo — the Labor Department dropped any mention of violence: "The apparently high dropout rates exist because of the strict discipline and behavioral codes at Job Corps that are part of its success." In other words, the discipline code is so strict that it tosses out the thugs, which accounts for the high dropout numbers.

In two days of hearings last month, however, Kassebaum uncovered a "pattern of uncon-

trolled violence" and other misconduct at Job Corps centers across the country — including murders, gang activity and drug abuse. Just a few days before Kassebaum's hearings, three Job Corps students in Knoxville, Tenn., were charged with first-degree murder for killing a classmate.

Labor Department officials called it an isolated incident, but Knoxville police officials have said that the crime rate has risen since the Job Corps center entered the neighborhood and local officials are now trying to relocate the center out of town. Kassebaum's staff has gathered evidence that reveals 23 Job Corps students across the country have been convicted of murder in the past three years.

Kassebaum's investigators charge that the Labor Department was being "disingenuous" in its letter to the Appropriations Committee last July, and that the department has been dragged "kicking and screaming" into addressing the violence problem. "The letter was a clear indication of their inability to admit that they had a problem with violence," one Kassebaum aide told us.

Rell sees no contradiction between the two Labor Department memos. "The vast majority of (students) drop out or are terminated because they can't accommodate themselves to the fact that they have to live within some

rules," Rell told us. "Part of those rules are that you cannot engage in violence on a Job Corps center, and a lot of them have been terminated and have left because they won't abide by the rules."

Kassebaum argues that the department's policies aren't working. "I've been in correctional institutions that were better than Job Corps," Kassebaum told our associate Ed Henry.

One witness at the committee's hearings, 19-year-old Fred Freeman, attended a Job Corps center in Baltimore but left after only 23 days because he was "tired of getting beat up and being threatened by other students and having the center ignore what was happening." Freeman testified that drug use, gang activity, and students carrying knives and pistols went unpunished.

Labor Secretary Robert Reich has called Job Corps the "jewel in the crown" of job-training programs. He recently sent Kassebaum a letter saying he's "extremely concerned about any incidents of violence" and that "significant reform is needed."

That reform might begin with a straight story.

Jack Anderson's and Michael Binstein's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.



Anderson



CHARLEY REESE

Defenders of welfare need to define what it is

The welfare state is dead. Nobody with any sense believes it works or is workable. Its defenders are just those who make money off it or who make political hay out of it.

Let's do what most defenders of the welfare state refuse to do — define what we are talking about. Social Security and Medicare are not welfare. Unemployment insurance and workmen's compensation insurance are not welfare. Workers and employers pay for all of those programs.

The first two are services to the elderly after their productive years are over. Unemployment insurance and workmen's compensation insurance are just that — insurance against emergency or short-term problems not caused by the recipient.

You might call those four programs a safety net, paid for by themselves and their employers, for working men and women and their families.

Let's also look at public education. It isn't welfare, but, for the poor who pay little or no taxes, it is a gift from the taxpayers — and an expensive one. But I think every American is proud that children, no matter how poor their parents are, can receive a secondary education.



Reese

Therefore, there is really no excuse for anyone in America to lack an education. There are also public libraries in just about every town and county where anyone with energy and discipline can receive, for no cost at all, the equivalent of a graduate education in virtually any field.

Still, that's not all America offers its citizens. There are also public vocational and technical schools where people can learn a job-worthy skill, trade or craft at virtually no out-of-pocket costs to themselves.

I point to these public benefits — available for decades — so that you will understand that when people present themselves, uneducated and therefore unemployed, with their hands out for welfare, there is no escaping that the fault for their problem is theirs. They rejected the available opportunities.

These are people who deliberately chose not to take advantage of free public education, virtually free public vocational or technical education and the public libraries. If they are ignorant, they are willfully ignorant. If they are unqualified for gainful employment, they are willfully unqualified. And the fact is that most of them in this category are lazy, undisciplined and self-indulgent. They created themselves, sorry as that is.

And so I ask you, on what basis do they present a claim to others who are responsible for lifetime subsidy? Why should a single woman who has a child and no means of supporting it claim that everyone else owes her a monthly cash reward? Why should an able-bodied person, having rejected the opportunities offered

by schools and libraries, claim the right to housing, medical care and food at somebody else's expense?

Furnishing food, housing, cash and medical care to the healthy, young, able-bodied people who decline to work is welfare.

Most Americans, conservatives included, do not strongly object to assistance for people who have been struck down by fate, either disease or accident, and are thus rendered involuntarily dependent and have no private source of assistance. This category of people, however, is small.

What Americans are asking liberal elitists is, if we studied, worked and sacrificed to provide for our families, why should you, at the point of an IRS gun, force us to subsidize those who refuse to study, work and sacrifice? Where is the justice? And don't prattle about compassion, because that's a word that applies only to the private sector. Government-coerced redistribution schemes have nothing to do with compassion.

When people present a claim on your labor, they are in effect claiming the right to enslave you. Americans have grown tired of being enslaved by politicians in order to buy the votes of parasites. I would not only cut off the welfare given to these parasites, I'd take their voter registration card away from them, too. They don't deserve either.

Charley Reese's column is distributed by King Features Syndicate.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 1995. There are 317 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On Feb. 17, 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its "one man, one vote" decision, ruling that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population.

On this date: In 1801, the U.S. House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president. Burr became vice president.

In 1817, a street in Baltimore became the first to be lighted with gas.

In 1865, Columbia, S.C., burned as the Confederates moved out and Union forces began moving in. (It's never been determined which

side set the blaze.)

In 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, was founded in Washington.

In 1904, Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madama Butterfly" received a poor reception at its premiere at La Scala in Milan, Italy.

In 1933, the first issue of "Newsweek" magazine was published.

In 1947, the Voice of America began broadcasting to the Soviet Union.

In 1972, President Nixon departed Washington, D.C., on his historic trip to China.

In 1968, Lt. Col. William Higgins, an American officer serving with a United Nations truce monitoring group, was kidnapped in southern Lebanon (he was later slain by his captors).

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LETTERS

Acts in past should not be forgotten

Since 1989 and 50th anniversary of the start of the war in Europe, historians, journalists and many others have been reliving and reassessing the biggest armed conflict in the history of civilization.

This will continue at least through 1995. In the last few days, the Yalta Conference that shaped Europe and affected it to the present day has been remembered. We saw again the picture of President Roosevelt, with two months to live, and Prime Minister Churchill with 20 years still to live. And we have remembered Auschwitz.

Journalists all over the world are asking the same kinds of questions — have we learned anything, what lessons should we have learned from the past? Yugoslavia suggests we haven't learned enough. Generations are growing up who are too young to remember, and who are not

being taught enough about what happened. Surveys of school children (not just here in America) sometimes show that a lot of children have no idea of what happened. "Revisionists" ever try to deny that the Holocaust ever happened, which is frightening.

This debate is as strong in Germany as anywhere. German newspapers ask "Must we feel eternally guilty?" The *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* (Munich, Jan. 28) asked, "What purpose is there in memory if it does not provide the stuff of heroic epics, if looking back on incomprehensible evil cannot prevent the everyday terror of expulsion and annihilation? No messiah arose from the ovens of Auschwitz, no sign of redemption."

I think it is premature to talk about drawing final lines to relegate the past to history and forget about it. What happened this century, what "normal, average" people did, under evil leadership should be taught, and retaught. Revise and reassess by all means,

but to forget, and to distort the truth is a mistake and an insult to those who fought, died and sacrificed to make a better world.

Paul Taylor
Midland

Opinion breeds more hate, violence

I was shocked to read the letter that was written by Bryan Shores of Midland concerning gays in the military.

His OPINION about how it's an embarrassment to this country to have gays in the military is the most heinous statement I have heard in my entire life.

In my opinion Shores is an embarrassment to our country. It's people like him that feed hate and violence into the world and therefore contribute problems to the mega-beast of our society.

C. Todd Dyer
Lubbock

Council needs more experts from area

Where are our nation's petroleum experts located? There seem to be more from areas that produce no petroleum than from petroleum-producing areas. Could this be the reason why United States oil production is falling precipitously?

There are 22 members of the National Petroleum Council from the northeast (i.e., District of Columbia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts). There is only one member from Midland.

Members of the National Petroleum Council are appointed by Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary. For those in the oil patch who might want to provide her with suggestions, nominations or opinions, her address is 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585. Her fax number is (202) 586-4403.

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Four soldiers die from exposure during Army Ranger training

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AP) — Four soldiers died of exposure after struggling through chilly, chest-deep swamp waters in the last days of a two-month effort to become Army Rangers.

The soldiers, training to be among the Army's elite warriors, had already undergone stressful testing in the forest, desert and mountains to prepare them for extreme conditions faced in warfare.

They had been out in the swampy grounds of Eglin Air Force Base in the Florida Panhandle since Saturday, and eight began suffering from hypothermia Wednesday. Hypothermia is caused by severe loss of body heat, leading to extreme fatigue, drowsiness, disorientation, and sometimes death.

Seven were taken to a clinic, where three of them died late Wednesday. The rescue effort was hampered by foggy weather. The body of the eighth was found at about daybreak Thursday.

"Ranger training is ... one of the most difficult courses the Army offers," said Al Blanchard, a former Ranger and a spokesman at Fort Benning, Ga., Ranger headquarters.

"The whole course is designed to push the individual. There is very little sleep involved, a lot of stress. It's not unusual for the individual to keep going on sheer guts."

Blanchard said he didn't know what the water temperature was, but "it doesn't have to be particularly cold to suffer from hypothermia."

The Florida Panhandle had just warmed up this week after a cold snap with highs in the 40s and lows at or below freezing. The National Weather Service estimated that water temperatures for this time of year range in the mid to upper 50s.

The soldiers began boat training Wednesday morn-

ing and were patrolling in the swamps by mid-afternoon. They began building rope bridges as they moved into deeper waters.

At about 5:30 p.m., instructors noticed one student was showing signs of hypothermia, and by the time a helicopter arrived, several others started showing symptoms and were taken to a clinic, said officials at the 724-square-mile base.

Three of the survivors were in good condition and the fourth was listed as stable and in intensive care.

Names and home units of the soldiers were not released pending notification of relatives.

The deaths were being investigated by the Army Safety Office out of Fort Rucker, Ala.

Ranger school, which is based at Fort Benning and has camps in Dahlgren, Ga.; Fort Bliss, Texas; and Eglin, trains about 3,000 soldiers in leadership and small-unit skills each year. The last casualty at the Florida camp was a drowning that occurred in 1985. The soldiers come to Fort Benning near Columbus, Ga., from bases all over the world.

The Ranger training course was begun in October 1951 and is supposed to develop leaders with endurance and mental and physical stamina.

The Florida class had 102 students separated into three platoons of 34 men apiece. The men undergo severe sleep and food deprivation while going through maneuvers to simulate the harsh conditions of battle.

Monica Manganaro, a spokeswoman at Fort Benning, said candidates are physically tested during a week of screening before Ranger school begins.

"They have to be in good physical condition and even better mental condition," she said.

Surgeon general nominee tries to ease concerns, meets legislators

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. Henry Foster Jr. tried to ease concerns about his abortion record Thursday as he met for the first time with senators including Nancy Kassebaum, who will preside over hearings on his surgeon general nomination.

Unlike some other Republican senators, Kassebaum, of Kansas, does not oppose abortion. But she has complained that the White House "badly mishandled" the nomination by offering conflicting reports about how many Foster had performed.

Meeting with Sen. Arlen Specter, another Republican who favors abortion rights, Foster tried to clear up the matter. He said an initial report Kassebaum got that he had performed only one abortion came from a misunderstanding with Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala.

"It arose when he described one very unusual abortion he performed," Specter said. "He did not

intend to state that was a limit."

The Tennessee obstetrician-gynecologist told Specter he later relied on memory in saying that he had performed fewer than 12 abortions, and did not check his records. Foster has said his latest determination — that he had performed 39 abortions since 1973 — was based on a study of his records from Meharry Medical College.

Since Foster's nomination was announced two weeks ago, he has been under attack from anti-abortion groups and conservative lawmakers. They have criticized him both for having performed abortions and for what they call a lack of credibility — because of varying answers about the exact number.

Asked during his meeting with Kassebaum if he felt like a political football, Foster said, "I am numb, so I don't know how I'm feeling."

She made no comment after the meeting.

After meeting with Foster,

Specter repeated his contention that abortion should not be a litmus test.

"I think he's entitled to a hearing and I think the Senate ought to listen to him, evaluate his credibility in terms of what he has to say," Specter said.

Kassebaum has said the hearing probably will begin in mid-March, after FBI background checks are completed. The White House contends the time gap will give Foster more time to make his case.

Like many lawmakers, Specter said he had made no decision but added, "In the brief meeting I had with Dr. Foster, I think he's an impressive man. He's come up on a tough road."

Foster also met with two vocal supporters on the Senate committee — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, its ranking Democrat, and Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md.



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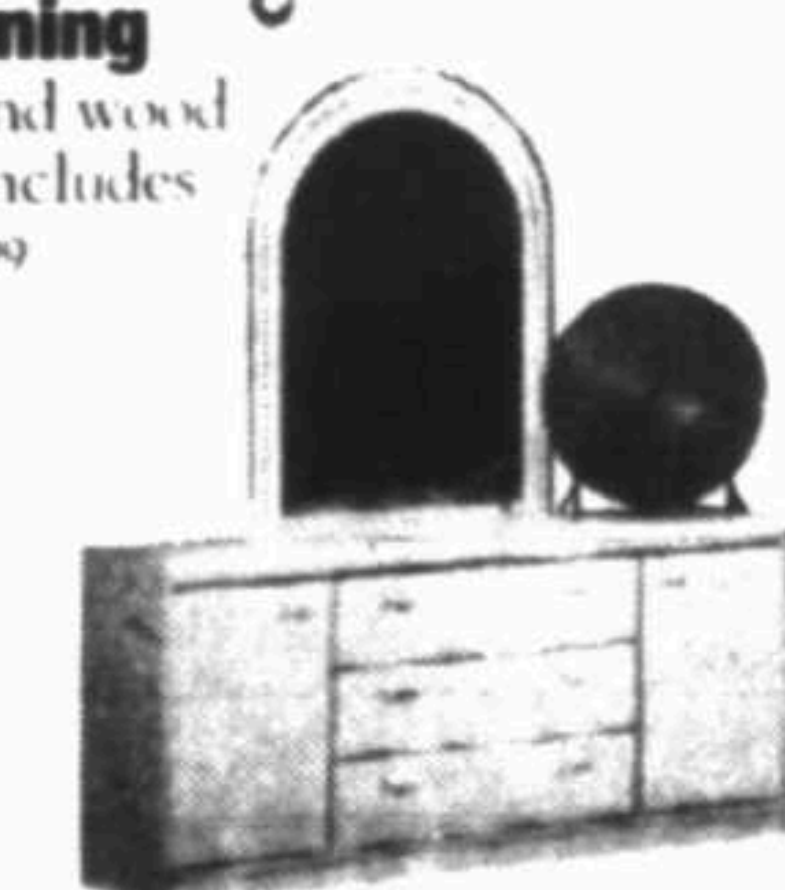
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Mother rejoices as comatose son awakens

By MICHELLE LOCKE

Associated Press

GREENBRAE, Calif. — Julie Christine thought she was losing her son when he slipped into a coma after being hit by a car two weeks ago. Sitting next to his hospital bed, she sobbed and prepared for the worst.

Then she felt his hand brush her hair. "I looked up and I said, 'I love you,'" she said. Stunned, she watched as he mouthed back, "I love you."

"I define it as a miracle. That's my opinion as a mother," Christine said Thursday, recalling the moment Sunday night.

Dr. Merrill Nisam, critical care director at Marin General Hospital in Greenbrae, said 20-year-old John Martin's emergence from the coma was "pleasantly fortuitous, but it's not rare."

Martin, who could stand up with assistance Thursday, faces months of rehabilitation. It probably will be at least a year before doctors know whether he will make a full recovery from his severe head injuries,

'I define it as a miracle. That's my opinion as a mother.'

— Julie Christine, mother

Nisam said.

Before his awakening, Martin had two brain operations, his medication had been withdrawn and a respirator had been shut off. That frightened his mother, although Nisam said Martin no longer needed the medication or respirator.

It was the second time in as many months that Christine had rushed to the side of an injured child. She flew to North Carolina when her 23-year-old daughter, Eileen, was injured in a car crash on Christmas Day. The young woman fully recovered.

Martin had been back home in Novato, about 25 miles north of San Francisco, for a week and a half when disaster struck again.

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Mississippi's Senate votes to ban slavery

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — It only took 130 years, but the Mississippi Senate finally voted to abolish slavery.

The House will vote next on the amendment, which senators unanimously approved Thursday with no debate.

Mississippi is the only state never to ratify the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution outlawing slavery.

The state held out when the slavery amendment was adopted in 1865, in part because lawmakers were angry they had not been reimbursed for freed slaves.

"I don't think it's an issue many people here would want to debate," said Democratic state Sen. Johnnie Walls.

"It makes you reflect on Mississippi's past, the nation's past ... how hard it has been for black people to overcome slavery."

Democratic state Sen. Hillman Frazier, who brought the inaction to the attention of lawmakers this year, said the Legislature has a responsibility to address it.

"It's never a waste of time to correct a wrong," he said.

But Republican state Sen. Mike Gunn called the vote silly.

"It seems to me to be a moot issue. The Mississippi of 1995 is not the Mississippi of 1865 or even 1955," he said.

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Story presentation

The story of "Zora Hurston and the Chinaberry Tree" will be presented by Althea Blischke 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Pages and Prints Bookstore, Wadley Avenue at Garfield Street. The book is based on the childhood of author Zora Neale Hurston. Ms. Blischke will also explain the essay contest "Tell the World My Dream" that is open to boys and girls in grades kindergarten through 12. Young writers are invited to submit essays of about 150 words explaining their special dreams and how they will make them come true. Gift certificates will be awarded to the winners and two runners-up in each of four age categories. All essays from girls ages 7-11 will be entered in a national contest sponsored by publisher Lee and Low. Then from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday the store will host poet David Jung and illustrator Steve Moncus, whose book "Like a Horn Through the Heart" recalls cowboy and western life — past and present. To reserve space at the storytelling call 570-5173.

Rent-A-Narc

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court on Thursday rejected an appeal of five Abilene men who claimed to have been wrongly accused by a free-lance undercover drug narc.

The ruling appears to bring an end to the saga of William Lonnie Hood, who was nicknamed "Reverend Rent-a-Narc" by authorities after leaving a trail of questions and outrage in seven West Texas counties from 1987 to 1991./3B

TODAY'S AGENDA

Listings for meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous, Alanon, Palmer Drug Abuse Program, Codependents Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Adult Children of Alcoholics can now be heard on CITYLINE. Call 560-2400 and enter category 1880 for complete information.

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 S. G St., 570-8612. Southside Lions Club, noon, Southside Lions Club Building. Tall City Road Riders, dinner ride, 7 p.m., leave from Team Bank, 694-5310.

SATURDAY

Overeaters Anonymous, 9 a.m., Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity. For more information, call 520-6069.

Midland Co. Library, volunteers from the Midland Genealogical Society are available 10-12 a.m. to help beginners search their family tree.

Evening for recreation and leisure for those with mental retardation, 682-9771.

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Agency helps, educates consumers

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

Services offered by a local non-profit credit counseling agency range from assisting someone who is tens of thousands of dollars in debt to helping an individual set up a household budget or read a credit report. The Consumer Credit Counseling Service — which provides assistance to 25-30 people a week locally — celebrated its fifth year in Midland on Thursday.

For those with debt problems, the agency helps the consumer explore opportunities to increase income, make lifestyle changes to reduce expenses and work out debt payment plans.

"We offer confidential one-on-one counseling and it's at no charge," said Martha Norris, counselor at the Mid-

land office.

People sometimes find themselves in financial trouble as the result of unemployment, divorce or medical problems.

Oftentimes, the problems arise from a person's lack of patience for material possessions. "They want too much, too soon, too fast," Ms. Norris said.

When assessing the financial state of a consumer, counselors help bring to light possibilities to turn the situation around, Ms. Norris said. The consumer makes his or her own decisions on what to do, she said.

The agency acts as a go-between for an individual in debt and creditors. "We contact all their creditors and offer payment plans that the consumer can afford," Ms. Norris said.

The agency helps determine a payment plan in which

the consumer sees progress instead of becoming frustrated because of accumulating delinquent charges, Ms. Norris said.

"Frankly, we're an alternative to bankruptcy in some cases," said Wayne Morgan, district manager in Midland.

But credit counseling is more than assisting those already in trouble. The agency also educates consumers before they can get into debt.

The agency offers counseling and workshops on various topics, including money management, how to read credit reports, how to correct errors in credit reports, budgeting for first-time home buyers and advice on pre-mortgage and delinquent mortgage payments.

To better serve the Permian Basin area, the agency

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Legal fallout is uncertain in implant trial

By Terri Langford
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Like women nationwide with pending lawsuits against breast implant manufacturers, Army Dr. Jennifer Ladner decided to forego a sure thing for a better return in court.

Instead of claiming a portion of the \$4.2 billion global settlement fund set up in an Alabama federal court, Dr. Ladner decided to go it alone. She filed her own \$18 million case against manufacturer Dow Corning Inc. and parent Dow Chemical Co.

Dr. Ladner came away with a legal victory this week, but her huge gamble was a financial bust as jurors denied her damage claim. She returned to El Paso without a cent.

It was not immediately certain whether Dr. Ladner's case would put a chill on thousands of individual breast-implant cases pending around the nation and send more women to the settlement fund.

"Frankly, there's not much more they (manufacturers) can do to intimidate, harass, to pressure, to convince women to go into the global settlement," said Gail Armstrong, spokeswoman for the National Breast Implant Coalition of Dallas. "Frankly they're after every last one of us, especially in Texas."

In Texas, Harris County appears to be the center of the breast-implant storm with more than 3,000 pending lawsuits.

Although she lost financially, Dr. Ladner's attorney, Richard Mithoff, successfully proved for the first time that Dow Chemical, which owns 50 percent of Dow Corning Inc. was partially liable for damages suffered by the doctor's co-plaintiff, Gladys Laas.

"I think that they found against Dow Chemical on the substantial assistance issue is still a significant finding," Mithoff said. Dow Chemical, of Midland, Mich., must now pay 20 percent of \$5.2 million awarded to Mrs. Laas and her husband Robert.

But whether that one issue — that Dow Chemical was a party to Dow Corning testing of implant materials — will withstand appeal scrutiny is still up in the air.



Brian Adamchik/Reporter-Telegram

Saxophonist Tom Braxton gave hands-on instruction to eighth-grader Allison Miller Friday at Abell Junior High School. In addition to teaching, Braxton gave a performance for Abell students.

Braxton encourages practice, hard work

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

The lilting notes of a tenor saxophone soothed restless students into momentary silence at the end of the school day Thursday. The musical skill and showmanship of Tom Braxton caught the attention of usually boisterous seventh- and eighth-graders at Abell Junior High School.

Accompanied by music from a cassette player, Braxton opened his late afternoon presentation with a jazzed up version of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

He then delighted teen-agers by walking up and down the aisles playing a tenor sax. Sitting down next to students brought

squeals and cheers. Between songs, Braxton stopped to give students messages of encouragement and told them to give serious thought to their academic futures. He described the dedication needed for a "Lubbock boy" like himself to succeed well enough to perform with such notables as Luther Vandross, Phillip Bailey and Cab Calloway. "It takes practice and it takes hard work," he said.

"You can't wait until you are a senior in high school to decide what you want to do in life. You need to start now," Braxton told his young audience.

Braxton, a professional musician described as one of Texas' "hottest jazz/fusion artists," gave a lively presentation

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Confederate Air Force
Col. Henry Potter, left,
and Col. Robert Hite
flew with Gen. Jimmy
Doolittle in the 1942
raid over Tokyo.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram



'Doolittle Raiders' tour CAF

■ One of the "Doolittle Raiders", Col. Robert Hite, received the Medal of Honor during his visit to Midland.

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The morale-boosting value of the Jimmy Doolittle-commanded airborne attack of Japan by 18 B-25s was recounted in Midland Thursday when two of the 34 surviving "Doolittle Raiders" toured the Confederate Air Force headquarters and the American

Airpower Heritage Museum at Midland International Airport.

"We were the first air offense against Japan to show them that they were not invulnerable," recalled Robert "Bob" Hite, co-pilot of the last aircraft to fly off the carrier. The raid was launched on the morning of April 16, 1942, from the U.S. Navy's aircraft carrier USS Hornet about 700 miles off the coast of Japan.

Targets of the U.S. Army Air Corps' bombers were industrial-military sites at Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka, Kobe, and Nagoya.

Particularly after the press learned

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Ed Todd

Life is simple yet intricate, complex, perplexing circle

This force called life is a simple but intricate and often perplexing cycle.

Sometimes it descends into a fog. At other times, life transcends murk and quagmire and reigns in an aura of clarity and tranquility and bliss.

For many of Earth's denizens, that euphoria is fleeting. It may even be an illusion, an imagined thing, that propels man and woman to do fanciful things when wanderlust and romance entertain the mind and heart. But surely it is real if the heart thinks so.

The images of the sunrise and the sunset are, indeed, as genuine to the observer as is the real McCoy. What we see, of course, is embedded in light.

What we perceive is in the caverns of the mind, though it appears to be "out yonder."

And that observation gives rise to debatable con-

cepts of reality, nonsense, illusion, delusion, and always, wonderment.

Life, really, is pretty simple. But humankind has a well-honed propensity to complicate anything beyond the basic necessities: food, clothing, shelter.

Those are basics that are least appreciated when they are in abundance and most appreciated when they are threatened and, particularly, when they are lacking.

It is most interesting to observe how the concept of death facilitates the realignment of priorities.

Things that are dearth oftentimes are dear, since dearth comes from dear, of which there is a dearth.

Mankind and womankind are gifted in the art and in the science of complicating things. Mainly, the complications are rooted in avarice and pride, which are disguised by many cloaks. It is the people, one at a time, who want more than they need and desire more worth than they have earned.

Until mankind and womankind have learned the

sense of balance and completeness that is innately in the nature of things outside the realm of humankind, there always will be unresolved struggle and chaos devoid of hope for order.

Where is balance? Where is completeness? Where is spirituality?

They all are within the soul, deep within the self, and are beckoning to be set free to consume the self. But getting there requires much soul-searching and honesty.

Once there, we, children of the good Earth, can delight in the simple but vastly fascinating wonders of life: the rising and falling of the sun, the appearance and disappearance of the moon, and the fanciful flights of our spirits freed from the shackles of our own misdirected devices.

Life is a delightful gift sometimes more interesting and fanciful than other times.

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

RAID: Former WWII prisoner receives award

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of the raid, "Things looked up all over not only for America but for other countries in the world," said Henry "Hank" Potter, who was Doolittle's navigator.

America's morale was heightened by news of the raid. Until then, Japan thought it was invincible to airborne attack.

At the time of the raid, the United States had been in the war only four months following Japan's unprovoked attack on Pearl Harbor. And the Japanese navy and army were deep into their mission to conquer Pacific territories and mainland China.

But the Doolittle Raid, though it resulted in minimal physical damage to Japan's war-making industry, was demoralizing to the Japanese and uplifting to the Americans and their allies.

Hite, a native Texan who now lives in Camden, Ark., and Potter, a former South Dakotan who lives in Austin, are two of the surviving 34 members of the original 80 Doolittle volunteers. Seventy-one of them survived the attack.

Fourteen of the raiders were

Texans, said Marguerite Crain, who grew up with Hite in White City near Vernon.

The Doolittle Raid "broke the morale of the Japanese and raised the morale of the American people," Ms. Crain said. "And it reversed Japan's conquest in the Pacific. They were on the defensive from that day forward."

Ms. Crain, as a member of Midland's Theunis Dey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was instrumental in bringing Hite and Potter to Midland.

The DAR presented Hite with its highest award, the Medal of Honor, for his heroics as a surviving Doolittle Raider. He was among several fliers from two of the crews who were captured by the Japanese in China after they abandoned their crashed airplanes.

Hite and three others survived 40 months as prisoners of war. Three others, including the pilot of Hite's B-25, his engineer and the pilot of the sixth bomber to leave the carrier, were executed by the Japanese.

"The DAR doesn't have a group

medal" to honor all of the surviving Doolittle Raiders," Ms. Crain said. "We had to pick one. We thought it was appropriate; he (Hite) suffered the most."

After his B-25 dropped its bombs over Nagoya, Hite's aircraft headed across the sea to China.

"We ran out of fuel and bailed out over China," Hite, 75, recalled. "We had hit our target and flown 800 miles over the Yellow Sea. Our underground activity didn't work out; so we had to bail out of the aircraft."

Hite said his bombardier, Jacob "Jake" DeShazer, who survived imprisonment, attended divinity school and returned to Japan "to preach the Gospel to the Japanese."

Of his survival, Hite said, "I figure, maybe, it was God's plan for it to work out that way."

Potter, now 76, remembers Doolittle — who in 1942 was an "old man" at 45 — as "one was one of the great aviation pioneers."

At the raid, Hite was 21; Potter was 23.

Doolittle was "a great motivator of men, and the type of leader that really all of us would

have gone with him at anywhere at," Potter said. "If he said you could do something, well, you could do it. We had practiced short-field takeoffs (on land) ... but none of us really knew if we were going to be able to fly off the deck of the carrier. But the boss said 'You can do it,' and, well, we knew we could do it."

Doolittle died in 1993 at age 96.

At the time of the raid — the brainchild of a U.S. Navy submarine captain, Francis Low — "the morale of the entire world was very low," Potter said.

CAF Executive Director Bob Rice said the war's "living history" is represented by Hite and Potter in their tour of the museum.

"Truly, we had living history here," Rice said. "To hear these two gentlemen relate their individual experiences and their harrowing story certainly makes me reflect ... on how fortunate we are to enjoy the freedoms that we have today. And these are two fellows who, without a doubt, have made an ultimate contribution toward that freedom."



Rawley Mims, a Martin County 4-H member, showed a first place winner in the Junior European Crossbred Steer Division at the 99th edition of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth, which concluded earlier this month.

PLAY: Musician encourages students to succeed

(From 1B)

using three different instruments. And his ability to motivate the younger generation didn't stop with the end of his presentation and the final school bell.

About 20 students, many of them from the school band, crowded around Braxton asking for autographs and tips on playing their musical instruments. Braxton gave an autographed cassette tape of his songs to one young lady in a wheelchair and then picked up his tenor sax to join seventh-grade flutist Stephanie Henderson in an impromptu duet of "The Victors."

"He is really, really good," said eighth-grader Valerie Morgan, clutching an autographed sheet of notebook paper in her hand. Valerie, who plays percussion in the Abell band, said, "It was very

nice of him to come here and play for us."

James Fuller said the Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs (MBCE) brought Braxton to Midland due to popular demand. Braxton performed previously in the Tall City with his jazz band "No Compromise."

After a full day of visiting Midland schools and a church on Thursday, Braxton plans more public school presentations today and an evening performance at Mardis Gras Midland. On Saturday, the public is invited to attend an 8:30 p.m. public concert at Green Tree Country Club.

Saturday's Green Tree concert is part of MBCE's ninth anniversary celebration. The Business of the Year Award and other awards will be presented near the end of the evening.

"We brought Braxton to Midland a little early (before Saturday's public concert) because he is a very good motivator for young people with a positive message," Fuller said.

Braxton said he had to "find his niche" in order to perform for a living. He also instructs budding musicians at Christ for the Nations Institute, a private school in south Dallas.

A summa cum laude graduate of Texas Tech University music school, Braxton divides his time between teaching music, performing with "No Compromise" and writing songs. He plays keyboards, guitar, bass, drums, percussion and various wind instruments and has made appearances on cable and public broadcasting networks.

Braxton's schedule today

includes performances at 9 a.m. at Coleman High School, noon-1 p.m. at Midland College, 2:15-3:10 p.m. at Crockett Elementary School, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Talk 0' the Town, 2200 W. Wadley, No. 12 Oakridge Square; and 8-9 p.m. at the Mardi Gras celebration at Midland Center.

Tickets for Saturday's public performance and MBCE celebration at Green Tree Country Club are \$17.50 at the door. Tickets purchased in advance are \$15. They may be purchased or reserved by calling 682-2864. Corporate tables are available at \$200. The fax is 684-6422. Discount tickets for seniors, students and college students with ID are \$10 and should be reserved in advance.

Reservations are recommended as seating is limited to 250.

DEATHS

Joe Howell III

Services for Joe Howell III of Odessa are to be at 3 p.m. today at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Ralph Gates officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Howell died Tuesday at an Odessa hospital.

Pallbearers are to be Howard Capps, Nathan Lamb, Eddie Montanez, Billy Kessler, Cody Crossland and Randy Sanders.

Charles Hardy

Services for Charles D. Hardy of Midland are to be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Steve Schorr and F. Ray Riddle officiating. Burial will follow at Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Hardy died Wednesday at a local hospital. He was born Aug. 18, 1917, in

Orth, where he was reared. He attended school in Newcastle.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1942-45.

He moved to Midland in 1963 from Newcastle.

He married Jewell Anderson on Aug. 28, 1965, in Midland.

He worked for the U.S. Postal Service until his retirement in 1979.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Nathaniel Lee Hardy Jr. Survivors include his wife, Jewell Hardy of Midland; a sister, Elizabeth I. Hardy of Arlington; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2304 Wadley, Midland, 79705, or the charity of one's choice.

William Patterson

Services for William E. "Pat" Patterson of Midland are pending under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Patterson died Thursday at a local hospital.

Residents voice concerns over boll weevil pesticides

WESLACO (AP) — Agriculture officials heard a resident's complaint Thursday that whenever they spray South Texas cotton fields for boll weevils, they're also endangering people.

"There are lots of human lives that are much more important than the little animals that they want to kill with more chemicals," Maria Gomez, speaking in Spanish, said at a public meeting.

"In our area there are so many fields and so many people who don't have air conditioning and have their windows open when the planes drop pesticides."

Environmentalists and dwellers of "colonias" — poor, rural communities — voiced concerns about a U.S. Department of Agriculture program aimed at eradicating the boll weevil, one of the costliest

pests in U.S. farming.

USDA officials defended the Lower Rio Grande Valley Boll Weevil Eradication Program as a way of reducing pesticide use over the long run.

Valley farmers currently spray independently of each other. The program, which USDA officials claim has been successful in other states, involves coordinated aerial spraying of malathion to keep the insects from moving from field to field.

The USDA and local cotton farmers split the costs of the program.

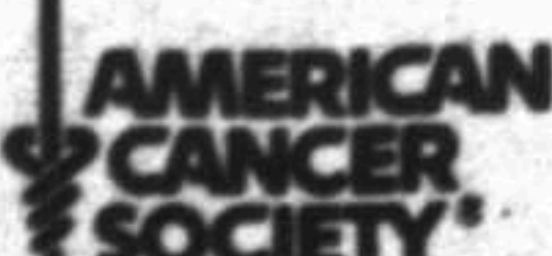
Bill Grefenstette, senior operations officer in the USDA's national boll weevil program, said it generally takes three to four years of applications to eradicate the boll weevil from an area.

Cotton farmers acting on their own would likely use more pesticides, in higher concentrations, over a longer period of time, according to Harold Smith, project leader for an environmental assessment of the proposed Rio Grande Valley program.

The environmental assessment, first published Jan. 30, concluded that the program would have no significant impact on the Valley environment or colonia residents.

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West Texan remembers WWII, Iwo Jima experiences

By Roy Roy A. Jones II
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE — The harder he tries to forget, the more Keith Wells remembers of the bloody battle for Iwo Jima.

Has it already been 50 years? It seems like only yesterday, the longtime Abilene oilman marvels, shaking his gray, balding head.

In a way Wells longs to forget leading young men to their deaths; in another way he clings tenaciously to the memory of their intense loyalty, their uncommon valor and their supreme sacrifice.

So he remembers the price they paid to raise the first American flag on Mount Suribachi — even though to do so often is more painful than the wounds he also suffered during the fierce combat.

"If some of your family or close friends are disemboweled and had their heads blown off in front of you, how long do you think it would take for that to become dim in your memory, especially if you were directly responsible for their actions and well being?" he asks somberly.

It is the vivid memory of his men's slaughter — not a callous hatred for an old enemy — that causes him to snarl smugly when he describes how his decimated platoon finally managed to use flame-throwers to flush Japanese machine gunners from thick concrete bunkers on Mount Suribachi.

"Three of them came out the back door on fire. The noise was so great you couldn't hear. The flame-thrower I had stationed near the back door gave me a look

like 'what should I do?'. With my eyes, I said, 'Hit 'em!' and he did. He curled 'em up like bacon!"

Japanese, who have deep respect for fellow warriors, hold no grudge for what happened in war. In fact, Wells was invited to Japan in 1983 and was accorded more honors than he had ever received from the United States up to that point.

Keith Wells will spend Sunday, the 50th anniversary of the Marine

invasion of Iwo Jima, with longtime friends who understand his feelings: fellow Marines who also served at Iwo Jima.

"Folks probably think we sit around and tell war stories. That's not what we do," Wells said last week while autographing copies of his new book, "Iwo Jima."

He searched for words in trying to describe his thoughts about Iwo Jima and his brave young men.

"It's deeper than the crying

stage; it's deeper than the friendship stage; it's deeper than the family stage, or at least the same as family in a little different way," he said.

"This wasn't an overnight thing. That's what makes it so different," he said. "We were in combat every single day from the 19th of February until the 16th of March. In fact I lost my last sergeant on the very last day."

POLICE REPORTS

Burglary arrest

A Midland man has been arrested in connection with a series of residential burglaries in December and January.

Kenneth Martin Blaylock, 50, was arrested Feb. 3, and charged with six counts of burglary of a habitation, according to a police report.

Blaylock remains in jail with bond set at \$15,000.

Blaylock was arrested in connection with six burglaries, including two in the 700 block of Melton Alley; one in the 2500 block of Castleford Road; one in the 2300 block of Auburn Drive; one at 2300 N. A St.; and one in the 2300 block of N. Pecos St., according to the report.

To date, officials have recovered \$5,000 in property from the burglaries.

Officials are also investigating Blaylock in connection with more burglaries.

Investigation

The FBI, Texas Rangers and Midland County Sheriff's Office have arrested a Midland man on theft charges and are continuing to investigate his company after receiving reports of fraud and theft concerning the company.

Texas Rangers arrested 27-year-old Floyd Wayne Smith, owner of Goldstream Vending Co. in Midland, on Tuesday on charges of theft over \$20,000. Smith was transferred to the Midland County Detention Center and was released after he posted \$20,000 bond, according to report.

Officials are asking anyone who has done business with company to contact the Sheriff's Office, the FBI or the Texas Rangers.

Tuesday

Vandalism: A vandalism was reported at 2601 N. A St. It was reported at 3:22 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: Roy Miblett reported a VCR and speakers, valued at \$550, taken from 713 W. Pine Ave. It was reported at 4:52 p.m. Entry was gained through an unlocked bathroom window.

Vandalism: Kathy Motley reported a vandalism at 4718 Cindy St. It was reported at 5:33 p.m.

Wednesday
Stolen vehicle: Robert Nash reported a red 1978 Ford was taken from 3100 Caldera Blvd. It was reported at 9:51 a.m.

Anyone with information concerning these incidents should contact the police department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

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Court denies claims in Rent-A-Narc case

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court on Thursday rejected an appeal of five Abilene men who claimed to have been wrongly accused by a freelance undercover drug narc.

The ruling appears to bring an end to the saga of William Lonnie Hood, who was nicknamed "Reverend Rent-a-Narc" by authorities after leaving a trail of questions and outrage in seven West Texas counties from 1987 to 1991.

Willie Tutt, Walter Beal, Mart Brown Jr., Douglas Norman and Phillip Norman contended that they lost their jobs and their reputations after being falsely implicated by Hood, who had been hired to do undercover work by the Abilene Police Department.

The men sued the city of Abilene and Hood for \$1 million in damages, claiming "wrongful arrest, wrongful imprisonment and unlawful searches and seizures."

Lower courts had rejected their case, citing a provision of the Texas Constitution that gives cities immunity from nearly all liability claims. The Supreme Court, which ruled without comment, agreed.

San Antonio attorney Randall Jackson, who represents the Abilene men, said Hood's work represents "how little people's rights are protected against bumbles by cities and counties."

"This ruling is a license for law enforcement to hire untrained, dishonest undercover operatives and to turn them loose among the lambs on the street," Jackson said.

City officials said the ruling was a relief.

"We are glad to see it over with," said Abilene Police Chief

Melvin Martin. "It's been a long, trying ordeal. Lonnie Hood was quite controversial. We know that he made some good cases as well as a few questionable ones."

More than 150 drug cases made by Hood — primarily against blacks and Hispanics — were dropped by six of seven counties in which he worked from 1987 to 1991. Only authorities in Yoakum County have stood by Hood's busts.

Many of the cases, which often resulted in prison terms that included some life sentences, were dismissed following Hood's indictment in 1991 in Sweetwater on charges of tampering with governmental records and perjury.

"He professed his innocence all through the time I represented him," said Lubbock attorney Buddy Maner, who represented Hood

in his criminal case. "They had some evidence that maybe something was a little haywire with his busts, but he was as believable as anything, and he said he didn't do anything wrong."

Hood, who received four years' deferred adjudication after reaching a plea agreement on the Sweetwater charges, often cruised into town on a low-rider motorcycle, sporting black leather and the talk of every street-smart drug dealer.

Although he was not a certified police officer, he boasted of a prominent military record and claimed to be an ordained minister. His recommendations from undercover drug work in little towns across New Mexico were good enough that Texas sheriffs and police chiefs enlisted him in their war on drugs.

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On page 10 of the Sears Sunday, February 12, advertising section you may have received, there is a printing error. The closeout Whirlpool Refrigerator #31022 (MFR. #ED20PKXB) does not have the feature ice/crushed ice/water as stated in the ad. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.

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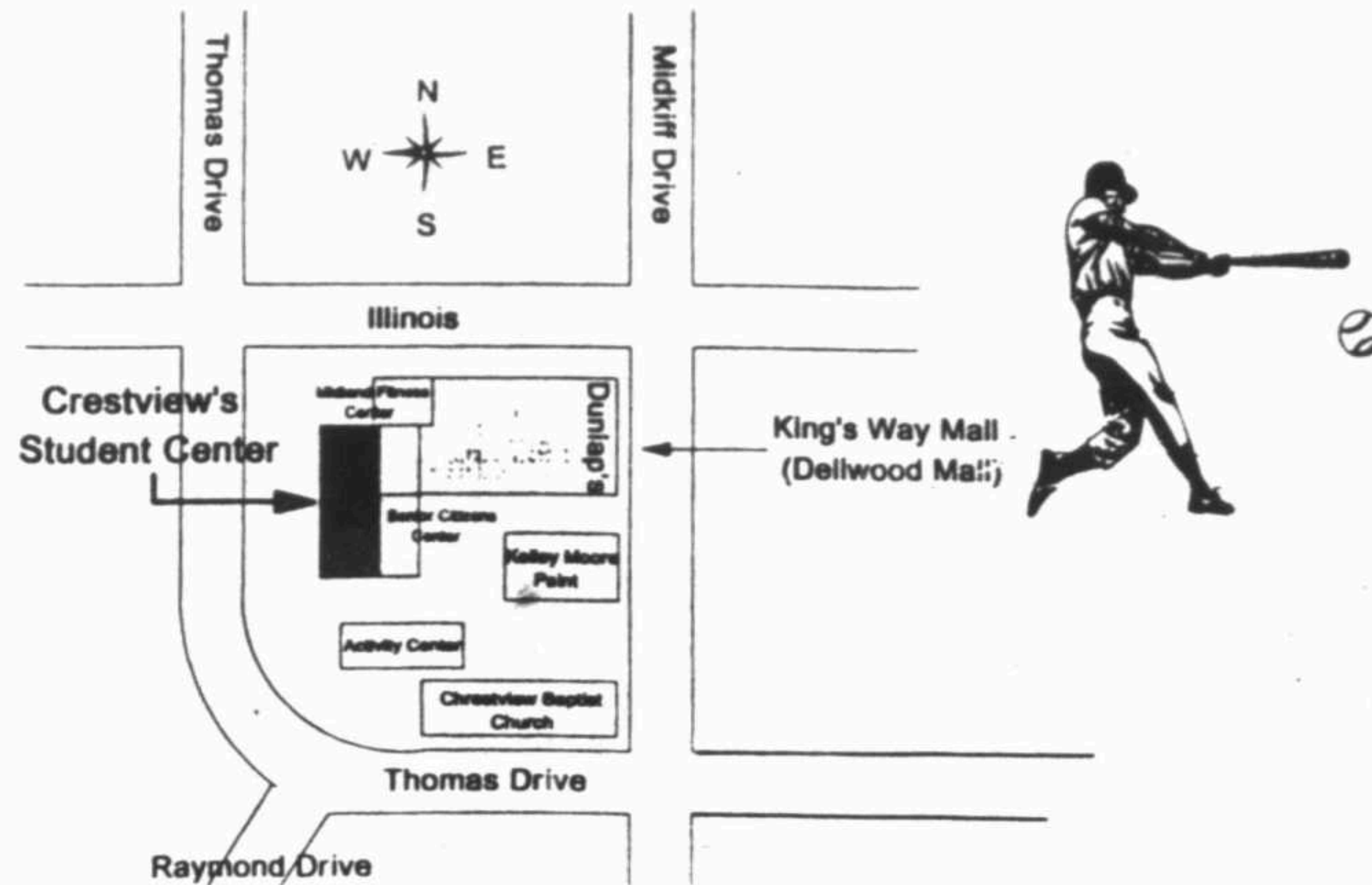
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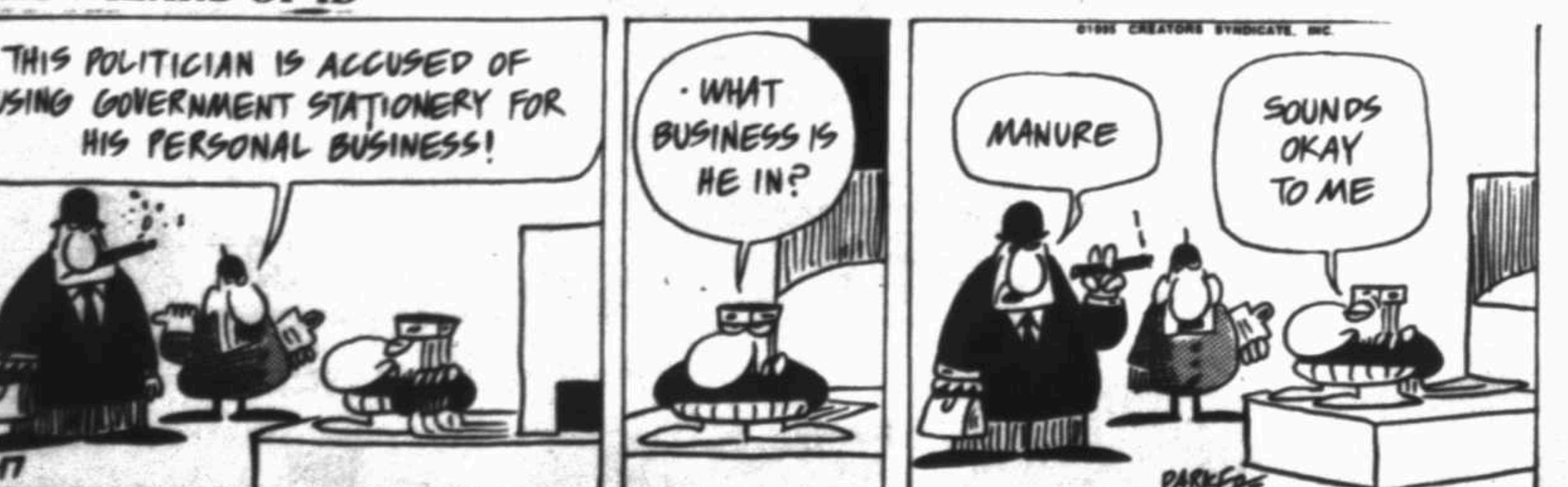
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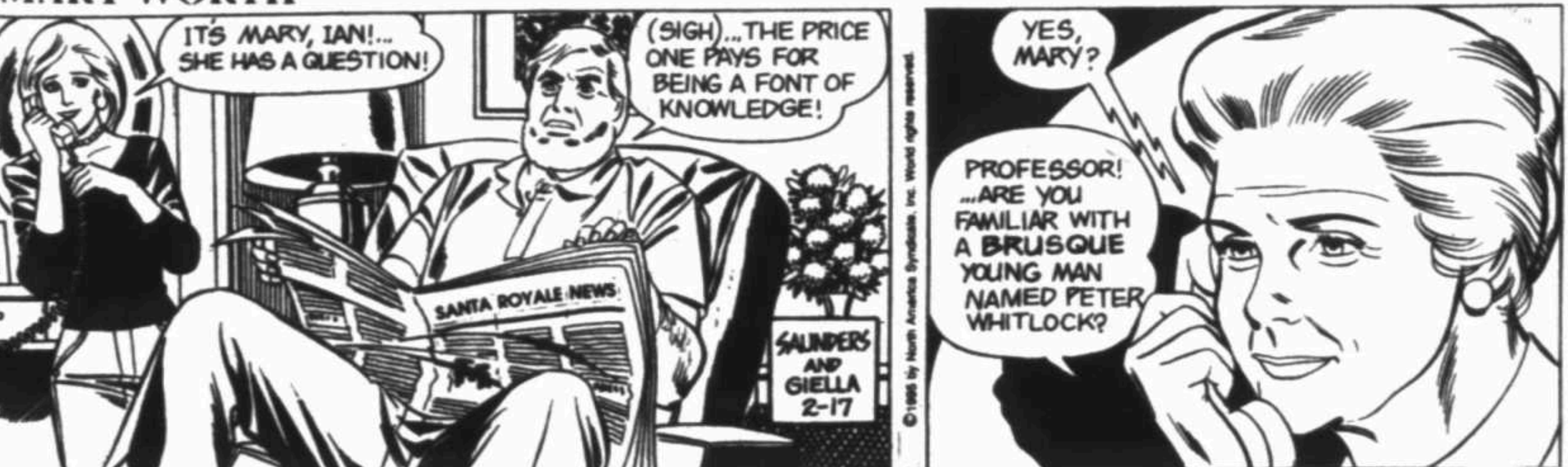
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Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1995

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Give free rein to your natural talents. Your willingness to work hard and make temporary sacrifices will help a dream come true. A legacy or windfall next autumn means greater financial security. If presently unattached, your romantic status could change significantly by Christmas. Combine business with pleasure on a trip you take early in 1996. Give a loved one a second chance to restore something that has been lost.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: basketball legend Michael Jordan, actress Brenda Fricker, actor Lou Diamond Phillips, famed contralto Marian Anderson.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Remedial forces are now at work. A period of quiet reflection will leave you in a more constructive frame of mind. Keep a loved one by your side in both good times and bad.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Maintain an open mind about a business proposal. Too much intensity will grate on your co-workers' nerves. Gather with good chums tonight and plan a special celebration.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a long look at your financial strategy. Improvements can be made in the way you handle your assets and resources. Forget past disap-

pointments and articulate your needs to loved ones.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Love is a two-way street. Show romantic partner the same consideration that you expect. A daily walk or jog will give you new energy. Curb a tendency to nag your nearest and dearest!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone who comes on strong at work today may have hidden motives. Probe beneath the surface; you cannot afford to accept a seemingly generous offer at face value. A love relationship enters rough waters.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): People in high places may not respond as expected. Those who think you mild-mannered will soon learn that steel lurks below your pleasant manner. Remember, politeness can be a sign of strength.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do not ignore a hunch that you are being fed false information. Gains through gambling are highly unlikely; a responsible approach will take you much farther. Evaluate your financial choices carefully.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Zero in on what is important to you. Friendships can be costly; wise up!

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Focus on work and getting the job done. Trivial problems will soon resolve themselves. Help is on the way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Remember, there is no room for sentiment in business when you are fighting a ruthless competitor. Write, phone or meet face-to-face with someone who can provide you with valuable insider information.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The emphasis now is on protecting both personal and joint assets. Change a budget only if the new arrangement will give you greater financial security. A former employer could use your services again.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Although a cash shortage may slow you down, it will not stop you entirely. A writing project could lead to a second income. Enroll in a special class. An ardent admirer could be overdoing things.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Watch out for life in the fast lane. Those who slow down will end up accomplishing more. When sharing your plans with loved ones, ask for their input. Romance is sweeter the second time around.

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 ♣ A 10 3

EAST
 ♠ J 8 5 4 3
 ♥ K 8
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 ♣ 6

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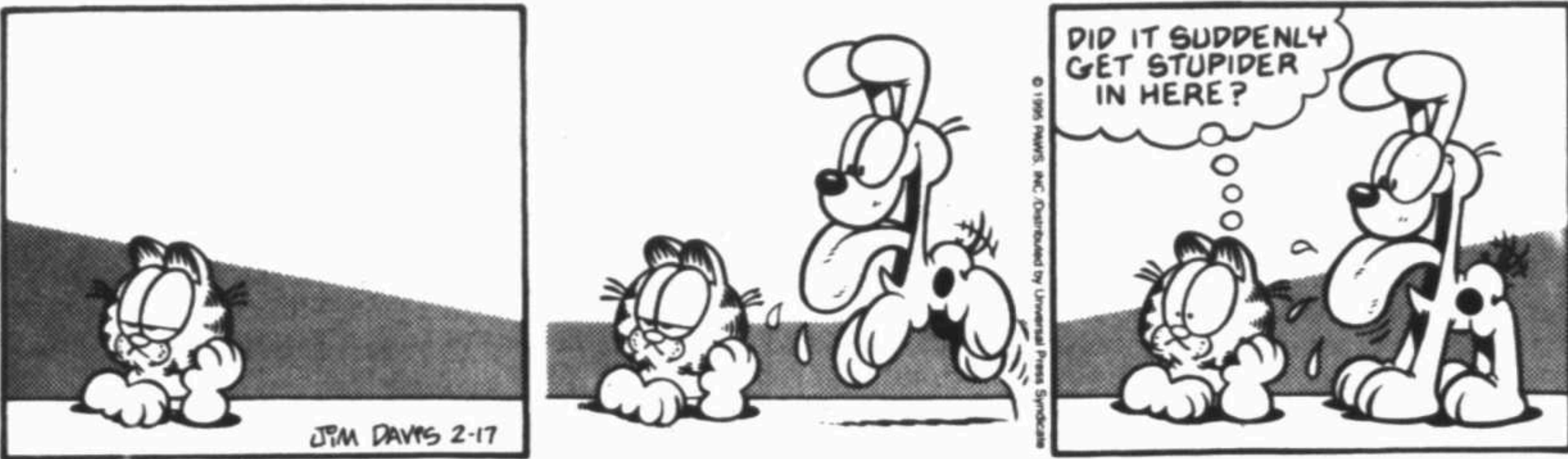
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PEOPLE

Gospel singer Amy Grant admits she always learns the hard way

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Gospel singer Amy Grant admits she's learned a thing or two about life through years of prayer and song — but always the hard way.

Grant helped her gospel singer-husband Gary Chapman overcome drug addiction. Now, the couple and their three children are on a concert tour.

"I know through my own indomitable stubborn streak the most profound lessons that I've learned in life I've learned the hard way," she said in Thursday's editions of The Orange County Register.

"We're all doing the best we can. Just about the time you set yourself up as having it all together is just about the time you crash and burn."



Amy Grant admits she's always learned things the hard way.

LOS ANGELES — There's a downside to being actor Gary Cole: People mix up his size.

"Different Strokes" star Gary Coleman. "We get confused a lot," said Cole, the tall, blond actor perhaps best-known for his role as Jack Killian on the 1988-91 NBC series "Midnight Caller."

Coleman starred in the 1978-86 sitcom about two black kids from Harlem adopted by a rich white man.

"I once applied for an American Express card and put NBC as my reference and they sent me a letter back saying I was much too young, Mr. Coleman, to apply for a credit card," Cole said.

Cole stars as the father Mike Brady in "The Brady Bunch Movie" opening today.



People mix up Gary Cole with pint-size Gary Coleman.

His current hit, "Heaven in the Real World," was nominated Thursday for song of the year and best contemporary recorded song. His album of the same title also got a nod.

Twila Paris and Steve Taylor each received seven nominations while Amy Grant got six.

NEW YORK — Courtney Love's offering a reward for her five-carat diamond and ruby engagement ring: It was stolen on Valentine's Day.

The ring, given to her by her late husband, Kurt Cobain, was inadvertently shipped to the wrong hotel room in Manhattan and then stolen, the New York Post reported. Police confirmed Love filed a grand larceny complaint Tuesday.

"I am offering a reward," Love said Wednesday, but her publicist wouldn't disclose the amount.



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WASHINGTON — The Fonz is in love. No, not Henry Winkler; New York Sen. Alfonse D'Amato.

"The senator's never been happier and he's very much in love," spokesman Harvey Valentine said Thursday.

The object of D'Amato's affection: Claudia Cohen, former wife of cosmetic-company heir Ronald Perleman and featured guest on "Live With Regis and Kathie Lee."

D'Amato, who is legally separated, plans to divorce his wife, Penny, and marry Cohen, according to New York Post columnist Cindy Adams.

Sharon Rich, the author of three books about Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, will be making a pilgrimage to Washington next week on behalf of the two crooners, who appeared together in eight films.

It's not fair, Ms. Rich said, that the movie stars' likenesses have never been on a U.S. postage stamp.

Ms. Rich, who is also head of Eddy-MacDonald fan club, has collected 20,000 signatures on a petition and will take them to the capital "to toss them on the desk of the person in charge of making decisions" at the Postal Service.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Today's TV SCHEDULE

FRIDAY PRIME TIME			February 17, 1995			For complete information check movie listings.								
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(5) KPEJ	24	5	Full House 80678	The Simpsons	M.A.N.I.A.: Fast Forward 28475	M.A.N.I.A.: Fast Forward 28475	The X-Files: End Game (Part 2 of 2) 37123	Sir Star Trek: Voyager 24659	Star Trek: Voyager 24659	Fresh Prince	In the Heat of the Night 955630	Northern Exposure		
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(26) ESPN	36	36	SportsCenter (5:30)	Wings 177104	Wings 168456	Wings 528814	Wings 528814	Wings 528814	Wings 528814	Wings 528814	Wings 528814	Wings 528814	Wings 528814	
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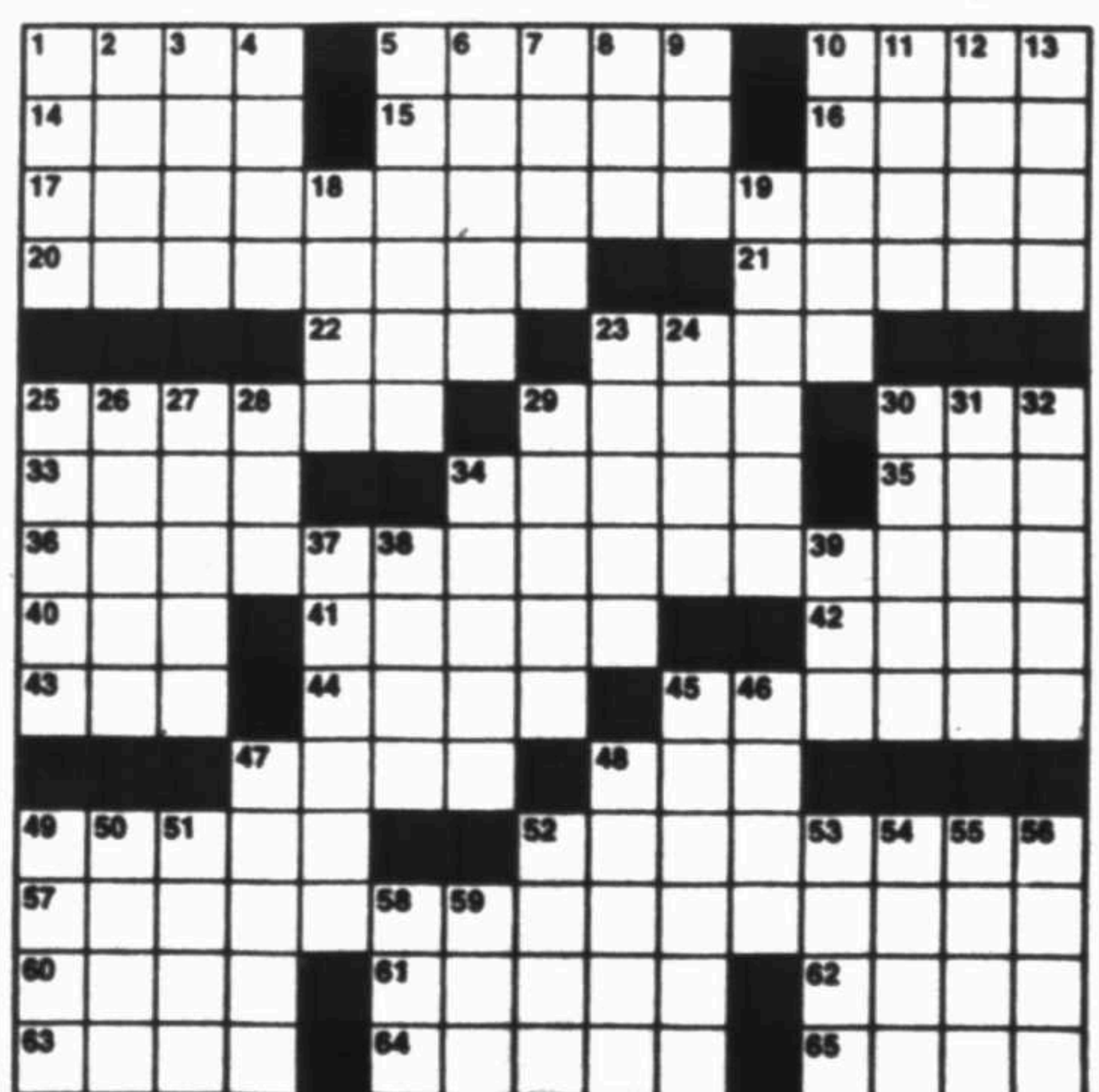
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Midland Woman's Club will present a "Festive Fund Raiser" spring style show 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the clubhouse in Hogan Park. Luncheon will be served, followed by a style show featuring spring and resort fashions from Evelyn's of Ruidoso. Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling 694-4747 or 694-5583 by 11 a.m. Wednesday. Tickets are \$15 per person...

MIDLAND ARTS Association Spring Show will be March 10-April 17 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri. Entries will be accepted 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 4 at the Stables Gallery on the museum grounds. Entry fees are \$7.50 per entry with a limit of three framed entries per artist. Juror will be sculptor Ann Armstrong of Houston. Opening reception and awards will be 7-9 p.m. March 10 at the museum. Mayor Bobby Burns will present the awards at 8 p.m. For more information call 694-1078...

THE FIRST "City Lights" benefit performance and dinner will be 6:30 p.m. March 24 at Midland Center. The prime rib dinner will be catered by Main Events.

Robert Marshall, a lyric tenor, will sing favorites from well-known musicals such as "West Side Story" and "Camelot," as well as songs from a new musical, "The Highwayman." A former Midlander, Marshall has performed at Midland Community Theatre and all over the world.

Funds raised will benefit Summer in the City, which provides summer-long free entertainment in downtown Midland.

Tickets are available at Pages and Prints and the Cat's Meow. For reservations by telephone, call 685-5050...

MUSEUM OF the Southwest will sponsor a members' trip to New Orleans March 3-5 to view the exhibit on "Monet: Late Paintings from the Musée d'Orsay." The exhibit is in New Orleans through March 12.

For more information about the trip and/or membership in the museum, call 683-2882 or 570-7770...

PERMIAN BASIN Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives will host a workshop on "Defining Board/Staff Relationships" 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday at Midland-Odessa Symphony and Choral building, 3100 La Force Blvd. at Midland Air Terminal. The seminar, presented by Dr. Olan H. Runnels, CFRE, executive vice president of Cargill Associates in Fort Worth, is for staff and board members of non-profit organizations. Price is \$25 for the first registrant and \$10 for each additional person from the same organization. Lunch is included. For reservations call 333-7410 by Monday. For more information call 682-9701...

PERMIAN BASIN Genealogical Society will meet 7 p.m. Feb. 27 at Ector County Public Library's auditorium. Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Russell John Gardiner of Fort Davis will be guest speaker. A prisoner of war during World War II, Gardiner is author of "The End of the Line." Visitors are welcome...

MIDLAND ZETA Tau Alpha Alumnae chapter will have a luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. Thursday at 2103 Whitney. Barbara Pierce, a music therapist, will present the program, which will begin at 12:15 p.m. All area Zetas are encouraged to attend and bring friends. For more information call 682-0705...

PERMIAN AIMEES will have a luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Petroleum Club, 501 W. Wall. Midland Community Theatre Singers will perform. All members and prospective members are invited to attend. Wives of members of Texas Permian Basin Section of AIMPE are eligible for membership...

WEST TEXAS Amputee Coalition will meet 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Health South Rehab, Andrews Highway and Loop 250 in Midland. Mayor Bobby Burns and city representatives will speak on the new airport. Other discussion will be on "Healthy Eating: Good Cholesterol vs. Bad Cholesterol." Lunch will be served. Guests are welcome...

MIDLAND HIGH School's Golden Girls' Dance Team will perform contest routines at the Spring '95 Contest Showcase 7 p.m. Tuesday at MHS gymnasium. Other groups also will perform. The public is invited to attend...

FAMILY MATTERS

Divorce affects former spouses, their children, families

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: I just read your column sharing a letter from "Caring Father." I wish you would have pointed out to "Caring Father" the following points:

"Caring Father" does not support his ex-wife. Alimony does not exist in Texas. As a matter of fact, our Family Code is in desperate need of revision to provide for a non-guardian spouse to pay child support sufficient to support the child. I suspect that "Caring Father" (as most men in general) has no idea what it actually costs in terms of meeting a child's basic needs. If "Caring Father" thinks that his measly child support check is "supporting his ex-wife and child," he is sorely mistaken.

Courts do indeed have powerful tools to enforce payment of child support. However, it is necessary for such tools since most such fathers out there have plenty of money for beer, cars and expensive trips, but can't find the money to pay child support.

"Caring Father's" daughter should not be forced to visit her father. It appears to me that he

would prefer that his ex-wife insist that their daughter visit her father, but, if I were the ex-wife and noticed my daughter losing interest in visiting her father, my reaction would be not to force the visitation. Rather, it would be to try to determine what activity is occurring in his home that the child is objecting to. I do not believe in forcing a child to visit the non-guardian parent. I do not believe any parent who truly puts the best interest of his child as a priority would force this issue.

If men were as devoted to their wives and families as they are to their careers, there would be far fewer divorces. You will note "Caring Father" wanted to be close to his child, but he was quick to throw in how detrimental that may be to his career.

Since the mother is the primary nurturer, it is appropriate to accord importance to her role in her children's lives. Men are men. They are selfish by nature and therefore do not have the same ability to nurture and care for a child as a mother does. That is why God made moms -- they are one of a kind!

As far as your response to "Caring Father," I would say that men want to control everything. So I am quite sure that they struggle in not having custody because that would cause them to lose control. A man misses having someone to give orders to. A woman misses com-

panionship.

I am also curious as to what your implication is with regard to the 10-year study stating that the quality of life for an ex-wife is "enhanced" by divorce. I'm not sure how you are defining quality of life, but it only seems logical to me that if a person gets out of a bad relationship, they will have greater happiness. If you are talking in terms of monetary enhancement, I would say that the ex-wife was probably married to a man who was tight with a buck and able to control every penny being spent.

No one knows what the future holds. Life deals you cards and you learn to live with it. I would have told "Caring Father" to stop feeling sorry for himself and GET OVER IT! ENHANCED EX-WIFE

DEAR ENHANCED: Thank you for sharing another view of the pain of divorce. The measures of "enhancement" in the study included physical health, sleep patterns, eating habits, anger, etc. Other divorce researchers, Drs. Philip Sutton and Douglas Sprenkle, suggest that the divorce process often occurs on 10 dimensions.

Dimension One is "Acceptance of the end of the marriage." This

means "accepting that one is not, and will no longer be, married to one's ex-spouse." Dimension Two is "Functional post-divorce relationship with the ex-spouse" and entails "making peace" with the ex-spouse. Another research points out -- "nastiness only begets nastiness."

Dimension Three, "Emotional adjustment," involves dealing with the pain and grief over the loss of "one's marriage, spouse, lifestyle, identity, children, etc." Dimension Four is "Cognitive adjustment" as each divorcee develops an understanding of his or her "own contribution to the dysfunctional behavior patterns which lead to the failure of the marriage."

Dimension Five, "Social support and adjustment," focuses on developing new social support systems not involving the ex-spouse or his or her friends and family. The Sixth Dimension, "Parental adjustment," emphasizes the consistent research finding that, "co-parenting relationships free of conflict and hostility are positively related to children's adjustment." Parents must communicate directly with each other and NOT through their children. Dimension Seven, "Children's adjustment," is helping children of

divorce express their pain and adjust to a radically new environment. Programs such as Hospice's "Rainbows Program" are very helpful in this process.

Dimension Eight, "Use of opportunities for learning and personal growth," emphasizes using a painful experience as an opportunity for personal growth. Dimension Nine, "Process and outcome of a legal statement," involves financial and custodial legal matters. Last, Dimension Ten, "General life adjustment and physical well-being," focuses on the need to address the physical and mental health problems that often accompany separated and divorced individuals.

I encourage all divorced people to attend divorce recovery workshops offered by various local churches, including Golf Course Road Church of Christ, First United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church, to help with this difficult and often painful process.

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

Questions for this column should be addressed to Family Matters, P.O. Box 10485, Midland 79702.

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DEAR ABBY

Mom who leaves child runs from responsibility

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Recently a friend and I were returning from an out-

ing in the park when we noticed a 4-year-old girl sitting there alone. When we questioned her, she said her mother was jogging around the park and had left her there, saying she'd be back "soon." We waited for 20 minutes and no one came, so we asked some young men to get help. They called 911. Soon a police officer appeared -- but still no mother. At least 40 minutes had passed since we noticed the child.

At that point, "Mother" appeared, and when she saw her daughter sitting in a police car, she was surprised and annoyed!

Abby, this is the second time this year I have seen this kind of neglect. The other incident involved a mother who left a 10-month-old child alone strapped into a car seat with the motor running while she ran into the grocery store for five minutes. I couldn't leave that shopping center until she returned. I chewed her out, and another woman a few cars away who had also been watching approached with her own words of wisdom. The mother was upset that we had interfered in her business!

I wonder what the future holds for those two children. Please, Abby, tell your readers that child abuse does not always involve beatings. --A CARING GRANDMA IN DELAWARE

DEAR CARING GRANDMA: You acted appropriately. Leaving children alone where they are in danger of being molested or kidnapped is one form of child abuse.

Your letter should serve as a wake-up call to the seriousness of leaving children unattended.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem with my boyfriend of two years and I need your help. He is warm, com-

passionate, loving and caring, but he has one major flaw that drives me crazy: When we go out in public, he is constantly checking out his surroundings. He can be holding my hand, but if there's a good-looking woman in the place, he gives her the eye.

When we're in restaurants, he flirts with the waitresses and cashiers. (Can you imagine what he does when I'm not around?) The bad part of this is, it ticks me off so bad, to get revenge, I have started to do the same thing with guys, which is not normal for me.

We are both in our 40s and are in a committed relationship. I got him to go to a counselor with me, but it didn't help. He convinced her that his behavior is normal and I am overreacting. So, who has the problem, Abby? Him or me? --RED FLAG UP

DEAR RED FLAG: You both have a problem. He keeps trying to justify his "wandering eye," and you attempt to even the score by fighting fire with fire.

There are no winners in this game. I suggest you find another counselor. This time, make it a man.

DEAR ABBY: While reading your column, I noticed your "Abbyism for today: A lesson in basic Latin: Veni, Vidi, Visa. (We came, we saw, we shopped.)" Very cute play on the Visa credit card and Julius Caesar's famous words.

However, I then recalled something that was stored in my brain from my second-year high school (1947) Latin class: "Veni, Vidi, Vici," which translates to "I came, I saw, I conquered!"

I do not believe that Caesar or my Latin teacher would have forgiven me if I had failed to point out the error that you made. --A. TED HILL JR., M.D., ASHEVILLE, N.C.

DEAR DR. HILL: My error acknowledged. Forgive me. However, you were not the first to spot my error. William D. Cleason of Minneapolis was.

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PRIME TIME

Romantic activity found good for seniors' health

By Dr. Michael Freedman

NEW YORK (AP) — The evidence keeps piling up: Many older people are sexually active.

One study, in fact, found that among more than 2,600 adults, 81 percent of women in their 60s and 65 percent of women 70 and older were still sexually active; among men, 91 percent were still having sex in their 60s, and 79 percent after age 69.

One thing most of these people had in common, however, was that they rated their health as good to excellent.

The picture changes, though, among less uniformly healthy older adults: sexual activity continues for half to two-thirds of those in their 60s, dropping to a fourth or less after age 75.

But even for the sexually active, frequency tends to decline with passing years — although there are wide variations. On average, someone who made love twice a week during the first years of marriage may drop to twice a month after age 65.

And desire may outlast activity. A Duke University study found that half of seniors in their 80s and 90s are still interested in having sex, although they may not physically be able to.

Major studies have confirmed that men and women who exercise regularly can reduce by one-third their risk for non-insulin-dependent diabetes.

Known as adult-onset or Type 2 diabetes, the disease is believed to affect more than 12 million people in the United States and usually appears after age 40. The strongest factors predisposing people to Type 2 diabetes are obesity and a family history of the disease.

Because elevated blood sugar has a diuretic effect, frequent urination is typically the first symptom of the disease. Additional symptoms include blurred vision, feeling unusually thirsty and hungry and losing weight despite eating more.

It's a mistake to think that Type 2 is only a "mild" case of the disease just because routine insulin injections aren't needed to sustain life. Some people with adult-onset diabetes can suffer the same devastating medical complications as many insulin-dependent patients, including coronary artery disease, stroke, peripheral vascular disease, kidney failure and blindness.

The American Diabetes Association has three major recommendations for people with Type 2 diabetes: Eat a healthy diet, exercise regularly and take insulin or oral diabetes medications as prescribed.

Exercise can help maintain a more constant level of blood glucose, lose weight, use fewer medications and reduce a risk for heart disease.

Before embarking on any strenuous physical regimen, people with Type 2 diabetes should undergo a thorough medical examination first.

Proper equipment is also essential; people with diabetes often have reduced circulation and sensation in their feet, for example, and should wear properly fitting shoes.

It's also important to start an exercise routine slowly, work out at regular intervals and increase the length and intensity of the exercise sessions gradually.

Dr. Michael Freedman is the Diane and Arthur Belfer Professor of Geriatric Medicine and Director of Geriatrics at New York University Medical Center.



Good vibrations

Anna Ross watches Bill James, a Geritol Chippendale, perform a show in Youngstown, Ohio, on Valentine's Day. James said his wife sewed the hearts on his costume for the show at Parkside Health Care Center.

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PRIME TIME CALENDAR

CASA DE AMIGOS

Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. For more information about services provided call 682-9701. Activities for the week of Feb. 20-24 include:

■ Monday: 9 a.m. billiards/bowling; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and mineral; 10:15 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. bingo.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. advisory meeting; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. table games.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. adult classes; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible study.

9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 686-1627. Activities for Feb. 20-24 include:

■ Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes, exercise and ceramics; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and pitch.

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 11:30 a.m. lunch and nutrition talk; 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes, pitch and ladies billiards; 1:30 p.m. Community Service Sewing Group; 14 p.m. AARP Income Tax Assistance.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m.-noon in-center sale; 9 a.m. billiards, ceramics, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9-11 a.m. Closed Caption Decoder Screening; 10 a.m. Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch and Health Department program; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and pitch.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:15 a.m. line dancing; 9:30 a.m. country/western dancing; 10 a.m. benefits counseling; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and pitch; 14 p.m. AARP Income Tax Assistance.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes, quilting; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and pitch.

RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has opportunities for volunteers 55 years and older. RSVP will match volunteers' skills and interests to community agencies' needs. The program operates from Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 689-6693. A sample of current opportunities include:

■ Golf lovers are needed to help plan a fund-raising golf tournament scheduled for June. Meetings to plan and organize will be bi-weekly. Other volunteers are needed to help sell sponsorships.

■ Midland County needs a volunteer Information Desk assistant to provide information and directions two mornings per week.

■ Midland Rape Crisis Center needs bi-lingual volunteers to help with office work, crisis intervention or on-going support.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

The Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information about services offered, call Ellen G. Smith, center director, at 685-7231. Activities include:

■ Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

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Government seeks speedy appeal in Microsoft case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government contended Thursday it would be forced into costly trials against company after company unless an appeals court rapidly restores its antitrust settlement with Microsoft.

The Justice Department asked the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals here to move quickly to overrule District Judge Stanley Sporkin, who rejected the settlement Tuesday. Microsoft announced it would join the government in the appeal and abide by the settlement in the meantime.

Legal experts across the political spectrum predicted the appellate court would overturn Sporkin's decision.

Attorney General Janet Reno told her weekly news conference Thursday that Sporkin had overstepped his authority under the Tunney Act to decide whether the consent decree embodying the settlement would serve the public interest.

Consent decrees are court orders under which a company or other defendant denies violating any law but agrees to stop practices the government claims are illegal. Both sides avoid the high cost of a trial.

Only a handful of antitrust consent decrees have been rejected by judges, and appeals courts here and in California have overruled those judges in two cases.

Sporkin's rejection was so broad the government called it "unprecedented in the history of the Tunney Act," a Watergate-era law enacted after allegations that politics swayed the Nixon administration's rulings on a merger by the conglomerate ITT.

"As long as Judge Sporkin's decision stands, scarce gov-

ernment resources likely will be wasted litigating cases that (the government) otherwise would settle," the Justice Department told the appeals court in requesting an expedited hearing. The government said its arguments could be ready in 21 days.

Sporkin's ruling "will harm the public by deterring the department and antitrust defendants from entering into consent decrees," said Assistant Attorney General Anne Bingaman, head of the antitrust division.

Bingaman said her division files about three consent decrees a month. They also are used to settle many other kinds of civil lawsuits, particularly over environmental pollution. But judges have less review power over those than the Tunney Act gives them in antitrust cases.

Sporkin ruled that the Microsoft decree was too narrow. He criticized it for not addressing several types of violations alleged by Microsoft competitors. And he objected that it only barred future use of some licensing practices rather than undoing any unfair advantage the giant computer software maker may have gained through such practices in the past.

Reno said Sporkin "crosses over the line between the judicial and the executive branch." He should just decide whether the settlement "remedies the illegal conduct" alleged by the government, she added.

"This is a blatant example of a judge trying to act as an executive branch official," agreed Charles F. Rule, who headed the antitrust division during the Reagan administration.

House OKs payment cut for U.N. peacekeeping

WASHINGTON (NYT) — Defying President Clinton's veiled threat of a veto, the House of Representatives on Thursday approved a bill that would cut U.S. payments for U.N. peacekeeping efforts and give Congress a greater say in committing troops abroad.

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By a vote of 241 to 181, lawmakers approved the national security tenets of the Contract With America, after a campaign by Democrats and the Clinton administration succeeded in defeating or watering down a few important provisions. In the final vote, 223 Republicans and 18 Democrats voted for the bill, while 176 Democrats, 4 Republicans, and 1 Independent voted against.

Republicans called their bill an effort to bolster a weakened military and fight the growing influence of the United Nations over America's troops and budget. Opponents said it would undermine the president's flexibility to deal with foreign crises.

The measure would deduct from Washington's annual peacekeeping dues the extra costs the Pentagon incurs in American-run military missions that receive the blessing of the United Nations — like the one in Haiti. As those costs exceeded the \$1 billion in dues this year, critics said, the measure would bankrupt the U.N. peacekeeping budget.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where the majority leader, Bob Dole of Kansas, has introduced legislation imposing similar restrictions on peacekeeping missions.

Today's action in the House on U.N. peacekeeping is good news for U.S. foreign policy and U.S. taxpayers," Dole said after the House vote. "It is high time that we rein in U.N. peacekeeping, which is out of control."

But the bill faces an uphill fight in the Senate, which is more likely to respect presidential prerogatives on foreign and military policy.

In addition to limiting American financial contributions to peace-

keeping, the measure would set restrictions on when American troops may serve under U.N. command and would create a \$1.5-million bipartisan commission to study national security strategy.

One central provision — speeding the fielding of a national defense against ballistic missiles — was defeated by concerns about its cost. Another, requiring congressional approval before U.S. troops could join any new U.N. peacekeeping missions, succumbed to an assertion by the administration and Democrats that it would infringe on presidential authority.

But the bill would give Congress a role, not only by limiting the financing of troop missions abroad but also by prohibiting American troops from serving under U.N. commanders unless the president cites a national security need.

Called the National Security Revitalization Act, the measure authorizes no new spending for

specific programs. Republicans say it provides a series of checks on the administration's foreign policy-making and will serve as a blueprint when Congress drafts foreign aid and military spending bills later this year.

"We're setting the tone," said Rep. Floyd D. Spence, a South Carolina Republican who heads the House National Security Committee.

Rep. Toby Roth, a Wisconsin Republican, said: "What we're saying in this part of the Contract With America is that Congress must be more involved."

Republicans' loudest message during nearly 13 hours of often emotional debate over two days, assaulted the growing influence they said the United Nations wields over American troops and Washington's pocketbook.

"The nation has gone too far in the direction of globalism and lost sight of its essential footings, and we intend to correct that," said the House majority leader, Dick

Armedy of Texas. The administration and many Democrats complained that many of the bill's provisions were unnecessary and unsound. But the legislation is filled with waivers Clinton could use to get around parts he dislikes. The hitch is that Congress must approve the exemptions.

Defense Secretary William Perry and Secretary of State Warren Christopher have recommended that Clinton veto the bill in its present form. The House on Thursday fell far short of the 290 votes needed if all members are present to override a presidential veto.

Democratic resistance ran into a Republican huzz saw on the peacekeeping issue.

"The U.S. wants to participate in some peacekeeping, but Americans don't want to pay the whole enchilada," said Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind.

"We're not anti-U.N., and we're not anti-reasonable peacekeeping operations," said Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky. Under the bill, for American troops to serve under U.N. commanders, Clinton would have to cite a national security need. The president would also have to seek waivers to avoid deducting extra costs the Pentagon incurs in peacekeeping missions approved by Security Council resolution but not directed by the United Nations.

Tornado hits Alabama town before dawn, kills 3 people

ARAB, Ala. (NYT) — A pre-dawn tornado killed three people Thursday in this small northeast Alabama town and injured more than 100 as it hoppedscotched 25 miles, leaving destruction in its wake.

Houses were torn from their foundations, more than 40 commercial poultry houses were demolished and at least two small trailer parks were destroyed by the twister, which touched down at 5:05 a.m. It ripped the roof off the Amberwoods Garden Apartments here and tore through the Joppa Elementary school five miles away.

The tornado first touched down in Arab (pronounced A-rab) and the tiny community of Joppa (pronounced JAY-pa), then skipped northeast over the Tennessee River and over the larger town of Guntersville, about 10 miles away.

It touched down again 15 miles further to the northeast at Martling near the center of the area's commercial poultry industry, where it destroyed seven poultry houses and killed 50,000 chickens at the Goldkist Farms, before disappearing.

At the Berry Trailer Park in the south part of Arab, neighbors spent a frantic hour in darkness digging through twisted tin, 2-by-4's and gnarled tree limbs searching for 1-year-old Logan Caswell.

One searcher, Dwayne Carr, 41, said they found the child under a refrigerator that had come to rest on the legs of his up-turned crib, about 50 yards from where his family's trailer had once sat. He was still nestled in the bedding, quiet and apparently unharmed.

"We all just stopped and did a little praising God," said Carr, his hand bandaged and his face scraped from being tossed about in his own trailer. "It just picked us up and swirled us all together."

The dead, all residents of this city of 6,500 people, were a 5-year-old child, a 50-year-old man and a 32-year-old man. Jonathan Medlock, director of Arab Emergency Management Agency, said that little was known about exactly how the deaths occurred. Assessment of the amount of damage was expected to take another two days, he said.

The tornado took the area by surprise, possibly because lightning strikes had forced the evacuation of the National Weather Service forecasting station in Huntsville, on which the area relies for warnings. The station was evacuated about 40 minutes before the tornado touched down.

Medlock said that under normal circumstances a tornado warning from Huntsville, about 40 miles northwest of Arab, would send the city's emergency vehicles into the streets with their sirens blaring to alert residents.

"But there was no warning," Medlock said. "We've used that system before, and it works, but there was no warning."

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NBA — Golden State Warriors at Phoenix Suns, 7 p.m., TNT.
Atlanta Hawks at Dallas Mavericks, 7:30 p.m., HSE.
BOXING — Dana Rosenblatt (22-0-0) vs. Randy Williams (23-6-0) for WBC middleweight championship, 8 p.m., ESPN.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Oregon State women at Washington, 11 p.m., ESPN.

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BOYS BASKETBALL — District 4-5A third-place playoff, Midland Lee vs. San Angelo Central, 8:30 p.m., McMurry University, Abilene.
Practice game, Levelland at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS — Class 5A area, Midland High vs. El Paso Bel Air, 6 p.m., Sul Ross State University, Alpine. Radio: KCRS (AM 550).
Class 5A area, Midland Lee vs. El Paso Hanks, 8 p.m., Sul Ross, Alpine. Radio: KCRS (AM 550).
Class 4A area, Andrews vs. Canyon, Lubbock Cooper High School, 7:30 p.m.
Class 2A bi-district, Stanton vs. Odessa, 7:30, Odessa College Sports Center, Odessa.
Class 1A bi-district, Rankin vs. Ira, 7 p.m., Greenwood.

Texas Scores

NBA — Houston Rockets 105, Charlotte Hornets 89.
Utah Jazz 120, San Antonio Spurs 113.
GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS — Class 3A bi-district, Greenwood 41, Alpine 32.

MHS sets games

Midland High has set its bi-district basketball playoff date with Lubbock Monterey for 7:30 p.m. Monday in Seminole.
The Bulldogs, the second place finisher in District 4-5A, will also host Levelland at 7:30 p.m. today in the Bulldog gym for a playoff warm-up date. Originally, Midland Lee was to play Levelland tonight at Chaparral Center, but had to back out of that game due to being forced to play San Angelo tonight to break a third place tie in 4-5A.

WJCAC Standings

Men

TEAM	W	Over.	Cont.
Midland College	21	5	2
New Mexico J.C.	24	4	2
South Plains	19	8	5
Odessa College	22	6	6
Howard College	17	10	5
New Mexico MI	13	15	4
Frank Phillips	6	22	1

* won Nov. game over HJ JC by forfeit.
Tuesday's Result
New Mexico Junior College 130, Frank Phillips 62.
Thursday's Results
Midland College 93, NMJ 77; Odessa College 109, NMJC 61; Howard 95, Frank Phillips 90; South Plains 93, Cleburne 93.
Monday's Schedule
Midland College at NMJC, 9 p.m.; Odessa College at Howard College, 8 p.m.; South Plains at NMJC, 8:30 p.m.

Women

TEAM	W	Over.	Cont.
Howard College	24	3	2
South Plains	19	10	7
Midland College	21	7	4
Frank Phillips	13	14	5
New Mexico JC	14	14	5
Western Texas	10	19	3
Odessa College	12	13	2

Thursday's Results
NMJC 82, Odessa 87, 207; South Plains 94, Western Texas 61; Frank Phillips 69, Howard 59. Midland was open.
Monday's Schedule
Midland College at NMJC, 7 p.m.; Odessa College at Howard College, 6 p.m.; Frank Phillips at Western Texas, 7:30 p.m. South Plains is idle.

San Antonio CFL

SAN ANTONIO — It's official. The Canadian Football League is coming to South Texas. The City Council approved Thursday to bring the CFL's Sacramento Gold Miners — soon to be named the San Antonio Gold Miners — to San Antonio to play in the Alamodome starting next June. "I've never had such an enthusiastic welcome and I've never had people move so quickly to put something together," said Gold Miners owner Fred Anderson.

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Chaps move into first-place tie with 93-77 win over NMJ

■ Midland College makes game fun again with WJCAC win over New Mexico Military on homecoming night at Chaparral Center.

By Bill Pettit
Staff writer

Midland College made the game fun again on Thursday night, using balanced scoring and a deep bench to knock off New Mexico Military 93-77 on homecoming night at the Chap Center.

Midland assures its self of at least a second place finish and sets up a showdown for first place with New Mexico Junior College, a 109-81 loser to Odessa College

Thursday, Monday in Hobbs, N.M.

With the loss, NMJ is all but eliminated from post-season contention falling to 13-15 and 4-7.

Midland coach Pat Rafferty used the platoon concept Thursday night subbing four, fresh bodies periodically to wear down the Broncos.

"I think that along with the fact that our enthusiasm became contagious when we brought the second five into the game. They brought some pop into the game," said Rafferty, whose Chaps improved to 21-5 and 8-2 in the WJCAC. "When we extended our pressure with our guards to full court we made some things happen."

The tempo was to NMJ's liking the first eight minutes of the game as the Broncos trailed just 18-16 with

12:15 in the half after Mike Elam connected on two free throws. During NMJ's early stand, Bronco center Daniel Santiago scored 10 of his game-high 31 points to keep things tight, but Santiago could not keep up with Midland's full court game as the Chaps went on a 22-5 run over the next 8:15 to take a 40-23 after a Mike Carrasco follow shot with four minutes to play in the half.

"We just don't have the numbers to keep up with Midland," said NMJ coach Reggie Franklin. "We just got out of our offense, we lost our composure. We started playing a one-on-one game and we can't do things like that. We have to run our offense, getting the ball to San-

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GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Lady Dawgs begin playoff trek vs. Bel Air

By Amy Wolfenbarger
Staff Writer

Maybe some District 4-5A observers weren't ready to pencil Midland High in as the eventual champion when they made their predictions at the beginning of the year. But it's no surprise that the Lady Dawgs are back in their familiar place as they begin a playoff odyssey today that they hope leads straight to Austin.

Despite losing four senior starters, the Amy Alcalá led Lady Dawgs charged into district play and dropped only one game enroute to their third straight league title and the accompanying bi-district bye.

"At the beginning of the year, a lot of people didn't expect our team to be here," said Alcalá on Wednesday. "But now that we're here, everyone on the team feels the same way. If we don't go to the state tournament, it will be disappointing."

Midland High (25-3) will play the 2-5A runner-up El Paso Bel Air (19-6) at 6 p.m. today at Sul Ross State University in Alpine as part of a area playoff doubleheader. Midland Lee (18-10), the 4-5A third-place representative, plays 2-5A champ El Paso Hanks (23-6) at 8 p.m. The winners will advance to face each other in the regional quarterfinals.

If both Midland teams win, it will be a 4-5A rematch of epic proportions and the time and site for that possible rematch has already been set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

But enough about the next round. Midland High coach Jim Raughton is just concentrating on getting his run-and-gun Lady Dawgs past the Lady Highlanders, who employ a similar style. Even though his team

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New attitude sparks Lady Rebs



Midland Lee seniors Farrah Fisher, left, and Michelle Benson have helped provide necessary team unity to their team, which continues Class 5A playoff action tonight.

■ Midland Lee seniors Farrah Fisher and Michelle Benson are part of a more team-oriented Lady Rebel basketball team.

By Amy Wolfenbarger
Staff Writer

Midland Lee's role players — Michelle Benson and Farrah Fisher — may be playing the most important roles of their high school athletic career.

Benson and Fisher, both seniors, did not show up week to week as the leading scorers in the Lady Rebels' box score. But what they bring to their basketball team, which defeated Lubbock Coronado Tuesday to advance to the area round of the Class 5A girls state playoffs, translates into a more team-oriented Lady Rebels.

The lack of team play is what probably kept the Lady Rebels from the playoffs the last two years and Benson is positive that it made an impact last year, her first one on the varsity.

"We didn't want the same thing to happen that happened last year," Benson said of her teammates, who came together to take a 4-8 fifth-place district finish in 1994 and turn it into an 8-4 third-place team in 1995 which is one game deep into the state playoffs.

"But we decided early that we were getting rid of all that seniority junk and we wanted to bring in a sense of team-ness," Benson said. "It doesn't matter if you're a senior or a sophomore, we let everybody be a leader in her own way."

"A lot of that petty stuff is just not tolerated," added Fisher. "We're just basically here to play and win."

Fisher, who is also a two-year letter winner on the volleyball team, did not have the opportunity to prepare for the season like her seniors teammates because she was still in volleyball when they began practicing at the beginning of the school year. But she said the good atmosphere made it a short adjustment despite the fact that, unlike last season, she is the only volleyballer on the team.

"It was easier last year as a junior because there were some other players that came over with me," Fisher said. "So I was a little worried about this year since they (teammates) had already been together as a unit for so long. But

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Greenwood girls overcome jitters to defeat Alpine, 41-32

By Mike Butts
Staff Writer

PECOS — One year ago Greenwood's Rangerettes came here for a bi-district playoff and fell to Clint by two points. Thursday night the team played the first half of their Class 3A bi-district 41-32 win over Alpine as if they were trying to avoid a repeat of last year more than just win the game.

But Greenwood got over its playoff nervousness of the first half enough to recapture some of their shooting skills and go on to win its second bi-district title under coach Allan Wootan in four years. They will play the winner of tonight's Abilene Wylie-Brownfield game in the area round.

"We basically have a pretty young

group and we kind of started this way when we started district," said Wootan of his 19-12 team. "I guess that's the way we're going to start in the playoffs. I think we were pretty tight and trying too hard (tonight)."

Playoff anxiousness showed up on both sides of the court in the first half. Alpine (15-11) shot only 3-for-12 from the floor while the Rangerettes went 8-for-26. But Greenwood's press forced the Lady Bucks into 12 first half turnovers and the Rangerettes took a 22-12 lead into the half.

"We missed a lot of free throws in the first half which should have made it a lot more comfortable," Wootan said. "Alpine made it hard on us, putting pressure on

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Bulldogs celebrate program's improvements at football banquet

■ Collin Upham, Roy Coats, Jacob Hernandez, Tyler Krueger and Bobby Avent all claim individual awards.

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland High celebrated its climb from 0-10 to 5-5 Thursday night with its annual football banquet at the Midland Center.

Head football coach Ronnie Reeger made several presentations to his Bulldog players during the evening and a special film, highlighting the season was shown and was probably the hit of the night.

Senior Collin Upham was given the Theresa Klapproth Award for having the

highest academic achievement on the team. Upham ranks No. 15 in his class and plans to attend Texas A&M to study mechanical engineering.

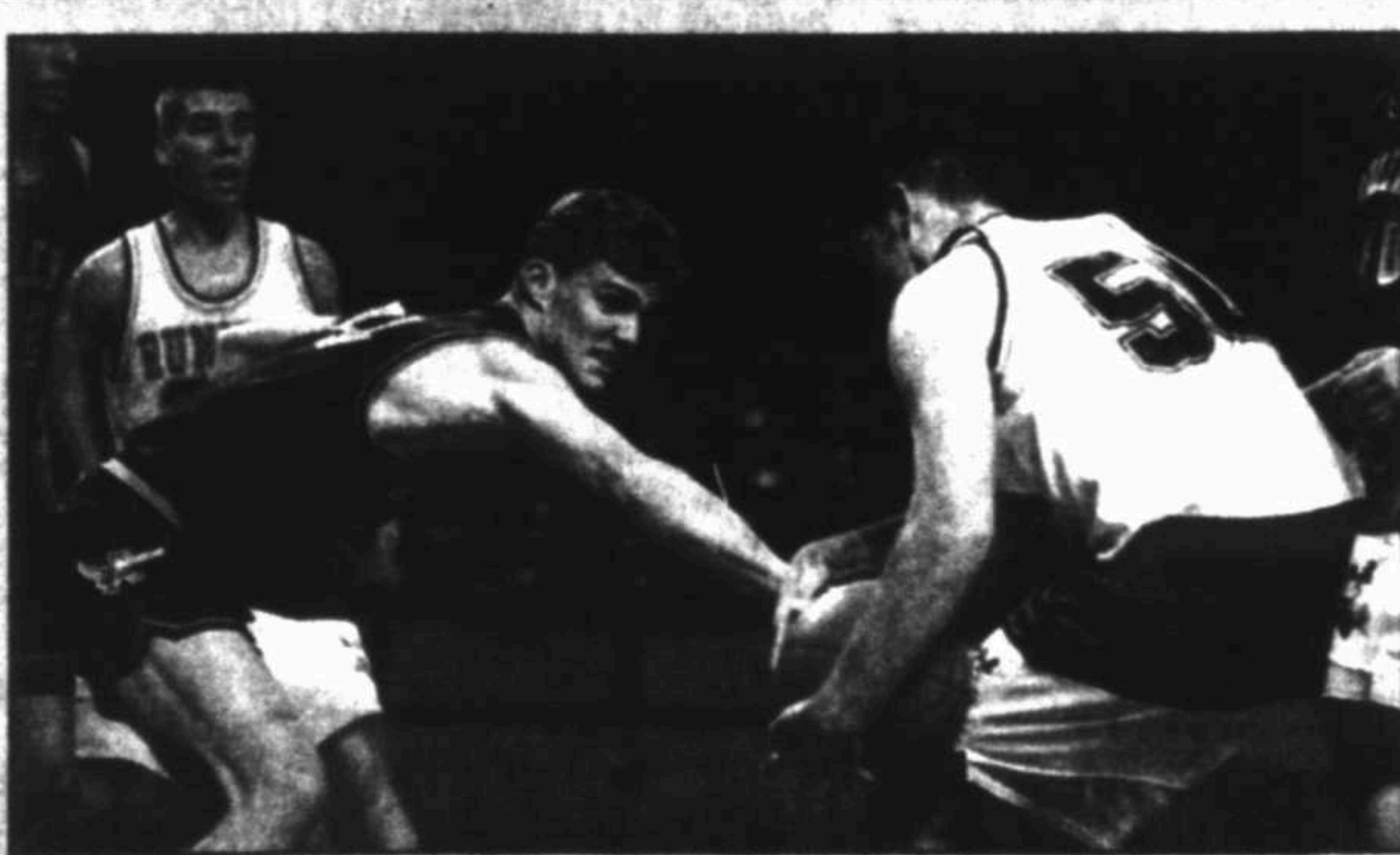
Roy Coats, who is headed to Southern Methodist University on a football scholarship, was named as the outstanding running back, fueled by setting a single game Midland rushing record of 337 yards against El Paso Bel Air. Coats, who also led District 4-5A in rushing, was an all-district pick and third team all-state.

The Outstanding Offensive Lineman award went to center Jacob Hernandez while Tyler Krueger was named as the top receiver.

On the defensive side, Bobby Avent, an all-district pick, was selected as the

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DISTRICT 4-5A BOYS PLAYOFF



Midland Lee's Mark Holly (50) tries to maintain control of the ball as an Abilene High player reaches in. Lee travels to Abilene today to face San Angelo Central in a district playoff for third place at 8:30 p.m. at McMurry University.

Rebs put playoff hopes on line with San Angelo

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

ABILENE — This isn't exactly the Friday Midland Lee had in mind, but the Rebels will put their hopes for a third consecutive playoff berth on the line tonight here at McMurry University against the San Angelo Bobcats.

San Angelo defeated Midland High Tuesday, 79-76 in overtime, to force a two-way tie with Lee for third place, both with 7-5 records in District 4-5A. Since three teams from each league go to the state playoffs, San Angelo and Lee will have to face each other at 8:30 p.m. in a one-game district playoff.

The winner will meet Lubbock High, District 3-5A's second place team in the bi-district round either Monday or Tuesday.

Lee basketball coach Jon House had already scheduled a practice game with Levelland at Chaparral Center tonight and another practice game with Midland High at the Chap on Saturday. Both those games are now out the window as sudden death arrived a bit early.

Instead, Midland High has picked up Class 4A playoff bound Levelland tonight at the Bulldog gym at 7:30 p.m. for its playoff warm-up game.

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Drexler debuts in Rockets' victory

By The Associated Press

NBA Roundup

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Hakeem Olajuwon scored 29 points and grabbed 14 rebounds as the Houston Rockets celebrated the arrival of Clyde Drexler with a 105-89 victory over the Charlotte Hornets on Thursday night.

The Rockets weren't sure whether Drexler would play at all. Although he suited up, he couldn't get into the game until results of Otis Thorpe's MRI were complete.

By the time Thorpe's results were confirmed, Drexler and his new teammates were in the locker room trailing Charlotte by one at halftime.

Nets 100, Nuggets 94

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kenny Anderson, making his first start in almost three weeks, had 20 points and 15 assists Thursday night as the New Jersey Nets took an early lead and went on to hand the Denver Nuggets their fourth straight loss, 100-94.

The win marked the first time the Nets, playing without Derrick Coleman for the fifth straight game, have won back-to-back games since Jan. 13 and 14. The Nuggets have lost seven of their last eight and 12 of 14.

Jazz 120, Spurs 113

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — After losing four of their last five games following a 14-game winning streak, the Jazz knew they had to get back on track.

"It was a big game, and we knew it was a big game," said Karl Malone, who scored 34 points in Utah's 120-113 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Thursday night. "We were ready to play. We got up from the beginning, and just held on."

The win avenged Utah's 112-96 loss at San Antonio on Tuesday and kept the Jazz ahead of the Spurs by 3 1/2 games in the Midwest Division. The Jazz still lost the season series to the Spurs, 3-2.

Sean Elliott led the Spurs with 22 points, but he scored just seven points with one field goal in the second half.

Kings 98, Lakers 82

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Walt Williams scored 18 points as the Sacramento Kings ended the Los Angeles Lakers' four-game winning streak and cruised to an 98-82 victory Thursday night.

Olden Polynice contributed 17 points and 16 rebounds for the Kings, who led 73-66 after three quarters and pulled away as the Lakers made only five field goals and shot 28 percent in the fourth quarter.

Eddie Jones paced the Lakers with 18 points. Vladi Divac scored 17 points and Sam Bowie added a season-high 14 points for Los Angeles.

Leftwich buries Baylor's bears

NACOGDOCHES (AP) — Eric Leftwich scored 24 points, including two crucial free throws in the final minute, leading Stephen F. Austin to an 80-75 victory over Baylor Thursday night.

SFA's Lumberjacks (10-10) led 76-73 with 28 seconds left, but the Bears (8-16) pulled to within a point when Rodrick Miller was fouled on his 3-point attempt and made two of three free throws at 0:22.

Leftwich, fouled on the inbounds pass, made both his foul shots to restore the lead to three points. After Miller missed another 3-point attempt, Rontrek Floyd grabbed the rebound and threw to an open Leftwich, who put the game away with a slam.

Jayvan Rouzan had 20 rebounds for SFA.

High jump — 1. Bjorn Olsson, 7.01 m. 2. Steve Hoge, 7.01 m. 3. Kenneth Bigger, 6.91 m. 4. Richard Dutton, 6.81 m. 5. Chad Kopp, 6.71 m. 6. Jon Voss, 6.61 m. 7. (tie) Randall Denning, 6.51 m. 8. 6.75 m. 9. 6.75 m. 10. 6.75 m. 11. 6.75 m. 12. 6.75 m. 13. 6.75 m. 14. 6.75 m. 15. 6.75 m. 16. 6.75 m. 17. 6.75 m. 18. 6.75 m. 19. 6.75 m. 20. 6.75 m. 21. 6.75 m. 22. 6.75 m. 23. 6.75 m. 24. 6.75 m. 25. 6.75 m. 26. 6.75 m. 27. 6.75 m. 28. 6.75 m. 29. 6.75 m. 30. 6.75 m. 31. 6.75 m. 32. 6.75 m. 33. 6.75 m. 34. 6.75 m. 35. 6.75 m. 36. 6.75 m. 37. 6.75 m. 38. 6.75 m. 39. 6.75 m. 40. 6.75 m. 41. 6.75 m. 42. 6.75 m. 43. 6.75 m. 44. 6.75 m. 45. 6.75 m. 46. 6.75 m. 47. 6.75 m. 48. 6.75 m. 49. 6.75 m. 50. 6.75 m. 51. 6.75 m. 52. 6.75 m. 53. 6.75 m. 54. 6.75 m. 55. 6.75 m. 56. 6.75 m. 57. 6.75 m. 58. 6.75 m. 59. 6.75 m. 60. 6.75 m. 61. 6.75 m. 62. 6.75 m. 63. 6.75 m. 64. 6.75 m. 65. 6.75 m. 66. 6.75 m. 67. 6.75 m. 68. 6.75 m. 69. 6.75 m. 70. 6.75 m. 71. 6.75 m. 72. 6.75 m. 73. 6.75 m. 74. 6.75 m. 75. 6.75 m. 76. 6.75 m. 77. 6.75 m. 78. 6.75 m. 79. 6.75 m. 80. 6.75 m. 81. 6.75 m. 82. 6.75 m. 83. 6.75 m. 84. 6.75 m. 85. 6.75 m. 86. 6.75 m. 87. 6.75 m. 88. 6.75 m. 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BANQUET: Former Bulldog Feldt, now an SMU coach, gives speech

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defensive lineman of the year. Marcus Carlisle, a junior, was named as the top linebacker and Dale Smith was the top player in the defensive secondary.

A special teams award was given to junior David Leaverton, who was also an all-district selection as a kicker. Leaverton did both the punting and kicking chores for

the Bulldogs

A special award, the Fighting Bulldog Award, was given to three-year starter Michael Acree, who played in the defensive secondary and at running back during his career.

The Bulldogs drew on one of their own for a guest speaker. Blake Feldt, who played football and graduated from Midland High in 1978, was the guest speaker.

Feldt played his college football at Texas Tech and has since coached at Tech, Texas and Appalachian State.

Currently, Feldt is the offensive line coach at SMU, where he helped recruit one of his own in landing Coats. Feldt has been at SMU since April. He also had a brother, Michael, who starred at Midland High. Michael is now living in Dallas.

REBELS: Lee will have to get past 'Cats to make the playoffs for third-straight year

(From 1C)

The Bulldogs will face Lubbock Monterey at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Seminole in hopes of repeating its Region I championship and Final Four state berth in Austin of a year ago.

"We have to look at this as a playoff game," said Lee's House. "I'd rather not have to be in this position, but that's what happens when you depend on someone else to take care of your business."

"We feel responsible for letting them back in the race. We beat San Angelo in overtime the first time we played and then had them win in San Angelo, but let them win the game. I also knew that our loss to Abilene High before the Christmas break was going to

come back and haunt us."

San Angelo coach Alan Gillespie is thrilled to be in this game since they had to win five of six down the stretch to catch the Rebels on the last night of regular season play. The Bobcats won only two district games a year ago.

"I can't say enough about our kids," Gillespie said. "They deserve this shot. We split with Lee, so it should be a good matchup."

House agreed. "There is no tomorrow for either of us. We've had two close games, one in overtime, so it should be a whale of a game."

The Bobcats will be fueled by the one-two inside punch of Bobby Townsend and Joseph Nunez, who both scored 19 points in the win

over Midland High. They also gave Lee trouble on the boards in the two earlier meetings.

"We've got to control the boards better against them," House said. "We also need to hit some shots. (Shane) McCulloch (Lee's leading scorer on the season) has been in a scoring slump and it's time for people like him to step forward. It's all on the line now."

Senior Dushawn Hicks is coming forward at the right time. He has had two games of 20 points each recently and is heating up.

So, instead of playing a couple of games for fun, Lee will play one game for its very basketball life. But that's life from here on out. The playoffs have arrived — early.

MHS: Lady Dawgs hope to press Bel Air

(From 1C)

is one of four defending regional tournament qualifiers. Raughton said he has not had trouble keeping his players minds off a possible rematch.

"Shoot no, there's no way we can think about anybody else but Bel Air, because if something goes wrong, we can't come back to the gym the next day and fit it; it's over," Raughton said.

Bel Air defeated El Paso Bowie 64-62 in bi-district to advance and that fact gives the Lady Dawgs a measuring tool of their chances going into the contest. Midland walloped Bowie 81-69 as Alcala broke her own single-game team scoring record with 42 points.

But the Lady Highlanders' fast-paced game plan should give the Lady Dawgs a stiffer challenge.

"They play hard and they're real scrappy," said Raughton. "They've got good quickness and I'm not sure if we can pressure the basketball."

Whether or not Midland can

hurt Bel Air with the press will be a key factor if the Lady Dawgs are going to make it back to the regional tournament. All of Midland's three losses came when it wasn't able to set up its deadly full court press.

Like Midland, Bel Air's leading scorers play outside positions because of their lack of height inside.

Rosie DeSantiago leads the Lady Highlanders at a clip of 13 points per game. She is their threat from the three-point line. Yvonne Marquez is also scoring 13 points a game while post Erica Brown gets eight points a contest.

One player who hasn't made a big impact since December, however, seems to have hit a stride for the playoffs. Bernice Juarez averages six points a game but scored 19 against Bowie in her first double-figure performance since early in the season.

Bowie plays mostly a zone defense in the half court and on the press so the Lady Dawgs will have to take advantages of the shots

they get from the outside.

Midland seniors Jamie Rand and Veronica Poage should play a big role. Both are players who would rather take a quick shot from outside rather than drive in. If they hit early and often, Bel Air might have to stretch its defense out and that's to the advantage of the Lady Dawgs.

Alcala and junior point guard Ogonna Merritt will be looked to for their driving skills as the Lady Dawgs try to penetrate the Bel Air zone.

Despite Raughton's concerns about being able to press, the more physical Lady Dawgs should have the upper hand there, too.

In its bi-district contest, Bel Air held a 13-point lead over Bowie at the end of the third quarter when the Lady Bears began pressing and it was effective as they were able to tie the game with 26 seconds left on a three-pointer. Bel Air managed a last-second shot for the victory.

SENIOR: Fisher, Benson help guide Lee

(From 1C)

it was only a couple of days before everything felt all right.

Both bring extra elements to their teams which add to the increased team play. Benson has had to work back to the team after two major knee injuries while Fisher embodies the team spirit by competing in and contributing to three varsity sports.

Benson tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee in January of 1992 and had surgery to repair it before working back to the junior varsity as a sophomore in 1993. In April of 1993, Benson tore the right ACL but played through her junior season on the varsity until Lee's season was over in February and she had a second surgery. She doesn't need a brace on her left knee anymore but she still wears a thick, black brace which covers most of her right leg.

"I wasn't able to play summer ball at all this past summer but I'm finally getting to where I'm catching up if I haven't already," Benson said. "When you have knee surgery you set goals for yourself to come back to more than 100 percent."

"Right now, my knees don't bother me at all," Benson said. "I'm at 120 percent. I feel like I could play without my brace."

Lee coach Elise Kail has been impressed with Benson's recovery. "She's a heck of a rebounder especially considering the obstacles she's had to face in the two major knee surgeries," Kail said. "It's amazing she's even playing. She's lost a lot of quickness. That brace weighs a ton but she's overcome it."

Benson is the third-leading rebounder on the team for the season with an average of 6.8 per game but she turned it on for district play with 7.3 per game for second behind 6-foot-2 senior Krissy Woodard.

Fisher's experience in postseason action in volleyball and in track and field has brought some stability to the Lady Rebels in their first playoff appearance in three years and has provided some motivation for her teammates. In 1993, the Lady Rebel volleyball team made the playoffs for the second straight year and as a sophomore, Fisher was a member of the Lady Rebel 1,600-meter relay team

which ran at Austin's Memorial Stadium during the state meet.

"She's our quickest player of the first five," said Kail. "And she brings guts and determination to the team. She's not a natural basketball player but she's made herself into a good one."

Fisher says her postseason experience and the fact that she was the only sophomore on the state relay team has helped with Lee's sophomores Jamie Rhoads and Nisha Washington.

"It helps take off the anxiety of not knowing what a playoff game is like," she said. "It makes it not so scary, especially for Jamie and Nisha."

And that's important, Fisher said.

"The nervousness I went through at the state meet made me miserable," Fisher said. "We're out here to have fun and I think that will make all the difference in the world."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Senior-laden Stanton faces Ozona

By Mike Butts
Staff Writer

This could be the year Stanton Lady Buffalo fans have waited for. The girls basketball team is talented, playoff-tested and has three years of experience playing together. And they appear set to go beyond the area round where they dropped out of the playoffs the last two seasons.

Stanton's four-player core of seniors Sande Bundas, Kendra Woodfin, Laura Herm and Lupe Chapa have started since they were sophomores. They've led the team to a bi-district championship the last two years. Tonight at Odessa College the Lady Buffaloes face Ozona (28-2) at 7:30 p.m. in a Class 2A bi-district playoff.

"We've had our moments, we just need to recapture them," said Stanton coach Frank Riney. The team is 19-9 and finished second to Winters in District 6-2A. "We have a lot of veterans. We start all seniors."

Ozona is as young as Stanton is

experienced. The District 5-2A champions start three freshmen, a sophomore and a senior. Six-foot freshman post Amber Tarr leads the team in scoring.

The No. 4-ranked Lady Lions lost only to Midland High in a practice game Monday and to Brownfield in December. They beat Midland Lee 50-44 in pre-district play.

"They don't play like youngsters," Riney said. "They're pretty shiny. They have size, shooters and speed."

But so do the Lady Buffaloes. Bundas, a 5-foot-11 post, averages about 17 points a game. Guard Laura Herm (5-4), a three-point shooter, puts up 14.9 per contest. Woodfin, a 5-11 post, point guard Chapa and wing Tracie Moore round out the starters.

"We have a pretty good inside-outside mix with our shooting," Riney said. "We've been able to get people in trouble because we're not one dimensional."

Senior post Shauna Butler and junior guard Kristen Wyckoff are the first players off the bench for

Stanton.

The Lady Buffaloes have played their share of top teams this year. They lost to Winters, ranked sixth in the state and now 24-5, three times. But one of those losses was by one point in overtime and the other by two points.

Stanton also played and beat Abilene Wylie, a Class 3A team now ranked ninth in the state at 24-5.

"I feel like if we play well we can play with anybody we line up against," Riney said. "The games we have lost down through the years we committed pretty many turnovers. We play pretty fast so that happens."

The Lady Buffaloes split with last year's 2A state champion and district foe Jim Ned this year. Last season they lost in the area round to Jim Ned by only six points. Two seasons ago they fell in the same round to Dublin by four points.

This year it's a safe bet the seniors who lost those games as sophomores and juniors won't be satisfied with the same results.

Rankin girls battle Ira in 1A contest

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

When making it to the big dance you have to be ready when the music starts or you'll get left behind.

Tonight, the Rankin girls' basketball team will listen for the music when they travel to Greenwood for their 7 p.m. bi-district match against Ira, a team Rankin doesn't know a whole lot about.

"It's hard to tell about a team watching a film," Rankin head coach Jeff Bearden said. "They've got to be pretty good or they wouldn't be where they are. We're going to have to get out there and take care of business."

Ira, which won the District 26-A title for the first time in eight years, comes into the game averaging 62 points a game. The Lady Bulldogs are led by Judy Rankin and her 17-point average. Jennifer Northcott and Jennifer Rankin also average around 10 points for the Lady Bulldogs. Ira coach Ted Mebane thinks the mental, not the physical, game will be the difference in today's game.

"It's going to come down to the

team who is mentally prepared," Mebane said. "Anytime you get into a playoff game, you know you're not playing a mediocre team."

Rankin comes into the game on a roll of sorts. Rankin defeated Sanderson 67-38 last Friday in a playoff for the District 25-A runner-up position. Mix that in with what Bearden called a strong performance in the scrimmage against Reagan County and the team has a right to be upbeat about the way they have been playing.

"We should be carrying some momentum," Bearden said. "It was a good confidence builder to go up against a good 3A team."

Against 17-9 Ira, Rankin, 20-10, is going to need its pressure-defensive machine going at full octane to come out of with a win. If the defense, led by guards Shanna Bynum and Liz Mendez, can come through then look for the dividends on the scoreboard.

"We can't just show up," Bearden said. "We're mostly a defensive team. If our press works, we're tough. We count on our

defense scoring a lot of points."

The Red Devils, who were the bridesmaid of District 25-A, will again put their three-player post rotation of juniors Kelly King, Ana Guadarrama and senior Kelly King to the test.

"They have been doing a bulk of our scoring all year," Bearden said. "They all play the same amount of time, and I can rotate any of them in. One of them always comes through."

From the wing position, Betty DeLaPaz is carrying a hot hand. DeLaPaz had 25 points in Rankin's 67-38 win over Sanderson on Feb. 10 in the one-game playoff for the runner-up position. The game was one example of her strong play over the district portion of the season.

The one intangible that Rankin brings to the table is the senior leadership off the bench. Rankin starts only one senior but relies on four bench players.

"I've got good experience off the bench," Bearden said. "They have accepted their role as back up and have given us good team leadership all year."

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Truck drivers, clerks head to Ranger camp

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Some haven't played baseball in years while others are truck drivers, clerks or freight handlers — workers in fields unrelated to the Florida diamond where possible Texas Rangers replacements are planning practice.

Chuck Rainey, a 40-year-old righthander, last pitched in the big leagues in 1984. Jackie Davidson, another right-handed pitcher, has been out of baseball since 1989.

But both are potential replacement players headed for Rangers' spring training workouts, beginning Friday.

The longest strike in baseball history, which now threatens to stretch into consecutive seasons, has brought both the hopeful and

the hapless to Charlotte County. Thirty-eight of the 109 players the Rangers invited to report to camp for physicals Thursday have never been with the organization.

Rangers general manager Doug Melvin said Wednesday night at Charlotte County Stadium that 12 to 15 players have already signed replacement contracts.

About 70 minor leaguers, some of whom might be approached about crossing picket lines if the strike continues into the season, are mixed in with the potential replacement players.

"You'll have trouble identifying this team or that team until we get a week or two into camp," Melvin said. "At some point, we're going to pick out the 32 best

players that want to play."

Those signing replacement contracts will receive a \$5,000 bonus, payable on the first day of the regular season.

The players, from Class A to AAA and replacement candidates, were scheduled to practice in mixed groups when workouts begin at 10 a.m. Friday on the minor league fields.

Melvin said it would likely be March 1 before any players are moved to the major league clubhouse or work out on the county stadium field, where the Rangers usually play.

The Rangers' exhibition season was scheduled to begin March 3 in Port Charlotte against Minnesota. But Melvin said camp games would be played before the exhibition season starts.

The Texas roster includes 16 players who have made big-league appearances. Fresh from the Caribbean World Series, Felipe Castillo pitched in Taiwan last season.

And shortstop Luis Martinez led the Italian League in hitting, while outfielder Johnny Monell was most valuable player in Mexico and the league's second in hitting.

"We saw a lot of these guys play this winter in Puerto Rico and Mexico," said assistant general manager Sandy Johnson. "Some teams, like Philadelphia, are going with older players. Others, like Cincinnati, are going strictly with players who were already in their organization."

Twin 125 qualifying races prove Chevrolet Monte Carlo car to beat

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt and Sterling Marlin eliminated any doubt that the newest model on the NASCAR circuit, the Chevrolet Monte Carlo, is the one to beat in the Daytona 500, pulling away for easy victories in the Twin 125 qualifying races Thursday.

Not even Dale Jarrett, whose Ford Thunderbird was the fastest car in time trials last weekend, could stop the Monte Carlo sweep in the 50-lap races which set the field for Sunday's season-opening Winston Cup race.

"I feel real good about the Monte Carlo," said Earnhardt, who won the second race by about three car lengths over Jeff Gordon's Chevy. "The car ran really great and I feel good about the way it handled."

Jarrett began the first race on the pole and led exactly one lap. He wound up third behind Marlin and Darrell Waltrip, both in Monte Carlos, and conceded that both cars were handling better than his.

"We're going to have to figure out something here (Friday) and Saturday to deal with them," said Jarrett, who starts from the pole in the 500 based on his qualifying speed.

But he also downplayed what some viewed as a disappointing performance by the man who took over the powerhouse No. 28 Thunderbird from injured Ernie Irvan

and posted a qualifying speed of 193.494 mph last weekend.

"When they started going by me, I couldn't get any help and I couldn't take any chances there just to see what we had," Jarrett said.

The Chevrolet drivers are feeling pretty good about their Monte Carlos, which replaced the Lumina this year.

Earnhardt already had locked up a spot on the outside of the front row for the 500 in time trials, but he didn't play it safe in Thursday's race. After starting from the pole and getting passed on the first lap, he weaved his way back through the field and passed Mark Martin's Ford Thunderbird for the lead on lap 21.

Except for a two-lap caution period, Earnhardt held on the rest of the way for his 25th victory at Daytona International Speedway.

Young players must make decision before joining Astros training

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Scott Elarton, with his 96 mph fastball and bright future, will have to decide soon whether to be a strikebreaker for the Houston Astros.

"My family tells me 'cross, cross, cross' but they don't understand what's involved," said Elarton, one of the Astros' two first-round draft picks last summer.

Rather than sign has-beens like Chuck Rainey, who is on the Texas Rangers' roster, the Astros hope to use young players in their

system as replacements. But general manager Bob Watson said Thursday he might not want to use the Astros' really good ones.

"That's a big relief," Elarton said. "I had been thinking about it all the way here. I wouldn't want to make that choice because either way you choose you're going to make someone mad. I know they're going to ask guys but I'm not going to think about it unless they ask."

Elarton was 11-0 with a 0.79 ERA last year

at Lamar (Colo.) High School. Scott Makarewicz, a six-year minor leaguer who was the backup catcher at Class AAA Tucson, has a tougher choice. He's 28 and this might be his only chance to impress the Astros.

"I was real excited a couple of weeks ago, and then I was down for awhile, and then I finally said you've got to get ready to play baseball, quit worrying about everything else," Makarewicz said. "I don't think anybody knows what's going on."

Qualifying-school veteran Taylor takes second-round lead at Bob Hope Classic

Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Harry Taylor, a 40-year-old qualifying school veteran who has never finished higher than fifth in a tour event, shot an 8-under-par 64 Thursday to take the second-round lead in the Bob Hope Classic.

Taylor has a 14-under total of 130 and a three-shot lead over Tommy Armour and Chris Perry in the 90-hole event.

Armour shot 67 at Bermuda Dunes and Perry fired a 67 at Indian Ridge. Taylor also played at Indian Ridge.

Until Thursday, Taylor was known more by tour players for his club design and promotion work for an equipment manufacturer than for his ability on the course.

Golf Roundup

Taylor had shown no signs of improving his play this year, missing two cuts and finishing 71st in three starts this year.

"I've been working on my game and working on my swing, and things are feeling better," Taylor said.

He started the day with three consecutive birdies from inside 100 feet. He later nearly ached the eighth and 17th holes, hitting tee shots to just two feet of the pin on No. 8 and three inches away on No. 17.

"I hit good drives and good second shots," Taylor said. "It was a good day."

Armour, back on the PGA Tour after a year on the Nike Tour, had four birdies, an eagle and a bogey. He credits his time on the Nike Tour with helping his attitude early this season.

"I kind of felt like a rookie," Armour said. "I was playing in cities I had never played in my life. It makes you appreciate what you have more."

Perry said no lead is safe in the Classic, which annually features winning scores approaching 30-under.

"It's too early to tell. This is a grueling event," Perry said. "You

have to try and keep your concentration."

Hawaiian Ladies Open
HONOLULU — Mitsuyo Hirata, a Japanese golfer making her debut in the United States, and Dawn Coe-Jones shot 5-under-par 67s to share the first-round lead.

With barely a trace of breeze blowing over the 6,250-yard Ko Olina Golf Course, both golfers took advantage of the early morning start to turn in bogey-free cards.

Coe-Jones birdied two of the par 5s and a pair of par 3s over the first seven holes.

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Prices rise

NEW YORK — Prices for crude oil and unleaded gasoline fell in early trading Thursday but buyers stepped in and helped the market close slightly higher.
The March contract of West Texas Intermediate was 17 cents higher at \$18.59 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. March natural gas was 1.3 cents higher at \$1.399 per Mcf.

Southwest Air

NEW YORK — Southwest Airlines Co. is still dealing with last year's growing pains and intensified competition, but should bounce back in the second half of 1995, analysts say.
Southwest officials held their annual meeting with Wall Street analysts Thursday in New York. The meeting was aimed at bolstering confidence in the carrier, which is still doing well by most measures but is not piling up profits as fast as it used to.
The first half of the year will be worse than had been expected for Southwest, as the carrier continues dealing with the problems of growing too much, too fast, Furman Selz Inc. analyst Raymond Nield said.
However, the analysts said Southwest is due to bounce back and have a strong second half. This may not be the best news for travelers, as air fares are likely to rise, they said.
The airline said Thursday it would add yet more flights to its schedule in the West and Midwest.

Dollar plunges

NEW YORK — The dollar plunged Thursday to the weakest level against the German mark in nearly four months and hit a 3 1/2-month low vs. the Japanese yen in a self-inflicted blow on investor uncertainty about the U.S. economy.
In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 1.4853 marks, down from 1.5080 late Wednesday.
The dollar also was changing hands in New York at \$7.45 yen, down from \$8.35.
The British pound fetched \$1.5783 in New York, up from \$1.5605.
It took 6.075 pesos to buy a dollar late Thursday vs. 5.965 late Wednesday.
Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Wednesday: 1.2584 Swiss francs, down from 1.2760; 5.1800 French francs, down from 5.2395; 1,605 Italian lire, down from 1,610; and 1,4128 Canadian dollars, up from 1,4034.

Dow inches up

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones Industrial average failed to break the closely watched 4,000 mark on Thursday, hampered by investor selling and concerns about the weak dollar and the Mexican financial crisis.
But the blue chip index reached a new high for the second day in a row, closing at 3,987.52, up 1.35.
The broader S&P 500 index set a new high for the third consecutive session, rising 0.68 to 485.22.
Declining issues outnumbered advances by about 3 to 2 on the New York Stock Exchange. Big Board volume totaled 360.99 million shares, down from 377.95 million on Wednesday.
The NYSE's composite index rose 0.06 to 263.27. But the Nasdaq composite fell 2.32 to 783.31, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index declined 1.67 to 4,417.68.

Housing starts decline 9.8 percent

■ New signs point to slowing of economy by higher interest rates.

By JOHN D. McCLAIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — There are new signals that Federal Reserve-engineered interest rate increases are having their intended effect of slowing the nation's economy.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that housing starts plunged 9.8 percent in January, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.38 million, the biggest drop in a year. The weakness was seen in every region.

At the same time, the Labor Department said the number of newly laid-off American workers filing claims for unemployment benefits jumped by 20,000 to the highest level in a month.

Robert R. Davis, an economist with the Savings & Community Bankers of America, said the decline in housing construction "is not unique to that sector of the economy."

"I expect the rest of the economy to be moving down as well," he added. "The GDP will be well below 2 percent (at an annual rate) in the second half of the year."

The gross domestic product grew 4 percent in 1994, despite six interest rate

increases. The Fed raised rates again last month, continuing its effort to slow the economy sufficiently to prevent any escalation in inflation.

And noting the jump in jobless claims to 338,000 last week, economists at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. said it points "to a potential downward trend in the labor market." It was the highest level since 339,000 during the week ended Jan. 14.

To economist David Lereah of the Mortgage Bankers Association, the Commerce report was "confirmation that the housing sector is weakening."

The January drop in starts was the second monthly decline. They fell 0.6 percent in December, to a 1.53 million annual rate, after rising 5.9 percent during favorable building weather in November.

The January decline was the largest since a 21 percent plunge in January 1994, when winter storms prevented builders from laying foundations. But this January, weather conditions were more favorable over much of the nation.

Michael Carliner, an economist with the National Association of Home Builders, said a survey of 358 members earlier this month suggested the slowdown continued into February.

Twenty-seven percent characterized their sales as "poor" and 51 percent said they were "fair." Only 22 percent described them as "good."

Applications for buildings permits — often a barometer of future activity — also suggested further declines in the months ahead. They fell 8.6 percent to a 1.3 million rate.

Analysts attributed the weakness to higher mortgage rates. Thirty-year, fixed-rate loans averaged 9.15 percent in January, compared to about 7 percent a year earlier.

An increase from 7 percent to 9 percent would add \$209 to the monthly payment on a \$150,000 mortgage and price many prospective buyers out of the market.

Although economist David Berson of the Federal National Mortgage Association said the Fed could raise interest rates one more time, he expects rates to fall slightly over the year.

That, he contended, should cushion any effect of a slower economy on the housing industry. "I don't anticipate any housing market crash this year," he said.

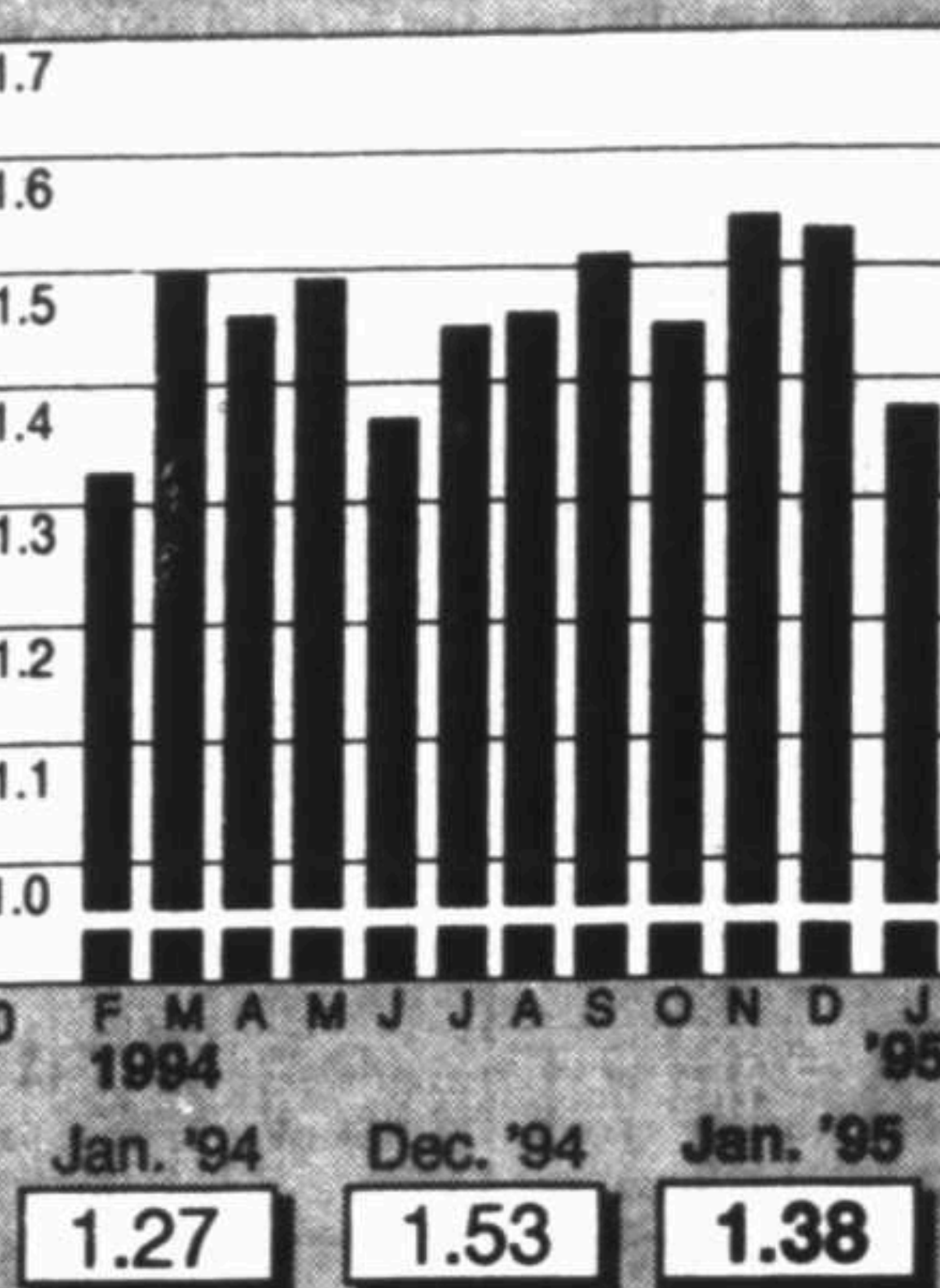
Single-family starts, which are most sensitive to mortgage rate changes, fell 12.3 percent to a 1.07 million annual rate, smallest since a similar 1.07 million in June 1993.

Regionally, the Northeast posted a 16.8 percent drop in starts to a 114,000 rate, while the Midwest registered an 11.7 percent decline to 302,000.

Starts in the South fell 8.6 percent to a 635,000 rate. They were off 7.6 percent in the West to 326,000.

Housing starts

Seasonally adjusted annual rate, millions of units



Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

AT&T unveils long distance plan changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — AT&T Corp., embroiled in a fierce battle for customers, proposed a new calling plan Thursday that could reduce the average residential customer's interstate bill by \$4.50, officials said.

The plan, which should be available April 1, would require people to enroll, but they would not have to pay a fee, said Joseph Nacchio, president of AT&T Consumer Communications Service.

The average residential interstate bill is about \$18 a month. A 25 percent discount through the plan would save customers \$4.50, said AT&T spokesman John Skalko.

In addition, AT&T as early as this weekend plans to offer most of its 80 million residential customers a weekend of free calling. The promotion, which ends May 1, will let people make free calls to places they normally call on the weekends, Nacchio said.

The plans come as AT&T, MCI and Sprint are in an advertising war over whose rates are lower.

Last month both MCI and Sprint unveiled new plans to lure residential customers.

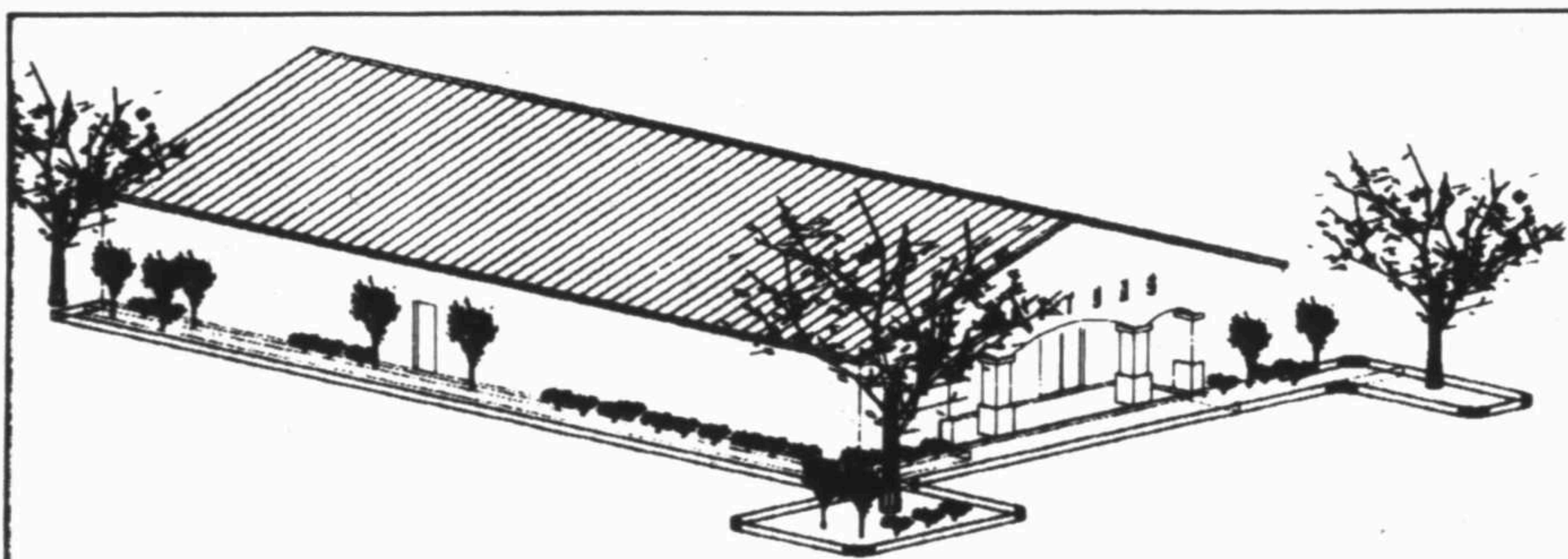
Under the new calling plan, known as AT&T True Savings, people with bills of more than \$10 a month would save 25 percent and people with bills of more than \$50 would save 30 percent, Nacchio said.

Citing what it says is an identical plan introduced on Jan. 6, MCI's consumer markets president, Angela Dunlap, said: "This is AT&T following MCI's lead once again."

Sprint's president of consumer services, Tom Weigman, said the move perpetuates consumer confusion. "Consumers are told they are getting discounts off of their long-distance calls, but what they are not being told is discounts off what?"

AT&T said the discount comes off the total bill. The per-minute charge, which will vary according to time and place, is calculated using the basic rate schedule.

Taken together, AT&T's free calling and the new plan will cost the company \$650 million.



This artist's rendering shows the new Peyton's Bikes, expected to be open in mid-March at 4712 N. Midkiff. Project manager is M.L. Perrin Design and Planning. Contractor is Oasis Builders.

Peyton's Bikes building new location

Construction has begun on the new home of Peyton's Bikes. The new building, which is expected to be completed by mid-March, will be located at 4712 N. Midkiff, a block north of Loop 250.

David Ham, general manager, said Peyton's had been looking for a new location when H-E-B purchased the La Villita shopping center, where the store is currently located. He further explained that it was decided to build a new building because existing retail space to fit Peyton's needs — between 5,000 and 6,000 square feet — was not readily available.

The new building will feature a large showroom for bicycles, accessories, clothing and exercise equipment. Pey-

ton's is a dealer for Schwinn, Trek Cannondale, G.T. and Giant bicycles and exercise equipment ranging from Schwinn and Lifecycle exercise bicycles to treadmills and stairsteppers. Also carried are Pearl Izumi, Cannondale and Bellwether clothing and Shimano, Onza, Profile, Scott, Panaracer, Bell and Giro accessories.

Ham said Peyton's would stay with the same lines it has been carrying but would increase its service area slightly. There will be a separate entrance to the service and repair department.

Project manager for the new building is M.L. Perrin Design and Planning. Contractor is Oasis Builders.

Bluebonnet opens new Big Spring location

From Staff Reports

BIG SPRING — A number of Big Spring dignitaries will join officials of Bluebonnet Savings Bank FSB on Wednesday, February 22 for a 2 p.m. ribbon cutting ceremony opening Bluebonnet's new building at 1500 Gregg at 15th. Bluebonnet broke ground on the location last June.

To officially mark the move into the new building, Bluebonnet will hold an expanded Grand Opening celebration February 21-24.

"Big Spring has been like a family to us," said Howard R. Neff, Bluebonnet chief executive officer. "And like any family, we eventually outgrew our old house. Our new home gives us over 3,200 square feet of room to grow in, more drive-thru lanes, a new ATM machine and safety deposit box facilities. As the hometown bank of Big Spring, we wanted to assure the continued comfort and convenience of all our customers."

He added that "We are committed to the savings and credit needs of Big Spring. We are grateful for the community's confidence in us, and at the same time proud that we are now even better able to serve our customers."

During the Grand Opening celebration, free refreshments will be served. Big Spring residents are also invited to tour the new building and visit with officials about bank products and services.

Bank representatives and loan officers will be available to answer questions. The Big Spring relocation comes on the heels of several other important growth initiatives for the Texas bank.

For instance, Bluebonnet recently acquired four branches in San Antonio, two in Austin and one in Corpus Christi. Bluebonnet Savings currently has 21 branches throughout Texas. Among its branches is a Midland location at 4300 N. Midland Drive.

Bluebonnet is an equal housing lender and a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

The bank is focused on meeting the savings and credit needs of the communities it serves, including low and moderate income areas.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Stockholder's basis can step up as well as down

BY BILL DOYLE

Q: From reading your column, I know that the basis — cost for tax purposes — of inherited stock "steps up" to the market value of that stock on the date of death of the person who left it, assuming it was purchased at a lower price.

A: So, if someone wills to me 100 shares of stock he or she purchased at \$20 a share but is worth, say, \$80 per share on the date of his or her death, my basis is \$80. If I sell those 100 shares, my profit or loss is the difference between my \$80 basis and the proceeds from the sale.

Q: That is great, because it means I will not have the much larger profit — subject to capital gains tax — I would have had if the basis had not stepped up from the \$20 purchase price.

A: But suppose the market value of that stock on the date of death has fallen below the price at which it was purchased, say, to \$10. Would my basis "step down" to that lower price?

A: Generally, yes. Your basis on an

inherited capital asset almost always is its market value on the date of the decedent's death. If the market value is lower on the date of death, that's the basis of the inherited asset — in your example \$10 per share.

It makes sense. If the basis had remained at \$20 per share and you immediately sold that stock at \$10 per share, you would have realized a \$1,000 capital loss, which could have been used to reduce your federal income tax. There's no way the Internal Revenue Code would permit that play.

An exception comes into play when the estate's executor elects to use an alternate valuation date. Then, your basis of the inherited asset is its fair market value on that date, which is either exactly six months after the date of death or the date on which you sell the inherited asset within the six-month period.

The basis rules apply to all inherited capital assets, not just stocks.

Q: On March 3, I purchased 50 shares of a certain stock at \$46.75 per share. That was its high for the year. The stock went down and down. On Nov. 4, I purchased 100 more shares at \$21 per share. It now is \$16.50.

A: If that stock's price should rise and I

sell the 100 shares at a profit, could I also sell the 50 shares at a loss? Or would the "wash sale" rule apply?

A: I am assuming the price at which I sell will be higher than the \$21 at which I bought 100 shares and lower than the \$46.75 at which I purchased 50.

A: Don't fret about the wash-sale rule. It does not enter into your hypothetical situation.

That rule disallows a capital loss on the sale of a security if you buy the same or "substantially identical" security within 30 days before or after the sale. You're in the clear, there.

If your scenario works out, on the income tax return you file for the year of the sale, you would be entitled to report a capital gain on the sale of 100 shares and a capital loss on the sale of 50 shares.

I can only wish you good luck with your assumption. As I pound this through my word processor, the stock you named in your letter is trading at \$10. The company in which it represents part-ownership operated at a loss all last year. Perhaps it's time to unload that dog and establish a capital loss on all 150 shares.

Q: A friend tells me he transferred ownership of his stocks to his late

wife's name before her death and then inherited the stocks from her.

A: He contends this increased the stocks' basis to their market values on the date his wife died and, if he sells the stocks, he will have smaller capital gains to report than would have been the case if the stocks had not been transferred to his wife and then inherited by him.

A: Can one lift oneself's basis by one's bootstrap this way?

A: Not if the Internal Revenue Service gets wind of it.

As explained above, the basis of inherited stock steps up to market value on the date of the decedent's death. However, the basis of stock received as a gift remains as the donor's basis.

The IRS would trip up your friend's scheme as a fraudulent attempt to increase the stocks' basis for no reason other than to reduce his capital gains tax liability.

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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Ordinance amending Title V, "Business Regulations," Chapter 6, "Taxicabs," containing a Cumulative Clause, containing a Savings and Severability Clause, providing for a maximum fine or penalty of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and ordering publication.

City of Midland
B.C. Clanton
City Secretary

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids will be accepted in the office of the County Purchasing Coordinator, First Floor, Suite 101 of the Midland County Courthouse, or P.O. Box 421, Midland, Texas 79702, until 4:30 o'clock P.M., Tuesday, March 7, 1995, to be opened by the Commissioners' Court, Wednesday, March 8, 1995, at the 2:00 P.M.

It is the County's intention to award a bid Monday, March 13, 1995, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Commissioners' Court. All interested parties are invited to attend the bid opening and the court meeting.

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Notice is hereby given that on January 30, 1995, Letters Testamentary as Independent Executor upon the above Estate were issued to:

HAZEL M. WILBANKS

by the Honorable County Court of Law of Midland County, Texas, in Cause No. 11,012 pending upon the Probate Docket of said Court.

All persons having claims against the Estate being administered are hereby requested to present the same within the time prescribed by law to the following:

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ORDINANCE NO. 7419

An ordinance changing the Zoning Classification of the area set out and described in "Section One hereof from 'LR-1', Local Retail District to 'Planned District' for a housing development; approving a site plan for the property described in Section One; Removing the property described in Section One from the Fire District; containing a Cumulative Clause, containing a Savings and Severability Clause, providing for a maximum fine or penalty of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), and ordering publication.

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NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing, at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 7, 1995, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by RSHK Partners, Ltd., for a Zoning Change from LR-1, One Family Dwelling District, to PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center, on a 57.87-acre tract located in the northeast part of Section 18, Block 39, T-1-S, T & P Railroad Company Survey, Midland County, Texas, being more particularly described below. Generally located on the west side of Midland Drive, approximately 500 feet south of Loop 250 North.

BEGINNING at (Y=10,705.31054 x 1,735,109.58) a 5/8" iron rod with a cap marked "PLS 1974" set at the Southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 44, Fairmont Park Addition, as recorded in Cabinet E, Page 39, Plat Records, being the Northeast corner of this tract, from whence the Northeast corner of Section 18, Block 39, T-1-S, as established by D. H. Jenkins, Registered Public Surveyor, in June of 1960, bears N 75° 33' 38" E a distance of 72.54 feet (Previously

called in Volume 1245, Page 534, Deed Records, N 75° 34' 09" E, 72.16 feet), and N 140° 21' 29" W a distance of 1345.40 feet (call= N 140° 20' 14" W, 1346.50 feet), also from said Place of Beginning a 1" bent rebar bears N 32° 23' W a distance of 0.36 feet;

THENCE S 140° 22' 05" E (call= S 140° 22' 52" E) with the West boundary line of Midland Drive (FM Road N. 868) being the West boundary line of a 10 foot Dedication Deed recorded in Volume 1188, Page 345, Deed Records of Midland County, a distance of 155.51 feet (call= 155.69 feet) to a 5/8" iron rod with a cap marked "PLS 1974" set at an exterior corner of said tract and the Northeast corner of said Drainage Channel and Utility Easement, as recorded in various Volumes and Pages, the first being Volume 668, Page 125, Deed Records, at an interior corner of this tract;

THENCE N 67° 01' 47" E (call= N 67° 00' 26" E) with the North boundary line of said Drainage Channel and Utility Easement, at 9.48 feet pass a standard concrete right of way monument, continuing for a total distance of 10.11 feet (call= 9.26 feet) to a 5/8" iron rod with a cap marked "PLS 1974" set at an exterior corner of this tract and the Northeast corner of said Drainage Channel and Utility Easement;

THENCE S 140° 22' 05" E (call= S 140° 22' 52" E) with the West boundary line of Midland Drive (FM Road No. 868) as described in right-of-Way Deed recorded in Volume 119, Page 116, Deed Records, at 121.36 feet pass the most Easterly Southeast corner of said Drainage Channel and Utility Easement, continuing with said West boundary line of Midland Drive for a total distance of 1120.84 feet (call= 1120.78 feet) to a 1/2" iron rod with a cap marked "WEST ENG" found at the Northeast corner of a 0.96 Acre tract of land recorded in Volume 1245, Page 538, Official Records, being the Southeast corner of this tract, from whence a 1" iron rod bears S 140° 22' 05" E a distance of 75.00 feet, found at the Southeast corner of said 0.96 Acre tract being the same monument as that set in reference on the West right of way line of Midland Drive and the South boundary line of the Northeast Part of said Section 18 by D.H. Jenkins in 1960 as recorded in Boundary Agreement in Volume 340, page 519, Deed Records;

THENCE S 75° 35' 36" W (call= S 75° 36' 37" W) with the North boundary line of said 0.96 Acre Tract, a distance of 556.41 feet (call= 556.41 feet) to a 1/2" iron rod with plastic cap marked "WEST ENG" found at the Northwest corner of said 0.96 Acre Tract and an interior corner of this tract;

THENCE S 140° 22' 05" E (call= S 140° 22' 52" E) with the West

boundary line of said 0.96 Acre Tract, a distance of 75.00 feet (call= 75.00 feet) to a 1/2" iron rod with a plastic cap marked "WEST ENG" found at the Southwest corner of said 0.96 Acre Tract and an exterior corner of this tract;

THENCE S 75° 35' 36" W (call= S 75° 36' 37" W) with the South boundary line of the Northeast Part of Section 18 as surveyed by D.H. Jenkins in 1960 in said Boundary Agreement and the North boundary line of Fairmont Park, Section 2, as recorded in Cabinet "C", Page 51, Plat Records, at 1440.95 feet pass an exterior corner of said Drainage Channel and Utility Easement, at 1651.26 feet pass the Southwest corner of said Boundary Agreement, continuing for a total distance of 1966.65 feet (Call= 1966.86 feet) to a 1" iron rod set by D.H. Jenkins in said Boundary Agreement, found at the Southwest corner of said Northeast Part and the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N 140° 21' 29" W (call= N 140° 22' 52" E) with the West boundary line of said Boundary Agreement, a distance of 268.10 feet (call= 267.76 feet) to a 5/8" iron rod with a cap marked "PLS 1974" set at the most Westerly Northwest corner of this tract, from whence a standard brass cap in a concrete right of way monument bears S 40° 47' 55" W a distance of 59.46 feet, also from said most Westerly Northwest corner of this tract a 1/2" iron rod with plastic cap marked "WEST ENG" bears S 18° 00' W a distance of 0.36 feet;

THENCE N 40° 47' 55" E (call= N 40° 49' 00" E) with the Southeast right of way line of Loop 250 as described in Deed recorded in Volume 668, Page 129, Deed Records, at 855.00 feet pass an exterior corner of said Drainage Channel and Utility Easement, at 1024.71 feet pass a second exterior corner of said Drainage Channel and Utility Easement, continuing for a total distance of 1894.71 feet (call= 1895.54 feet) to a 5/8" iron rod with a cap marked "PLS 1974" set in the North boundary line of Deed from W.A. Smith et ux to Marlene Carol Atchison, dated November 23, 1946, recorded in Volume 92, Page 291, Deed Records, and at the Southwest corner of a 3.89 Acre Tract recorded in Volume 1172, Page 111, Deed Records, being the most northerly Northwest corner of this tract, from whence 1/2" iron rod found on said boundary line of the most Southerly Southeast corner of Northgate Addition, Section 5, as recorded in Cabinet "C", Page 54, bears S 75° 33' 38" W a distance of 701.39 feet, also from said most Northerly Northwest corner of this tract a 1/2" iron rod with plastic cap marked "WEST ENG" bears N 68° 00' E a distance of 0.36 feet;

THENCE N 75° 33' 38" E (call=

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N75 34' 09" E) with said North boundary line of said Deed recorded in Volume 92, Page 291 and the South boundary line of said 3.89 Acre Tract, at 698.68 feet pass a 1" iron pipe extending 2 feet above the ground at the Southeast corner of said 3.89 Acre Tract and the Southwest corner of a 1.10 Acre Tract recorded in Volume 1230, Page 636, Official Records, continuing with the South boundary line of said 1.10 Acre Tract a total distance of 957.79 feet (call= 957.63 feet) to the Place of Beginning.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should recontact David Hunter, City of Midland, at (915) 685-7248. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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Professional. DWCF. very attractive, petite, blonde. Seeks DWCFM, 38-45, who's financially secure and enjoys the finer things in life. #24673

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Enjoys companionship, conversation, dining out, country music, seeking honest, considerate, positive, self-assured, intelligent SWM, 35-55. #64427

BLONDE SWF
Early 50s, ISO honest, sincere SWM, 45-50, good country western dancer for fun, friendship and outdoors. #21085

DHF, 25, 5'11"
Enjoys tango dancing, dining out ISO tall, honest, SDHM, 25-30, for friendship. Kids O.K. #65480

ME AND MOM
I'm 4, she's 28, ISO SDWM, decent, honest. We like home life, not partying. Call us. #60517

SHF, 23
5'3", 110 lbs., mother of one, ISO SDHWM, for quite evenings, movies, dining. #65581

STARTING ALL OVER
Again. ISO SDWM, 35-45, for fun and laughter, possible relationship. #67619

SHF, 19
Looking for a great, fun-loving guy, who will care for me and my two small sons. #45430

SWCF, 28
5'6", 115 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes. ISO SWM, 25-35, who is honest, caring, with sense of humor. #61060

Women Seeking Men

DBF ISO W/BM
For friendship, possible relationship. I enjoy movies, dining out, travel and good conversation. #65920

SWF, 33, EX-MODEL
New mom, professional, seeks professional SWM. No drinking or drugs. Smokers O.K. #64465

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DWF, 24
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DWF, 25, LIKES TO BE
Romanced, spoiled by SWM. N/S. Must like kids, dancing, outdoors, travel, being spoiled themselves. #63391

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DANCING QUEEN, 18
ISO SWM, 18-22, non-smoker, adept at country western dancing, enjoys good clean fun, going out. #41267

Men Seeking Women

FANTASTIC GUY
SWCFM, 24, interested in outdoors, evening activities, seeks SWCF, 22-28, to share time with. No divorcees, please. #67792

SHM, 21
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DWM, 34
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HONEST NICE GUY
SWM, 23, 5'10", 140 lbs., enjoys sports, movies, dancing, playing pool seeks SWF, 18-25, for dating. #66345

SWM, 5'6"
Brown hair, brown eyes ISO SHF, N/S, whose interests are tennis, walking, and quiet nights. Kids O.K. #63917

SPM, 26
6', 165 lbs. ISO SD/F, 21-35, enjoy travel, romantic dinners and having a good time. #46122

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SHM, 25, HONEST
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Men Seeking Women

SWM, 32, 6', 200 LBS.
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J-Jewish
W-White
M-Male
WW-Widowed
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TEACHER, SWM, 24
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HM, 46
Honest, hardworking, likes fishing, dancing, quiet evenings. ISO SWH/F, 27-45, for friendship, or possible relationship. Kids are welcome. #64705

ALIVE IN 95'
DWM, 34, 5'11", 200 lbs., brown hair, eyes, honest, sincere. Seeking best friend, soul mate relationship, no games. #64482

SBM
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Must be able to decipher abbreviation, doesn't have to be degreed. Just seeking adventure and the unconventional. #60017

WWM, N/S
Seeking easygoing, attractive, intelligent, educated, physically, mentally alert SF, 55 plus. #60673

SW COWBOY
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SWM, 29, 6'2", 240 LBS. Seeks SWM, 25-45, 6'3" plus, for good times. Enjoys football, travel, movies, music. N/S. #60748

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- B-Black
- C-Christian
- D-Divorced
- F-Female
- H-Hispanic
- ISO-In Search Of
- J-Jewish
- M-Male
- NA-Native American
- N/S-Non-smoker
- P-Professional
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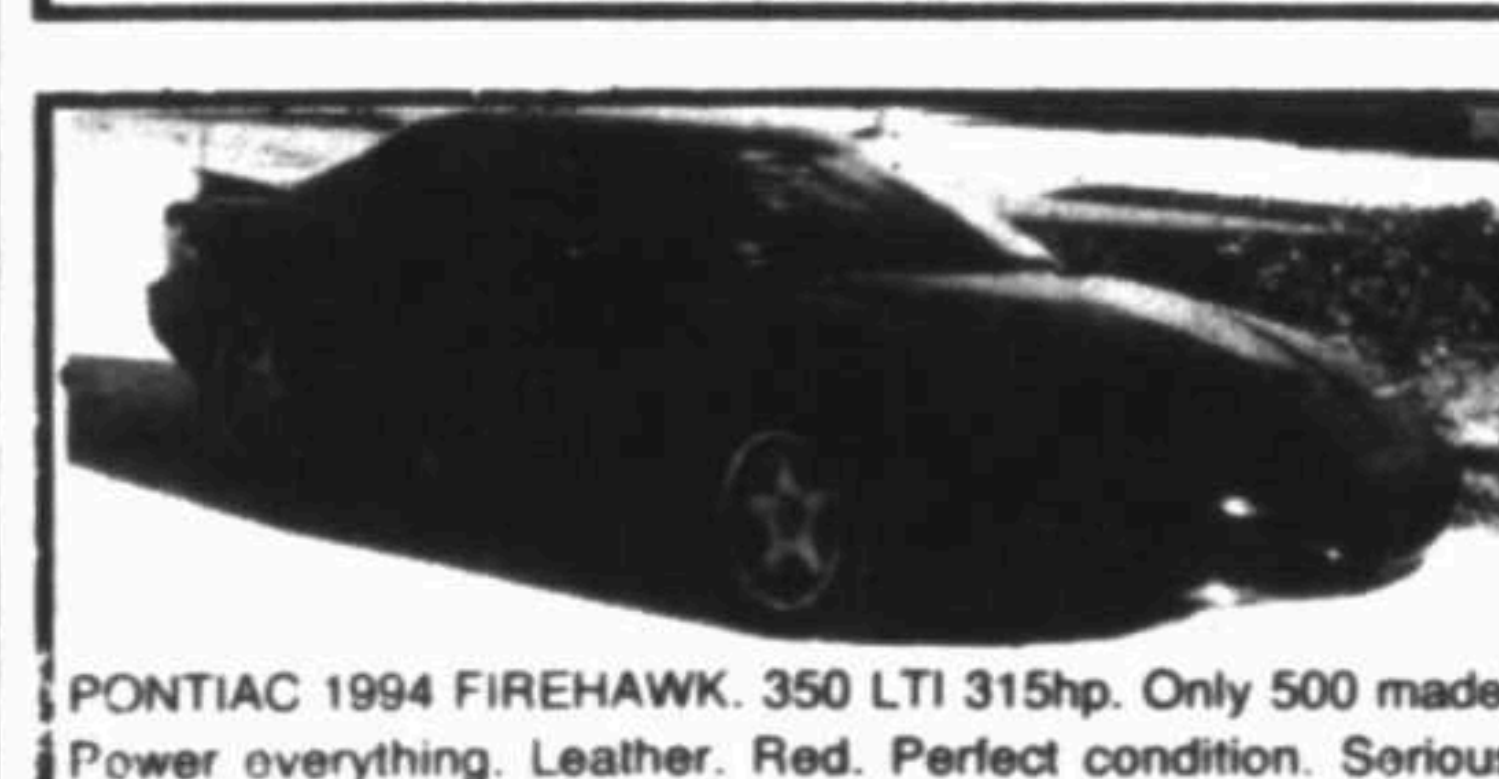
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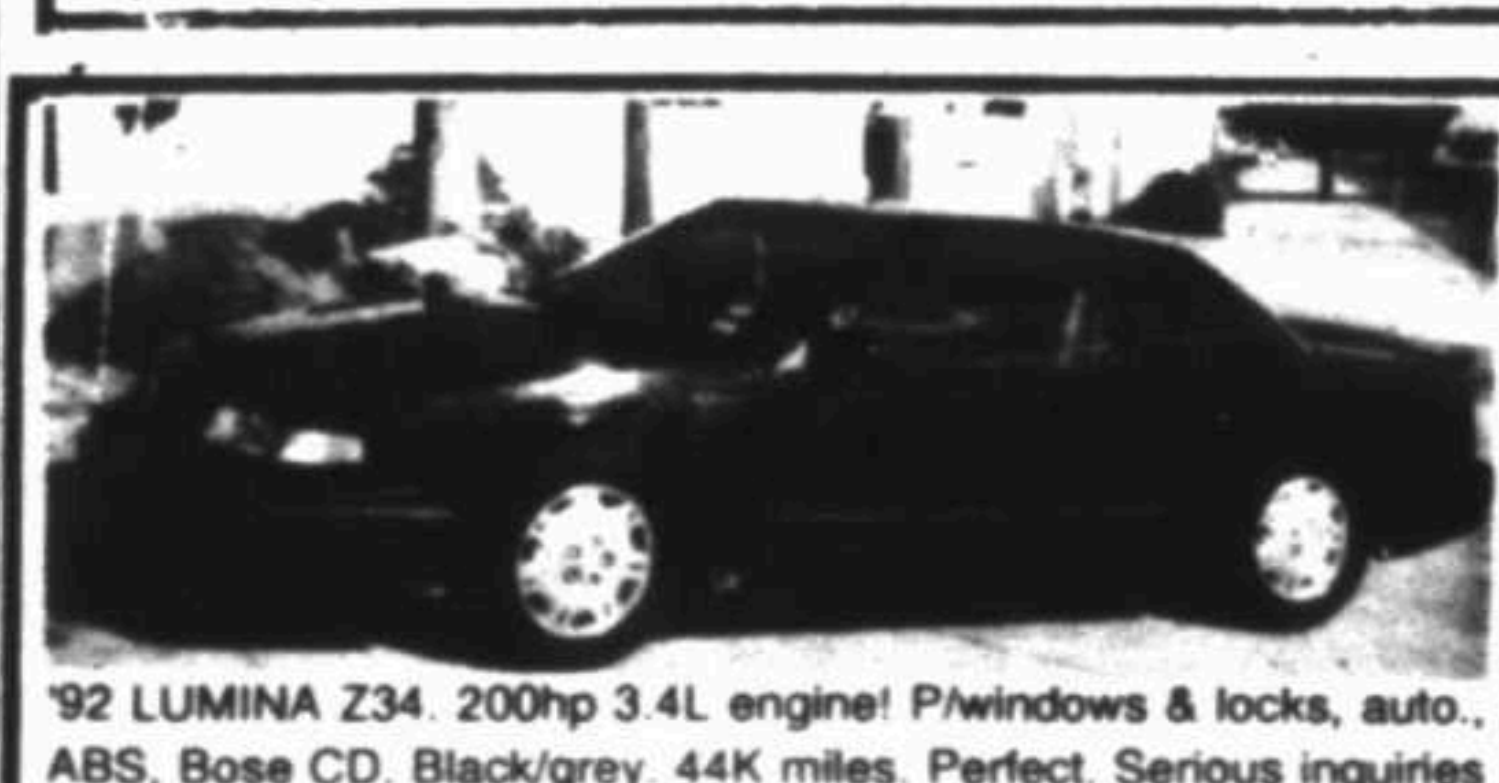
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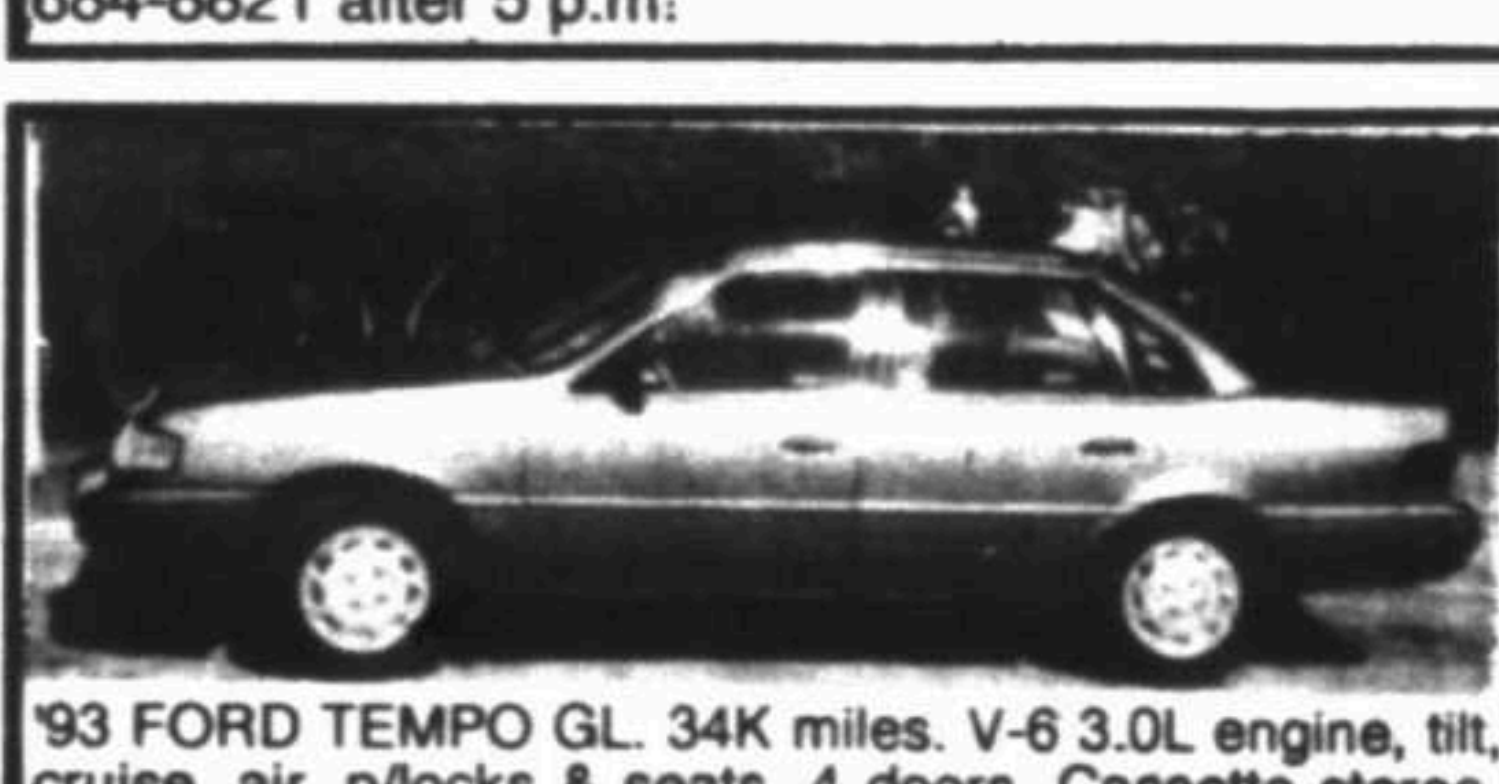
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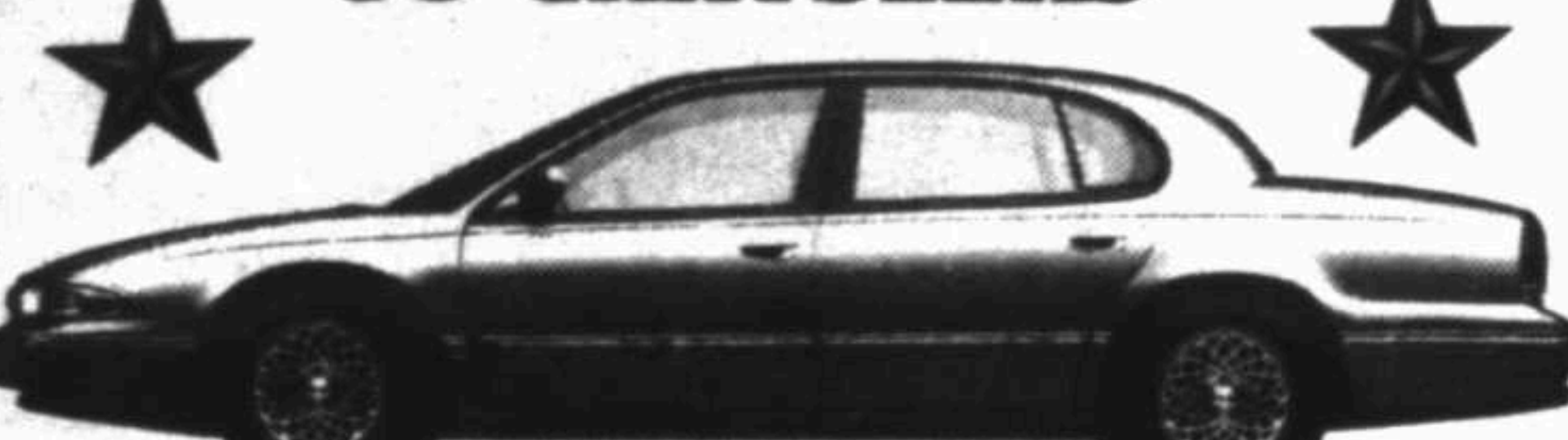
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This weeks veteran is #57678. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and three years supervisory experience. He is mainly interested in an entry level production or cost analyst position in the oilfield supply environment. This veteran states his educational background has given him good preparation for a management trainee position in other areas, if economic field is not available. If interested in speaking to this veteran, please call the Veterans Representative, Scott Stafford, at 915/682-9421, ext. 201, or come by Texas Employment Commission, 501 N. Lorraine, Midland.

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TEACHER - Midland Child-care Center now taking applications. Experience preferred. Apply in person 3701 Andrews Highway.

VOCALIST/Keyboard Player - Country Band seeks female or high range male. Please reply to P.O. Box 80901, Midland, TX 79708 or phone 697-6516/694-1340.

TELEPHONE operators wanted for shift work. Experience preferred. Send resume to 808 W. Indiana, Midland Texas 79701.

URGENT need ten people to start making money now! Part time or full time. (915) 694-6308.

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WAITSTAFF - now hiring. Apply in person 2-5 pm, Murray's Deli, 3211W. Wadley.

WAITSTAFF needed. Apply in person, Golden Dragon, 3211 W. Wadley, Suite #1.

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All shifts. Must be dedicated to long term care. Apply in person: Courtyard Care Center, 3203 Sage 683-5403

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ACCOUNTANT: Degreed natural gas accountant with prior experience in natural gas pipeline, plants, production or marketing. Proven analytical skills required. Computer proficient. Location in large Texas city. Send resume to Aquila Gas Pipeline Corp., 100 NE Loop 410, Suite 1000, San Antonio, Texas 78216. EOE. Drug test required.

CFO

Crane Memorial Hospital, a 28 bed facility, has an immediate opening for a CFO. Good analytical and independent decision making skills a must. Will be responsible for set-up and implementation of hospital accounting system. Computer expertise a must. Budget experience preferred. Accounting or Finance degree required. We are prepared to offer a competitive compensation package to the qualified candidate. Please submit resume and salary history in confidence to: Crane Memorial Hospital, ATTN: Jerry Varnado, Administrator, 1310 S. Alford, Crane, Texas 79731. EOE

FINANCE Executive. Immediate opportunity, executive position. Must have extensive experience and education in consumer lending, banking, and/or finance. Good starting salary and benefits. Apply in person BIDCO Corp., 312 E. 2nd, Odessa.

MANAGEMENT Trainee: Jamburto Restaurant has positions available. Experience not required. Send resume to: P.O. Box 50807, Midland, TX 79710.

LEGAL SECRETARY: 5 plus years experience in legal office, family law and probate. Heavy transcription desk. Must be proficient in Word Perfect. Send resume to Box P-2, c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79701.

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Part time, flexible schedule, up to 24 hours per week. Core Analysis or Mitigating experience preferred.

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316 Sales
Help Wanted

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All the benefits plus a tremendous bonus opportunity.

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