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DOE official: 'Balance' key to Bush energy policy

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Balance, reason, market forces and a realization that there will be no winners or losers will be the guiding principals behind the Bush energy policy, said Guido DeHoratiis, acting deputy assistant secretary for Natural Gas and Petroleum Technology.

Speaking to members of the SPE Permian Basin Recovery Conference Wednesday, DeHoratiis, a petroleum engineer, said the president has a clear belief that "the nation needs an energy policy and we will have one." Bush is expected to reveal his energy policy today, and the Department of Energy researcher predicted that not all would like it. "Some will say it goes too far. Others will say it doesn't go far enough."

He said America faced serious energy problems and the Bush administration deserved credit for making energy policy a priority.



DeHoratiis

"America's energy problems have been a long time in the making and they will not be solved overnight," DeHoratiis said.

"President Bush has sent a clear message that the nation must stop side-stepping on an energy policy and move forward."

He said there was no easy or near-term solution to some of the energy problems.

He said the Department of Energy could help by promoting energy in general, but no particular energy source. Noting that the public was just now beginning to understand the impact of energy on the nation, DeHoratiis said the Department of Energy would provide the facts and studies to inform the public on issues

■ Bush warns of possible pending energy crisis. /6A

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Bush data: Consumption threatens nation

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Charts and graphs used Wednesday to brief Republican congressmen on President Bush's energy policy indicate alarming levels of energy consumption that could be threatening to the nation.

In terms of total U.S. energy consumption, between the years 2000 and 2020, it is expected to out pace U.S. energy production by almost 50 percent.

According to the graphs, supplied by the White House and obtained by the Reporter-Telegram late Wednesday, over the next 20 years, oil consumption is expected to grow by 6 million barrels per day, while U.S. oil production at present levels would decline 1.5 million barrels per day. That means to meet U.S. oil demand, imports would have to grow by 7.5 million barrels per day, and by 2020 the U.S.

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Grounded for now



The remaining airworthy CAF plane, right, a North American AT-6/SNJ, has been grounded by the CAF board of directors after losing three pilots in two crashes in one month's time.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

High Sky Wing leadership views grounding as 'prudent move'

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The Confederate Air Force's High Sky Wing will "comply completely" with the directive of the CAF's General Staff Executive Committee to ground the Midland-based wing's aircraft in wake of the recent fatal crashes of two of the wing's four aircraft, High Sky Wing Leader Blake Cowart said on Wednesday.

"I understand and respect the decision to ground" the aircraft, Cowart said he wrote on Wednesday in an e-mail to CAF Chief of Staff Ray Kinney of Dallas.

"It is a very prudent move," Cowart said he told Kinney, for the CAF Flight Safety Board to review the wing's operations and maintenance records and procedures.

CAF Executive Director Bob Rice at CAF headquarters at Midland International Airport on Tuesday announced the CAF's General Staff Executive Committee had voted to ground the wing's aircraft.

The directive was a "precautionary measure ..., pending a thorough review by the CAF Flight Safety Board of the wing's operations and maintenance."

Two of the four World War II-era aircraft assigned to the wing by CAF headquarters were destroyed in fatal crashes on April 14 and a month later on Monday, May

14. ■ The Fairchild PT-19 Cornell primary trainer: CAF pilot Roy Don Green, 53, of Midland died when the PT-19 crashed moments after takeoff at Midland International Airport. German Air Force jet pilot Manfred Aust, the passenger in the tandem-seat monoplane, suffered minor injuries.

■ The Vultee BT-13 Valiant basic trainer: CAF pilot-in-command Dan Secker, 61, of Midland and CAF pilot Neal Clifton, 54, of Midland were killed on a familiarization flight when the single-engine aircraft crashed at Bates Field in far west rural Midland County.

Both accidents are under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board.

The High Sky Wing is one of about 80 CAF units, including wings and squadrons in the United States and foreign lands, which are entrusted to restore, maintain, and fly the more than 140 CAF 1939-1945-vintage "warbirds" that include trainers, fighters, bombers and transports.

The mission of the 9,000-member, 1957-founded CAF

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'Everything we (in the CAF) do in the line of maintenance and training is more extreme than what is required by the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration).'

— Don Luttrell, former High Sky Wing leader

Freeh tells of mistakes in McVeigh bomb case

By Jesse J. Holland
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — FBI agents this week have found still more Oklahoma City bombing documents that may not have been turned over to Timothy McVeigh's attorneys, FBI Director Louis Freeh said Wednesday.

He told Congress his agency was guilty of "serious error" in dealing with documents in the case.

Freeh's comments on Wednesday, the day McVeigh had been scheduled for execution, came less than a week after the revelation that more than 3,000 pages of documents were withheld from McVeigh's lawyers before his trial.

That discovery led Attorney General John Ashcroft to postpone McVeigh's execution for the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building.

Freeh said he did not think the documents found this week or last week would change McVeigh's conviction or sentence for the April 1995 federal building bombing that killed 168 people.

"Although I fully support the attorney general's decision to postpone the execution — fairness and justice, of course, demand that — I do not believe this belated disclosure of documents will affect the outcome," he said.

McVeigh's lawyers met with him at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., and said he was taking an active role in deciding what to do. McVeigh had declined to pursue further appeals, allowing his execution date to be set, but attorney Nathan Chambers said Wednesday that the inmate was "willing to consider all options that are available to him."

Freeh, in his first public statements about the FBI mishap, told a House Appropriations subcommittee he would be adding "a world-class records expert" and creating a separate office of records management and poli-

■ Former FBI agent indicted for spying for Russia. /2A

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Words to remember:
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Off the wire

■ Jury convicts 14-year-old of second degree murder. /7A
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Jenna Bush pleads no contest to alcohol possession charge

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — President Bush's 19-year-old daughter pleaded no contest Wednesday to a charge of being a minor in possession of alcohol, and must attend alcohol awareness classes.

Jenna Bush was ordered by Austin Community Court Judge Elisabeth Earle to pay \$51.25 in court costs, serve eight hours of community service and attend six hours of alcohol awareness classes.

The maximum penalty was a \$500 fine and community service.

She has until July 18 to comply with the court order. If she does not, a warrant could be issued for her arrest and her driver's license could be suspended. She also would be ordered to pay the \$500 fine.

If she complies, her case will be dismissed and she can apply to have it expunged from her record once she turns 21, Earle said.

The University of Texas freshman appeared before the judge wearing a sleeveless black shirt, pink capri pants and black flip-flops that exposed a toe ring on her right foot. Her attorney,

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Jenna Bush, 19-year-old daughter of President Bush, can be seen through a window at the Austin Community Court as she listens to prosecutor John Wall, right, in Austin, on Wednesday. Miss Bush plead no contest to a minor in possession of alcohol charge.

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Government indicts Hanssen, charging he spied for Moscow

By Karen Gullo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Robert Hanssen, a 25-year veteran FBI agent, was indicted Wednesday on espionage charges. Federal prosecutors said the father of six "betrayed his country for over 15 years" and seriously compromised the security of the United States.

If convicted, he could be sentenced to death.

Arrested by federal agents in February as he allegedly delivered a package in a northern Virginia park for pickup by his handlers, Hanssen was indicted on 21 espionage counts, including conspiracy to commit espionage, according to the 57-page indictment.

Starting in 1985, Hanssen gave U.S. secrets to the Soviet Union, and later to Russia, by dropping documents and computer disks wrapped in plastic garbage bags at "drop dead" sites in parks near his home in suburban Virginia, said the indictment handed up by a grand jury at U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va.

Hanssen's Moscow contacts would leave bags with cash and sometimes diamonds at the drop sites and deposited hundreds of thousands of dollars in banks for him, the indictment said. In all, Hanssen allegedly was paid \$1.4 million.

The indictment said Hanssen provided Moscow with information about U.S. satellites, early warning systems, means of defense or retaliation against large-scale nuclear attack, communications intelligence and major elements of defense strategy.

One count accuses Hanssen of providing information to Moscow that led to the executions of two KGB officers recruited by U.S. intelligence. The government can seek the death penalty in espionage cases in which a spy is proved to have caused deaths of agents of the United States.

The agents compromised by Hanssen, who were tried on espionage charges in Moscow and

executed, were identified first by Aldrich Ames, a CIA officer who pleaded guilty to spying for the Soviet Union in 1994.

Hanssen, 57, is only the third FBI agent to be accused of espionage.

The indictment lists a series of contacts between Hanssen and his handlers, starting in October 1985 and ending on Feb. 18, the day of his arrest. The indictment lists no activity between December 1991 and August 1999.

The conspiracy count and the espionage charges carry maximum penalties of death or life imprisonment. Each charge also carries a potential fine of not more than \$250,000 or double the defendant's gains from spying.

Hanssen's arraignment was scheduled for June 1. Hanssen's lawyers have said he will plead innocent.

Discussing the indictment on the steps of the U.S. Courthouse in suburban Alexandria, U.S. Attorney Ken Melson said the 21-count indictment was filed only five days before a scheduled hearing for Hanssen because "the grand jury sits this week and does not sit on Monday."

Melson would not say whether the indictment might affect plea negotiations between Hanssen and the government. "I can't comment on any plea negotiations or the existence of them or the status of them," he told reporters.

Hanssen's lawyers said Tuesday talks on a plea bargain had broken down in a disagreement over the death penalty: the government wanted Hanssen to provide information about secrets he revealed but would not agree to waive the death penalty in exchange.

The indictment alleges that Hanssen "betrayed his country for over 15 years and knowingly caused grave injury to the security of the United States," Melson said.

The indictment also accuses Hanssen of:

- Revealing the existence of "an FBI technical penetration of

a particular Soviet establishment."

Law enforcement officials believe Hanssen may have alerted Moscow to a secret tunnel that American intelligence agencies built under the Russian Embassy in Washington for eavesdropping.

■ Disclosing the United States knew of a particular technical vulnerability in Soviet satellite transmissions and was actively exploiting it.

■ Revealing information about a recruited KGB officer who secretly defected to the United States and a KGB agent recruited as a double agent.

■ Disclosing the FBI investigation into State Department officer Felix Bloch.

■ Telling Moscow the National Security Agency was reading communications of a foreign country and how the NSA did it.

The indictment seeks \$1.4 million from Hanssen and \$50,000 recovered by the FBI from a package left for Hanssen on the day he was arrested.

Hanssen's attorney Plato Cacheris said Tuesday he expected his client to be indicted. "We felt they had more than enough time to resolve the issue of the death penalty," Cacheris said. "We do not think the death penalty is justified."

Cacheris could not be immediately reached Wednesday.

A preliminary hearing in the case had been scheduled for Monday, and an indictment could not have been handed up after that. The hearing was canceled considering Wednesday's

indictment.

The FBI began investigating Hanssen only last year. He has been held at an undisclosed location since his arrest.

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In the truest sense, landforms are all the geographic features making up the earth's surface. Everything from mountains to valleys to deserts to high mesas - they are all landforms of one type or another. Some, such as volcanoes and landforms, form as a result of violent actions. Slow, gradual processes such as erosion form other landforms, including canyons and river deltas. From space, the planet's basic types of landforms are obvious. Satellite images of the United States, for example, show the country's massive mountain chains - the Sierra Nevada and the Rocky Mountains to the west and the Appalachian Mountains in the east. Between them, the Great Plains and the Ozark Plateau offer spacious, flat regions. The Gulf Coastal Plain stretches from Texas across the Southeast and

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northward along the Atlantic Seaboard. Landforms offer evidence of how different the planet once was. America's Death Valley and the Great Lakes are remnants of the retreating glaciers of the last ice age. But landforms show evidence of more recent change as well. The earthquake faults that line the west coast of the U.S. offer proof that the planet's landforms are still evolving. In the coming months we will explore some of Earth's most amazing landforms in a nine-part global tour of geographic features. Join us as we examine a monolith, river delta, mesa, waterfall, plateau, volcano, alluvial fan and sand island.

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Lower interest rates create refinancing boom

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans are taking advantage of falling mortgage rates and refinancing their homes in droves — a boom that is likely to make 2001 the second-biggest year ever for refinancing.

Mortgage rates are down more than a percentage point from a year ago, making it attractive for many homeowners to redo their loans.

By refinancing, people swap higher-interest debt for lower-interest debt, allowing them to trim monthly payments. With the savings, people might opt to buy things, pay off bills, invest the money or deposit it in a savings account.

Or, some take out a bigger loan, using it to consolidate household debt, pay for home improvements or maybe buy a new car — and enjoy a tax deduction to boot.

"Refinancing has really shot up dramatically because there are quite a few mortgages with interest rates of 7 percent or higher. Business is so good that we are hiring people," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo, a major provider of residential mortgages.

For the week ending May 11, the average rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was 7.10 percent, according to Freddie Mac, the mortgage company. A year ago, the 30-year rate averaged 8.52 percent and hit a five-year high of 8.64 percent one week later.

A person with a 30-year mortgage at 8.5 percent would pay \$769 a month on a \$100,000 loan. At 7 percent, the person would pay \$665 a month for a \$100,000 loan, according to figures supplied by the National Association of Realtors. Thus, a person who took out a mortgage near the peak level last year would save \$104 a month by

refinancing at current rates.

Mortgage rates began their descent last fall and really showed some big declines earlier in the year. The average interest rate on a 30-year mortgage, for instance, fell below the 7 percent mark six different weeks this year. Fifteen-year fixed rate mortgages and one-year adjustable rate mortgages have been below 7 percent all year long.

Freddie Mac says 15-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, averaged 6.61 percent last week, compared with 8.17 percent for the same week last year. One-year adjustable rate mortgages averaged 5.90 percent last week, down from 6.96 percent a year ago.

The Freddie Mac rates do not include add-on fees known as points, which averaged around 1 percent of the loan amount for all three types of mortgages.

Many experts predict that mortgage rates in the coming months aren't likely to post any dramatic drops, and instead probably will hover in the range they are in currently.

"It's been quite a wave of refinancing. But I think we may have seen the crest," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group. "That's because I don't think there will be any really big tumbles in rates."

Given that, experts believe refinancing activity may slow in the months ahead but still remain brisk.

Even factoring that in, mortgage refinancing activity is expected to total more than \$600 billion this year, second only to the 1998 mark of \$750

'Let's say you save \$100 a month if you refinance, and you have \$3,000 of upfront costs, then it would take you 30 months to recapture the upfront costs. So you need to stay in the house for 2 1/2 years. If not, you shouldn't refinance.'

— Doug Duncan,
chief economist for the
Mortgage Bankers Association of America

billion, says Doug Duncan, chief economist for the Mortgage Bankers Association of America. Last year, just under \$200 billion worth of mortgages were refinanced.

So when should a person even consider refinancing?

Experts say a rough rule of thumb is that your new interest rate should be 1 percentage point lower than your current one, if you also want to recover any upfront costs, such as those related to closing or points. People also need to consider tax implications and how long they intend to stay in their home, experts say.

"Let's say you save \$100 a month if you refinance, and you have \$3,000 of upfront costs, then it would take you 30 months to recapture the upfront costs. So you need to stay in the

house for 2 1/2 years. If not, you shouldn't refinance," said Duncan.

The housing market has stayed solid though the economy remains mired in a slowdown that began to take hold in the second half of last year. Lower mortgage rates has been the main factor keeping housing activity stable.

The latest evidence of the market's resilience came Wednesday with a Commerce Department report showing that new housing construction rose by 1.5 percent in April, leaving economists to marvel at the market's strength.

The slowdown hasn't hurt the value of people's homes, which have appreciated quite a bit in the last two to three years, Duncan said.

"Some people refinance just to lower their monthly mortgage

payments, but others refinance to get some cash out because their house has gone up in value," said Robert Van Order, chief economist for Freddie Mac.

Trying to keep the economy afloat, the Federal Reserve slashed interest rates by another half-point on Tuesday, the fifth reduction of that size this year.

The Fed's rate decisions directly affect mortgage rates in setting the levels of one-year adjustable rate mortgages and indirectly through the Fed's

influence on longer term rates that bond markets set. Some mortgage bankers said there's a chance 30-year and 15-year mortgages could edge up in coming months if yields continue to rise on 10-year Treasury notes to which the longer-term mortgages are linked.

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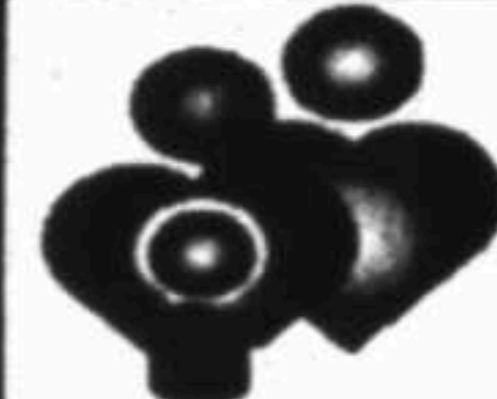
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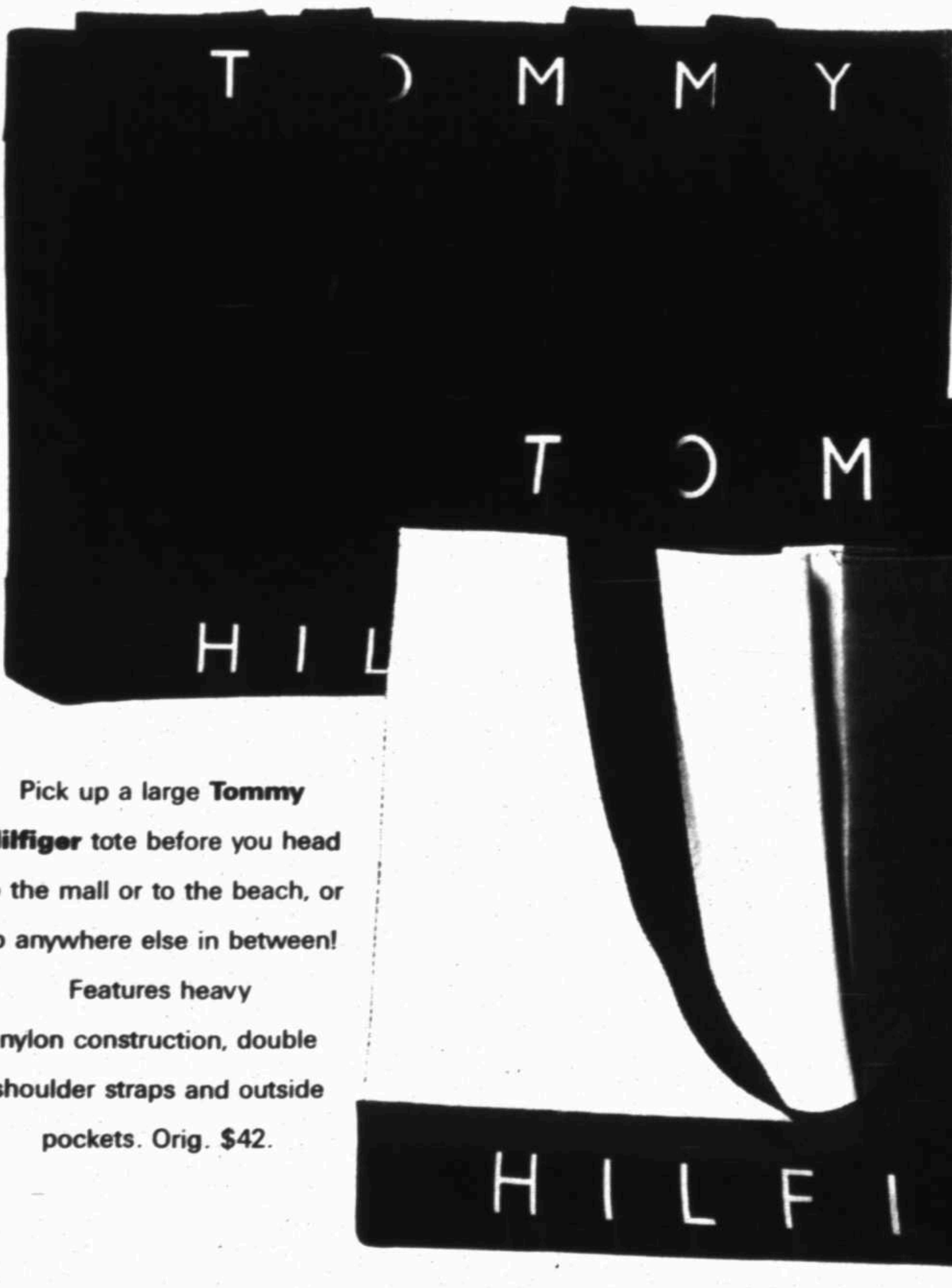
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For Friday, the forecast is for partly cloudy skies with a high in the low 90s. For Friday night, expect partly cloudy skies with a low in the mid-60s.

On Saturday, look for partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of rain in the afternoon. High will be in the lower 90s and the low near 60.

Temperatures on Wednesday reached a high of 100 and a low of 67. The record high for May 16 was 102, set in 2000. The record low was 47, set in 1945.

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-1-3

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 15-19-33-36-42-50

CAF: E-mail to official praises decision to ground other aircraft

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includes maintaining a museum and a "Flying Museum" — the Ghost Squadron — of aircraft as a tribute to the men and women who built, serviced, and flew the airplanes in World War II in the cause of freedom and liberty.

Cowart noted the High Sky Wing, which was established in the early 1990s when CAF headquarters was relocated to Midland from Harlingen in South Texas, has "two major hurdles to leap" — recovery from the two fatal accidents.

"It is going to take time," said Cowart, who lives in Midland. The wing and the "whole CAF community will have to do a lot of talking and thinking and evaluating. And that is certain to come."

Other CAF units and their aircraft are not affected by the CAF grounding of the High Sky Wing's aircraft.

The directive grounds the wing's North American SNJ (AT-6 Texan) advanced World War II trainer, which is in airworthy condition. The CAF's most recent acquisition, the vintage high-wing Fairchild UC-61 Expediter (F-24), which Green and Secker recently had flown to Midland from California, is undergoing restoration and is not in service.

Rice, the CAF executive director since 1992, said CAF pilot Mike O'Hearn of Riverside, Calif., is chairman of the CAF's 10-person Flight Safety Board and owns an AT-6, which is similar to the High Sky Wing's SNJ, and flies the CAF's Grumman F8F Bearcat.

"The (Flight Safety) board members have a wealth of expertise and experience," Rice said. "They are aware of the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) requirements" pertaining to aircraft operations and maintenance. "They are aware of the CAF requirements."

The Flight Safety Board will "make an evaluation of the activities of the High Sky Wing in a manner that is going to be helpful — (determining) what's best for the (CAF) organization, period," Rice said.

Of the fatal accidents that beset the CAF, Rice said the CAF "most certainly is a resilient organization."

"The members of this organization have stick-to-itiveness," he said. "When they have a mission to accomplish, they hang in there until they get it accomplished."

"And when something like this occurs, it is a resilient organization," Rice said of the fatal accidents. "When you have an extraordinary circumstance such as this, there is going to be a healing process involved. And that process is going to take some time."

Rice, who noted the 230-member High Sky Wing has done a "tremendous job" in carrying out the CAF mission, said he and CAF headquarters have a good working relationship with Cowart.

"If the unit is able to accommodate a request for assistance that we (headquarters) may make of them, they are always ready and willing and able," Rice said. "They are always willing to do it if it is within their power and ability to do so."

Don Luttrell, a veteran CAF member and former High Sky Wing leader, noted he, too, had written Kinney, the CAF's chief of staff, in noting the wing is in "compliance with the grounding of the aircraft and is in complete support of the ongoing investigation."

However, Luttrell said "the grounding of High Sky Wing aircraft implies no culpability on part of the High Sky Wing membership. In no way does that imply that we haven't done our jobs properly."

"The High Sky Wing maintenance and the CAF maintenance teams are the very best in the world," Luttrell said. "They have kept these airplanes in better condition than they were in when they were in service — when they were coming out of the factory" in the late 1930s and the 1940s war years.

Beyond that, Luttrell said the CAF "pilots are well trained" and the accidents were "not a failure of training or maintenance."

"This is an accident. (There is) no telling what might have created the situation" that resulted in the crashes. "But the situations both happened in a regimen of the aircraft that were unforgiving," Luttrell said. "And that doesn't condemn the pilots or the training regimen or the maintenance."

Aircraft accidents do "not happen just in CAF airplanes" but also in "everyday life. We see it everyday."

Luttrell said the High Sky Wing "is devastated" by the accidents.

"The membership of the wing in one month has lost three of our very best friends and two of our four aircraft," Luttrell said. "These people are family to us. And we are having a difficult time." And that is "too much of a coincidence" to ignore.

Luttrell said "the bottom line is we have lost three (CAF) brothers in a month. That can't happen to families without leaving permanent scars. Look how many (aircraft and pilots) we have lost through the years. And they are accidents."

"And if two of them (aircraft) go down in a short period of time, you have to ask yourself the questions: 'Are we training properly? Is our maintenance up to snuff? Are we doing what we are supposed to be doing maintenance-wise? And are we doing our jobs to keep our flying brothers and friends in the air?'"

And the "reason for grounding is very, very obvious," Luttrell said. "It's one of simply 'let's look at everything before we start flying again.'"

Luttrell said "Everything we (in the CAF) do in the line of maintenance and training is more extreme than what is required by the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration)."

"That has always been true" from the CAF's beginnings and in its original leadership by World War II pilots such as Lloyd Nolen and Lefty Gardner.

Their stance was, "If we are going to do this (CAF), we are going to keep these aircraft properly maintained," Luttrell said. "And we are going to be as safe as we possibly can."

FBI: Freeh says agents were reminded

(From 1A)

cy to ensure that documents aren't mishandled in the future.

He said he also will increase records training for agents and order the FBI to take time to review proper procedures for handling important documents.

The McVeigh documents "should have been located and released during discovery," Freeh said in one of his last appearances before Congress. "As director, I'm accountable and responsible for that failure, and I accept that responsibility."

Freeh recently announced he was retiring in June, two years before completion of his 10-year term.

Only Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., was openly critical, calling the FBI "something close to a failed agency" and saying "the litany of troubles with the agency are truly astounding and regrettable."

"I just think this is a pitiful performance, which is feeding the

paranoia of large sections of this country, and that's the last thing that we can afford these days," Obey said.

Other lawmakers said the situation had been blown out of proportion.

"You had 28,000 interviews, and you had tons of material that were turned over. And what we're talking about here is really insignificant, irrelevant documents that have no bearing on the case," said Rep. David Rogers, R-Ky. "Is that a fair statement?"

"That is my understanding," Freeh said.

Freeh said agents were reminded constantly to send their material to the Oklahoma City field office. In 1995 and 1996, he said, field offices were told 11 times to send the documents.

When it appeared that not all materials had been sent, Freeh said he sent a priority teletype to all field offices in November 1996 directing all materials be sent promptly.

"As we now know, there were still many offices that had failed to comply fully or precisely with the instructions given," Freeh said.

FBI agents first realized they had documents that might not have been turned over to McVeigh in March when archivists started to store the documents, Freeh said. By the time they were sure that the documents hadn't been shared, it was May, he said. The FBI turned the documents over to the prosecutors on May 8, who gave the documents to McVeigh's lawyers on the same day.

Freeh said he didn't learn about the documents until May 10.

He said more documents showed up this week, and they were discovered only after he ordered all of his deputies worldwide on Friday to do one last "shakedown" for any documents and warned them he would hold them personally responsible if all weren't retrieved.

"This latest scrubbing has pro-

duced additional documents which are currently being reviewed to determine whether they were covered by the discovery agreement and, if so, whether they have been produced," Freeh said.

Freeh said he suspects there won't be one single answer to why all the documents in the case weren't turned over earlier.

"For example, some offices wrongly concluded that the information was so extraneous that it was not covered by the request related to these prosecutions," Freeh said. "Some offices forwarded summary results of investigation but not the underlying documents. Some offices forwarded copies of originals. Some offices turned investigative inserts into 302s and forwarded only the 302s. Some offices overlooked material when culling out responsive documents. Finally, some offices believed they sent the material but, in some cases, not in a form that could be uploaded into our existing system."

DOE: Expert notes lag for price increases

(From 1A)

related to Bush's energy policy. "Otherwise, the public will have only rhetoric."

He said there was some debate as to whether the nation has an energy crisis, or just a shortage. "For the individual that cannot go forward with expansion or business plans, and the farmer that is expected to lose 20 percent of his income this year — it is a crisis."

He also promised it would get worse.

"We expect this will be the worst summer ever for energy. Gasoline prices will probably go higher," DeHoratius said. "The public will scream for results now, but few energy problems can be solved within two years."

He noted there was a four-year waiting list for new electric turbines, and an 18-month lag before a price increase for oil and gas begins to impact production.

DeHoratius acknowledged U.S. independents account for one-half of U.S. crude oil and two-thirds of natural gas production, then he reported that funds for oil

and gas research would be cut, with increases going toward clean-coal technology. He said all Department of Energy-sponsored oil projects, were under review, including field demonstration projects that have been widespread in the Permian Basin.

The native of Pennsylvania said the Bush administration would balance the environment, oil and gas exploration and production. "It will not be an either-or situation."

DeHoratius called opposition to drilling in Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) irrational. "They tell us production from ANWR will meet the energy needs of America for only a few months. If that argument is applied to agriculture, the largest farm in America would supply only meal for the world."

DeHoratius said the reason national security had not been mentioned very much in conjunction with a national energy policy was because too many people are unconcerned. "You have to hit the public in the pocketbook to get their attention."

DATA: Congressman says oil production down 17 percent

(From 1A)

would be 70 percent dependent on imported oil, according to the data.

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, a Republican from Lubbock who represents a portion of Midland County, said since 1992 U.S. oil production has gone down 17 percent, while consumption has gone up 14 percent.

Text associated with one chart that tracked U.S. dependence on foreign oil sources called the situation "a serious, long-term challenge, that closely links the economic security of America and its trading partners to global oil development."

At the same time, depending on electric demand, the

nation would have to build between 1,300 to 1,900 new power plants, or approximately one a day, over the next two decades, according to the Bush-supplied data.

One graph indicated growth in peak demand for electricity has far outstripped investment in electric transmission capacity, and that transmission constraints could seriously aggravate already limited supplies of power in some areas of the country.

Combest praised Bush for taking the responsibility of creating an energy policy that recognizes "growing U.S. consumption and offers all energy sources as options."

CHARGE: Marshals asked to block photographers

(From 1A)

William P. Allison, was with her.

Her discussion at the bench with Earle was difficult to hear, but she did nod her head several times. She stood before the judge with her arms folded.

"Good luck to you, Miss Bush," Earle told her. For security reasons, she was allowed to enter and exit the courtroom through a back door.

At one point, Bush asked courtroom marshals to stand in front of the courtroom door win-

dows to block photographers trying to take pictures from the outside.

"She was a little nervous I think," Earle said afterward. "That's understandable in her situation."

Undercover Austin police cited Miss Bush last month, charging her with the Class C misdemeanor, the lowest level of misdemeanors. The officers issued the ticket while checking for minors in possession of alcohol at nightclubs along the popular East Sixth Street entertainment area in downtown

Austin.

Assistant Police Chief Mike McDonald said Miss Bush, who was drinking beer, did not appear to be intoxicated. McDonald said two Secret Service agents were outside the bar and did not know she was inside drinking.

Two weeks ago, the judge postponed the case because Allison, had knee surgery and needed extra time.

Miss Bush had the option of allowing her attorney to appear in court in her place.

Miss Bush and her twin sis-

ter, Barbara, graduated from high school last May in Austin. Barbara Bush attends Yale University.

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Bivins pulls charter school bill from Senate floor

By Natalie Gott

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A bill that would have stripped away the power the State Board of Education has to award charters to schools and given it to public universities was pulled from the Senate floor Wednesday when it was met with fierce opposition from a few lawmakers.

The sponsor of the bill later admitted he may have overreacted.

When asked if he would bring the bill up again today, Sen. Teel Bivins said: "I'm sure I'll probably have a cooler head in the morning."

Gov. Rick Perry later Wednesday urged Bivins to bring the bill back for final approval.

"There are important reforms we can make that will improve the charter school movement in Texas," Perry said.

Bivins' bill already had been given preliminary approval and needed final approval when Bivins became irritated with a few Democratic lawmakers criticizing the legislation. Some said they favored the House version of the bill, which would impose a two-year moratorium on new charter schools.

"Continuing and continuing and continuing to open the floodgates of charter schools is not the answer," said Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston. He said there was no reason to keep throwing money at the schools when there are allegations of fraud and complaints that people are taking money from the schools.

If Bivins does not bring his bill up again, the House plan for a moratorium will die and the rules regarding charter schools would stay the same.

If Bivins brings up his bill, lawmakers from the House and the Senate are likely to meet in conference committee to work out a compromise.

Charter schools receive taxpayer money but operate independently from local school districts.



AP Photo
Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, listens to a witness during a conference committee hearing on school employee health insurance Wednesday, in Austin. Sen. Bivins later pulled a charter school bill from Senate floor when it was met with fierce opposition from a few lawmakers.

The schools are free from many state regulations. Last year, Texas spent \$218 million on 193 charter schools.

Texas began its charter school experiment in 1995, backed by the support from then Gov. George W. Bush.

Bivins does not support a moratorium on new charter schools. But, he admits that some charters may have been issued to schools that should not have received them. He says his version of the bill will put in tight restrictions that will make charter schools more accountable.

"If we do nothing, we'll end up with the status quo, which is not where we want to be," Bivins said.

The sponsor of the House bill, Rep. Jim Dummam, D-Waco, said charter schools need comprehensive reform.

"I think it is too important of an issue to just lay on the table, particularly when the senator, when he picked up the bill, he told me his intention was not to kill it, but to move the process forward," Dummam said.

The charter school measure is HB 6.

House

By Janelle C. Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House voted Wednesday to serve President Clinton a subpoena for global population control abortion records.

The provision, 218-210, was at billion State Department authorization bill, late Wednesday two Democratic supporters in passage.

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House votes to keep ban on aid to foreign pro-abortion groups

By Janelle Carter
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House voted Wednesday to preserve President Bush's policy prohibiting \$425 million in U.S. aid for global population assistance from going to groups that advocate abortion rights.

The provision, which passed 218-210, was attached to an \$8.2 billion State Department reauthorization bill, approved 352-73 late Wednesday evening. Thirty-two Democrats joined Republican supporters in passing the abortion provision.

The House also passed a controversial amendment sponsored by Democratic Rep. Tom Lantos of California that would withhold about \$625,000 in aid to Lebanon until that country secures its borders near Israel. The measure, which passed 216-210, also would direct the president to develop a plan for terminating millions of dollars in other aid if the Lebanese do not comply within six months.

The abortion provision prompted the most intense debate on the

bill.

Bush signaled his support for abortion foes early on, implementing the aid ban by executive order during his first week in office. But Democrats on the House International Relations Committee included a provision overturning the president's order in the committee's version of the bill. Wednesday's amendment removed that from the bill.

The National Organization for Women said women in the United States and around the world "stand to lose access to critical health services at the hands of this Congress and this president."

Democrats attacked the policy as detrimental to international family planning efforts and dubbed it a "global gag rule" that assaulted the free speech rights of organizations abroad. Republicans argued that abortion does not belong in the family planning discussion.

"I think it is important we not be hypocrites in dealing with this legislation," said Lantos, who also serves as the ranking Democrat on the International Relations Com-

'Abortion is not family planning. Family planning is helping you get pregnant or keeping you from getting pregnant. It is not killing an unborn child after you become pregnant.'

— Rep. Henry Hyde

mittee. "It is not enough to talk about human rights and democracy. It is important we practice what we preach."

Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri said the issue was simple. "Do we empower women and families across the globe with the ability to plan for the number of children they will have? Or do we pull the rug out from under these important efforts?"

Democrats pointed out that a 1973 federal law already prevented foreign organizations from using U.S. taxpayer money to pay for abortions. But GOP leaders accused foreign organizations of shifting money around to fund abortion efforts.

"Nobody is being gagged," said Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., and chairman of the International Relations Committee. "If you want to talk about abortions, talk away. But not on our dime."

"Abortion is not family planning," said Hyde, a longtime leader of anti-abortion efforts in the House. "Family planning is helping you get pregnant or keeping you from getting pregnant. It is not killing an unborn child after you become pregnant."

President Bush had threatened a veto if lawmakers overturned his policy. Spokesman Ari Fleischer indicated Wednesday that the president could support the overall bill now that the abortion issue is resolved. "Unless there's some-

thing else in there, the president will be supportive," Fleischer said.

Wednesday's action drew dozens of lawmakers to the floor for an emotional debate. At one point, leaders extended the debate to accommodate the numerous members who wanted to speak.

It was just the latest effort by House Republicans, buoyed by White House support, to push through abortion-related legislation. Last month, the House voted to make it illegal to harm a fetus while committing a crime against a pregnant woman.

The evenly divided Senate has yet to take up any of the abortion measures.

Overall, the bill authorizes dozens of State Department programs for the 2002 and 2003 fiscal years.

In the Lebanese aid amendment, supporters said securing the border was essential to securing Middle East peace. They expressed worries about attacks on Israel by the guerrilla group Hezbollah, which operates out of Lebanon but is supported by

Syria. Just Monday, the terrorist group fired two anti-tank missiles at an Israeli army outpost.

"If we are to treat Lebanon as a sovereign nation it must fulfill its obligations," said Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va.

Still, opponents said the measure unfairly penalized the Lebanese.

"It drives the Lebanese into the arms of the extremists and the terrorists," said Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich. "Is that what we want?"

Said Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill., "This amendment doesn't help anyone. It doesn't send the signal you want it to send."

Last week, the House voted to withhold \$244 million in overdue payments to the United Nations until the United States is restored to the U.N. Human Rights Commission. Lawmakers have expressed outrage that the United States was ejected from the seat it has held since the panel's creation in 1947.

The State Department bill, H.R. 1646, can be found at <http://thomas.loc.gov>

House bill would allow airlines to discuss schedules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airlines could adjust their schedules after talking with their competitors under legislation approved Wednesday by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

The bill would waive antitrust laws so that representatives from different airlines could meet to discuss adjustments to their schedules. For example, instead of two airlines scheduling flights to take off at 5 p.m., one could shift a flight to 4:45 and the other to 5:15. This would prevent one airline from unilaterally shifting a flight only to find a competitor taking over

the vacated time slot.

Airline officials say their customers demand frequent flights, but the Federal Aviation Administration has found that the industry has scheduled more flights at certain times of the day than an airport can handle.

"Under this bill, airlines could discuss adjustments in their schedules to reduce those peaks and reduce delays," said committee chairman Don Young, R-Alaska. "This stands in contrast to other ideas that have been proposed, such as auctions, congestion pricing or flight caps, which seem almost designed to increase fares and drive airlines

out of the smaller community markets."

The legislation would prevent the airlines from meeting unless the Transportation Department first approves the meeting. In addition, DOT officials would attend the meetings and would have to sign off on any proposed schedule changes.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, has introduced similar legislation in the Senate.

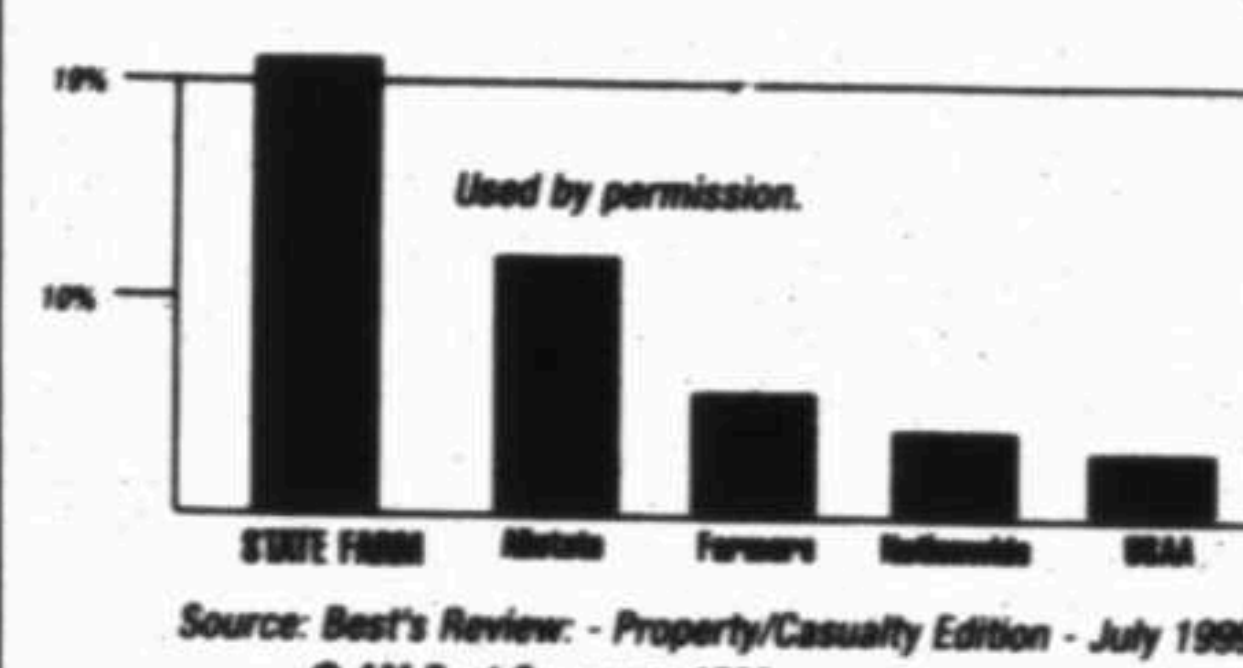
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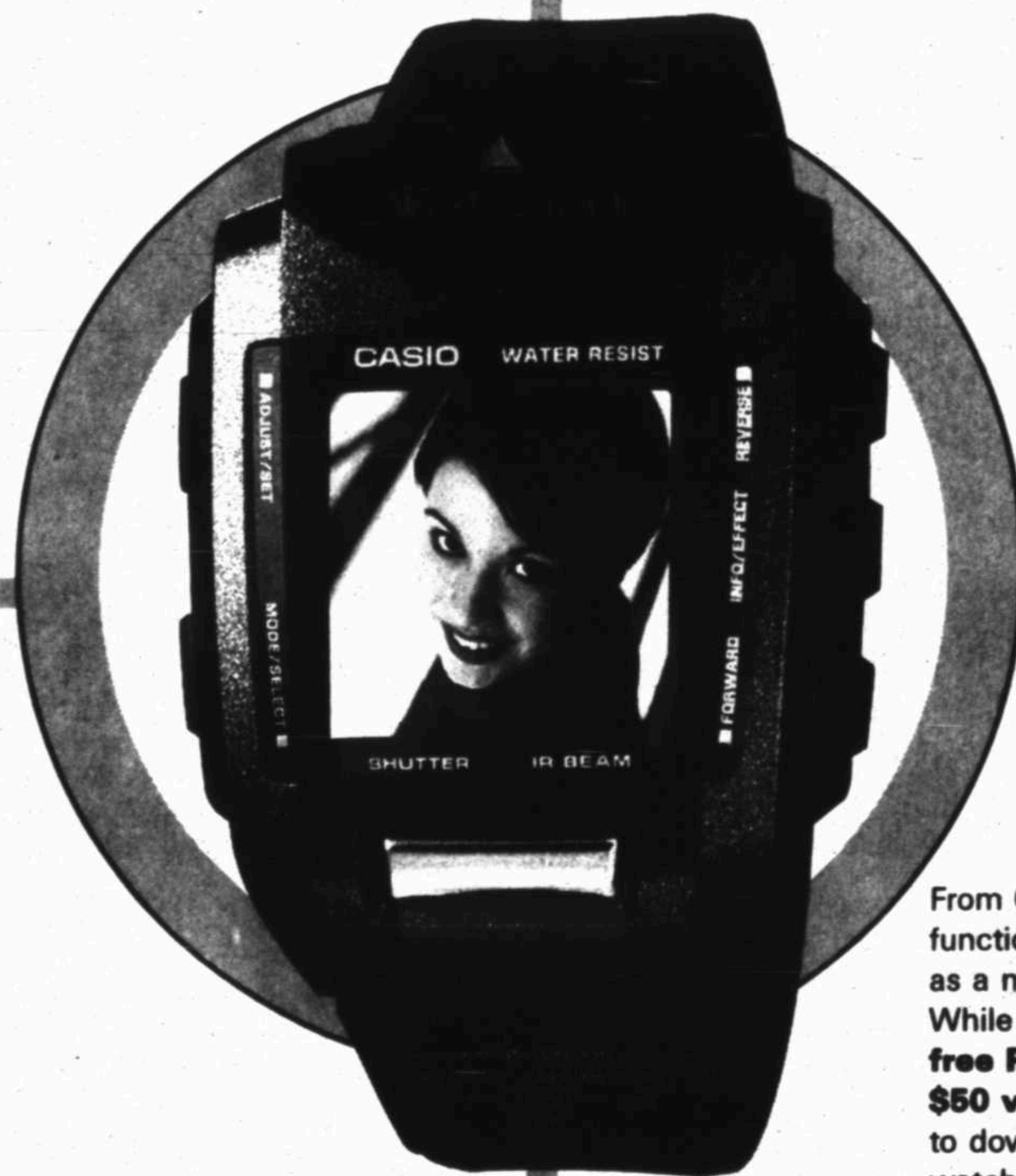
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Boy who shot teacher convicted of second-degree murder

By Amanda Riddle
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A 14-year-old boy who shot his English teacher to death on the last day of the school year was convicted of second-degree murder Wednesday, escaping an automatic sentence of life behind bars with no hope of ever getting out.

"Not too bad," Nathaniel Brazill told his lawyers, who later said the boy wept as he was escorted from the courtroom.

Brazill had insisted that he only meant to scare the teacher and that the gun went off accidentally.

A sentencing hearing for Brazill was scheduled for June 29, and a battle was shaping up over the boy's punishment.

The jury rejected a first-degree murder conviction, which carries a mandatory life sentence. A second-degree murder conviction carries a penalty of 25 years to life. A life sentence in Florida is just that — there is no chance of parole — and those given lesser terms must serve at least 85 percent of their sentence.

However, defense attorneys say such measures were not intended for teens like Brazill and there is no minimum sentencing guideline Circuit Court Judge Richard Wennet must follow.

Brazill, who was also convicted of aggravated assault for pointing the .25-caliber pistol at another teacher, appeared puzzled as the verdicts were read, frowning and furrowing his brow. His lawyers said Brazill had hoped for a manslaughter conviction.

"I don't think Nathaniel can think past the next 10 minutes. He doesn't know 10 years, 20 years, 30 years in jail," defense attorney Robert Udell said. "It's a lifetime to him. He doesn't understand those numbers."

In March, 14-year-old Lionel Tate was sentenced to life in prison without parole for killing a 6-year-old girl in 1999. Tate

claimed the death was an accident while he was imitating pro wrestlers, but he received the mandatory sentence for a first-degree murder conviction.

Like Tate, Brazill was charged as an adult. Gov. Jeb Bush, who has said he will expedite a clemency hearing for Tate, expressed sympathy for Brazill's victim Wednesday but said the boy should not have been tried as an adult.

"There is a different standard for children," Bush said. "There should be a sensitivity to the fact that a 14-year-old is not a little adult."

Brazill was 13 when he shot Barry Grunow, 35, in the doorway of the teacher's Lake Worth Middle School classroom last May 26. The shooting happened moments before the start of summer vacation and about two hours after a counselor sent Brazill home for throwing a water balloon.

The boy returned to school with the gun and got angry when Grunow turned down his request to speak to two girls in his class.

A surveillance video of the slaying showed Brazill holding the weapon for more than 10 seconds and pointing it at the teacher for four seconds more.

Brazill, an honor student without a previous criminal record, told the jury that he had not planned to use the weapon and that he thought the gun's safety was on. He admitted he pulled the trigger, but said his hands were shaking.

To return a first-degree murder verdict, the jury had to find that Brazill planned to shoot Grunow or killed him after illegally entering the school to threaten him with the pistol. By finding him guilty of second-degree murder, the jury determined that the shooting was not premeditated.

Juror Toni Sellier, 51, said the panel of nine women and three men, many of them parents, focused on the length of time that

Brazill held the weapon and was less swayed by Brazill's age and testimony.

"The 11 seconds that he held the gun and the four seconds that he cocked it. That was the whole bone of contention right there," Sellier said.

Sellier said the jury determined Brazill was already upset about being suspended and snapped when an authority figure told him no. "Mr. Grunow was in the wrong place at the wrong time," Sellier said.

Another juror, Odette Bliss, said: "I just think he got caught up in the moment. It's hard to say what he was thinking."

Brazill's family, which rejected an offer from prosecutors before the trial that called for 25 years in prison in exchange for admission to second-degree murder, left the courthouse without comment.

The Rev. Thomas Masters said Brazill's mother, Polly Powell, is still hopeful. "She realizes it's not over yet," he said.

At the middle school, students and teachers observed a moment of silence after learning of the verdict. Grief counselors planned to visit the school today.

"Today was a big blow to reality," said principal Bob Hatcher, who called the verdict fair. "It was a reality check for them. This is what happens when you make a bad decision."

Brazill testified last week in a calm, monotone, almost entirely without emotion. He called Grunow — married with two children — one of his favorite teachers and wiped tears after the prosecutor asked him what happened to Grunow after the shooting.

One classmate testified that Brazill told her he was going to return to school and kill the counselor who suspended him. "Watch, I'll be all over the news," she said Brazill told her. She said she didn't take him seriously.



Kay Nichols, left, and Phyllis Grunow, right, sister and mother of murdered Lake Worth Middle School teacher Barry Grunow, arrive at the courtroom at the Palm Beach County Courthouse, Tuesday, in West Palm Beach, Fla. A nine women and three men jury convicted 14-year-old Nathaniel Brazill of second-degree murder.

AP Photo

Parents meet with authorities in woman's disappearance

WASHINGTON (AP) — The parents of a California woman who vanished after completing a federal internship met for three hours Wednesday with authorities trying to determine if foul play is involved.

Susan Levy, who said she last heard from her 24-year-old daughter, Chandra, on April 27 or April 28, urged "anybody that hears any kind of clues, please, please get in touch."

"All I want is my daughter to come home," Mrs. Levy said after she and her husband, Robert, met with city police, the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Police spokesman Joe Gentile said investigators asked the Levys about the types of clubs, museums and shows their daughter was likely to frequent.

A friend of Chandra Levy, Jennifer Baker, said the two met in Sacramento, Calif., before the two graduate students went to Washington, for a University of Southern California intern program in September.

"She had told me she had a boyfriend in the FBI back in November," Baker said. "She never told me what his name was or what he looked like." Baker said her friend expressed interest in the FBI.

Among the "touristy things" Baker and Levy did together was to visit the office of their congressman, Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif. They had their picture taken with Condit, and the staff gave them a tour — standard treatment for constituents.

Condit, a family friend of the Levys, was interviewed by police seeking clues from people who knew the missing woman. He has helped set up a reward fund.

The Levys received an e-mail from their daughter May 1 in which she said she was checking

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CAF correct to temporarily ground planes

The Confederate Air Force General Staff's executive committee has made a wise decision in grounding the High Sky Wing's two remaining aircraft.

On Monday, Midland CAF pilots Dan Secker and Neal Clifton died when their BT-13 Valiant warbird crashed at Bates Field in rural Midland County.

This is the third CAF fatality in a month. Pilot Roy Green, 53, died on the Saturday before Easter when the single-engine Fairchild PT-19 World War II trainer he was flying crashed on takeoff at Midland International Airport.

CAF Executive Director Bob Rice announced on Tuesday the decision to ground the vintage aircraft until at least mid-July. Rice said the suspension of flights would "give the unit an opportunity to collect itself, to give the CAF headquarters an opportunity to collect itself."

By reputation, Green, Secker and Clifton were all cautious pilots not given to taking chances. The accidents that they perished in remain under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board. It may take some time for the NTSB to unravel the causes of the accidents.

On both days of those fatal accidents, the weather was clear and visibility was good. Flying enthusiasts know they take a certain risk as they pursue the adventure so many of them love. The CAF has a reputation as a fine organization, dedicated to celebrating the vintage aircraft which have carved out a place in our history and our hearts.

We all take risks whenever we slide in behind the wheels of our automobiles. Thankfully, automobiles are becoming safer because of improved engineering and innovations such as air bags.

But flying can be particularly unforgiving. Pilots know they are taking a certain risk when they climb into the cockpit.

Many of us who are not pilots take great enjoyment in the CAF's annual air show. We love to look at the vintage planes and talk to the pilots. We are thrilled at the aerobatics and speed of the aircraft in the show. Flying will always have a certain allure.

But at a time when we have lost three cherished members of our community, it seems only fitting that the CAF at least temporarily ground flights out of its Midland-based High Sky Wing.

This community and the organization need time for reflection.

HELEN THOMAS

Some women would turn back the clock

WASHINGTON — My heroines are the suffragettes — so you know where I'm coming from.

To win the right to vote that should have been their birthright, the suffragettes marched for 30 years, chained themselves to the White House fence and tried to draw attention to their cause.

Some went to jail. They were ridiculed, humiliated and dismissed as troublemakers, not only by men but even by women who thought the activists were trying to disrupt their way of life.

I am still outraged that women did not win the right to vote until 1920. As we now know, this revolution hardly translated into immediate equality at the workplace for women. They had a long way to go.

Every bit of progress in terms of women's rights had to be fought for, and on those terms we have come a long way.

That's why I am always astounded when I find that some women — who gained so much at the workplace and in society as a result of those feminine pioneers — seem to want to turn the clock back. They seem to assume that opportunity was always there for them. They forget that, without the militancy of their predecessors, they wouldn't have the opportunities that they have today.

One such group — the Independent Women's Forum, composed of prominent conservatives — is influential in the Bush administration. The group, headed by Nancy Mitchell Pfotenauer, believes the

feminists are too rigid in their views. It opposes affirmative action as well as other government programs that promote equality of opportunity between the sexes.

It's noteworthy that these women also oppose the Violence Against Women Act, which provides funds to communities to help protect battered women and abused children. The Forum argues that domestic violence can be a two-way street, with women sometimes inflicting violence against men. They also believe the states, rather than the federal government, can better handle the problem.

Innocuous as it seems, they have taken a stand against "Take Our Daughters to Work Day."

They claim that boys, not girls, are being short-changed in schools. They gripe that federal regulations force some colleges to pare their athletic programs for men to accommodate women athletes.

The Forum has led a campaign against Title IX, enacted in 1972, prohibiting sex discrimination in any education program or activity funded by the federal government.

Pfotenauer, who has five children under the age of 14, said that when she became a "stay-at-home" wife, she was treated "like a leper."

Her disillusionment with the feminist movement grew when she attended college and found "intolerance against those who went against the party line."

True to the conservative approach, the Forum women believe in limited government, the free market and individual responsibility.

The organization also opposes the reauthorization of the Women's Education Equity Act, which it views as a "feminist pork barrel." Under that law, schools are provided materials and programs to combat sex discrimination in any education program or activity.

Many of the Forum members are successful in

their careers and many serve in high places in government. Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao is on the national advisory board. Another board member is Linda Chavez, who was President Bush's first choice for the labor post in the Cabinet but had to bow out because she had sheltered an illegal immigrant.

Lynne Cheney, wife of the vice president, is a former member of the Forum's board and now is considered a member emeritus. Diana Furchtgott-Roth, a former member, is chief of staff for the White House Council of Economic Advisers. Other advisory board members are Paula J. Dobriansky, who Bush has selected to be undersecretary of state for global affairs, and Eileen J. O'Connor, who has been appointed assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's Tax Division. Barbara Olson, wife of Theodore Olson, who has been nominated solicitor general, is a founding member.

In terms of women's rights, members of the Forum seem to be a throw back to another era. Had it not been for the women who went before them and struggled for years against discrimination in all major professional fields — medicine, law, journalism, academia, you name it — they would not be where they are.

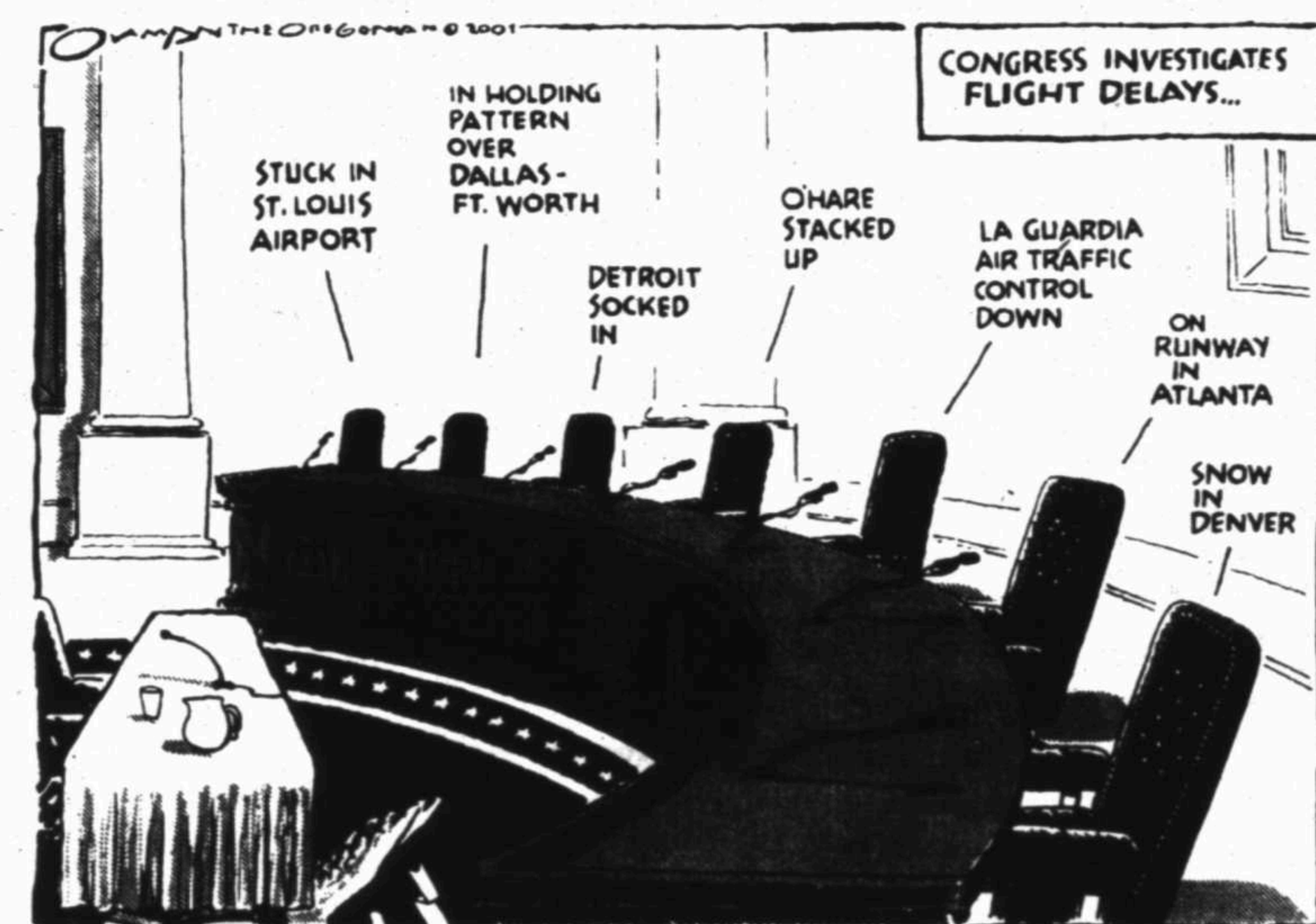
It's different now. The country and the world have changed. A woman headed a space mission; a woman was tops in her class at West Point two years ago. Would you believe a woman president of Princeton University?

And, yes, a woman can become president, even a woman who belongs to the Independent Women's Forum — thanks to those pioneering feminists like the suffragettes.

Helen Thomas' column is distributed by Hearst News Service.



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ART BUCHWALD

Just when you suspected the world was safe

Just when I thought our nuclear defenses were going well, President Bush said he wanted to tear up the ABM Treaty, which we signed in 1972, and start all over again.

The estimated cost would be anything from one to two hundred billion dollars, but knowing what antimissile defense shields cost, I would bet on the upper figure.

The plus is that the new missile shield would give us a chance to knock down any missile before it reaches our shores. The minus is no one knows how to make one.

Advocates of the plan say that even if it doesn't work, the fact that the enemy thinks it does is enough for our defense plans. The ABM defense never worked before, but kept us from having a war for 30 years.

As with everything in Washington, the Republicans (read conservatives) are for it and the Democrats (read liberals) are against it.

The Democrats say there is nothing in Bush's plan to counter "suitcase" bombs that can be taken onto a 747.

Let's say Abdul Ben Rabat, a millionaire terrorist, manages to buy an atomic bomb in a souk to deliver to Buffalo.

He stops an American tourist and says he wants him to deliver it to his cousin in Buffalo. No missile shield can stop it because it is in a Louis Vuitton bag. In New York, the bag winds up lost at Kennedy Airport and is transferred to another plane, but this plane is canceled and never gets off the ground. So the suitcase goes to Toledo instead because the Pentagon people did not have the funds left over for two bomb-sniffing dogs. Cost of dogs: \$130.

So while the foolproof antimissile system is perfected, miniaturization in atomic weapons will also be realized and you'll be able to FedEx your weapons anywhere you want to.

When the president calls in Don Rumsfeld, he says, "What happened to Toledo?" Rumsfeld says, "It's gone. We shot every missile that came near it from the air but nobody bothered to check suitcases being delivered through Federal Express."

Mr. Bush tells Rumsfeld, "I want a FedEx shield to replace the ABM shield." When the president launched his new antimissile program, he thought he had all his bases covered if he could shoot down an enemy missile. What makes this thing really complicated is that at the very moment he called for the abandonment of the ABM Treaty he also announced a tax cut and a study of Social Security. He'd better check valise bombs first.

Art Buchwald's column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

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GEORGE WILL

Getting a read on judges very difficult

WASHINGTON — Five days after President Bush made his first judicial nominations, the Supreme Court did something serendipitous.

In an ideologically interesting alignment, it produced yet another 5-4 decision in which Justice O'Connor wrote the majority opinion, Justice Scalia wrote a vinegary dissent — and the simmering controversy about the composition and function of courts was illuminated.

At issue in the case from Tennessee was whether a defendant can constitutionally be prosecuted under a provision of law different from what existed when he committed his crime. Both the U.S. and Tennessee constitutions prohibit *ex post facto* laws that punish individuals for actions that were legal when performed, or that impose harsher punishment for illegal conduct than was permitted under the law when the illegality occurred.

The case began on May 6, 1994, when Wilbert Rogers stabbed James Bowdery. During surgery Bowdery went into cardiac arrest. He was resuscitated, but loss of oxygen to his brain plunged him into a coma, in which he remained until he died almost 15 months later. Then Rogers, who had been charged with attempted murder, was charged with first-degree murder, and was convicted of second-degree murder.

He appealed, arguing that his conviction violated the common law "year-and-a-day" rule that no person can be convicted of murder if the victim dies more than a year and a day after the defendant's act. The appellate court ruled against Rogers, arguing that in 1989 Tennessee's Legislature abolished the rule by abolishing all common law defenses in criminal actions. However, the year-and-a-day rule was not a mere defense against a charge, it precluded the charge. So when Rogers appealed to the state Supreme Court, it decided against him on other grounds.

It noted that most jurisdictions that have recently considered the rule have abolished it, legislatively or

judicially, because the original reasons for the rule, which dates to the 13th century, are no longer pertinent. The rule then served as a statute of limitations, reflecting the inability of premodern medicine to establish cause of death over a long term.

Writing for the U.S. Supreme Court, and joined by Rehnquist, Kennedy, Souter and Ginsberg, O'Connor affirmed the Tennessee Supreme Court's "incremental and reasoned development" of common law. Such development is often necessary, she said, whether it is characterized as "making" or "finding" the law. It is permissible when it is not "unexpected and indefensible" and therefore does not violate the purpose of the ban on *ex post facto* laws. The purpose is to prevent "unfair and arbitrary" actions, and to guarantee that the law gives due notice — fair warning — of what is forbidden.

Tennessee's Supreme Court, Scalia said, forthrightly changed, to the defendant's disadvantage, the criminal law governing a past act. Nothing the majority says about "incremental and reasoned development" of the common law can, in Scalia's view, trump due respect for the intentions, as far as they can be discerned, of the authors of the Constitution and its amendments.

"Even in civil cases, and even in modern times, such retroactive revision of a concededly valid legal rule is extremely rare. With regard to criminal cases, I have no hesitation in affirming that it was unheard-of at the time the original Due Process Clause was adopted."

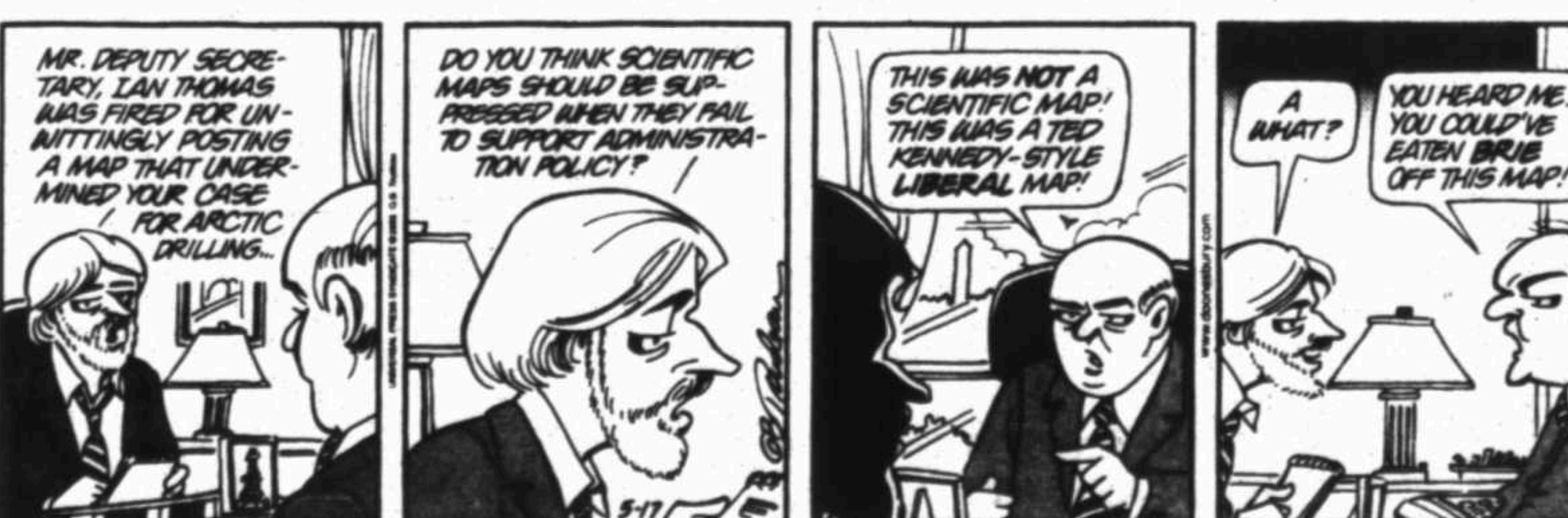
Scalia's jurisprudence of strict construction — he calls it "originalism" — was, in this instance, a bit more severe even than Chief Justice Rehnquist's. It is slightly more rigorous than that of most of the judges Bush has nominated or will nominate. Yet his reasoning regarding the Tennessee case is neither recondite nor radical, and the most liberal justice (Stevens) and another liberal (Breyer) endorsed it, as has The Washington Post. Consider all this when critics suggest that because Bush considers Scalia an exemplary justice, Bush's nominees are presumptively unacceptable.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, May 17, the 137th day of 2001. There are 228 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On May 17, 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in its *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* decision that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal.

On this date:

In 1792, the New York Stock Exchange was founded by brokers meeting under a tree located on what is now Wall Street.

In 1875, the first Kentucky Derby was run; the winner was "Aristides."

In 1938, Congress passed the Vinson Naval Act, providing for a two-ocean navy.

In 1939, Britain's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth arrived in Quebec on the first visit to Canada by reigning British sovereigns.

In 1940, the Nazis occupied Brussels, Belgium, during World War II.

In 1946, President Truman seized control of the nation's railroads, delaying a threatened strike by engineers and trainmen.

In 1948, the Soviet Union recognized the new state of Israel.

In 1961, Cuban leader Fidel Castro offered to exchange prisoners captured in the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion for American heavy tractors.

In 1973, the Senate opened its hearings into the Water-gate scandal.

In 1987, 37 American sailors were killed when an Iraqi warplane attacked the U.S. Navy frigate "Stark" in the Persian Gulf. (Iraq and the U.S. called the attack a mistake.)

Ten years ago: The Commerce Department reported the U.S. trade deficit had narrowed sharply in March 1991 to \$4.05 billion, the lowest level in nearly eight years.

Five years ago: President Clinton signed a measure requiring neighborhood notification when sex offenders move in. (Megan's Law, as it's known, is named for Megan Kanka, a 7-year-old New Jersey girl who was raped and slain in 1994.)

One year ago: Two former Ku Klux Klansmen were arrested on murder charges in the 1963 church bombing in Birmingham, Ala., that killed four black girls.

By Joe Suk
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A three-year-old detective found a high-rise apartment from the Defense Ministry's skin-care mask.

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Officer's arrest unveils South Korea's draft-dodging scandal

By Jae-Suk Yoo
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — After a three-year manhunt, military detectives found Sgt. Maj. Park No-hang sprawled on the floor of a high-rise apartment just one mile from the Defense Ministry, a skin-care mask over his face.

The 50-year-old alleged mastermind of South Korea's largest draft-dodging scam sat straight up after a dozen agents slipped through the door or clambered off fire ladders into the windows.

"Yes Sir," a shaggy-haired Park said, military-style, when they called his name.

Investigators filmed the April 25 raid and national television broadcast the footage, heightening public fascination with a crime long associated with South Korea's political and business elite. Local media call it "Draftgate."

Park's peaceful surrender could help authorities unravel the latest subterfuge to hit the draft, the linchpin of South Korean defense ever since the 1950-53 Korean War against the communist North.

But there is concern that the government will not aggressively pursue prosecutions in a case believed to involve dozens of wealthy draft-dodgers and their parents, as well as military corruption.

"I hope the investigation won't resemble earlier ones that ended with a few arrests of sports stars and TV celebrities, apparently for publicity's sake," said Ahn Tae-sung of Transparency International Korea, a private anti-corruption group.

"What worries us is the high violation rate among the people with power and money," The Korea Herald, an English-language daily, said in an editorial.

Park was indicted in a military court Monday on charges of receiving \$240,000 for helping 21 people evade military service or



AP Photo
Sgt. Maj. Park No-hang, center, is arrested by military soldiers on charges of receiving payoffs in exchange for helping South Korean men dodge compulsory military service at the Defense Ministry in Seoul, April 27. Park was indicted in a military court Monday on charges of receiving \$240,000 for helping 21 people evade military service or win cushy posts. The military promised a thorough investigation.

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peddling in at least 100 more cases of alleged draft-dodging in the late 1990s. A military investigator for 28 years, he could face at least a decade in jail if convicted.

Since Park's arrest, a television actress and four others were arrested for allegedly bribing him to have their sons exempted. Thirty others, mostly parents, were temporarily banned from traveling abroad.

Military prosecutors detained two warrant officers accused of helping hide Park, who received food and clothing from his sister. A former two-star general who led the hunt for Park in 1998 is under investigation.

Citing investigators, local media said Park bribed military doctors to alter medical records or swap X-ray films to make draftees appear sick.

All healthy South Korean men must serve in the 680,000-member military for 26 months, with many assigned to the tense inter-Korean border. There is widespread suspicion that politicians and business leaders often arrange waivers for their sons, but evidence is scant.

Some South Koreans refer to

the privileged few who skip the draft as "shin eui adeul," or "sons of gods." The majority who serve are "odoom eui jasik," or "sons of darkness."

Military service in South Korea, once a source of honor and popular fodder for bar talk, is increasingly viewed by college graduates as an obstacle to a fast career track in business or some other civilian venture.

"If I could, I would bribe someone like Park to save my precious time," said Lee Jin-yong, a 20-year-old student who has yet to serve. "If you don't serve, you get a two-year head-start."

About 2.4 percent of 400,000 potential draftees were exempted last year, but there are no estimates

of how many cases were illegal.

English-speakers covet liaison work on the bases of the 37,000 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea. The well-equipped U.S. facilities are the envy of South Korean conscripts, who often complain about harsh, overbearing commanders in their own military.

Park went into hiding in 1998 after the arrest of a recruiting officer who allegedly brokered his

cases. The government sentenced the accomplice, Won Yong-soo, to eight years in jail and indicted about 160 people, mostly parents.

Some received suspended prison terms and some cases are pending. Their sons were ordered to serve in the military.

Life is tougher for conscripts in poor, totalitarian North Korea, where many in the 1.1 million-strong military must serve at least a decade

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By Anna Dolgov
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Yulia was sold into slavery by her boyfriend. A 19-year-old from a drab industrial town in eastern Russia, she had been living an ordinary life only a few months ago: going to college, dating, looking for work to pay for tuition. Jobs were scarce and pay was meager, as in most Russian provinces.

"I met a guy and we got really close," she said. "After a while, he learned that I could dance, and suggested that I go abroad to earn good money."

The agency he took her to offered young women jobs as waitresses, nannies or dancers in foreign countries, Yulia said. But once she was abroad, she was locked in a rundown building with dozens of other women and teenage girls, beaten, threatened, and forced to work as a prostitute, she said.

An estimated 50,000 women from the former Soviet Union are trafficked abroad every year and forced into sexual slavery, according to human rights groups who launched a campaign



AP Photo

A survivor of trafficking in women speaks to The Associated Press in Moscow Tuesday. A coalition of women's groups launched a campaign Wednesday to fight trafficking in women, which sends into sexual slavery all over the world a reported 50,000 women and girls from the former Soviet Union every year. The woman asked that her identity be withheld, fearing persecution by the traffickers.

Wednesday to end the cruel practice. To ensure compliance from the women, traffickers usually confiscate passports, then beat, rape or drug the women, victims and rights groups say.

Yulia's captors told her she owed hundreds of dollars in job placement fees and airfare, and that her parents would be hurt if she didn't comply, she said.

Yulia and other victims inter-

viewed by The Associated Press asked that their identities and where they worked be withheld, for fear of persecution by the traffickers.

"Russian women are threatened by thousands of criminal predators who place ads in newspapers about good jobs abroad — jobs that in reality don't exist," said Valentina Gorchakova, the head of the Angel coalition of 43 women's groups in Russia.

The network of modern-day slavery covers the world, according to reports by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the United Nations and human rights groups. Women are sent to Western Europe, The Middle East, Japan, Canada, and the United States.

Profits from trafficking in women reach \$7 billion to \$12 billion a year, according to U.N. estimates cited by Gorchakova. The network of traffickers enslaves an estimated 2 million victims, with between 50,000 and 100,000 women and children brought to the United States every year for sexual exploitation.

A few are eventually allowed to return home or manage to

escape. Most are resold and put into increasingly harsh conditions, said Juliette Engel, founding director of the Miramed Institute, which is trying to fight trafficking.

"They get trapped into it and they think if they cooperate, they'll get out of it," Engel said. "But they just get deeper into it."

Yulia said she was kept in a cold house slated for demolition, with cracks in the cement floor, no hot water, bars on the windows, and a video camera tracking the women's movements. They were allowed to go outside for 30 minutes a day, and fined if they stayed out longer.

"There were fines for everything: if you looked sad when you sat at the bar, if you went to the bathroom for longer than five minutes, if you tried to refuse to go with a man," she said.

Yulia said two young Russian women held with her were killed in the three months that she spent in the makeshift prison.

Another former victim, Irina, said she was just 17 when a friend brought her to an agency offering young women jobs abroad.

"It was a horrible brothel," Iri-

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na said. "We weren't allowed to use the telephone, weren't allowed to go outside, not even to buy something to eat ... We were like zombies."

The Angel coalition and Miramed launched the anti-trafficking campaign Wednesday, in which activists in six Russian cities are to hand out some 600,000 brochures and leaflets on the streets and in schools to young women and teen-age girls.

Yulia returned home last month. Still pretty, she looks much older than her 19 years, with dull pain and suffering in her eyes. She has dropped out of college, having missed three months of classes, and is penniless. Her health is seriously damaged, she said, without elaborating.

"I took some medical tests, and they are bad," she said. "Not completely terrible, but bad."

On the Net:
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U.N. health agency unveils plan to tackle spread of tuberculosis

By Alexander G. Higgins
Associated Press

GENEVA — The U.N. health agency Wednesday unveiled a plan to stop the spread of tuberculosis in the hardest-hit countries, as part of a three-pronged campaign also tackling AIDS and malaria.

For an extra \$400 million a year, health workers will be able to provide the medicine and services needed to make major strides toward controlling TB by 2005, the World Health Organization said.

"You can effectively treat this disease and prevent its spread to non-HIV-infected persons or to HIV-infected persons," said Dr. David Heymann, head of WHO's communicable diseases section.

Heymann said leaders of major countries have already shown the necessary commitment to fight the three killer illnesses.

Contributions of \$7 million from Canada and \$200 million from the United States are helping start a global fund intended to provide the billions of dollars necessary to continue the fight, Heymann said.

Currently, some 2 million people a year die of TB. WHO aims to detect 70 percent of TB cases in most affected countries and treat successfully 85 percent of the detected cases. The WHO plan targets the 22 countries with the "worst burden" of TB, including India, China, Russia, South Africa and Brazil.

By applying the approach that WHO wants to employ, Peru has demonstrated that success is possible, Heymann said. The country is no longer one of the 22 countries with the highest TB burden.

Peruvian Health Minister Eduardo Pretell Zarate, in Geneva for a WHO meeting, said that over the past decade Peru has brought to nearly 100 hundred percent the country's health services engaged in early diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of TB.

In 1990 only 25 percent of Peru's health services were concerned with the disease, Pretell told reporters.

"Peru has now reached a case diagnosis of 95 percent, with successful treatment of 93 percent of diagnosed cases," he said.

The WHO plan has determined how much more each of the worst-affected countries must spend to reach the goal of controlling TB by 2005.

Including the \$500 million already being spent by the

affected countries, the total cost will be \$900 million a year, so the rest of the world needs to make up the difference, WHO said.

WHO has forecast 10.2 million new cases of TB annually by 2005 if nothing is done to

stop the disease.

Heymann said that controlling TB will help in the fight against AIDS as well.

Tuberculosis "kills HIV-infected persons who would not die if they did not have TB," he said. "And tuberculosis is one

the few if not the only opportunistic infection that can be transmitted to other people who aren't HIV-infected."

The 80-page plan adds detail to a WHO campaign launched in March to fight the AIDS-fueled spread of TB by providing high-

quality drugs to 10 million patients in the hardest-hit countries.

Around 2 billion people are infected with TB and risk developing an active case of the disease, WHO says. Untreated, TB kills 70 percent of the people

who develop active cases.

WHO said the global tuberculosis epidemic increased 6 percent between 1997 and 1999, largely because of a steep rise in infections in African countries where the HIV/AIDS epidemic has lowered resistance.



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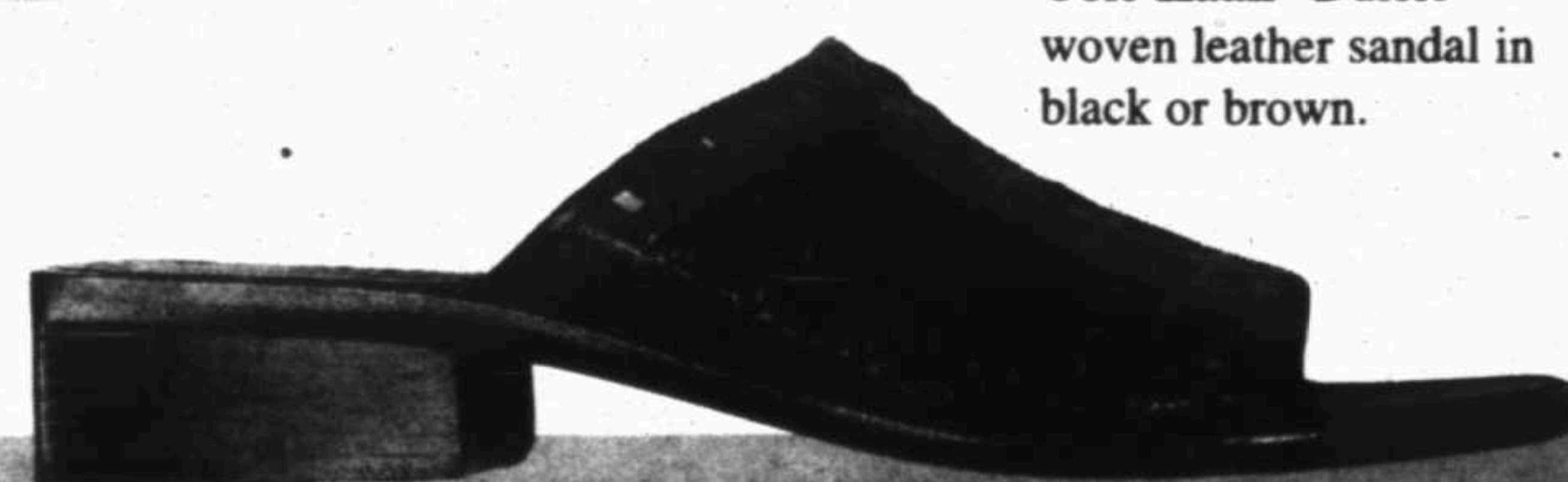
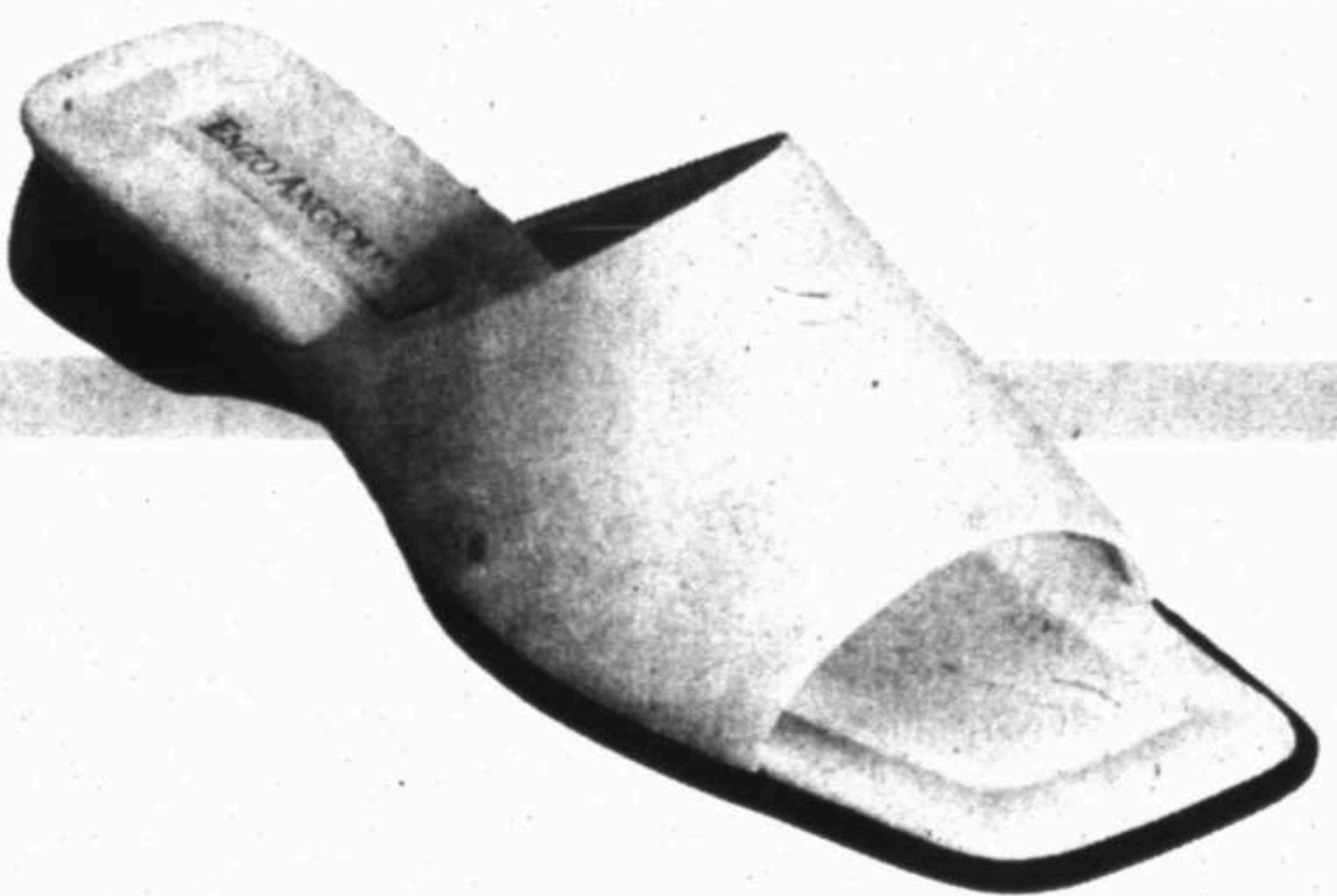
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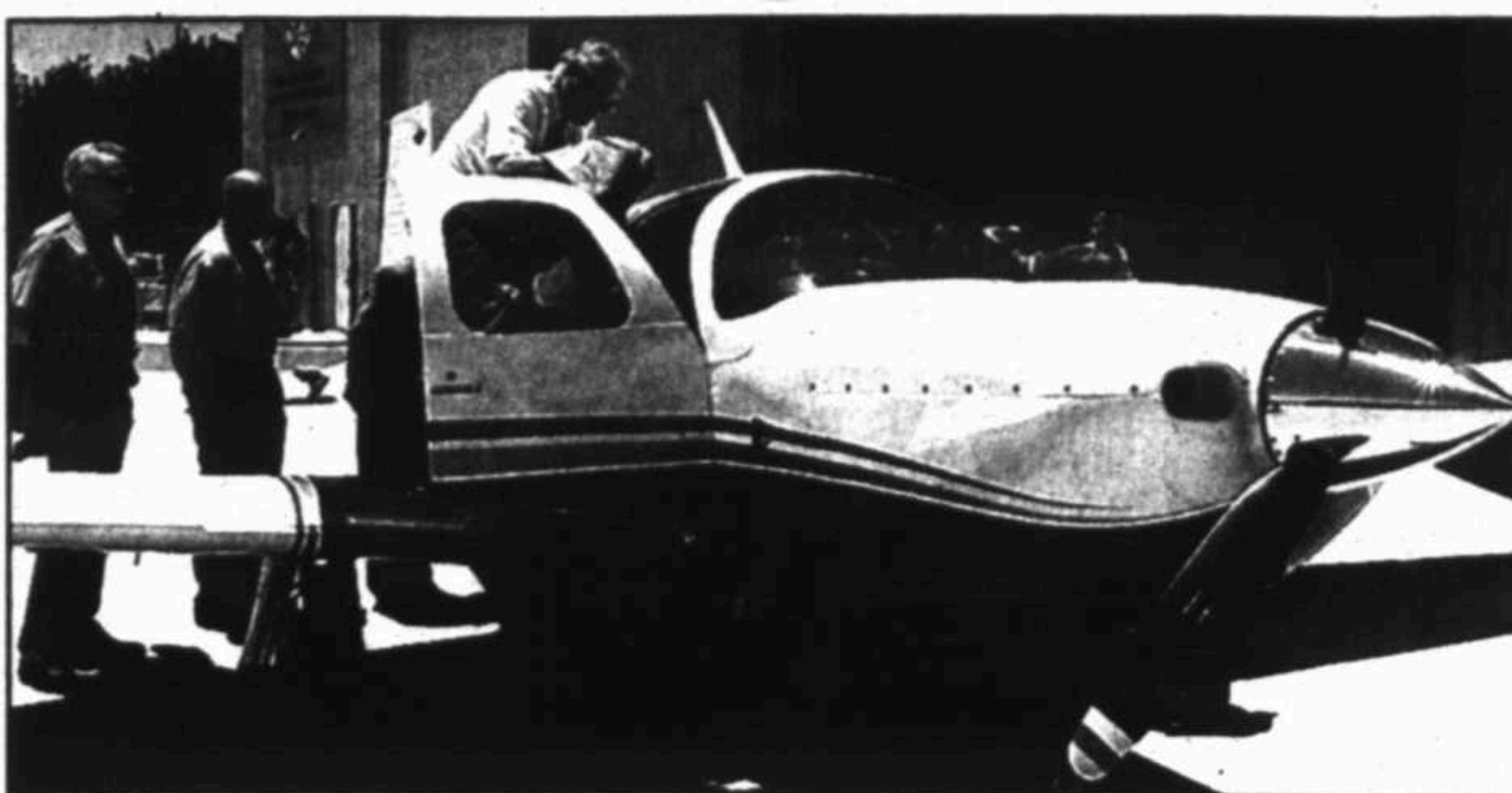
MC unveils flight program to public

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

Midland College unveiled its latest addition during a news conference at the Midland International Airport Wednesday, introducing the Durango Pro-Focus Pilot training program to a group of prominent Midlanders.

Many in the audience, a mix of school officials, pilots, oilmen and businessmen, said the flight program was a long-time coming. The program, a three-way partnership between Midland College, Durango Aerospace and regional airline, Mesa Air Group, will help train future commercial airline pilots in Midland.

The announcement was greeted with applause and smiles all around by those in attendance. Durango Chief Operating Officer Thomas Gibson described Midland as an "aviation friendly" community and said he was looking forward to seeing Durango become a part of it.



Midlanders look at what could be the newest addition to the newly formed pilot training program at Midland College, a Mooney Master aircraft. The plane was displayed following a press conference at Midland College Aviation Hangar at Midland International Airport.

"We came here for a good reason and the supportive community is a good part of that," Gibson said of Midland. Gibson said Midland has terrific weather for flying year round and is very supportive of the program.

"This is the first time Durango has partnered with a higher learning institution to train pilots. Gibson said there are not many other arrangements like it, either. Outside of the Air Force, there are few other options for students wishing to learn how to fly for commercial airlines.

"There is a huge supply and demand gap and there's a huge opportunity in this crisis time," Gibson said.

The flight program will be offered to students interested in a career as an airline pilot. General Ronald Fogleman, the chairman and CEO of Durango, said there is a huge need for such a program, as the Air Force is not putting out enough pilots to meet the demand of today's airlines, adding the Air Force has gone through significant cutbacks while the need for commercial pilots is bigger than ever.

"Airlines can no longer depend on those military retirees," Fogleman said. "Clearly this country needs a source of

professional pilots that can look forward to a career in aviation."

Fogleman explained during the early to mid-1990s the Air Force training program went through a series of cutbacks causing it to only produce about 500 pilots a year and each of those pilots have a nine-year commitment to stay with the Air Force. Fogleman said right now, most major airlines need about 500 pilots a year. With a finite number of pilots and many national and regional airlines, which leaves very few pilots to go around. Fogleman said this leads to many smaller communities losing their access to air travel as airline company's make cutbacks.

Students would go through a rigorous two-year associates degree program at Midland College to obtain their flight training. While MC would provide the ground school for students and associates degree, Durango would conduct the

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For this guard, it's all about the children

By Luis Garcia
Staff Writer

Every time they are on the street, they stop traffic. Wearing a bright orange vest and holding up stop signs, they make sure that school children get home safe. As another school year draws to an end, Midland's crossing guards have chalked up another season of safety.

Near Lamar Elementary, at the traffic-heavy intersection of Crestview Road and Illinois Avenue, Robert Keefe moves out into traffic. Keefe is one of the 54 crossing guards the Midland Police Department hires to help students navigate streets and intersections.

"The police department has been involved with hiring crossing guards for well over 20 years," said Tina Jauz, the city's public information officer.

For Keefe, just having the opportunity to help children is like a gift from above.

"It's the most unique birthday present that I've ever gotten," Keefe said about being a guard. He turned 61 a few weeks ago, about the same time he started his new job as a crosswalk guard.

It is a job he relishes. He waves at a woman making a left turn in a red car, her windows rolled down. She shouts back, "How are you doing?" A little girl who can just barely see over the dashboard waves back.

"I'm not sure that I'm the friendliest cross guard," he said. "That guy on A Street is pretty good, too."

Elementary students scurry home after school. Some move in groups, some walk alone, and still others ride bicycles, all under Keefe's watchful eye.

One or two walk leisurely, allowing whatever they find interesting, maybe a bug in the grass or a lizard in the sidewalk, to distract them from their walk home.

"Kids are something else," Keefe said, while watching over a group crossing the street.

He speaks from experience. He has two sons and 11 daughters, and about the same number of grandchildren. "They just sprout ... they grow up so fast," he said.

"I wasn't ready to retire. I spent about two months just fishing and reading, but it wasn't for me, not yet."

— Robert Keefe, crossing guard

So as the hot May afternoon rolls on, a trickle of children cross a raging river of cars and trucks, with Keefe parting the way.

"There's more of them in the afternoon," Keefe said.

Keefe moved to Midland after he retired from the Army in 1980, when he was just 40. He's happy about the move. "Midland is a great little old city. People are really friendly."

But just sitting around wasn't enough. "I wasn't ready to retire," he said. "I spend about two months just fishing and reading, but it wasn't for me, not yet." Plus, working "keeps me out of the house, which gives my wife a little peace and quiet," he said. "If you ever get married," he added, "just remember that there's only one boss, and it's not you."

He returned to the work, spending his time at the sheriff's office for a number of years, and then as a security guard at Midland College, before working as a crossing guard.

When no children cross, Keefe waves. Only a few cars manage to slip by without getting a wave. Keefe moves into his waves, leaning in, deliberately making eye contact with the driver.

The day, like the school year, is ending. Five in the afternoon. The trickle of children disappears. It is time to go home. But Keefe will be out again at 7 a.m., at least for a few more days. "It's a little hard in the morning, the sun is shining in the east, and the people driving have a hard time seeing."

With all his experience, Keefe has developed a perspective on being around children.

"Just teach them that there's consequences to their actions," he said, "and they'll be all right."



Robert Keefe works his post near Lamar Elementary recently.

Bug invasion haunts Midland

By Kasey Kelly
MRT Correspondent

Midland has been invaded. Invaded by bugs. Specifically by the False Chinch bug.

"They move in like an army," said Russell Baker, an entomologist with the Agricultural Extension Service. "You can pick up a leaf and it is literally crawling with these little guys."

Their power comes in number, not size.

The False Chinch bugs are less than 1/4 inch long. They are brownish gray and narrow bodied. While immature, they have inconspicuous red markings on their body.

The False Chinch bug occurs sporadically, but may occasionally cause rapid and serious damage to young plants.

This pest breeds in great numbers in grass or weedy areas, especially on weeds of the mustard family. They may migrate into vineyards when those areas dry up and pests search for green growth. They suck plant juices and apparently inject a toxin that causes vines to wilt and turn brown.

As they reach maturity, usually in April, they begin to cluster together in extreme-

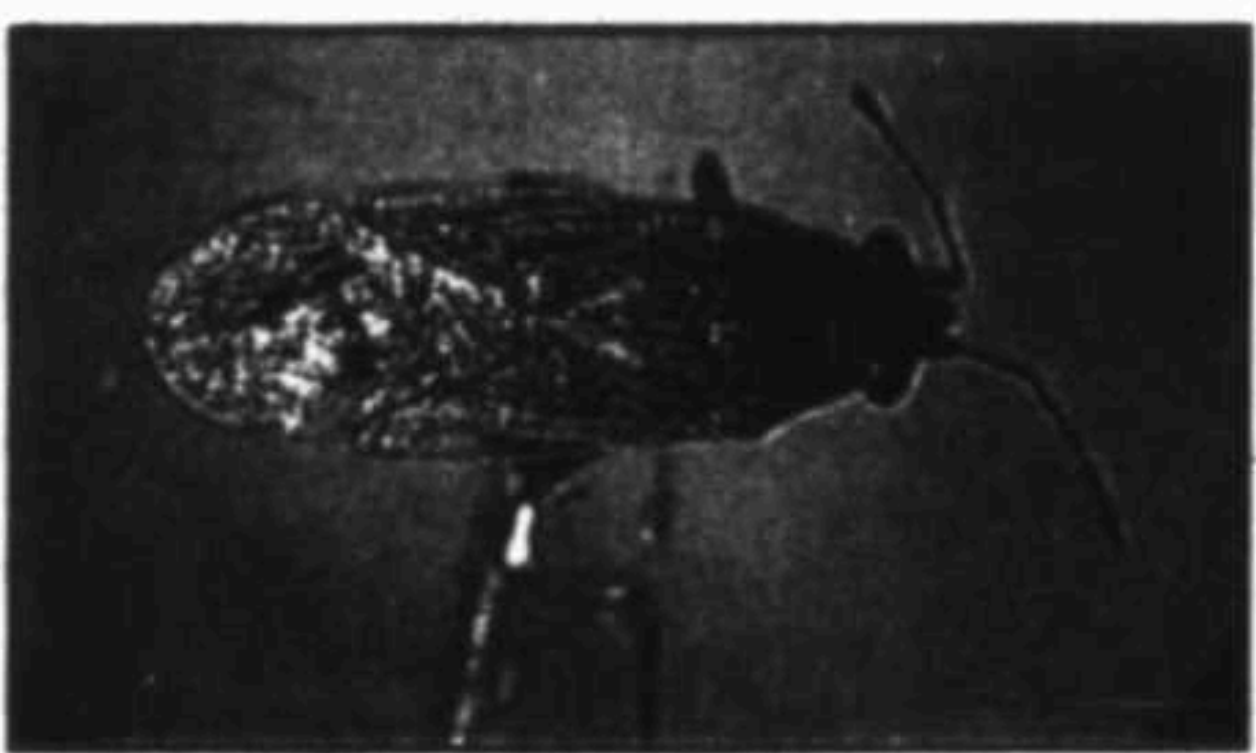


Photo Courtesy of University of Idaho Adult False Chinch bugs are grayish-brown, narrow-bodied, and about 4 mm long.

ly large numbers in preparation for migration. They are a temporary nuisance, but do little or no feeding while clustered and will move away in a short time, Baker said.

Wet winters result in greater weed populations which will lead to larger populations of False Chinch bugs. As the weather becomes hotter and drier, the bug's main resource will be lost, forcing the bug to look for new food sources.

"Their food source is nearly gone," Baker said, "and they should be dying out over the next few weeks."

Once they have reached numbers high enough to be noticeable, it is too late to do much about them.

"People can prevent future problems by taking care of weeds in January and February," Baker said.

The Wilkinsons ready for Midland street dance

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

The Wilkinsons learned early in daughter Amanda's life that she was a singer, not a dancer.

"I tried ballet when I was 6 or 7," recalled Amanda Wilkinson, her bubbly voice clear over the long distance line from Canada. "We had our first recital — all the girls in tutus. And I had this frilly outfit on. The rest of the girls were dancing, but I was singing the words and not moving to the song. I was supposed to be dancing, too."

"My dad looked at my mom and said, 'You know what. I don't think she's a dancer.'"

Amanda, who will soon be 20, is part of the country music sensation known as The Wilkinsons, who are performing in downtown Midland for the Celebration of the Arts Street Concert on Saturday.

Virtual unknowns in the business in 1998, The Wilkinsons emerged on the country music scene that year with the release of "Nothing But Love." Out of 35 new acts in 1998, The Wilkinsons alone broke into the top 20 on the Country Airplay chart. The debut single that took

Amanda and her younger brother, Tyler, to the top was "26¢." In less than a year, the Canadian Wilkinsons garnered 22 award nominations — Grammy, American Music, Academy of Country Music, Country Music Association, etc. In the fall of 2000, The Wilkinsons picked up five Canadian Country Music Association awards and more recently won a Juno for Best Country Group or Duo.

"They've been on the road since 1998. 'We just have about three more dates after tonight in Canada,' Amanda said last Friday. 'We just have been loving it. In just a little while, we'll be in your neck of the woods. We're really excited about getting back to Texas, and we can't wait to get there.'"

For the Midland show, The Wilkinsons will be introducing some new material that will be released this summer on their third album, "Shine."

"They're going to definitely hear the songs that have been on the radio — '26¢' and 'Fly' and 'Boy, Oh Boy,'" she said of the Midland gig, noting that they had just started previewing the new material on this Canadian tour. "So, by the time we reach Midland, you will be the only peo-



The Street Concert featuring the Wilkinsons will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the gate.

ple in the United States who have heard our new stuff. There's not a better feeling in the world than to show people where

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Words to remember: Do no harm in keeping on living

When I was young and much younger, there were lots of truths. Mainly, they were things to do and, certainly, things not to do.

Most important was not doing the forbidden. Doing was learning.

Many of the barred things were discovered by trial and error: Don't sass your mother, don't strike a match in a hay barn, don't speak out of turn, don't eat without giving thanks, don't leave home without permission, don't be late for church, don't be noisy after the lights are turned out, don't make a mess of things, don't lie, don't cheat, don't be late for supper, don't forget to say your prayers.

Now, I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I



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pray the Lord my soul to take.

There was a lot to remember. Doing things that ought to be done was more embracing. It took in more healthy territory: Do your homework, dry the dishes, hang out the wash, wash behind your ears (in those days of Saturday-night baths), brush your teeth, comb your hair, be polite, put money in the collection plate, eat all the food on your plate, pick up after yourself, say "Yes, sir," and "No, sir," and "Yes, ma'am," and "No, ma'am."

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

And it turns out, learning the rights from the wrongs had a purpose early on.

Do no harm.

That, in reflection, seems to be the essence of conducting your business, your affairs, in life. In doing no harm to others and to self, there are lessons to be learned — as it turned out.

For example, doing no harm doesn't mean doing nothing. It doesn't mean watching the world — and your life — pass on by all so slowly at first and, then, all so quickly. It seems to go from slow motion to fast forward long before life has been sorted out.

It means sowing and harvesting: Putting in the crop, hoeing the full rows, and bringing in the crop.

Live and learn.

And we do — sometimes in hindsight. And there is, in the conscious and rational mind, that "next time" to set things right.

Can you remember this admonishment?

Animals have feelings, too.

And, yes, some animals we pet and cuddle and get real sweet on — get emotionally involved.

Have mercy, dear Lord.

And other lesser creatures, as we are prone to call them and whom we may view impersonally, we slaughter. And we condone their demise and quartering by our actions at the meat market and dinner table.

Mostly, as I get older, which I hope to do for quite a spell, I am learning another truth, which, of course, has been around for a long, long time — maybe for always from mankind's perspective.

Get busy doing things — good things.

What that means is pretty personal and quite universal. Do no harm. And, in listening to your intuitive voice, it might be wise, if the timing is right, to carry out the vision within your own dreams.

They are there, most definitely.

Sweet and lovely.

Always.

Ed Todd is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

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Midlanders receive needs-assessment surveys

From Staff Reports

More than 2,000 Midlanders are being asked to help their community by taking a few minutes to complete this year's "Speak Up, Midland!" community needs assessment survey. Surveys arrived in randomly selected Midland mailboxes Saturday.

"Speak Up, Midland!" known in years past as "Midland Introspective," asks city and county residents to respond to questions that pertain to their households, neighborhoods and city.

"Speak Up, Midland!" offers people the opportunity to make their voices heard on critical health and human service issues, from child care to personal safety to elder care. "If you feel that Midland is in need of improved services or that current services are well done, please let us know," said Mark Palmer, chair for this year's "Speak Up, Midland!" effort. "Speak Up, Midland!" is a tool that will be used to initiate need-

ed change in Midland. The survey will reveal gaps in human services as reported by households, agency directors, employee groups, community leaders and youth.

"United Way of Midland, our community solutions provider, will then organize community task forces to address the needs that Midlanders have identified, so completing the survey is time well spent," Palmer said.

Past solutions that have come about thanks to the information collected by those who have completed the survey and to the entities that have worked together to bring change based on responses include:

- after-school day care;
 - renovated neighborhood city parks;
 - affordable dental care;
 - children's health care;
 - prescription assistance for seniors; and
 - information and referral.
- Past "Speak Up, Midland!" surveys were conducted in Midland in 1988 and 1993. In addition to the scientific random

sampling done among the 2,000 Midland households, other groups will help provide supporting data. Student groups, employee groups, non-profit directors and community leaders will also be asked to complete "Speak Up, Midland!" surveys. Survey responses are completely anonymous. Names, addresses and phone numbers of those who participate are not requested.

Midlanders who do not receive a survey in the mail, but would like to take part in the process can pick up a "Speak Up, Midland!" form at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane; the Midland Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane; Midland College South Facility, 201 W. Florida; or at the United Way of Midland offices, 1209 W. Wall.

Addition information on "Speak Up, Midland!" can be obtained by visiting the Internet, at www.SpeakUpMidland.com. Those in need of assistance in completing the survey are encouraged to call 685-7716.

DEAR ABBY

Woman's strength of personality is leeched by controlling man

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter from "Been There in Texas," the woman who was married to a very controlling husband.

This past year, I found myself a prisoner of what began as the perfect relationship. During the first couple of months I dated my boyfriend, I was swept away by his charm and loving attitude. He deserves a standing ovation. He did an outstanding job of blinding me — and everyone in my life — to his true nature.

My once-active social life slowly disappeared before my eyes — leaving me with only him. It was a slow process. He patiently chipped away at my self-esteem until he created a relationship that satisfied his needs. I found myself trapped by someone who didn't allow me to speak to anyone. He took away my right to be me.

He constantly reminded me that he was a "real man." In reality, he was a scared little boy hiding behind a strong woman. That's why he chose me to be his victim. I had dignity, self-respect, a confident attitude — qualities he knew he would never have. "Boys" like him need women like me because we have lots of chutzpah. If they can

subdue someone like me, they gain a sense of control within themselves.

I'm writing to let anyone who is presently involved with a controlling partner know one thing: These partners are scared. They are scared of being alone. Most of all, they are scared of themselves. Deep down they know they can't sugarcoat their personalities forever. They know people will eventually uncover the cruel intentions hidden temporarily behind their mask of sweetness.

My advice to victims: I hope that one day you will remember the strong person you once were. I hope you will realize that you still exist and have the right to come out and play. Whether you realize it or not, you have control over the next move. Change the rules of the game — and leave. — P.G. IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR P.G.: The man you describe is a narcissistic personality. He believes the world revolves around him and his needs, and nobody else matters. If you are not revolving around him, you are not in his orbit, and he will say and do anything to entice you in.

There is only one way out — and that is to make a safe escape plan to leave — and once you

have escaped, never return. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: May I share a poem I wrote last year? It was derived from conversations I had with women who survived abusive relationships and gained the courage to leave. — DANNY COMSTOCK, MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR DANNY: Thank you for giving me permission to print your poem, "Words of Love?" If your painful words sound familiar to any of my readers, I hope they, too, will have the courage to leave.

You're fat! You're ugly!
You're nothing but a b-----!
Clean the house!
Take care of the kids!
Can't you do anything right?
You're not sexy!
You don't turn me on!
You're frigid, cold as ice!
You don't appreciate my love!
Why I put up with you, I don't understand!
But no one will understand you like I do!

You need me to take care of you!

You won't survive without me!

If you don't listen to me, I will hit you again!

And then you will understand how much I love you!

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

Medicaid simplification bill in trouble

By Lisa Falkenberg
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A plan to make it easier for uninsured children to sign up for Medicaid was in trouble Wednesday as lawmakers sparred over which was the best plan to simplify the health care program for the poor.

The issue has emerged as one of the session's top issues, but with just days left before the session ends May 28, it remains unsolved.

A \$122 million proposal by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, passed the Senate. But the House has yet to hear the plan that would eliminate barriers for children to access Medicaid.

Gov. Rick Perry on Wednesday was noncommittal.

"This is still a work in progress," Perry said, minutes after visiting with House sponsor Rep. Patricia Gray on the floor. "Do I support simplification? I think the answer is yes. Once we get into the details is where the devil is, if you will."

As time in the 140-day session runs thin, tension surrounding the issue is thick.

Supporters of the Zaffirini plan say the proposal is being threatened by Rep. Arlene Wohlge-muth, R-Burleson, and supporters of her amendment that would significantly change the bill.

Wohlge-muth says her changes would save the state money and are better for working parents.

Rep. Garnet Coleman says Wohlge-muth's plan guts the simplification effort, which aims to enroll the 600,000 children who are eligible for Medicaid but not enrolled.

"It ain't even a look alike," Coleman said. "It's cheaper because parents cannot get their kids in the program because the front door to Medicaid will still have the barriers it has today."

Texans who refuse breath test could face more penalties

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate gave final approval Wednesday to a bill increasing driver's license suspension periods for Texans who fail or refuse breath tests.

The bill passed on a voice vote. It previously passed the House and now goes to Gov. Rick Perry.

The bill by Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, also allows police officers to take away licenses immediately from drivers arrested for DWI or refusal to take a breath test. Officers usually give licenses back to drivers, who may or may not choose to relinquish the license at a formal hearing within 40 days of the arrest.

The national average for breath-test refusal is 19 percent. In Texas, 46 percent of drivers refuse the test, according to the House Research Organization.

In 1999, Texas had 1,734 alcohol-related traffic deaths, compared to California's 1,351, according to statistics provided by Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The bill, which also applies to drivers of water vehicles of at least 50 horsepower, increases the period of time from five to 10 years for which a person's driving record shows alcohol and drug-related offenses after arrest.

Under the bill, suspension time is increased from 60 to 90 days for Texans with no alcohol or drug-related offenses in the past 10 years. For Texans who had their license suspended for refusing or failing a breath test in the past 10 years, it's increased from 120 days to one year. For Texans convicted of such offenses in the past 10 years, it's an increase from 180 days to one year.

Wohlge-muth said Perry likes her amendment.

Perry refused to publicly state which version, if any, he prefers.

Several lawmakers and staff members say Perry has threatened to veto the bill unless it contained the substantial changes by Wohlge-muth, president of the Texas Conservative Coalition.

"We were told that if the amendment was not accepted that there's a threat of a veto on simplification," said Rep. Jim Keffer, a Republican who supports the Democrat-sponsored plan.

"There is no truth to that," Perry's spokeswoman Kathy Walt said. "There is a lot of angst at this point in the session. There's a lot of rumor and innuendo."

Keffer has faith that supporters of the stronger simplification plan can win Perry's support, persuading the governor that the plan "is not the big black bear that I'm sure it's been given to him as."

House sponsor Gray refused to comment on the conversation with Perry because the governor requested it remain private.

The simplification plan is intended to encourage more parents to enroll their children in Medicaid.

Gray's simplification plan streamlines the application process by allowing for 12

months of continuous eligibility, eliminating face-to-face interviews and cutting paperwork.

Gray's plan applies to those enrolling in Medicaid for the first time and those who are already enrolled.

Wohlge-muth's plan, which costs about \$92 million, only simplifies the process for children who are already enrolled. It extends continuous eligibility and eliminates face-to-face interviews, but places more restrictions on Medicaid applicants.

To qualify, parents of Medicaid recipients would have to have jobs and seek primary and preventative care for their children.

"This is a carrot," Wohlge-muth said of her plan, which seeks to save money by creating incentives for parents to take their children to doctors instead of emergency rooms for care.

Wohlge-muth said saving money wasn't the only thing that motivated her plan.

"If we had all the money in the world, I would still promote this," Wohlge-muth said.

Senate sponsor Zaffirini said she would fight in a conference committee to remove the Wohlge-muth provisions, should they make it through the House vote, which must come by Tuesday.

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Demonstrators protest arsenic in drinking water

EL PASO (AP) — Trying to determine whether it is cost effective to remove more arsenic from the nation's drinking water is the same as trying to put a price on life, say demonstrators who spoke Wednesday outside an Environmental Protection Agency advisory committee meeting.

"It's not about cost, it's about human life," said Ruben Reyes, with the Green Party in El Paso. "What's the cost of a human life?"

The demonstrators made their opinion of arsenic known at the meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council, where discussion topics included the cost of tightening arsenic standards for the nation's public drinking water systems.

Inside the meeting, members, including representatives of national environmental groups, discussed whether health benefits could be included in the cost analysis.

A motion from Jeffrey Griffiths, with the Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, to create a separate subcommittee to study health benefits was defeated.

EPA officials at the meeting said the intent was for the council to deal specifically with technical issues, while another group will look at health issues.

If the council was to study health benefit costs, "we may dilute some of the expertise we desperately need on the costs" of technical issues, said Ephraim King, director of the EPA's Standards and Risk Management Division in the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

Griffiths also suggested that an arsenic standard that doesn't adequately address health issues could inordinately affect the poor.

"Instead of collectively dealing with a problem at lower cost ... it would transfer the cost to the individual," Griffiths said, adding that some people would choose to buy filtering systems. "Some people can afford that and some people can't."

The council expects to make a recommendation on the proposed change to EPA Director Christie Todd Whitman by the end of August. That report will be considered along with a National

Academy of Sciences review of the health-science basis for tightening the arsenic standard.

Former President Clinton took steps in January to lower the 1942 standard of 50 parts per billion to 10 parts per billion by 2006. After President Bush took office, his administration proposed delaying implementation of the standard from May 22 to Feb. 22 to allow time for the re-examination.

Demonstrator Bill Addington criticized the council for doing a poor job of publicizing the meeting.

"By omission, they are keeping it secret," Addington said. "If they're really trying to get public comment, you'd think they'd advertise."

But council officials said the meeting had been advertised in the Federal Register, which is the usual method. They said public comment will be taken through the entire process.

"This is just the beginning, not the end," said David Spath, council chairman and chief of Drinking Water and Environmental Management for the California Department of Health Services.

Lawmakers carve out \$175 million for nursing homes, cuts possible

By Connie Mabin
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Lawmakers, backed up against a budget wall, carved out \$175 million for financially ailing nursing homes Wednesday. Lawmakers warned the allocation could force cuts in other areas of the 2002-03 spending plan.

"We have to take our red pens and start looking for places to cut, because if we don't find the money, nursing homes are going to start closing their doors," said Senate Finance Chairman Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

If revenue is not found to cover all of the expenses approved in the budget proposal, lawmakers will have to remove yet-to-be-determined items. Those would only be funded if money is found, said House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo.

Budget leaders were banking on \$465 million from a bill that would levy a per-bed fee on all Texas nursing homes to draw enhanced Medicaid funding from the federal government.

But Gov. Rick Perry opposed the bill, which he calls a tax. Legislators should use existing funds to increase nursing home funding, he said.

The governor's budget proposal included a \$103.7 million boost in state fees paid to nursing homes "because we felt it was a priority and something that needed to be addressed," said John Opperman, Perry's budget director.

Perry hoped lawmakers would have funded the increases without relying on the assurance fee, Opperman said.

With a veto likely and session's end near, the committee putting the finishing touches on an esti-

mated \$111 billion budget were forced to address one of the session's top issues.

About 40 percent of Texas' nursing homes are in bankruptcy as they battle problems plaguing the industry nationwide, including low reimbursement from the state, expensive liability insurance to protect against lawsuits and high vacancy rates.

"The problems facing our nursing homes are very complex," said Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, an opponent of the assurance fee bill. "Providing additional funding to these homes is imperative, but only if the Legislature is willing to fix other problems."

The \$175 million will draw \$260 million in federal funds. The money will be used to pay for staff and salary increases, increases in payments to nursing homes and overall care improvement.

Some lawmakers criticized Perry as squeezing a tight budget tighter.

"This really puts us behind the eight ball," said Rep. Garnet Coleman.

"I think it is extremely shortsighted of Governor Perry to kill a vitally needed proposal without offering any alternative solutions or any leadership," said Coleman, D-Houston.

Even with the nursing home crunch, lawmakers managed to fund several high-priority items in the budget.

Social services funding increased by \$1.1 billion. Higher education got a \$500 million boost, including \$335 million to expand the TEXAS Grant scholarship program.

State employees will get pay raises and teachers and other public school employees will get help with health insurance if lawmakers finally approve the budget proposal before the session ends May 28.

Former Secretary of State Martin Dies Jr. dies after brief illness

BEAUMONT (AP) — Former Texas Secretary of State Martin Dies Jr. has died after a brief illness. He was 79.

Funeral services are scheduled Friday in Lufkin for the Greenville native who served as chief justice of the 9th Court of Appeals in Beaumont until 1989, when he retired because of health problems. He died Monday.

Dies joined the court in 1971 after serving as a state senator from 1959 to 1967 and as secretary of state under Gov. Preston Smith from 1969 to 1971.

Dies lived in Beaumont for 30 years and served as a mentor for many jurists in the region, said Judge Jim Mehaffy of the 58th District Court.

"He was the model of judicial rectitude and temperament," Mehaffy said. "He was a warm and friendly person. But as a judge, he was best known for his impartiality and professional-

ism."

Dies served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, before receiving his law degree from Southern Methodist University in 1947. He went on to practice law in Lufkin before becoming a state senator.

As a senator, Dies authored a bill to create the Lufkin School for Mentally Retarded Children in 1961. He was most well-known for his work for the disabled.

In 1965, Dies' interest in improving Texas' park system was honored by The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, which named a 748-acre state park in Jasper and Tyler counties after him.

Dies is survived by his wife, Ruth White Dies of Beaumont, two sons, Martin W. Dies of Orange and David Dies of Austin; and his daughter Dianne Dies Schoch of Austin.

State agency says removal of sand dune violated Open Beaches Act

SURFSIDE BEACH (AP) — The removal of part of a sand dune from property owned by this Brazoria County city's mayor violated the Open Beaches Act, according to a Texas General Land Office official.

The dune was damaged and the GLO is investigating whether it was done on purpose, John Kerr, a spokesman for the state agency, told The Facts, Brazoria County's daily newspaper, for its Wednesday editions.

The removal required a (dune protection) permit "before it took place and that's what the violation is," Kerr said.

He said the city approves all permits and the state agency reviews them to make sure they are in compliance with the local and state dune protection plan.

The state agency has been looking into the removal of the dune after some homeowners on the street complained last month. The dune was removed from

property where Surfside Beach Mayor Larry Davison is planning to build a two-story home.

It was removed by Velasco Drainage District crews about a month ago after the city requested drainage work be done on the street. Drainage district officials say the sand was used to fill a hole that had been trapping water at the end of the road.

Velasco President George Kidwell said the city directed them to remove the sand from Davison's property.

At the time, Davison said it was coincidence that the sand dune was removed from his property.

However, Kerr said the state agency received a permit Monday for the construction of a two-story home on the property.

When asked if he had drainage district crews remove the dune to help with the building of the home, Davison refused to comment saying, "It's a private matter."



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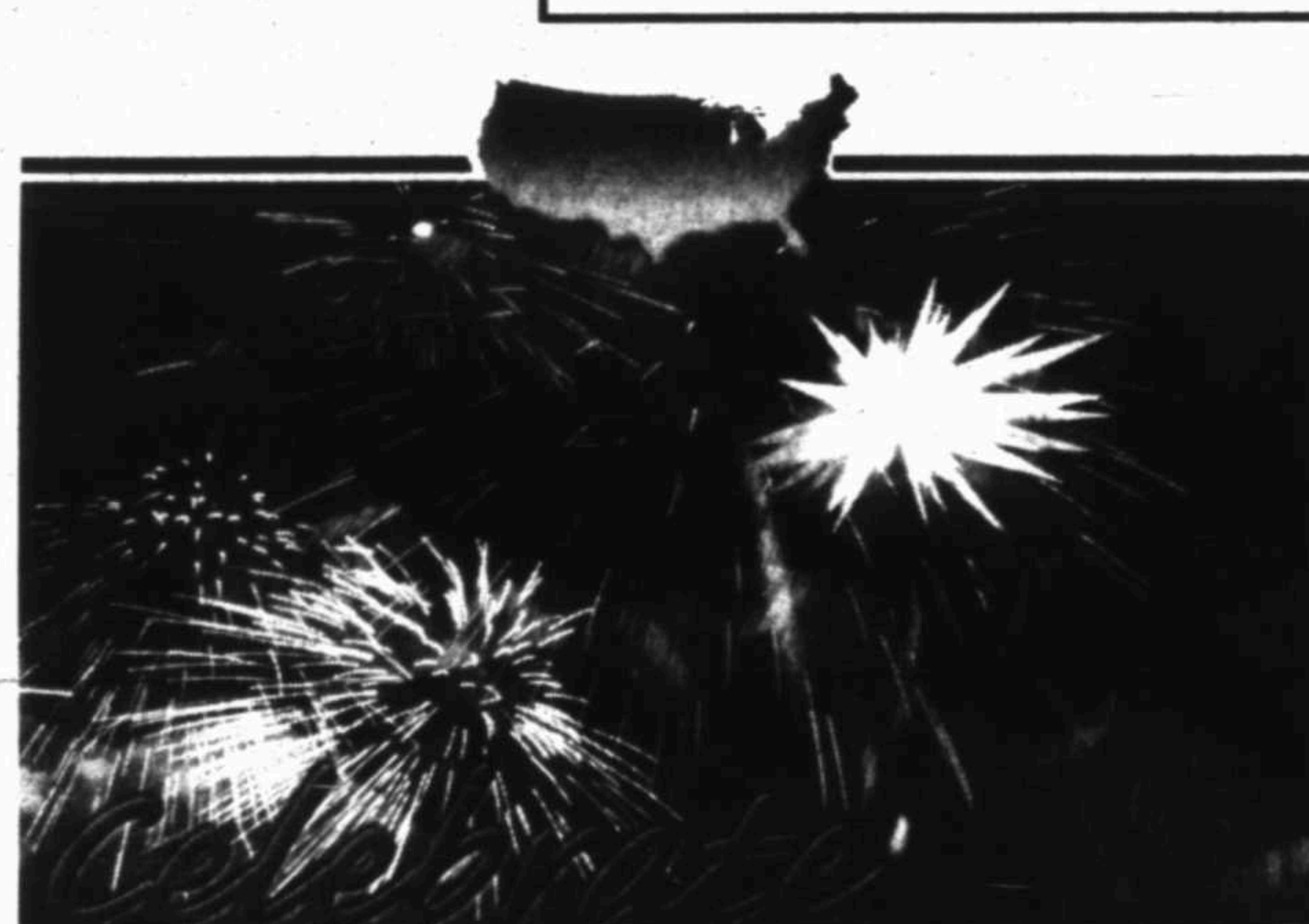
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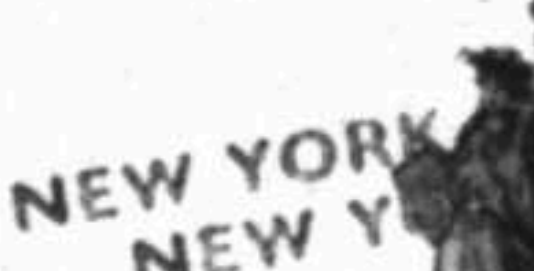
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Macedonian president urges rebels to lay down guns

SKOPJE, Macedonia (AP) — With time running out on a government ultimatum, Macedonia's president on Wednesday urged ethnic Albanian rebels to give up their armed struggle or face all-out war.

President Boris Trajkovski's appeal came amid reports of clashes between troops and ethnic Albanian militants in the north and signs the militants will not cede to a demand they lay their weapons down by noon today.

"There is no need for violence," Trajkovski said in a speech to the nation aired on state television. "It is time that the extremists lay down their weapons."

He said a nonviolent solution to ethnic Albanian demands for more rights in Macedonia required "a lot of patience, tolerance, determination and readiness to compromise." But the

"horrifying alternative" was a "divided society in a whirlwind of war," he added.

An army spokesman, Col. Blagoja Markovski, reported new insurgent attacks Wednesday in the extreme north on Macedonia, where rebels control several villages.

He said the militants opened fire at government units at the northern villages of Slupcane and Opaje. Shots also were exchanged in the village of Vejce, near the northwestern city of Tetovo, he said.

The Albanian militants are demanding that the country's constitution be rewritten to upgrade their people's minority status — something that Macedonia's Slav-dominated leadership rejects, arguing it would lead to a division of the country. Ethnic Albanians make up about one-third of Macedonia's 2 million people.

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All major political parties, including ethnic Albanian ones, joined a national unity government over the weekend, hoping to find a political solution to the crisis. The new Cabinet Tuesday set what it called "the final deadline" for the rebels, pledging to "eliminate" them if they do not comply.

The unity government was formed under pressure from international officials who fear fighting in Macedonia could

engulf the whole region. A European Union team returned to Macedonia on Wednesday to seek ways to resolve the crisis.

In a statement, Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh, the leader of the EU team, said the fact that the different ethnic and political groups were able to unite in a joint government, "sends a clear message — that the armed thugs who are trying to destroy the country are isolated."

Urging restraint in any military move against the rebels, she urged the government to "press ahead with the interethnic dialogue," and to "deliver rapidly the reforms needed to address legitimate grievances."

Another possible flashpoint, across the border in southern Serbia, was quieter Wednesday in the wake of three days of fighting pitting a joint force of the Yugoslav army and Serbian police against ethnic Albanian rebels. Still, two soldiers were wounded when their vehicle drove over a land mine.

The government forces drove the rebels from the village of Oreovica, and a Yugoslav commander said 14 insurgents were killed and eight wounded.

The fighting in southern Serbia and in Macedonia appear related — organized by ethnic Albanian extremists based in Kosovo and financed by expan-

tries in Western Europe.

Exploiting the lull in fighting in Macedonia, the International Committee of the Red Cross evacuated around 150 civilians from villages under government siege by Wednesday. Many of them said they had stayed voluntarily, denying government claims that they were being used as "human shields" by the rebels.

The crisis in Macedonia began in February, before subsiding for about a month. It flared again April 28, when a rebel ambush killed eight soldiers, triggering fresh battles between government troops and militants.

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Israeli helicopters attack police buildings in West Bank, Gaza

By Greg Myre
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli attack helicopters fired rockets Wednesday at Palestinian police structures in the West Bank city of Jenin and the Jabaliya refugee camp near Gaza City. At least 10 people were wounded.

The assault came as Israel and the Palestinians raised the possibility of peace talks based on recommendations by an international commission headed by former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell.

Witnesses said the helicopters fired rockets at three buildings in Jenin at the northern edge of the West Bank. The Israeli military said the target was a Palestinian Authority structure where weapons and mortar rockets are produced. There were no injuries, Palestinian officials said.

In Gaza, helicopters fired four rockets at the security forces compound in the refugee camp near Gaza City. About 60,000 Palestinians live in the camp.

At least 10 people were wounded by shrapnel, including two children, Palestinian doctors said.

Hassan Khalil, a guard at the Gaza compound, said he saw Israeli helicopters approach, and "suddenly we saw red flames and fire hit the building."

The front wall of the second story of the building, housing the Preventive Security Services, collapsed in the attack, and a



AP Photo
Palestinian police officers carry the remains of Abdel El Jawwad Shehadeh past an honor guard outside Ramallah's hospital Wednesday. Shehadeh, from Gaza, was killed during clashes with Israeli soldiers on the outskirts of Ramallah Tuesday. His body is to be transported to Gaza by ambulance for later burial.

rocket blew a large hole in the roof. Wrecked furniture was scattered around the structure.

The Israeli military said the Gaza airstrike followed Palestinian attacks planned and carried out from the compound. The statement said the Israeli military would "continue to fight Palestinian terror."

The helicopter strike was aimed at the force led by Mohammed Dahlan, who has taken part in negotiations with Israel. After inspecting the damaged building, Dahlan said Israel's government is waging war against the Palestinians.

"This is a part of the continuous aggression against our people," he said, noting that Palestinian negotiators are in Washington, examining peace negotiation prospects.

The Palestinians on Wednesday accepted the findings of the commission, headed by Mitchell, calling for a staged program of ending the violence and resuming peace talks.

Israel also accepted the framework suggested by the body, but objected to a call to halt construction inside Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said the commission's report was in the form of a draft, and the two sides were invited to offer their comments.

He said that at this stage each side is trying to improve its bargaining position, but he expected that the differences could be overcome.

Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said that the report must be accepted as a package, and the two sides could not just pick out the recommendations they favored.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has said that there can be no peace talks until Palestinian attacks stop, but the Palestinians charge that Israel is responsible for the escalation in violence.

Also Wednesday, Muhammad Salim, 14, was killed by bullets fired by Israeli troops during a clash at Netzarim Junction in central Gaza, according to officials at Shifa Hospital.

Since fighting began last September, 453 people have been killed on the Palestinian side and 78 on the Israeli side.

Israel admitted Wednesday that the killing of five Palestin-

ian policemen by Israeli soldiers this week was a case of mistaken identity.

The Palestinian policemen, at an outpost near the West Bank city of Ramallah, were killed before dawn on Monday. A sixth Palestinian policeman, who survived the attack, said the Israelis opened fire without provocation.

The Israeli soldiers were looking for members of an elite Palestinian security unit, Force

17, which has been accused of taking parts in attacks against Israeli targets, said Raanan Gissin, a spokesman for Sharon.

"The minute it was clear there was a mistaken identity, we launched an investigation," said Gissin.

In Jerusalem, at the funeral of Iddit Mizrahi, 22, killed in a Palestinian shooting attack Tuesday, a friend called for reconciliation. Other mourners tried to shout him down.

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Opposition legislators criticize Fox's quarterly reports

By Lisa J. Adams
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — President Vicente Fox delivered a status report on his first six months in office Wednesday, saying he had fulfilled his promises to clean up governmental corruption, promote peace in Chiapas and keep the economy strong.

The address, the first of numerous quarterly reports Fox has promised to keep the public informed, breaks with a 71-year tradition in which past presidents delivered only one annual state of the nation address.

Opposition legislators criticized the practice as nothing more than a ploy for positive publicity, but Fox said it represents his administration's new attitude of openness and honesty.

"Without a doubt, our greatest accomplishment has been to abandon authoritarianism as a style of government," Fox said during the hourlong speech broadcast nationally from the presidential residence in the capital.

"The full exercise of democracy demands that we who have the honor and responsibility of serving society, have the obligation to act with complete openness."

Fox said his government had made great strides in fighting corruption, organized crime and what he called the country's biggest criminal threat, drug trafficking.

Ticking off a list of recent drug seizures by federal police units, Fox also cited the capture of Adan Amezcua, one of three brothers that drug authorities have labeled the "methamphetamine kings."

"We are sure that he will NOT get out of jail," Fox said sternly, perhaps in an effort to make up for the embarrassment suffered by his administration earlier this



AP Photo
Mexican President Vicente Fox leaves the podium after delivering an address on his first six months in government Wednesday, in Mexico City. Fox delivered his address on the status of his government to members of his cabinet and journalists, saying he had fulfilled his promises to clean up governmental corruption, promote peace in Chiapas and keep the economy strong.

year when another reputed drug leader escaped from a maximum-security prison, allegedly with the help of corrupt prison guards.

Fox, looking tired, coughed and cleared his throat frequently during the address, replete with references to a variety of programs his administration has launched in support of Indian groups, women, and the poor.

In the conciliatory speech, which stressed Mexico's advances toward becoming a true democracy, Fox devoted relatively little time to a controversial fiscal reform package that has

recently cut into his still-high approval ratings.

But he did gently remind a doubting public that much of the development programs pushed by his administration would not survive without the package.

"Its passage is indispensable to accelerate the development of the country and to make the distribution of wealth more just," Fox said.

"Very respectfully, I invite the political parties in Congress to not allow political differences, or a lack of dialogue and tolerance to kill the reform. ... I invite them to improve and approve this initia-

tive for the good of the nation." The reform contains a proposed 15 percent tax on food, medicine and books that has been vociferously opposed by numerous groups across the country. Workers unions opposed to the tax loudly booed Fox during his May Day speech and teachers and other groups have taken to the streets by the thousands to reject the measure.

The business sector, meanwhile, went on record Wednesday criticizing Fox for not yet getting a version of the fiscal reform passed.

Fox also vehemently reiterated his insistence that while the Mexican economy has slowed in response to global economic patterns, it is still growing.

"Our economy is strong; the international market recognizes that fact with high levels of investment and the continued growth of our exports," he said.

And although efforts to forge peace with Zapatistas in Chiapas are at a standstill, Fox said his administration had done "more in six months to resolve this conflict than what was done in the past six years."

In his first act as president, Fox sent a rebel-supported Indian rights bill to Congress. But the rebels have flatly rejected a modified version of the bill ultimate-

ly passed by the legislators, and since have cut off all communication with the government.

Fox noted that in addition to his occasional status reports, he has instructed all of his cabinet secretaries to present monthly updates on their activities.

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HONG KONG (AP) — Lily Yam, secretary for the Environment and Food, said chickens in three local markets were found to have the H5N1 strain of avian influenza. She said the markets had been closed and around 6,600 live birds, including chickens and quails, were destroyed immediately.

The virus normally only affects fowl, but in 1997 an H5N1 virus crossed over to humans, killing six people and sickening dozens of others. To combat that outbreak, dubbed the "bird flu," the government slaughtered all the territory's 1.4 million chickens.

Yam said samples taken from sick chickens did not contain the H5N1 strain that infected humans in 1997.

But she added the new strain had the "potential to form new viruses" that could affect humans eventually if no precautions were taken.

Within a 24-hour period Tuesday and Wednesday, 797 chickens died of disease in the three markets, Yam said. She said the government would pay about \$217,000 to compensate bird vendors.

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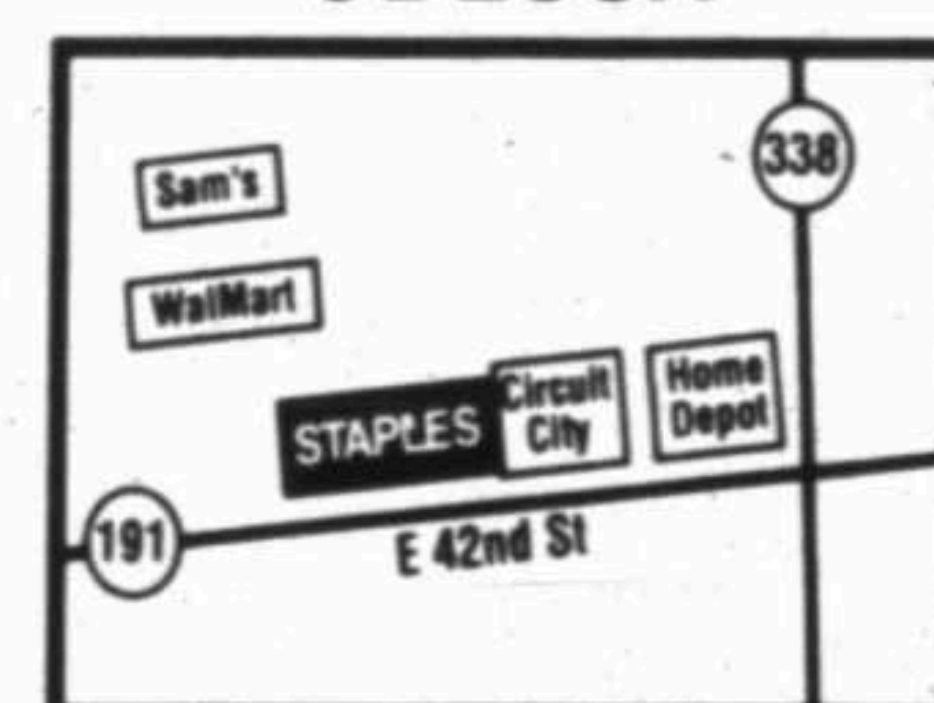


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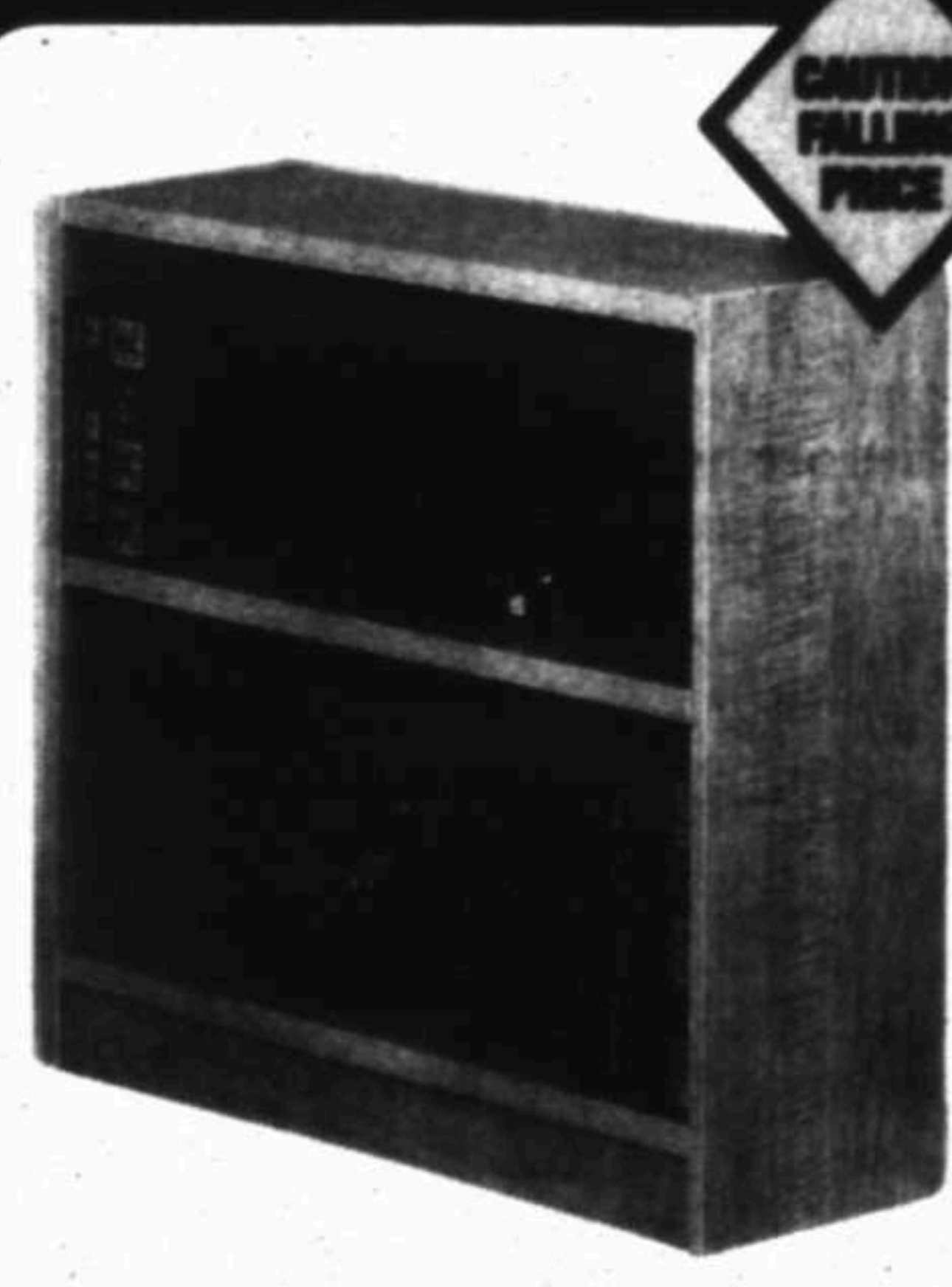


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Student first on both sides of family to earn degree



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A beaming Marisela Gonzalez of Lamesa waits for the procession of graduates to file into the auditorium for the UTPB commencement ceremonies.

By Isela Agundis
Lifestyle Writer

Marisela Gonzalez, 23, set a new precedent Saturday when she received her bachelor of arts degree in sociology during commencement exercises at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Ms. Gonzalez, daughter of Isidro Jr. and Julia Gonzalez of Lamesa, is proud to be the first one on both sides of her family to earn a college degree.

"I'm kind of glad that I'm the first one," said Ms. Gonzalez, who also had the opportunity to honor her parents at a Latin award ceremony held on campus after commencement. "It's kind of neat. My mom couldn't quit crying and my dad was all smiles."

Ms. Gonzalez's parents wanted her to continue her education so she would have a better opportunity to progress.

"It was my mom's dream that I go to college," said Ms. Gonzalez, who until she was a senior had not thought past high school graduation. When she was a senior, a counselor asked if she planned on going to college.

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— Marisela Gonzalez, recent UTPB graduate

She decided to go to South Plains College in Levelland; she then transferred to UTPB. Taking it one day at a time, she reached her highest goal and made her mother's dream come true. Her family and best friends were present to celebrate her achievement.

While in line before commencement began, she wrote "Thanks to God" on top of her mortarboard and did the same for students who also wanted it written on theirs. She was excited but she didn't feel the impact until later.

"It didn't even hit me the night before. I got nervous when I was getting ready and I got butterflies but it still didn't hit," said Ms. Gonzalez, who has a twin sister, Marisa Gonzalez. "It wasn't till the next day when I said 'Oh my gosh I have a bachelor's degree. Now what do I do?'"

She now had to think ahead, analyze her decisions and set new goals. She plans to earn her master's in sociology and is thinking of getting a certification in counseling.

God must have been watching over her, because during her last semester she was required to make a presentation on a social service agency for one of her classes. She chose Communities in Schools in Odessa. The agency offered her a job upon graduation. The position seemed to be perfect since she will be working with at-risk high school students who are more likely to drop out.

"I came from Lamesa and we had a high drop-out rate. I had seen so much potential and to hear they were dropping out or not going to graduate was really sad. Sometimes they don't go to college because they don't think they can and at that point is where you can change what they think about whether to graduate from high school or college," said Ms. Gonzalez.

She said everyone faces barriers, "but you need to put your feet down and say 'Yeah I'm going to do this.' Don't turn back, do not say 'I quit.'"



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Rocio Arlette Garza is sworn in as an American Citizen by U.S. Judge Filemon Vela at the Federal Courthouse Wednesday, May 9, in Brownsville, Texas. Her mother, Maria de Jesus Garza and father, Noe Garza, are in the background during the special ceremony. Rocio Arlette Garza, 19, who was held back in the second grade, is now Pace High School's valedictorian and Harvard-bound.

Harvard-bound valedictorian takes oath of citizenship

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — She just became a U.S. citizen. And now she's off to Harvard.

Held back in the second grade, Rocio Arlette Garza is now Pace High School's valedictorian. The teen-ager who came from Mexico also became a citizen of the United States this week.

Garza's swearing-in ceremony Tuesday marked the realization of a longtime dream for the 19-year-old high school senior.

"I want to live here and work here, be able to vote and make a life for myself," Garza says.

Garza was just 8 when her parents, Maria de Jesus and Noe Garza, decided to move to Brownsville from Matamoros, leaving behind friends, family and the only life they had ever known.

"They gave up everything they had in Matamoros so that I could have better opportunities here," Garza said in Thursday's editions of the Brownsville Herald. "Their sacrifices motivated me to succeed."

While enrolled in Brownsville public schools, she enrolled in Advanced Placement courses, became an accomplished dancer and received top honors in local and regional Texas Mock Trial competitions while portraying a prosecuting attorney, a role she hopes to assume in real life.

As graduation neared, Garza began thinking about life after high school, work and college.

While sorting through a stack of letters from universities, she picked up an envelope emblazoned with the Harvard seal.

"I was so excited because it was a fat envelope," she says, eyes wide. "And when it's fat, that means you got in."

After weighing her options, which included Duke, Notre Dame, Rice and Georgetown, she settled on Harvard, where she will begin her government and legal studies this fall.

"I wanted to make sure I got my citizenship before I left," she said. "So there wouldn't be any obstacles for me while I am pursuing my education."

Proud of their daughter's achievements and supportive of her aspirations, Maria and Noe Garza are not surprised by their daughter's zeal.

"All we have ever asked is that she never stop learning and never forget where she came from her roots, her culture," Maria Garza says. "We have always expected the best from her and we've never been disappointed."

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Latina Pageant could give winners national exposure

By Isela Agundis
Lifestyle Writer

The Miss Permian Basin Latina/Teen Latina Pageant will be held next month in conjunction with Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's annual Mex-Tex Menu Cook-off.

It is planned for 4:30 p.m. June 1 at Midland Center. Cindy Vela, Miss Latina USA who is sponsored by Joe James Salon, will emcee the event and sign autographs.

"The Hispanic chamber asked me to do a pageant, so I got online and found this one," said Laura Florez co-director of the pageant. "We wanted to give the girls an opportunity to go up a level and not just compete locally. In the past, they've done the Señiorita Hispana pageant in the Permian Basin, but it was just local."

The pageant, which is open only to Hispanic women, will offer the winners of the Miss Latina and Teen Latina a chance to represent the Permian Basin at the national Latina pageant to be held in San Antonio July 3-5.

"I think it's about time that they have a pageant geared just for Latinas," said Ms. Florez. The national pageant will be nationally televised and will award each winner \$15,000 cash and a modeling contract.

The first orientation meeting was held this week and went well, said Ms. Florez.

"I think we've got at least five (contestants) for the 18-28 (category) and we're looking at having 10 and about 20 for the teen. We actually have about 28 names from the sign-up booth at the Cinco de Mayo event in Odessa," said Ms. Florez. "With girls who don't have modeling experience, we're going to teach them how to walk the runway, give them interviewing tips, and show them how to fill out applications. We want to be fair to everyone — to give everybody the same opportunity."

Contestants must be 25 percent Hispanic, legal U.S. residents and legal residents of Texas for at least six months. There are no height or weight requirements and contestants don't need to speak Spanish.

Participants in the Teen Latina bracket must be between the ages of 13 to 17, be single and not have any children. Contestants in the Miss Latina bracket are required to be between 18 and 28, may have children and can be single, married or divorced.

Contestants in both brackets will be judged equally on interview, swimsuit and evening gown categories.

The two winners of the local pageant will reign throughout the cook-out and participate in the 5k and 10k Mex-Tex Camino Memorial Walk June 2, said Ms. Florez. The winners will also represent the Hispanic chamber at different community events throughout the year.

Ms. Florez and co-director Leticia Gonzales will be coordinating intensive modeling and workout schedules for the winners to give them the best chance possible at the San Antonio pageant. The deadline to enter is 5 p.m. May 22. The entry fee was lowered to \$100.

"We don't want to have the entry fee keep anyone from entering," said Ms. Florez. Sponsors are being sought to help defray the cost to participants and pageant organizers.

"It's a lot of work but to give the girls in this area an opportunity like that, it really makes me feel good," said Ms. Florez. "I think we've got a lot of talent in this area and if we give them the right opportunities and point them in right direction I think they could be really successful."

Sponsors so far are Permian Distributing, Standard Sales, Los Carnales, Telemundo, B93 and Lonestar Signs. Darlene's bridal has contributed \$250 and Janes Evening Wear has contributed \$150 toward the \$250 scholarship that the chamber will present to each winner. Other prizes include a DVD player for the Miss Latina winner and a 13-inch television for the Teen Latina winner courtesy of Martinez Funeral Home; and for both winners: tanning memberships from Flash Tanz, one-hour massages from Specialized Fitness and manicures with Juana at Bella Gente.

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Midland College softball team takes new-found confidence to nationals

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — With each step the Midland College softball team takes this season, the confidence of the Lady Chaparrals keeps growing and growing.

That's a big difference from the previous two years when the Lady Chaparrals not only struggled with confidence but they struggled getting into the postseason.

This season, the Lady Chaps not only got into the playoffs but are determined to go all the way.

For sophomore outfielder Julie Stanford, her team has all the ingredients to make the run at the national title.

"We've got one of the best pitchers in the nation, we've got one of the best catchers, and we've got

some great hitters," Stanford said. "I don't know how much better we can get."

"We've had a problem all season realizing how good we really are, and I think we're realizing it right now."

Beginning at noon today at the Osceola County Softball Complex, the Lady Chaps will be making their first appearance in the NJCAA National Tournament. They open tournament play against No. 6 Seminole State College (Okla.).

Regardless of whether they win or lose, the Lady Chaps play again at 6 p.m. against the winner/loser of the Meridian (Miss.) Community College/St. Louis Community College contest. The tournament is a double elimination format.

This has already been a banner season for Midland College, which comes into the tournament with a 44-12 record and ranked No. 17 in the final NJCAA poll. The Lady Chaps won their first Western Junior College Athletic Conference title and then breezed through the Region V tournament two weeks ago in Abilene, including an 8-0 run-riddled victory over Collin County in the title game.

"I knew we had a lot of talent on this team but I didn't know how everybody would do with the pressure of going to regionals," said MC head coach Tommy Ramos. "They were really focused and they knew that they were going to go

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Midland College's Ekaterina Eronina takes an 0.91 ERA into the NJCAA National Softball Tournament, which starts today in Kissimmee, Fla.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Making His Own Name



Midland High senior Jayson Nix, a standout shortstop who can also pitch if he's needed, will lead the No. 5 ranked Bulldogs

against Amarillo High in a regional quarterfinal playoff series which starts Friday in Lubbock.

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Jayson Nix proves to be as important to Bulldogs as older brother Laynce

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

The Midland High baseball team had just completed a comeback last Saturday at Alpine's Kokemot Field, having defeated El Paso Eastwood 10-0 in six innings in the decisive game of the best-of-three area round series. On the mound for that final game for MHS was senior Jayson Nix, who is usually the team's shortstop, yet responded to his call to the mound by pitching a four-hit shutout.

After the Bulldogs had lost the first game of the series on Friday, Nix played a huge factor in both of Saturday's wins, not only contributing at the plate, but saving Midland High's 7-6 win in the second game to set up the decisive third game.

While the Bulldogs were celebrating their victory, Eastwood coach Ruly Medrano had praise for Nix.

"Jayson's one of the best high school baseball players I've ever seen," said Medrano.

It's hard to imagine the Bulldogs getting ready to play this week's regional quarterfinals against Amarillo High without Nix. At

the plate, Nix was 6-for-10 with two home runs, drove in three runs and scored five.

If an MVP award were to be given out for the series, Nix would have been a natural choice, but he didn't want to take all the credit.

"We played a real good team and I got a lot of opportunities to contribute," said Nix. "We came through in all phases of the game. I added a small piece."

But it's a significant piece nonetheless. During Midland High's march to the District 4-5A championship, Nix led the Bulldogs in the regular season by hitting .477 with 10 home runs and 35 RBIs. And in spot duty as a pitcher this season, Nix is 4-0 with two saves and an 0.67 ERA.

"The thing a lot of people don't understand is the amount of pressure he's been under all year with all the scouts following him," said Midland High coach Barry Russell of Nix. "It probably helped him watching Laynce go through it last year."

Laynce is Jayson's older brother, and per-

haps the first name that comes to mind for anyone who has been following Midland High baseball for the last five seasons. As a slugging centerfielder who is now playing in the Texas Rangers organization, Laynce is the standard by which most future MHS players — whether they carry the Nix surname or not — will likely be measured for several years to come.

It was only last year that Laynce and Jayson were still MHS teammates during the playoffs. During Saturday's final game, as Jayson was in the process of shutting down Eastwood's season, Laynce had called the park and the Nix family answered on a cell phone.

Not long after Jayson recorded the final out, he ended up on the phone with Laynce, which Jayson says is not an unusual occurrence after games, but which wasn't what he was necessarily looking forward to.

"I wasn't thinking about it because I had more important things on my mind," said Jayson.

Nonetheless, Jayson enjoyed sharing his experiences on the day with Laynce, who was getting ready to play a game for the

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MHS coach turns team in for violation

■ Midland High didn't gain any advantage for breaking minor UIL rule, head coach David Browning says.

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland High head football coach David Browning has turned himself in after learning that his team had violated a University Interscholastic League rule regarding spring football practice.

A UIL rule states that all students participating in spring training must practice at the same site.

When MHS began spring drills on April 26, Browning had his in-coming sophomores (currently freshmen) practice at Midland Freshman High School while his varsity worked at Memorial Stadium.

"We held seven practices at Midland Freshman until I learned about the rule," Browning said. "We canceled practice for the freshmen on Friday, May 7, when we got an anonymous phone call saying that we might be in violation of UIL rules. The next Monday we brought the freshmen back here (the stadium) to complete the rest of their spring training."

Browning said there was never an attempt to consciously break any rules.

"There was never an attempt on my part to gain any kind of advantage in this situation," Browning said. "We were just trying to do something good for our kids."

"It was the spring training that we went through last year that caused us to try this new practice approach. Like last year, our baseball team was still in the state playoffs, so we couldn't use our normal practice field. So, we only have the one field, and that's our game field at Memorial Stadium, to use."

"We had a situation last year where there was literally no grass left at Memorial Stadium and the dust was so bad that we were coughing up dirt at the end of practice. Some of our kids like Ollie Fitts, Isaac Nelson and Louis Salgado developed bad asthma problems related to the dust last year."

Browning said that this year he wanted to diminish the dust problem as much as he could by not holding all the practice time

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Monarchos faces serious obstacle

By Ed Schuyler Jr.
AP Racing Writer

BALTIMORE — Monarchos will try to clear what trainer John Ward considers the biggest bump in his Triple Crown road when the Kentucky Derby winner runs in the Preakness on Saturday at Pimlico.

"I'm not as cocky as I was in the Derby," Ward said after the gray colt galloped Wednesday morning. "If he gets past this one, he has a legitimate chance to win the next one."

The third Triple Crown race is the 1 1/2-mile Belmont Stakes on June 9.

It's not the dropping down in distance from the 1 1/4 miles of the Derby to 1 3-16 miles of the Preakness that worries Ward.

"It's the tighter turns," Ward said. "Everybody's running over each other to the first turn so as not to be more than three wide. This is the reason why the race favors speed. A speed horse is

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'Hounds keep dominating Diablos

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

The "Worst to Best" homestand continued at Christensen Stadium Wednesday night, and at least, the Midland RockHounds have the "Worst" part down pat so far.

The 'Hounds won their fifth consecutive game with a 9-1 pasting of the El Paso Diablos, the worst team in the Texas League with a 14-26 record.

Of course, the "Best" part of the homestand starts on Saturday when the Texas League West leading Round Rock Express comes to the Rock Yard where Midland (now four games behind Round Rock) can make a serious move in this first half race.

Still, the RockHounds first need to make the most of this series with the Diablos, and are off to a great start with 12-2 and 9-1 wins with two to play. Against the Diablos on Wednesday, Midland put the game away early with the long ball, scoring its first four runs with the long ball.

Jacques Landry hit his league leading 16th home run in the second inning and Todd Mensik joined

the double figure home run club with his 10th homer, another solo shot in the third.

And Ryan Ludwick hit a two-run shot in the fourth for his 11th homer of the season. Ludwick hit two home runs and drove in eight runs Tuesday against El Paso. He now has three homers and 11 RBIs in his last two games.

He now leads the Texas League in RBIs with 40 in 40 games, a pace that would give him 140 RBIs for the season.

"I'm just swinging the bat good right now and hitting the ball hard," Ludwick said. "When one guy hits a home run early in the game, I think everyone starts hitting. In fact, I think Todd (Mensik) and I have hit homers in the same game several times."

While the Midland bats were pounding out three homers and 11 hits against the Diablos, Juan Pena (4-3) was almost untouchable on the mound. Pena went 6 2/3 innings and gave up only one

run on five hits. He struck out 10 Diablos, a single game high for the RockHounds this season.

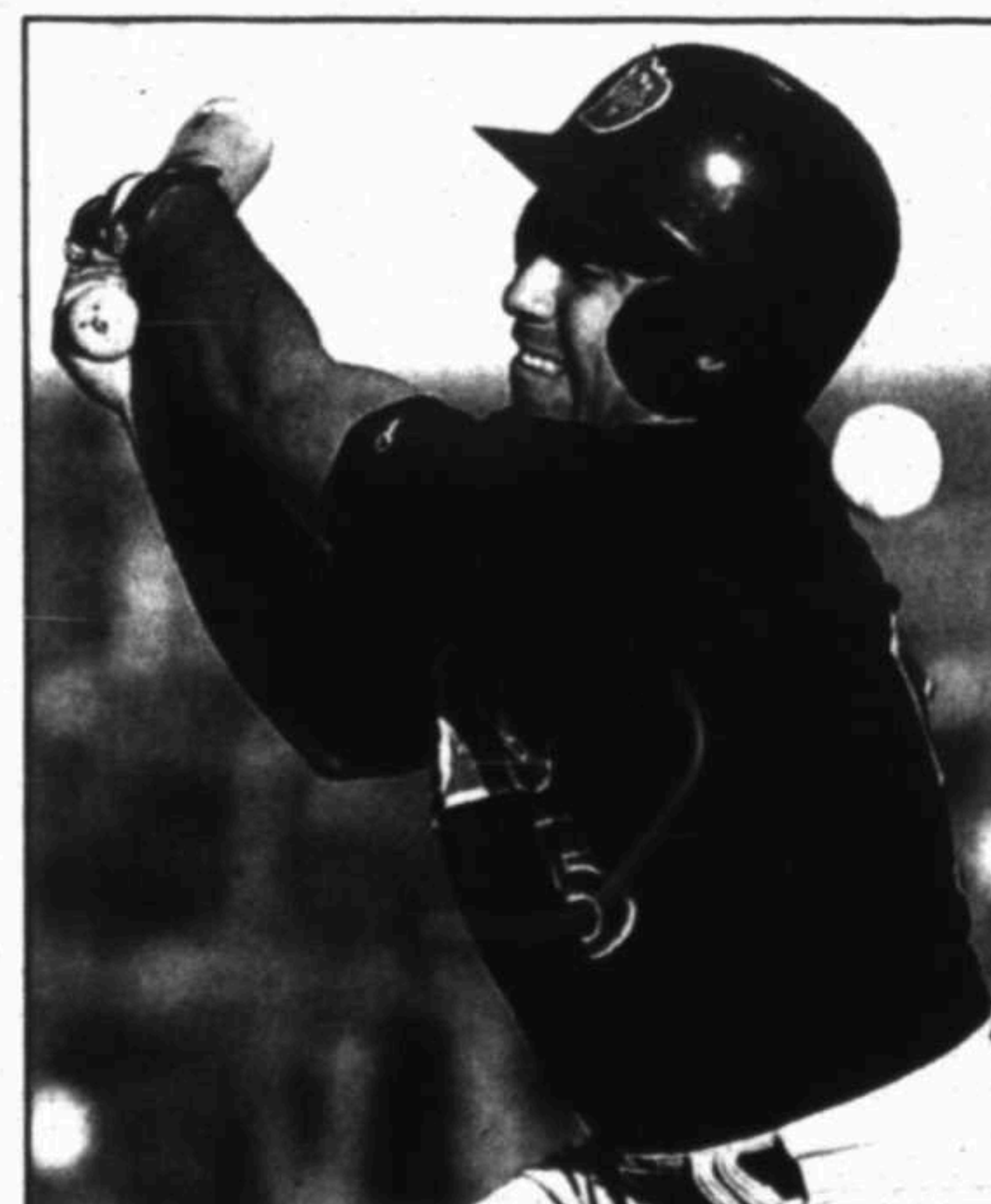
"All my pitches were working and I got a lot of strikes," Pena said. "This was my best day. I could throw my changeup anytime I wanted to for strikes and that's why I got the strikeouts."

Pena gave up only one hit through the first four innings and retired 12 batters in a row before El Paso's Cedric Harris singled in the fifth inning. Harris later scored on a Chris Lemonis double, but that was the extent of the Diablo offensive attack, although they did leave three runners on base in the eighth. Kevin Gregg threw 2 1/3 innings of shutout relief to close out the game.

Pena's effort didn't go unnoticed in the club house. He got a pie in the face from his teammates. That also shows that the 'Hounds are a loose club right now, having fun.

Rock Yard Notes: Midland third baseman Josh Hochgesang sat out Wednesday's game with the flu. It was the second game in a row Hochgesang missed... El Paso may be even worse off after this

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El Paso's Carlos Urquiola fouls off a pitch Wednesday night at Christensen Stadium. Midland won its second straight game over El Paso, 9-1, and its fifth straight overall.

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

76ers' Iverson taunts Carter with 52 points

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson stared directly into Vince Carter's eyes, seemingly toying with him. He faked to his left, then to the right, continued to dribble, shuffled back and nailed a 3-point shot over Carter's outstretched arm.

It was that easy for Iverson on Wednesday night. The NBA's Most Valuable Player scored 52 points, including 29 in the first half, as the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Toronto Raptors 121-88 to take a 3-2 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals series.

"To me, (the basket) looked like an ocean," Iverson said.

Game 6 of the best-of-seven series is Friday night in Toronto.

Carter scored 16 points and Antonio Davis added 14 for the Raptors, who trail for the first time in the series.

Carter left early in the fourth quarter when he was hit in the head by 76ers center Dikembe Mutombo, but said he has just a "major headache." Mutombo broke his pinkie and is listed as day-to-day.

"I'll be ready (Friday)," Carter said. Aaron McKie had 19 and nine assists for Philadelphia, and Mutombo added 14 points and nine rebounds.

From the moment NBA commissioner David Stern presented Iverson with the MVP trophy before the game, the night belonged to the Sixers.

Philadelphia scored the first 11 points, led 17-4 midway through the first and 33-12 after one quarter.

Toronto never got closer than 17 in the last three quarters. The Raptors shot 53 percent in the first half, but trailed 62-40.

"They were ready; we weren't," Raptors coach Lenny Wilkens said. "We were awful."

Iverson, who scored a career-high 54 points in Game 2 of the series, displayed every weapon in his arsenal, especially his 3-point shooting. He finished 21-of-32, including 8-of-14 from beyond the arc.

"People say I have a flaw in my game — I'm not able to make the outside shot," Iverson said. "My whole thing is to punish people when they back up off me."

Iverson stopped and popped, penetrated with slashing drives, hurled his spindly body all over the court and faked defenders out of their shoes with regularity.

He hit a 3-pointer for his last shot, missed three straight 3s and took himself out of the game with 4:45 left.

"The Little Kid is playing like the Most Valuable Player," Sixers coach Larry Brown said. "He's playing at a high level on both ends of the floor."

The Sixers built a 25-point lead in the second quarter with Iverson scoring 17 points and hitting four 3-pointers. Two of his 3s came right after Dell Curry hit a 3 for Toronto.

Iverson drilled a 3-pointer while falling out of bounds early in the third, hit a long jumper as Chris



The Toronto Raptors' Vince Carter had a bad day Wednesday. Philadelphia's Allen Iverson scored 52 points on him, Dikembe Mutombo collided with him and injured him, and his team lost to the 76ers, 121-88.

Childs knocked him to the floor, then put a classic move on Alvin Williams that left the Raptors guard mumbling to himself.

Iverson took a pass, jab-stepped, dribbled behind his back and hit a long jumper in Williams' face. He ran down the court, yelling at Jerome Williams, who was waiting to enter the game. The Sixers were critical of the way Jerome Williams celebrated during Philadelphia's 84-79 victory in Game 4.

"Once he got it going, it was like he could make any shot he wanted to," Wilkens said of Iverson.

Philadelphia's Jumaine Jones, starting the first game of his career in place of the injured George Lynch, had nine points and was an offensive spark in the opening minutes.

Jones began the game with an assist on a basket by Iverson, nailed a 3-pointer then hit a jumper. He electrified the crowd with a reverse slam on an alley-oop pass from Iverson that made it 13-4.

"He was a catalyst," McKie said of Jones. "They had to pay attention to him and it got Allen going."

Notes: Iverson is the second player to score 50 or more points twice in a series. Michael Jordan did it against Cleveland in 1988. Iverson's eight 3-pointers were a team playoff record. ... The Sixers shot 60 percent for the game (47-of-78). ... The Sixers were 16-for-16 from the foul line, Iverson made just two free throws. ... Toronto committed 10 turnovers in the first quarter.

and reserve Lee Nailon made a series of dunks, perhaps to show Wesley how it's done.

Things were a lot more serious in Milwaukee, where the Central Division champions were trying to figure out how to get back into the series.

After winning the first two games, the Bucks have lost three in a row, including a 94-86 loss Tuesday night that snapped their 12-game home winning streak.

"I told the team we haven't played with an urgency and we better play with an urgency on Thursday," Milwaukee coach George Karl said. "We've got 48 hours to foster our anger and foster our frustration and build ourselves up for a hell of a battle."

The Bucks will be greeted by a raucous Charlotte crowd for the first time this series. After playing in front of capacity crowds at home, Milwaukee thought it got off easy when the Hornets failed to fill the Charlotte Coliseum for their two games.

But over 19,000 tickets had been sold for Game 6 by early Wednesday morning, prompting team officials to remove the tarps that have been over 4,000 of the least desirable seats all season.

The only other time the tarps

came off was in Charlotte's series-clinching victory over the Miami Heat in the first round.

"That's fantastic, we desperately need our fans to help us close this out," Silas said. "We do not want to go back to Milwaukee and a rowdy crowd could give us the energy we need to prevent that from happening."

The Bucks also will be looking for a little more energy and a little bit more mistake-free basketball.

Karl insists the Bucks have yet to play their best during the playoffs and the stats in the series back him up.

In winning Games 1 and 2, Milwaukee jumped on Charlotte early only to let the Hornets make third-quarter runs to get back into the games. But there were no big leads in the three losses, just lots of turnovers (41 in three games) and low shooting percentages.

"We definitely need to bring our 'A' game down to Charlotte," forward Scott Williams said. "This is going to be our last game if we don't play well for four quarters. We've got to get back into this series and the only way we can do that is a lot more aggression, energy, focus and intelligent basketball."

4 Friday night in St. Louis.

Young, who had a career-best 40 goals in the regular season, scored his sixth of the playoffs on the game-winner. He took a pass from Pierre Turgeon near the blue line and skated alone into the slot, beating Roy with a wrist shot.

The goal ended the longest overtime of this year's playoffs, topping the Blues' win in Game 3 of their second-round series against Dallas by 61 seconds.

Entering this Game 3, Roy had allowed six goals in six games. He was under intense pressure, facing 40 shots in regulation and 20 more in the extra periods. One of the shots, a slap shot to the gut by Al MacInnis with 1:56 to go in regulation, took his breath away.

The Blues overcame a shaky outing from goalie Roman Turek, who gave up three goals on only 16 shots in regulation. Turek handed the Avalanche their second goal when he fumbled the puck to Dan Hinote. He then gave Colorado an empty net at 4:40 of the first overtime after bobbling a Chris Drury drive, but managed to get his stick on a Stephane Yelle backhander that hit the goal post.

"I think he overcame a tough start," coach Joel Quenneville said. "He made that big save in overtime and he had several saves after that. He got the win and he's going to get better from that."

Daniels steps up for Spurs in place of injured Anderson

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Antonio Daniels has looked like anything but a replacement.

Thrust into the San Antonio Spurs' starting lineup during the playoffs because of Derek Anderson's injury, Daniels helped hound Michael Finley into 1-of-17 shooting in the fifth and final game against Dallas.

His next assignment: Kobe Bryant.

Bryant averaged 37.7 points in three games against the Spurs this season. He and the Lakers open the Western Conference finals in San Antonio on Saturday.

"Antonio is doing a great job of filling in and giving us really solid defense," center David Robinson said.

"Kobe has done a great job in the playoffs so far. Antonio can kind of get up in him and challenge him a little bit."

Daniels became a starter after Anderson separated his shoulder in Game 1 of the second round against Dallas.

"When I came in for DA, I wasn't worried about scoring," Daniels said. "I was concerned about playing defense."

His performance settled any concerns. The fourth-year guard came out and slashed to the basket, soared for dunks and got in Finley's way. In Game 5, when Finley finished with two points, Daniels had a career playoff-high 19.

Now he faces a daunting task. Bryant, 3 inches taller than Daniels at 6-foot-7, averaged 25 points in the first round and 35 in the second.

"Hopefully, we can help out Antonio a little more," Robinson said.

He likely will need it. "Anything is a disadvantage in guarding Kobe," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "He's going to score. It doesn't matter who's guarding him. Nobody's stopped the guy yet. Nobody's going to stop him."

"Rather than concentrate so much on him, I'm more concerned that as a team we play better than their team or execute better than their team."

Anderson, who shot free throws and sprinted Wednesday in his most extensive workout since he was hurt May 5, is still expected to be out 3-to-6 weeks. But that means he could be ready by

Game 4 of the upcoming series.

"Derek gives us that great transition and great offensive option," Robinson said.

In the meantime, the Spurs waved off comments by Lakers coach Phil Jackson, who suggested their defense has been continually illegal.

San Antonio has limited opponents to 86.8 points and 38.5 percent shooting in nine playoff games and led the NBA in field-goal defense during the regular season.

"San Antonio won't have to change their defense next year, they've played a zone all season," Jackson said. "They play a 1-2-2 zone, nobody calls it."

"I don't want to hear about Phil," Tim Duncan said. "Whatever he has to say, he has to say."

Said Robinson, "I'm going to let the refs call the game."

"We're going to play defense the way we know how to play defense," he said. "We do a good job of really reading one another and covering one another, and that's what we'll do."

Joking around, Popovich added, "We call it a point zone. It's more of a 1-1-3, but it's pretty tricky."

Grant has his work cut out for him

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — First, Rasheed Wallace. Then, Chris Webber. Now, Tim Duncan.

The Los Angeles Lakers knew they needed an upgrade at power forward this season for these kinds of situations.

The Lakers won their first championship in 12 years last June despite often being outmanned at the position. A.C. Green and backup Robert Horry played hard and, at times effectively, but didn't match up physically with the likes of Wallace, Webber and Duncan.

Horace Grant, a 6-foot-10, 245-pounder, matches up better.

"This is a fun time for me," he said as the Lakers prepared for the Western Conference finals, which begin Saturday at San Antonio. "My goal all season has been to reach the playoffs. I think I've

stepped up my game starting with the first series. "There's no other place I'd rather be than here right now."

The Lakers, and center Shaquille O'Neal, are glad to have him. Before Grant's arrival, O'Neal often asked the team to acquire a "thug rebounder" to provide some inside help. Grant has done that.

Wallace wasn't as effective as usual in the Lakers' first-round sweep of Portland, averaging 16.7 points and 8.0 rebounds while making only 37.3 percent of his shots.

Webber averaged 26.3 points and 12.7 rebounds, but shot only 42 percent.

The 7-0, 260-pound Duncan, the runner-up in the NBA's MVP voting, figures to be a tougher test.

He is averaging 25.0 points and 15.4 rebounds in the playoffs while shooting 49.2 percent.

Hornets aim for franchise's first trip to conference finals

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — In all his time with the Charlotte Hornets, no one has ever seen David Wesley dunk in a game. During a lighthearted practice Wednesday, he at least got to try.

Up 3-2 in their best-of-seven playoff series with the Milwaukee Bucks, the Hornets were confident — and maybe even a little bit cocky — as they prepared for Game 6. A victory Thursday night would put Charlotte in the Eastern Conference Finals for the first time in franchise history.

"We're feeling pretty good right now," Wesley said. "We feel like we're right where we want to be, we believe we know how to close teams out and we believe if we do everything we've been doing, we should close this out."

So Charlotte coach Paul Silas kept things short on Wednesday, holding a brief shooting session before giving the Hornets the rest of the day off.

Some players used the time to work on free throws, some played a variation of HORSE and Wesley unsuccessfully tried to dunk.

Baron Davis and Elden Campbell howled in laughter every time Wesley, a 6-foot-1 guard, missed

Blues outlast A's in double-OT

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Getting to Patrick Roy gave the St. Louis Blues new life in the Western Conference finals.

Scott Young scored 10:27 into the second overtime for the desperate Blues, who pelted Roy with 60 shots and beat the Colorado Avalanche 4-3 Wednesday night.

Young's shot beat Roy just inside the left post as the Blues, 3-0 in overtime in this year's playoffs, cut their deficit in the Western Conference finals to 2-1. Roy, dominant throughout the post-season, gave up two tying goals in the third period to keep the Blues out of a big hole in the series.

"We just have to believe it's eventually going to go in the net," Young said. "I just tried to get it off quick."

The Avalanche weren't blaming Roy. "I think his performances are speaking for themselves," coach Bob Hartley said. "Patrick is strong and he's giving us a chance to win every game. Tonight, we almost took advantage of it again."

Scott Mellanby and Jamal Mayers erased deficits, and Alexander Khavanov also scored for the Blues, who had three goals in the first two games of the series at Denver. The Blues, who had trailed 2-1 and 3-2 in the third, can even the series in Game

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Sosa cranks 400th homer, Astros win

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa keeps hitting home runs and the Chicago Cubs keep losing.

Sosa hit his 400th career home run, but the Houston Astros overcame the two-run shot to beat the Cubs 6-2 Wednesday night.

Ex-Cub Orlando Merced's tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning sent the Astros to their fourth straight win, and 10th in 13 games. The Cubs lost their sixth in a row.

It was a familiar story for the Cubs, who also fell Tuesday night despite Sosa's 399th homer.

"Three-hundred, 400 and you walk away with two losses," said Cubs manager Don Baylor. "It should be a little more joyous."

Baylor would probably prefer to be in Houston manager Larry Dierker's shoes.

"All the other teams have the milestones. We'll take the wins," Dierker said.

Sosa connected off Shane Reynolds (4-2) in the fourth, sending a drive into the right-field stands for his 14th homer of the season and tying it at 2.

Sosa tipped his cap during a two-minute standing ovation from the Wrigley Field crowd, which chanted "Sammy! Sammy!"

"It feels great," Sosa said. "My wife is here and my kid and they brought me good luck."

But Sosa wasn't too happy because the Cubs, in first place a few days ago, have fallen into a rut.

"Our ballclub has not put its head down," Sosa said. "Our intensity is there."

Baylor said the Cubs need more than just Sosa to score enough to win.

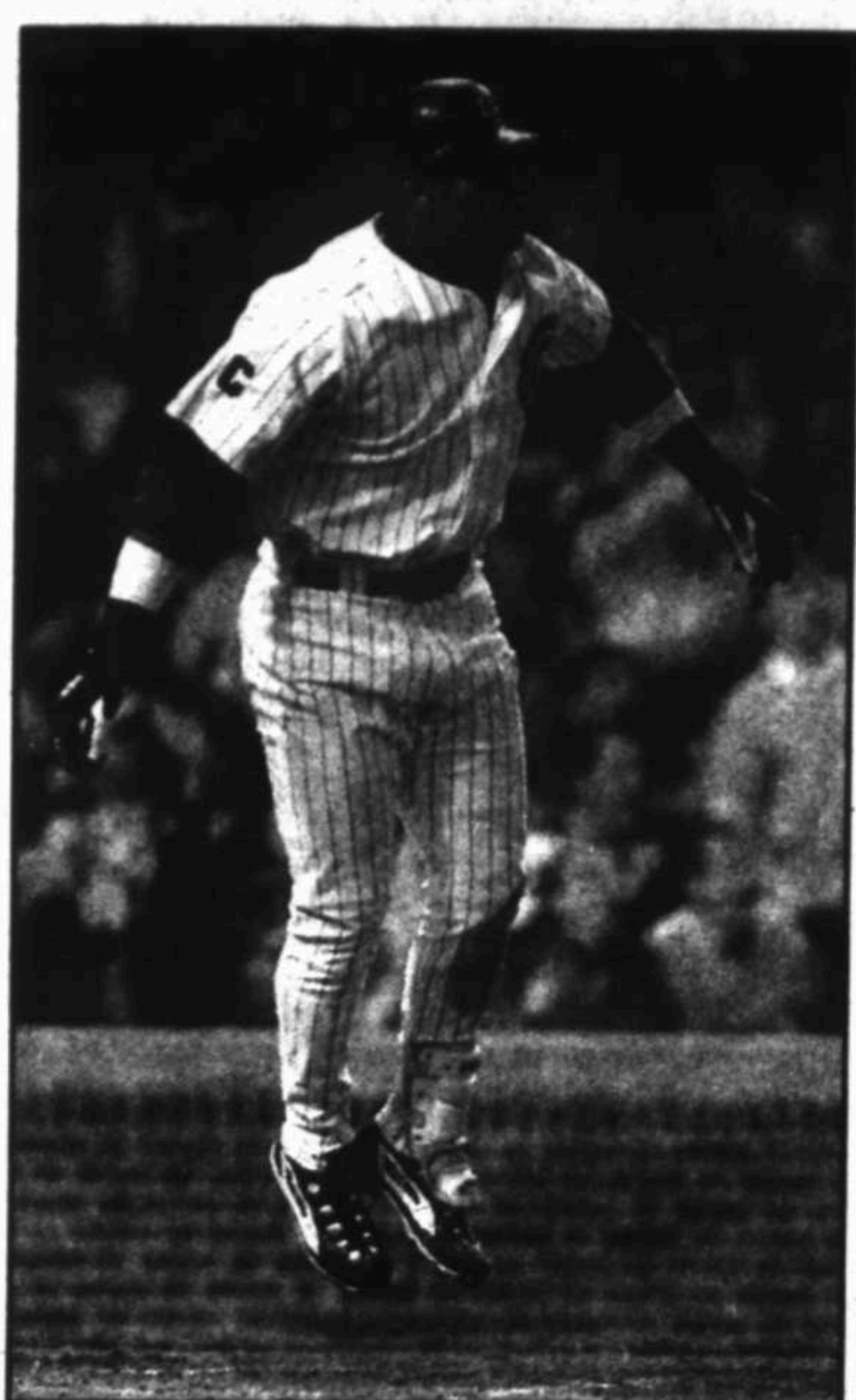
"Sammy got us right back in the ballgame and we didn't score any more," Baylor said. "We have to do it collectively."

With the shot, Sosa became the 33rd major leaguer — the seventh active — to hit 400 homers. He passed Hall of Famer Al Kaline on the all-time homer list.

Sosa also has 999 RBIs while with the Cubs.

"I'm happy for him," Merced said. "I had a chance to be here 30 days (in 1998) when he hit 66. I'll tell my kids it was here."

Reynolds won his third straight start, going seven strong innings. He allowed one earned run and five hits in helping the Astros win for the ninth time



The Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa leaps in celebration after hitting the 400th homer of his career on Wednesday in Chicago. The Cubs lost, though, 6-2 to the Houston Astros.

in 10 road games.

Reynolds said he used Wrigley Field to his advantage.

"The environment here, with the wind and the high grass, works to benefit a sinkerball pitcher," Reynolds said.

Of the homer, Reynolds said: "You're going to give them up. It was a bad pitch. I hung a pitch and he hit it."

Jeff Bagwell blooped an RBI single, and the Astros scored another run on a double play for a 2-0 lead in the fourth.

With one out in the seventh, Merced hit a two-run homer off Julian Tavarez (3-3).

Craig Biggio added an RBI single in the eighth to make it 5-2.

Vinny Castilla hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth off reliever Courtney Duncan. A day earlier, Castilla had three hits, scored three runs and drove in two in his Astros' debut.

Tavarez pitched eight innings, allowing five runs on seven hits and a walk.

9th-inning homer by Tribe's Cordero ruins Rangers' win

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Wil Cordero rediscovered his power stroke just in time for Cleveland.

Cordero's two-run homer in the ninth tied the game, and Jolbert Cabrera added an RBI single as the Indians rallied to beat the Texas Rangers 4-3 Wednesday night and extend their road winning streak to 11 games.

"He picked a good time to hit one," Indians manager Charlie Manuel said. "It looked like got a good ball to hit. He'll get some more."

The Indians trailed 3-1 when Marty Cordova, who had already extended his hitting streak to 20 games with a single in the second, led off the ninth with a single. Cordero followed with his first homer, on a 3-2 pitch off Tim Lincecum (0-2).

Cordero hadn't homered in 257 at-bats, since the last of his 16 homers for Pittsburgh last July 18. Ten days later, he was traded back to the Indians and

'HOUNDS: Midland wins fifth straight

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week. First baseman Ken Huckaby, the Texas League's leading hitter with a .346 average, has been promoted to Triple-A Tucson... El Paso also played Wednesday without outfielder Lyle Overbay, who is hitting .322 on the season. Overbay was given a day off... El Paso shortstop Walt White went 0-for-4 Wednesday and is now 0-for-18 in his last seven games and is hitting .093 on the road. He is just 1-of-17 with runners in scoring position... Landry's 16 home runs is two more than the entire Diablo team... Midland's Brian Luderer saw his six-game hitting streak end... These two teams play at 7 p.m. today and Friday before hosting the Express through Tuesday... Sunday's game will be a 2 p.m. contest.

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El Paso	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Urquiza f	4	0	0	0	Pecci ss	5	0	2	0
Dallimore 3b	4	0	0	0	Lockwood f	4	1	0	0
Sell f	1	0	0	0	Mensik 1b	1	0	0	0
Cresse c	3	0	0	0	Landry f	4	1	1	2
Slykes f	4	0	0	0	Salazar 3b	4	0	1	0
Harris c	4	1	2	0	Ludwick c	4	0	0	0
Devore dh	3	0	1	0	Ludewer dh	4	0	0	0
White ss	3	0	1	0	Romero c	3	1	2	0
Lemons 2b	4	0	2	1	German 2b	3	2	2	1
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El Paso					
Cervantes	L-D-3	5	1	7	3
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Koplove		1	1	2	0
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Former Oregon State hoops mentor Miller passes away

Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Ralph Miller, who coached Oregon State to four Pacific-10 basketball championships and eight NCAA tournament appearances, has died at age 82.

Miller died Tuesday at his home at Black Butte Ranch, university officials said.

Miller retired in 1989 with the sixth-most victories for a Division I coach, 674 victories. His teams had only three losing seasons in 38 years as a major college coach.

Oregon State University has lost a true giant," athletic director Mitch Barnhart said.

The Hall of Fame coach compiled a record of 359-186 in 19 seasons at Oregon State, beginning in 1971.

Miller led the 1981 team to the nation's No. 1 ranking for nine weeks, and five of his teams were ranked in the top 10. In addition to conference titles and NCAA appearances, his teams made three trips to the NIT and won seven Far West Classic titles.

He also was a two-time Pac-10 Coach of the Year and coached Gary Payton, who went on to become a star for the Seattle SuperSonics.

"Coach Miller is someone who believed in me and helped make

me the player I am today," Payton said. "He always stressed defense and rewarded players who worked hard on the defensive end with offense. That type of system gave me the confidence to succeed on both ends of the court."

"He also gave me the opportunity to pursue an education and make a better life for me and my family. For that, I am forever grateful."

Miller's other pupils included A.C. Green, a 16-year NBA veteran who won three titles with the Los Angeles Lakers, and 1980s All-Americans Charlie Stitt, Jose Ortiz and Lester Connor.

"I looked to Ralph as my mentor, but most of all as a good friend," said longtime assistant and former Oregon State coach Jim Anderson. "Every coach in the program since Ralph has attempted to emulate the high level of achievement his teams experienced."

Miller was born in Chanute, Kan., where he earned four letters in football and track, three in basketball, and one in golf and tennis at Chanute High School.

He also earned all-state honors in basketball three times before entering Kansas in 1937 and became a two-sport star. He earned three letters as a football quarterback and three in basket-

ball playing for Phog Allen.

Following his graduation from Kansas in 1942 with a degree in physical education, Miller served three years in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and was discharged at the rank of first lieutenant.

Miller started his coaching career at Wichita State in 1952, where he also earned a master's degree in physical education. In 13 seasons, he guided the Shockers to a record of 220-133, a Missouri Valley Conference title, three appearances in the NIT, and one berth in the NCAA tournament. He coached at Iowa from 1965-70, winning two Big Ten titles and taking the Hawkeyes to one NCAA tournament.

Miller was inducted into the James Naismith Hall of Fame in 1988.

"This is a sad day for college basketball," Beavers coach Ritchie McKay said. "Ralph had a huge impact on the game and in young peoples lives."

Miller is survived by his wife Jean; son Paul Miller of Black Butte Ranch; daughters Susan Langer of Vancouver, Wash., and Shannon Jakosky of Balboa, Calif.; two sisters, 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Loss of confidence bothers Gregoire

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A crisis of confidence has left Stephan Gregoire confused, frustrated and in danger of failing to qualify for the Indianapolis 500.

The problems began for the five-time Indy starter and last year's eighth-place finisher in the Indy Racing League season-opener in Phoenix.

"I qualified fourth and was leading the race," Gregoire said. "I could have won. Unfortunately, I crashed. Ever since Phoenix, I've had a problem."

The Frenchman, who turned 32 on Monday, went out of the race in Homestead, Fla., after just 69 of 200 laps, then had similar difficulties after 95 of 200 laps in Atlanta. In both cases, he parked the car because it didn't feel right.

"In Homestead, I had to stop the race because the car just wasn't handling," Gregoire said. "In Atlanta, it was worse."

Coming to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Gregoire said he felt a lot of uncertainty, an emotion that should never be riding with someone try-

ing to qualify a race car at speeds above 220 mph on a demanding 2 1/2-mile oval.

"I couldn't trust my car," he said. "I was losing my confidence."

The situation became so bad that Gregoire went to team owner Dick Simon and told him he should look for another driver to get his car into the 500-mile race.

"I've put lots of drivers into the 500 over the years and I've never gone through this situation before," said Simon, who also drove in 17 Indy races. "It's like his head is not in his body right now."

Simon didn't want to give up on Gregoire. "He's been a great driver and person to work with and I felt like we could get through this together," the owner said.

Simon called on 15-race veteran Roberto Guerrero, without a ride this season, to help get the team's new Oldsmobile-powered Dallara up to speed. No money changed hands, Simon said, but he did promise Guerrero a ride in the team's backup if he could help get the other car into the show.

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"Now, if you would have asked me if we were going to run-rule the championship game, I would've asked you what you had been drinking that day. That was something we didn't expect."

Again, the Lady Chaps will head into new territory but don't expect them to be flustered about it, especially with the experience of three sophomores who have been there before and assistant coach Cat Heifner. Infielder Melissa Rodriguez, outfielder Dora Pichardo and Heifner went to the national tournament last year with El Paso Community College. Infielder Latisha Hernandez also went to nationals last year with Crowder College (Mo.). Even some of the freshman have some national tournament experience as they've played in some high levels of club softball competition.

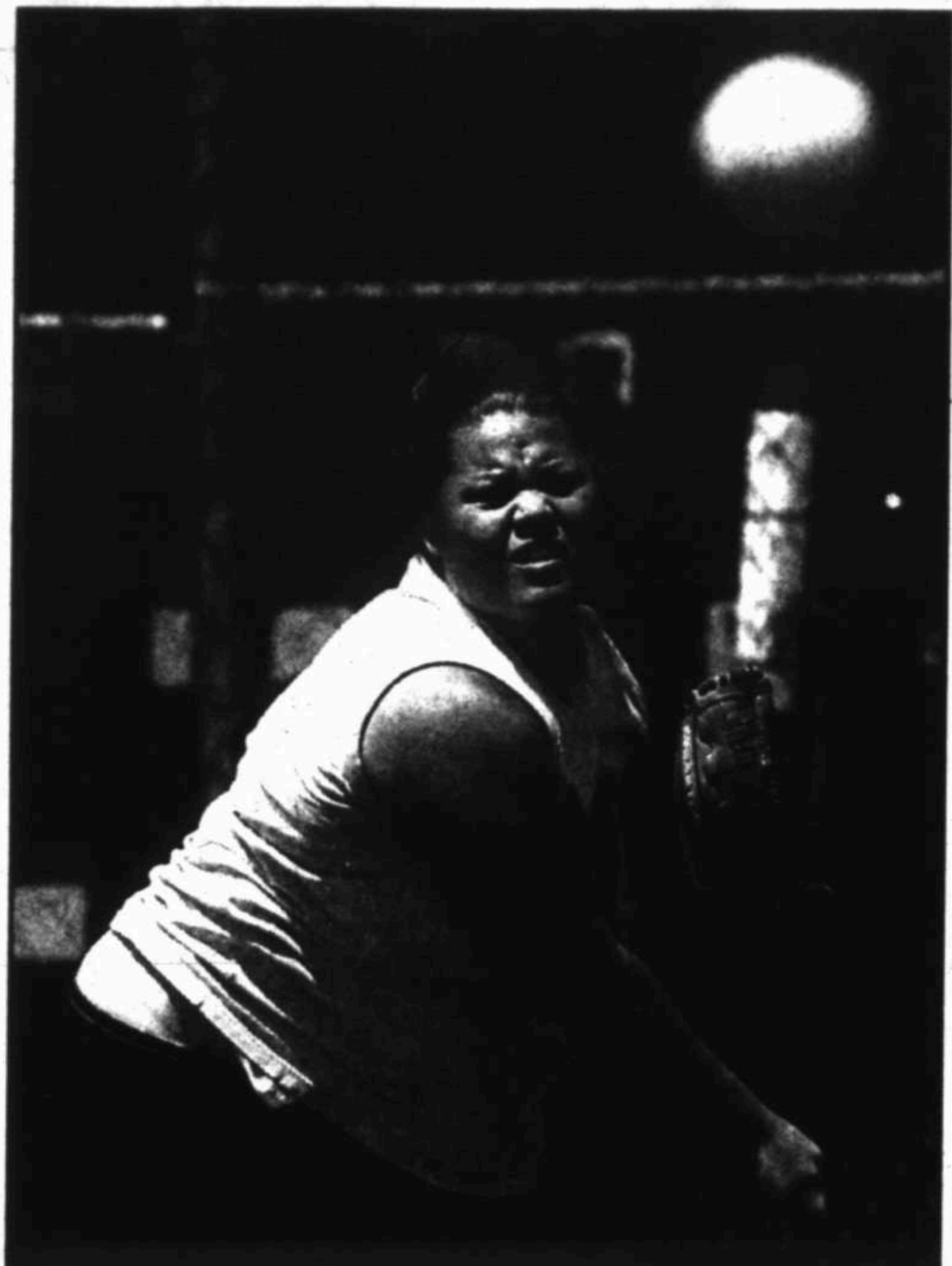
"Everybody plays their best ball and everyone is so nervous there," said Heifner who is making her third straight trip to the national tournament. Last year as an assistant with EPCC, the Lady Tejanas finished 10th at the tournament. "You have some regions that are obviously not strong but I've never drawn one, and we didn't this year."

They Lady Chaps are not unfamiliar with their first round opponent either. Seminole (63-9) defeated Midland College, 1-0, in February out at the MUGS Complex. That game featured a pitching duel with Seminole's Krystal Martin going against Midland's Katya Eronina.

"I honestly think that game could've gone either way," said Ramos about the early season contest. "I'm glad we're playing somebody we know a little bit about. I know they've got really good pitching and they've got excellent hitters and good speed. I believe Katya had double-digit strikeouts against them and so did their pitcher."

Another team Midland College is familiar with is No. 1-ranked Arizona Western which comes in with a record of 61-5. Earlier in the year, Arizona Western defeated MC, 8-0.

"They're definitely the best team there," said Ramos about Arizona Western. "But you never



Third baseman Tiala Tagaloa is one of Midland College's top hitters. The Lady Chaps will play in the NJCAA National Softball Tournament, which starts today in Kissimmee, Fla.

er know once you get to the tournament. You don't know how teams are going to handle pressure, so you just have to take it one game at a time and one pitch at a time. You just try not to get on a roller coaster with the emotions."

Midland College is going in as a huge underdog with its first appearance at the national tournament. Being sort of the unknown team at the tournament is just fine with the Lady Chaparrals.

"We won't intimidate anybody but I think we can catch somebody off-guard thinking, 'OK, this is their first year,'" Ramos said.

Heifner said the team which calms its nerves the best has the best shot of winning the tournament.

"Just keeping your composure and being able to play your game is a big key," Heifner said.

Right now, this Lady Chap team is playing its best game and is peaking at the right time.

"I think our team's ready," Ramos said. "They didn't celebrate after winning regionals

because they expected to win. This is something they've been talking about all year long."

LADY CHAP NOTES: The Lady Chaps were red hot at the Region V tournament as they hit .373 as a team. At region, sophomore outfielder Audrey Burrell hit .600, freshman third baseman Tiala Tagaloa hit .500, sophomore shortstop Melissa Rodriguez hit .477 with six doubles, and freshman infielder Jennifer Bryant hit .465... Eronina, a freshman from Russia, brings a record of 19-10 and a .91 ERA.

Here are the first round pairings for the NJCAA National Division I Softball Tournament to be played at the Osceola County Softball Complex in Kissimmee, Fla., May 17-19. National rankings are in parentheses.

Thursday, May 17
Game 1 - (17) Midland College, 44-12, vs. (6) Seminole State College (Okla.), 63-9, noon.
Game 2 - (5) Lake City C.C. (Fla.), 57-4, vs. (13) Wabash Valley College (Ill.), 46-7, noon.
Game 3 - (3) Gulf Coast C.C. (Fla.), 52-9, vs. (11) Cowley County C.C. (Kan.), 42-4, noon.
Game 4 - (15) Brainerd College (N.Y.), 40-15, vs. (14) Otero J.C. (Colo.), 36-3, noon.
Game 5 - (18) Central Alabama, 46-12, vs. (7) St. Louis C.C., 53-10, 2 p.m.
Game 6 - (9) Johnson County C.C., 47-8, vs. (1) Arizona Western, 61-5, 2 p.m.
Game 7 - (16) Navarro College, 37-19, vs. (2) Chattanooga State C.C. (Tenn.), 58-1, 2 p.m.
Game 8 - (20) Abraham Baldwin College (Ga.), 31-19, vs. (4) Utah Valley State College, 40-15, 2 p.m.

"We broke the rule. We're not contesting that," Browning said. "But there was never any intent of gaining an advantage, for which the UIL rules were written."

Whalen said, "In the scheme of things, this isn't a big deal. It would take about five minutes to explain this thing."

But that five minutes could take days or even months before a final ruling comes from the District 4-5A Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee, which is made up of the three school superintendents in Midland, Odessa and Abilene, originally said they would hear this case at 9 a.m. today by conference call.

Whalen said, "That (conference call) will not happen since that is in violation of the Open Records Act. It will have to be at a meeting and no one is going to drive 60 to 100 miles to decide something that will take about five minutes."

"What may happen is that it will be put on an agenda in June or it will be heard at the annual August meeting."

The chairman of the 4-5A Executive Committee is currently Dr. Joseph Baressi, who retires after the school year. That means that incoming MISD superintendent Robert Nicks will have to chair this discussion.

MHS: Committee will meet later

(From 1C)

on the Memorial Stadium grass.

"In an effort to create a better practice environment for our players, we decided to let our freshmen work on their own field where they have their own lockers and the freshman field was in great shape."

"In fact, we talked some about holding all our spring training workouts there, but it would have meant that our varsity players wouldn't get off until around 8:30 p.m. and that was just too late. We chose, instead, to just keep our freshmen there."

Browning said none of this would have happened if there were adequate facilities with which to work.

"We can't get on the baseball field. There is nothing else available. The reason this whole thing happened goes back to facilities. That's the bottom line. We've had to close the track to joggers, who are unhappy about that, but we risk getting someone run over out there and that would be even worse than this."

Browning said that he ran his proposal through channels before doing starting practice in two different locations.

"There was no problem with it at all when we started," he said.

Tim Whalen, MISD athletic director, said, "There is no ques-

tion that Midland High is at a tremendous disadvantage here (at Memorial Stadium). There is no grass down the middle of the field and by the time spring training is over, we have to start growing grass again from dirt. Playing on a bald field is no fun."

"The kids have developed breathing problems. If they don't have breathing problems before the spring, they will. It sure seemed easier to me to transport 10 coaches to Midland Freshman than bring 100 kids over here. I thought it was a sound idea."

"There was never any intention of gaining an advantage. In fact, it is more a disadvantage for Midland High's coaches if anything. They had to go over the Midland Freshman and then hurry back to get here at the stadium in time for the start of the varsity."

"This is really a silly rule. I know there has to be a reason for it, but I haven't been told just what that reason is. I've talked with the UIL, and they said that's the way it's always been."

"We could go challenge the rule, spend a lot of money and probably not get it changed anyway. Or, at the best, it would take two years to get it changed. It's just not worth it."

Browning said that when he learned of the violation he wrote a letter to David Adams, MHS principal, and Whalen.

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This week, with both of his kids in high school, Lietzke plays the final event of his 26-year PGA Tour career in the Colonial, about 45 minutes from his Dallas home and where he has won twice.

Lietzke, a 13-time PGA Tour winner, turns 50 on July 18. Two days later, will make his long-awaited senior debut in the SBC Senior Open at Kemper Lakes just outside of Chicago.

While Lietzke closes out his PGA Tour career this week, Phil Mickelson tries to become the

only person other than Ben Hogan to win consecutive titles at Colonial.

Last year, Mickelson overcame a seven-stroke deficit in his final nine holes. His closing 7-under 63 included five birdies on the back nine, while third-round leader Stewart Cink had bogeys on five of his last 14 holes.

"I certainly didn't think I had a shot at the turn," Mickelson said. "I really didn't try to win on the backside. I was just trying to play a good back nine."

Cink finished about an hour after Mickelson with bogeys on three of the last four holes to end up two strokes behind.

LOCAL SPORTS

Tillman signs with Drake

Armon Tillman, who played two years for the Midland College men's basketball team, has signed a letter of intent to play for Drake University.

The 6-foot-4, 225-pound Tillman was a first team All-Western Junior College Athletic Conference selection last season as a sophomore, averaging 9.4 points a game. The Houston native also was a part of the MC team two years ago which finished sixth at the National Junior College Tournament.

"Armon is a quality person who has a tremendous work ethic," said MC coach Junsie Cotton. "He came from a great high school program and has really responded well to college basketball. I'm really pleased that he will get the opportunity at Drake to continue his career."

Tillman is the second Chap to sign with a Division I program. Quannas White has signed with Oklahoma.

Blast '87 wins title

Midland's Blast '87 girls under-14 soccer team won the overall Division I championships in the Lake Highlands Girls Classic League, earning the right to challenge for Division I this summer.

Blast posted a 6-2-2 record this spring and was 12-5-3 overall for the season. Blast won the championship by nearly five full games.

Blast '87 Members: Michelle Davis, Shadara Evans, Sara Gawick, Lindsay Hoffield, Kaine Houk, Cheryl Kuss, Chessa Pursner, Rebecca Reid, Katelye Robertson, Sara Schneider, Meagan Sheppard, Michelle Solari, Amanda Ureta, Megan Waggoner. Coach: Chad Barden.

Flash '87 beats Blast

Midland's Flash '87 under-14 boys select soccer team defeated the Midland Blast 1-0 Tuesday. Blast scored the game's lone goal midway through the second half when Nathan Holder scored on an assist from Greg George.

Dorado Playday

ODESSA — Here are the results from the Permian Basin Ladies Playday golf tournament held at The Club at Mission Dorado Wednesday. Listed are the players' scores and club memberships.

First Flight: 1st Gross: LaNell Guelker, Andrews C.C., 77; 2nd Gross: Trina Albright, Green Tree, 81. 1st Net: Pat Barton, Dorado, 67; 2nd Net: Eileen Eden, Sunset, 68. Low Putts: Emily Goodfellow, Ranchland Hills, 28.

Second Flight: 1st Gross: Donna Winborn, Ranchland Hills, 88; 2nd Gross: Sharon Walker, Green Tree, 88. 1st Net: Norma Pyle, Ranchland Hills, 64. 2nd Net: Frances Longshore, Andrews C.C., 65. Low Putts: Janell Burnett, Ranchland Hills, 31.

Third Flight: 1st Gross: Pebble Corbell, Ranchland Hills, 94; 2nd Gross: Georgia Bentley, Sunset, 98. 1st Net: Lydia Thompson, Hogan Park, 68; 2nd Net: Karen McDonald, Green Tree, 69. Low Putts: Kathy Thompson, Green Tree, 31.

Thrash wins tournament

Midland's Taylor Thrash won the boys singles championship on Sunday at the San Antonio McFarlin Spring Open tennis tournament in San Antonio. Thrash, 10, beat Matthew Dooley of San Antonio 7-6, 6-1 in the boys 10 and under finals.

Thrash is coached by Luis Valdez.

NIX: 'Dog nears homer mark

(From 1C)

Rangers' Savannah, Ga. Class A team. Such an incident shows that Jayson doesn't feel overshadowed by Laynce, and that if anything, he's embraced his older brother's legacy.

"It never bothered me him being the big star," said Jayson of Laynce. "I couldn't have had a better situation than have a big brother like him. It's made me a better person and a better player."

"We're two different ballplayers anyway, so you can't really compare us. He's a left-handed hitting outfielder and I'm a right-handed hitting infielder." Yet, it's not as if the brothers don't merit comparison, and in some instances, Jayson comes off very favorably when stacked up against Laynce. While Laynce put up career power numbers which could stand for some time, Jayson is threatening a single season mark by his older brother.

As a sophomore in 1998, Laynce whacked 13 homers (he had 38 in his MHS career). With his two homers against Eastwood, Jayson is now one short of tying Laynce's single season best mark.

"A lot of people told me they didn't think he could hit and I thought they were nuts," said Russell. "This year people keep throwing him 2-0 curveballs and he sits on it."

Jayson, a three-year starter, had been better known for his defense, although he was an all-district pick last season. Russell thought enough of his bat, though, to start him in the No. 3 spot in the lineup, the same spot Laynce occupied.

While the younger Nix responded at the plate, Russell thought it would help the team for him to get even more at-bats each game. So he moved Nix to the leadoff spot early in district, and Nix and the Bulldog lineup didn't skip a beat.

In the second game of the Eastwood series, Nix hit the second pitch of the game from Mario Perea over the left field fence to get the Bulldogs off to a prodigious start. They never trailed in the final two games.

"It's worked out for the team," said Nix of hitting leadoff. "I like being able to start the team off any way I can. That's always good if you can get the team started off with a hit, especially a home run."

Nix has accepted a scholarship to Texas A&M, but with the upcoming major league draft, he could end up following in the footsteps of his older brother, who bypassed a scholarship to LSU to sign with the Rangers. Jayson has been projected as high as a second or third round draft pick.

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Lietzke prepares for fitting end to PGA part of his career at Colonial

FORT WORTH (AP) — Bruce Lietzke was still in the prime of his career in 1988 when he chose to reduce his PGA Tour schedule.

The oldest of his two children was about to begin school, ending the days of his family traveling with him. And he knew the senior tour was only 13 years away.

"That justified me making my decision to reduce my schedule. That was the plan with the senior tour in the far distance," Lietzke said Wednesday.

"I had some guilt feelings about reducing my schedule, when I was still very competitive

and passing up big paychecks. But that wasn't my No. 1 priority. My family was, and my focus was to be at home as much as I could."

This week, with both of his kids in high school, Lietzke plays the final event of his 26-year PGA Tour career in the Colonial, about 45 minutes from his Dallas home and where he has won twice.

Lietzke, a 13-time PGA Tour winner, turns 50 on July 18. Two days later, will make his long-awaited senior debut in the SBC Senior Open at Kemper Lakes just outside of Chicago.

While Lietzke closes out his PGA Tour career this week, Phil Mickelson tries to become the

only person other than Ben Hogan to win consecutive titles at Colonial.

Last year, Mickelson overcame a seven-stroke deficit in his final nine holes. His closing 7-under 63 included five birdies on the back nine, while third-round leader Stewart Cink had bogeys on five of his last 14 holes.

"I certainly didn't think I had a shot at the turn," Mickelson said. "I really didn't try to win on the backside. I was just trying to play a good back nine."

Cink finished about an hour after Mickelson with bogeys on three of the last four holes to end up two strokes behind.

Coach Bobby Knight on the Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark Thursday at 7:40



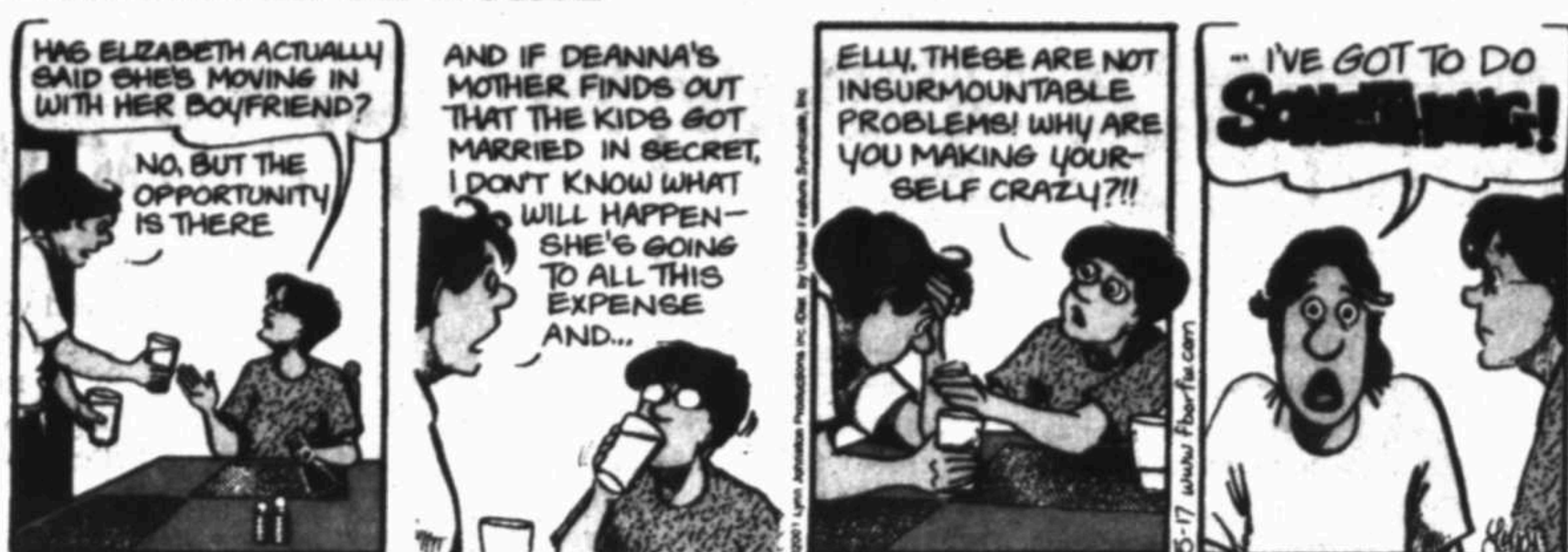
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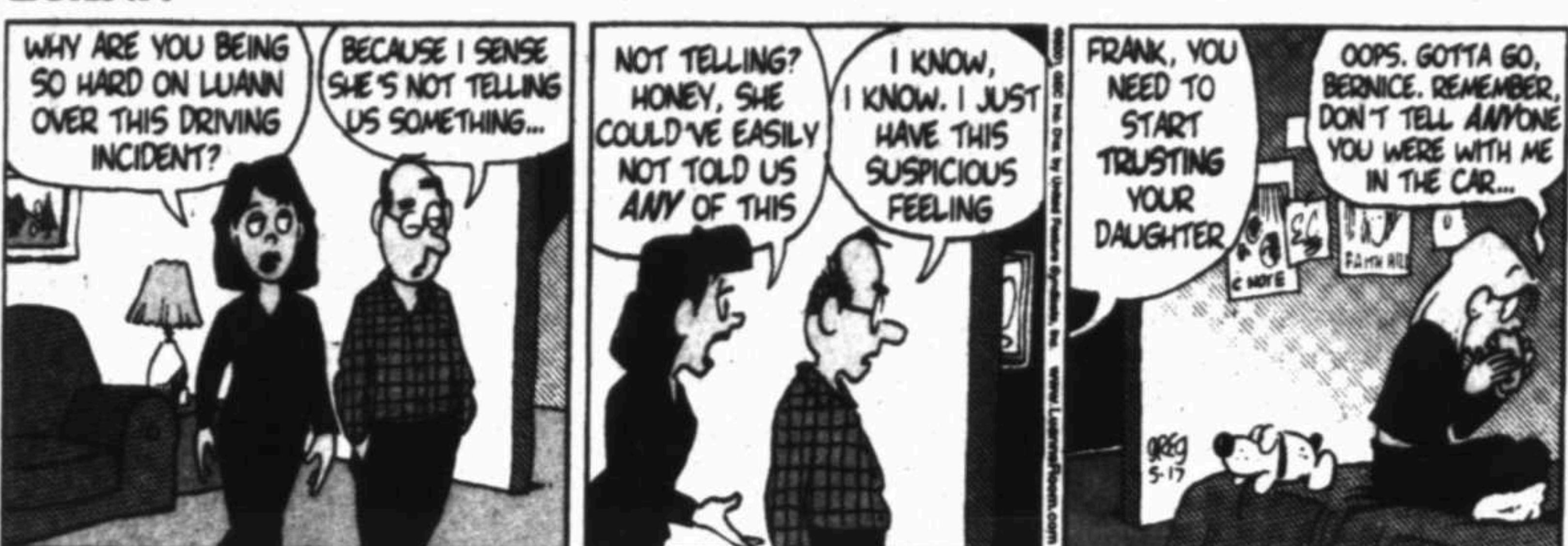
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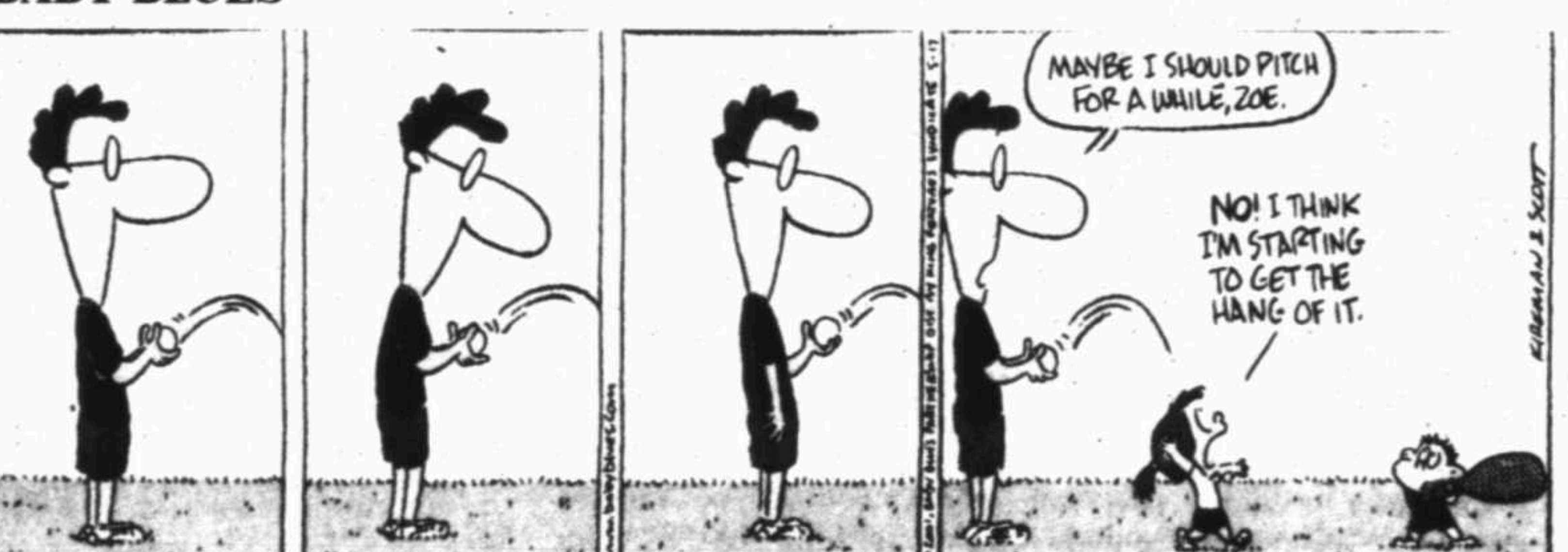
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Go-Go Belinda Carlisle: I'm proud to pose nude for Playboy

NEW YORK — Our lips are sealed, but Belinda Carlisle's aren't. She's happy to talk about posing nude for Playboy.

The lead singer of the Go-Go's did a photo shoot in December, which will appear in the magazine's August issue.

"It's sort of an homage to the sort of Vargas style, '50s pin-up," Carlisle said Wednesday on ABC's "Good Morning America," where she performed with the four other members of the pioneering '80s girl group, whose hits include "Our Lips Are Sealed."

"You don't have to be age 20 and size zero to be ... sexually viable or viable as a woman," said Carlisle, 42. "And that's part of the point that I would like to see all like to prove, anyway."

The Go-Go's released their first album of all new material in 17 years, "God Bless the Go-Go's," on Tuesday. They've all had solo careers and gotten together off and on to tour and record since 1990.

NEW YORK — Dennis Tito said he's the one who set the price for traveling to the international space station, which reportedly was as high as \$20 million.

"Of course I did, I'm a businessman," the Los Angeles investment firm founder says in an interview on ABC's "PrimeTime Thursday."

"Maybe I told them too much but I was happy with the price. I said, 'Look, this is what it's worth to me. I'll fly for this price. Take it or leave it.' And we struck a deal. I mean, this is the way you do business."

Tito, 60, said he's contractually obligated not to reveal how much he paid the Russians to go into space for eight days this month, but when the \$20 million figure was mentioned, he neither confirmed nor denied it.

After the journey was over, Tito said NASA ordered the astronauts not to give him a hug, as they had given each other. He received handshakes instead.

"Well, what they didn't see was (American astronaut) Jim Voss whispered to me, 'I'm sorry I can't hug you — we were told not to do that.' So it wasn't him personally," Tito said.

When asked what he thought of NASA's order, Tito responded, "I wouldn't give it."

LOS ANGELES — Ryan O'Neal has adopted a dark sense of humor about his battle with leukemia.

The actor told Variety columnist Amy Archerd that his "Love Story" co-star Ali MacGraw recently contacted him when she learned of his illness.

The film was about star-crossed lovers who meet, marry and then discover she is dying of cancer.

"She had this same disease in the movie," O'Neal laughed. "She said to me, 'I hope you didn't catch it from me.'"

O'Neal said he recently completed work on the Al Pacino film "People I Know," in which he plays a publicity agent.

How did he get the role?

The character is "a fading movie star who lives in Malibu — they didn't have to look far," he said. "I hope it's not my last (movie). It was such a good experience."

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Mercury astronaut Scott Carpenter called the international space station and told its three residents that he'd trade places with them "at the drop of a hat, except you can't drop your hat up there."

"This is probably the oldest dinosaur you'll speak to while you're there," the 76-year-old Carpenter said Tuesday from Mission Control in Houston. "But you'd be interested to know that your friend Valentina Tereshkova thinks we are not dinosaurs, but pterodactyls."

Pterodactyls are extinct; they were flying reptiles. Tereshkova, a former Soviet cosmonaut, became the first woman in space in 1963.

"You're no dinosaur to us," astronaut Jim Voss replied from space station Alpha. "We just talked to a bunch of high school students, and I doubt if they have even the same amount of enthusiasm that you have for the space program."

Carpenter, who orbited the Earth on May 24, 1962, three months after John Glenn, told the two U.S. astronauts and one Russian cosmonaut aboard the space station not to let Mission Control

work them too hard.

"Remember — you can always strike," he joked.

NEW YORK — Michael Stipe knows what it's like being John Malkovich — sort of.

The R.E.M. lead singer said he often gets mistaken for the Oscar-nominated actor, and vice versa.

They're both thin. They're both bald. And the comparisons are even more apropos when you consider that Stipe co-produced the

critically acclaimed 1999 film "Being John Malkovich."

"People come up to me all the time and say, 'Oh, I loved you in "Dangerous Liaisons." And then when I met John, he said the same thing happens to him: "Oh, "Losing My Religion" is my favorite song!" Stipe says in the June issue of Esquire magazine.

"We laughed about it. I tell people, 'He's taller, I'm better looking.' But it happens a lot."

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 17, 2001:

You often sort through confusing information and make sense of what others cannot. Luck surrounds finances and communication. You become a lot happier as the year progresses, and you manage to enjoy your day-to-day life. Focus on your goals, and you'll make them realities. If single, broaden your circle of friends, especially after July. In the next year, you'll meet someone very special. If attached, treat your loved one to something he has wanted for a long time. A trip proves to be unusually rewarding in late 2001 or in 2002. Start planning! Count on PISCES.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***

Knowing when to say nothing is as important as a skill as speaking well. Often, the Ram expresses his fervor through his words. Minor misunderstandings and mishaps mark interactions. Play it safe. Don't enthusiastically throw yourself into the stream of events. Tonight: Run on home and turn on your answering machine.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** You might have to backpedal some if you are intent on having things work out your way. Explore options in a meeting, encouraging diversity of opinions. With this attitude, you hop on the bus to success. Others seek you out. Give 100 percent. Tonight: Respond to another's request.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** As friendly as you are, you might want to hold back, as others misinterpret your words and actions. Think all you want, but keep observations to yourself. As a result, everyone

will be happier. What a boss requests must be delivered with a smile. Tonight: Work as late as needed. (And keep smiling.)

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** See what others don't by deciding to become an observer and not a player. Detach more. Think of your moods as the swings of a pendulum, knowing they will pass. As a result, excellent communication develops later in the day. Claim your power. Tonight: A fantasy break. Rent a sci-fi movie.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Manifest a favorite Leonine quality of loyalty to a partner who could be off-kilter. Your indulgence come back in multiples. Schedule a meeting, knowing what it is you are aiming for. You help ground others who slip left and right. Others turn to you. Tonight: Make nice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Let others call the shots if you sense that you are off-kilter. Carefully review a situation that involves others. Remember, you can stall or ask for extra time. Others might be spontaneous, but you don't have to be. They respect your tenacity and questioning. Tonight: Accept a dinner invitation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Your perspective isn't the only one. Sometimes another might not understand how you proceed. You might want to explain. Questioning and brainstorming with others leads to financial success and confidence. Tonight: Clear out as much work as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Your creativity and ingenuity take you far. Others don't have this reserve of imagination. Pressure builds between you and a partner regarding finances. Find a way to

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

agree with each other. Add more playfulness to your life. Tonight: Start your weekend early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Your thoughts surround your domestic life or a potential real estate investment. Still, someone might not be giving you the whole story. Don't hesitate to question him. Your sixth sense emerges as you deal with associates. Nurture others. Tonight: Order in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** How you deliver your message will have a lot to do with others' responses, and ultimately with the quality of your day. Though always practical, cloaking a hot topic in velvet will eventually serve you. Toss away bluntness and you'll gain. Tonight: Enjoy a flirtatious friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Take a strong stand financially and you'll gain. Someone might normally intimidate you, but not anymore. Put yourself on the back for establishing stronger boundaries. Focus on security and the long term. Family responds to a request. Tonight: Clear out errands.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Consider taking a stronger stand with someone close to you. Confusion surrounds the home front. What another says might not be what he means. Use your ability to discuss and open up problems. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

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Henri Szwarz made his first international appearance for France in 1954. At the recent European Bridge Championships, he showed he is still a force to be reckoned with.

Szwarc and his partner, World Bridge Federation President Jose Damiani, reached four hearts on the auction shown. By agreement, three clubs on this sequence showed longer clubs than spades. With a high honor in each of partner's suits, Szwarc boldly pushed on to four hearts knowing full well that his partner held only two cards in the suit.

West led the king of diamonds, and the storm signals were quite evident. There were three sure losers in the red suits and, in addition, declarer had to worry about losing a second trump and disposing of his diamonds. West continued with a diamond to the ace, and the diamond jack was returned. Declarer played low from hand, West

discarded a club, and dummy ruffed with the eight.

South could not afford to lead a trump now, because West would then get a diamond ruff to set the contract. Even if declarer takes the spade finesse and discards a diamond on the third spade, East can win the first trump and revert to diamonds, promoting a trump trick for West.

Szwarc, as usual, found an elegant solution. He cashed the king of spades, crossed to the ace and ruffed a spade. The ace and king of clubs were cashed and the table's last spade was led, and East had no counter. If the defender ruffs high, declarer discards the queen of diamonds and makes the rest; if West ruffs low or discards, declarer ruffs with the remaining low trump, then ruffs the queen of diamonds with the 10 of hearts. Either way, declarer loses only two diamond tricks and the ace of trumps.

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Wednesday	\$25.75
Previous	\$25.75

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Wednesday	\$4.298
Previous	\$4.653

Futures plunge

NEW YORK — Gasoline futures prices plunged early at the New York Mercantile Exchange Wednesday as traders reacted to data showing continued growth in U.S. supplies.

But June gasoline futures rebounded in afternoon trade on rumors of a Tosco refinery problem and on oversold indicators, analysts said.

Gasoline futures have dropped 11 cents since Friday, and analysts said the nearby contract looks set to hit a floor in the low 90 cents, while nearby crude should find support at \$28 a barrel before contract expirations May 31 and May 22, respectively.

But much uncertainty remains in the market ahead of the Bush administration's unveiling of its energy policy Thursday. White House press secretary Ari Fleischer insisted late Wednesday that the task force report, while focusing on long-term energy problems, also will have measures that "will help in the short term" and "will help consumers" this summer.

Light sweet crude ended the session at \$28.86 a barrel, down 12 cents. June heating oil rose .89 cent to close at \$7.52 cents a gallon. June gasoline closed at 98.76 cents a gallon, down 1.6 cent.

June natural gas fell 35.5 cents to close at \$4.298 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Brent crude from the North Sea rose 20 cents to \$28.36 on London's International Petroleum Exchange.

The petroleum complex was weighed down throughout the session by inventory data released late Tuesday by the American Petroleum Institute and early Wednesday by the U.S. Department of Energy, which showed a surprisingly large build in gasoline inventories in the past week.

Inventories of gasoline swelled more than 4 million barrels to 204.1 million barrels, despite a drop in imports and production, but remained slightly less than levels a year ago, the DOE said.

It was the sixth consecutive weekly build in gasoline stocks.

The latest build in gasoline stocks was caused by a drop in U.S. gasoline demand last week. Demand fell to 8.315 million barrels a day, the API said.

The API revised downward the gasoline build for last week to 2.386 million.

Dollar rises

LONDON — The U.S. dollar rose against the Japanese yen but fell against most other major currencies in European trading Wednesday.

The euro was quoted at 88.31 cents in late European trading, up from 87.82 cents Tuesday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro traded at 88.40 cents.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Tuesday, included 123.59 Japanese yen, up from 123.39; 1.7344 Swiss francs, down from 1.7434, and 1.5396 Canadian dollars, down from 1.5485.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.4278, up from \$1.4217. In midday trading in New York, the dollar bought 123.53 yen, and the pound was worth \$1.4300.

Gold rallies

Gold dealers in London closed at a recommended price of \$271.20 bid per troy ounce, up from \$267.10 Tuesday. In Zurich the bid was \$270.65, up from \$266.85. Gold rose \$2.10 in Hong Kong to \$269.85.

Dow soars more than 340 points

By Amy Baldwin
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow industrials closed above 11,000 for the first time in eight months, soaring more than 340 points Wednesday on hopes that lower interest rates will revitalize economic growth.

Given the Federal Reserve's decision Tuesday to reduce interest rates by 0.5 percentage point — the fifth such cut this year — investors are growing increasingly optimistic that the economy and earnings will turn around in the second half of 2001.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 11,215.92 after surging 342.95 points — its fifth-best daily point gain.

The last time the blue chip index finished above 11,000

was Sept. 14 when it ended at 11,087.47. And, the last time the Dow ended higher was Sept. 12 when it closed at 11,233.23.

The market's broader indicators also posted big gains. The Nasdaq composite index climbed 80.86 at 2,166.44, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 35.55 to 1,284.99.

"This thing really has legs. It's significant and you best not fight it," said Gary Kaltbaum, market technician at Investors' Edge Partners.

Investors bought stocks based on the market's tendency to move higher about six months after the Federal Reserve starts to lower interest rates, Kaltbaum said. The central bank made its first cut on Jan. 3.

Analysts also attributed much of Wednesday's sharp upturn to professional money managers pumping the cash

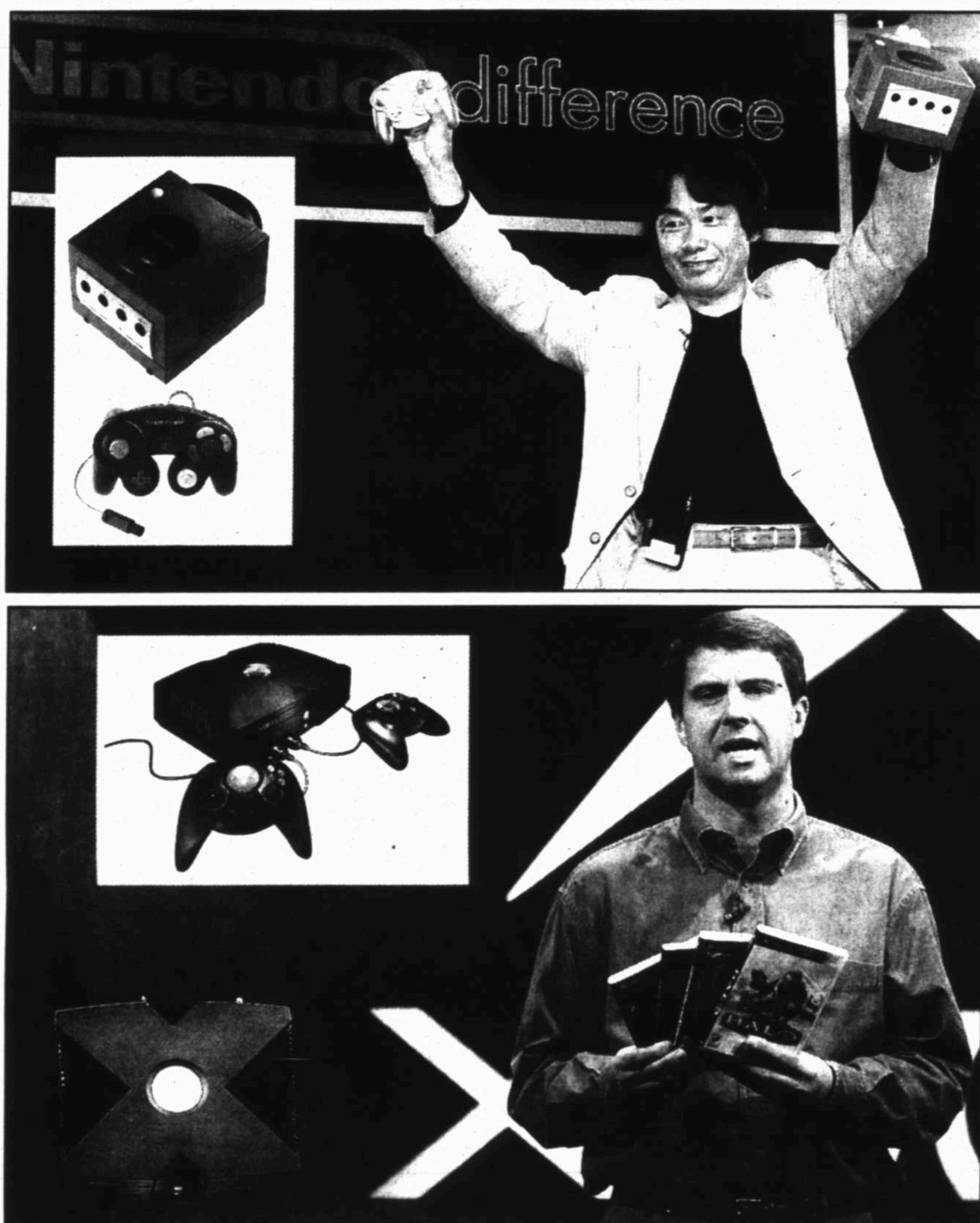
that they've been holding onto back into the market. Meanwhile, investors overlooked poor earnings and other signs of economic weakness, including a 0.3 percent rise in consumer inflation reported for April.

"Institutions are now accumulating stocks, and they don't care about the bad news. They only care about the potential of good news down the road," Kaltbaum said.

"The economy will recover, we're not in terrible shape," said Charles Pradilla, chief investment strategist for SG Cowen Securities. "This thing is going to turn and every portfolio manager out there has got to play."

Gains were widespread, with investors bidding up safer and riskier sectors alike. Aluminum products maker Alcoa claimed a new 52-week high, up \$2.51 at \$44.51, while Microsoft rose 89 cents to \$69.16. Both are Dow stocks.

Video game wars



TOP: Legendary video game developer Shigeru Miyamoto holds up the new Nintendo GameCube console, right, and the optional wireless controller, the Wavebird, at the Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles, Wednesday. ABOVE: Robbie Bach, chief Xbox officer at Microsoft Corp., holds up a selection of video games as he introduces the company's highly anticipated Xbox video game system.

Video game console makers go head-to-head

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Microsoft, Nintendo and Sony are about to battle for America's living rooms with the introduction of the next generation of video game consoles.

Microsoft's Xbox and Nintendo's GameCube are expected to debut later this year and will be competing against Sony's PlayStation 2 during the holiday sales season.

All three products will be pro-

moted this week at the Electronic Entertainment Expo, the world's largest video game trade show.

"So far, things have never really stacked up like this," said Shawn Rider, console editor at GamesFirst, an online newsletter. "Having the Xbox and the GameCube to compete with PlayStation 2 — which, in many ways is a new system, especially given the difficulty people have had in getting it — is creating

a flurry of competition we haven't seen before."

The console war will bring the next generation of entertainment into living rooms, offering various combinations of Internet access, MP3 downloads, DVD-playing capability and multiplayer games with richer graphics.

Neither Microsoft nor Nintendo has said what its box will cost. PlayStation 2 costs \$299.

THE ECONOMIST

Growing demand in developing countries will increase energy consumption

By M. Ray Perryman

World energy consumption is predicted to increase by almost 60 percent over the next couple of decades with much of this growth occurring not in the industrialized countries, but in the developing nations.

Among the factors influencing this forecast are the economic recovery being experienced in Southeast Asia and the economic growth in portions of the former Soviet Union. Energy demand is also anticipated to be particularly high over the next 20 years in emerging markets throughout Asia and Central and South America.

Oil provides a larger share of world energy consumption than any other energy source. Over the last few years, even with the volatility in prices, it has remained steady with a market share of about 40 percent. This percentage is not projected to significantly change over the next two decades. Naturally, the industrialized

nations consume a greater proportion of petroleum products than the developing countries, but the gap appears to be narrowing.

In industrialized nations, most of the increase in the use of oil is expected to be in the transportation sector, primarily because alternatives are not yet economically feasible. In the developing nations, however, oil demand is forecast to increase in practically all sectors. Of particular note is the fact that many of these emerging economies are expected to shift from non-commercial fuels, such as wood for heating and cooking, to diesel generators.

While oil use is not anticipated to see much overall percentage change in total energy use worldwide, natural gas, the fastest growing component of primary world energy consumption, will likely experience an increase of about 5 percent in market share by 2020. Part of the reason is the growing demand for and use of natural gas in electricity generation. Natural gas is extremely efficient in helping produce electricity, and it is environmentally friendly as it emits less sulfur dioxide, carbon dioxide, and particulate matter as compared to oil or coal. Coal as a percentage of global energy use will proba-

bly drop slightly over the next couple of decades. However, the predicted increase for coal consumption in China and India, both of which have substantial fossil fuel resources, will keep the percentage of coal as a worldwide energy source hovering around 20 percent. These two Asian countries are expected to account for about 30 percent of the aggregate increase in energy consumption among all nations over the next two decades.

The future role that nuclear power will play in providing worldwide electricity is unknown, but at present, emerging economies are expected to account for much of the growth in this industry. Most of the reactors in the industrialized world are expected to be retired during the next two decades, and very few countries are making plans to replace them. Smaller reactors, new technology, and high costs of alternate fuels may ultimately give nuclear energy another heyday.

Over this same period of time, renewable energy use will probably increase by about 53 percent. Much of this growth will be the result of large-scale hydroelectric projects in various non-industrial nations, notably in China, India, Nepal, and Malaysia. Wind power continues to

expand, but is unlikely to be a major factor on a global scale. Even so, on a worldwide scale, renewable energy will drop about 1 percent from its current 9 percent share of total global energy consumption.

Projections call for the use of electricity around the world to see a two-thirds increase by 2020. As expected, growth rates are most likely to be the greatest in developing nations. In the industrialized world, because of slower population expansion and economic growth, electricity consumption will probably grow at a more modest rate. Efficiency in electrical appliances and market saturation of various products (such as kitchen appliances) are also contributing factors.

This rate could change, of course, if there is a significant increase in computer usage or if enough new electronic devices are introduced and become "necessities" for those living in the industrialized nations.

Whatever happens on that front, however, no slowdown in energy demand is on the horizon.

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YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable District Court, 318th Judicial District, Midland County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said

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county in Midland, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, to answer the petition of AMANDA MONTEZ, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 20th day of November, 2000, against LEONARDO RAMOS, Respondent and said suit being Number 37,367 on the docket of said Court and entitled, IN THE INTEREST OF DAMIAN D. RAMOS, MINOR CHILD."

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER my hand and seal of said Court in Midland, Texas, this 11th day of May, 2001.

VIVIAN WOOD
DISTRICT CLERK
MIDLAND COUNTY
COURTHOUSE

By Sylvia Bass
Deputy

Public Notices

MIDLAND COUNTY will hold a Public Meeting concerning Texas Parks and Wildlife Indoor and Outdoor Grants. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. in the Midland County Commissioners Courthouse, 200 W. Wall, Suite 005 Midland, Texas.

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3rd Thurs.
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Call 682-6222 today. A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!

RETAIL SALES

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, 1/2 Price sale- month of May. Regular hours Wednesday and Saturday 9-12 noon, 2305 W. Michigan, Please park across street. 682-2999.

ESTATE SALE 4300 N. Fairgrounds Rd. Complete Household Furniture, Appliances, Collectibles, Glassware, Vehicles, To much to List!! Thursday, Friday, Saturday/ 9:00 am- 6:00 pm Sale By: Community Professional Sales & Service Liquidators/ Appraisers 570-0425

79701

3116 W. OHIO, Wednesday/ Thursday/ Friday 8:00-7:00. Couch, coffee table, clothes, lot of toy animals, dishes, lots of miscellaneous.

2215 W. FLORIDA #75- 8 am. King size water bed, bedroom furniture, washer and dryer, clothing, miscellaneous.

2813 KESSLER Ave: Friday, May 18 8:00am-7:00pm. Big variety of household items. Some antiques and furniture. Dealers welcome.

1203 COLLEGE- MOVING Sale! Friday & Saturday 8 am. Clothes (Men's, women's & kids- all sizes), toys, small wooden shelves, matching couch & love seat, typewriter, record player, bench, typewriter, TVs and miscellaneous.

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1205 BURCHILL DRIVE- 5 Family Sale- Women's, men's and children's clothes, bikes, recliner, stereo console and lots of miscellaneous. Thursday & Friday 8-3. Saturday 8-noon.

4720 LEISURE, Friday 8:00am-7:00. Bicycles, stereo, household items, books, clothes, shoes, toys, odds and ends, Christmas decorations.

79705

#6 MARCHELL COURT (alley off Wadley); Thursday- 8:00- 1:00, Friday- 8:00-7:00. New Oak entertainment center. Sofa, recliner, chairs, microwave, Good quality clothing and shoes. Bed linens, jewelry, toys, purses, kitchen and craft items, miscellaneous. Cash only.

905 SHIRLEY Ct- Estate Sale- Friday 1-5. Cash only; no early birds. Antiques, furniture, china, crystal, clothing, etc.

2308 SEABOARD, Friday Only! 8:00- 5:00. Garage door openers, almost new mens golf clubs and bag, small color TV, lots of decoratior items. Cash only!

2406 CIMMARON- Friday 7:30- 5, Saturday 8- 12:00. Girls 24" 10 speed bike, 6 string guitar, Little Tikes swing, pictures, Victorian style lamps, clothes, miscellaneous.

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

MURPHY ESTATE SALE

Starts Friday morning 9 am. Watch this space for details.
Judy Jackson's Estate Sales

79706

6806 E. COUNTY Rd 98- (Cloverdale North on 1120, East on 98) Hot Springs spa, water skis, complete living room, dining & patio sets, complete fish tank, freezer, Miscellaneous galore! Everything to run a home! Changing lifestyle by choice. Everything must go! 683-6731.

3801 So. Co. Rd. 1185- Ridge Heights (parallel with Rankin Hwy then 1/2 mile east). 50 years of great items! Furniture, antique shortwave radio, household items, BBQ grill, miscellaneous. Friday- Saturday 8-6.

10902 E. COUNTY Rd. 107- (9 miles Southeast of Midland just off 307, behind Greenwood School) Saturday, 7- 5. Two bedroom suits, two living room suits, entertainment center, computer desk, bookcase, dishes, all kinds of household items, Christmas decorations, fireplace utensiles, small color TV, and camping gear, 5 shelf corner wood trinket stand.

9203 WEST COUNTY ROAD 160, Estate sale! Thursday, Friday, Saturday. (Loop 250 past DPS office go over I- 20 turn right on South service road, go 3.8 miles turn left on CRD 1270 go 3.5 miles and turn left on CRD 160 third house on the right). Antiques, steamer trunk, cast iron bar-b-q pit, furniture, kids bike, swing set, exercise equipment, 18 wheeler truck, electric lawn mower, stadium seats, paraffin wax machine, big Little Tikes items, large rabbit hutch, large porch swing, oak bunk beds, baby furniture and accessories, Disney movies, large window A/C unit, tons of boys toys and clothes, truck accessories, To much too list! 561-8176.

79707

1907 McDONALD, Living Estate Sale! Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. By Westwood Hospital, bedroom set, dining room set, lots more! No checks.

4749 BOULDER DRIVE, (in alley). Friday and Saturday 8:00-7:00. Two Family Sale! Lots to choose from. Homefiers candles available at sale.

4499 HACKBERRY (Greentree) Friday and Saturday 9:00am- 6:00pm. Child's car seat, turntable, chairs, golf clubs and cart, ski's, ski rack, lawn edger, typewriter, dog carrier, twin head- boards, fabric, clothing, toys, bowling ball, crafts, and scads of other treasures.

3702 BERMUDA COURT- Friday & Saturday, 8-3. Furniture, clothing, kitchenware, knick knacks, tools, etc.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

\$20.50 \$20.50 \$20.50 \$20.50

GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE \$20.50

7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)

2 Days

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Stand Out Emblem

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Garage Sale Kit (includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints. \$6 Value!)

★ Package of Flavored Drink Mix (for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)

★ \$3 Off Classified Coupon (Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get \$3 off!)

Or Get 3 Days for Only \$24.50!

Call 682-6222 Today!

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DON'T MISS OUT!

The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon. Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

Global Personnel Network Positions Local & Worldwide! 686-8360.

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED. Bring resume to: 1816 North Midland Dr.

NEW TODAY

SECRETARY needed Monday through Friday 7:45 to 5:30, sat 7:45 till noon. Routing phone skills, invoicing required. Salary DOE. Apply in person 10 till 2 at 1801 North Bg Spring.

316 Sales Help Wanted

LICENSED AGENTS Needed \$75,000 + per year. 915-522-1218.

LOCAL OIL FIELD supply distributor needs experienced outside sales person. Commission plus vehicle allowance, 401K, health insurance, paid vacation. Please send resume to: Box 5-0223, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NEED ROUTE SALES/ Service Tech. Full time, full benefits, clean driving record. Fax resume to: 972-475-7593

We have Good Things Store.

Sales Associate

Sherrin-Williams, a leader in the retail clothing industry, has an opening at our Midland Texas store for a (part-time & full-time position) Sales Associate. In this position you will assist customers, stock and price products, maintain store displays and first and mix part.

The Sherrin-Williams Company 2215 N. Midland Drive, Suite 1-A Midland, TX 79707

WANTED: Management

Fun working environment, relaxed dress code, retail experience a must, management experience, sports knowledge. Play it again Sports, 4708 N. Midkiff #15, 10:00am-6:00pm.

A SALES PRO'S DREAM

What? Home improvement sales. Lots of great leads provided. TOP COMMISSION PAID. Work through GIANT Corporations. Must have experience.

When? Immediately.

Where? Permian Basin & South Plains of Texas areas open.

Call now for more information on this once in a lifetime opportunity. 1-800-688-1518 ask for Billy.

BUSINESS

seeks Associate to run one person office. Good presentation, organization and people skills. Submit resumes to: Frosch Photography, 1901 Heritage Blvd. Tuesday-Friday 10-5.

OUTSIDE SALES Rep 2 years experience in oil field supply store or related. Midland Area. Wilson Supply 2405 Garden City Hwy, Midland 687-2866 or fax 682-0670.

316 Sales Help Wanted

WIRELESS ACCESSORIES Sales in area malls. Previous cellular and/or sales experience. Full part time. Growing company. Base + commission. Fax resume to: 866-969-5251 or call 866-249-9990 or 210-378-9974

316 Mgmt. Help Wanted

We're Expanding! Jumburrito, Inc.

We are looking for management with previous quick service restaurant experience. Individuals must be service oriented, self starters with the ability to motivate themselves to achieve performance goals. Jumburrito offers aggressive pay, competitive benefits and a chance for advancement. Forward your resume to: P.O. Box 50607, Midland, TX 79710.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

HELP WANTED

Nalco/ Exxon Energy Chemicals. L.P. currently has an opening for an Oilfield Relief Specialist to work out of the Odessa, Texas Office.

The successful applicant will have at least three years experience driving and operating a diesel truck with an excellent driving and work record. Applicant will have a current CDL drivers license with HAZMAT endorsement and chemical handling experience.

We are looking for an individual who is self-motivated and is customer oriented.

DOT and company physicals and drug screens are required.

Send Resume to: Larry Fulwider Nalco/ Exxon Energy Chemicals. L.P. P.O. Box 61377 Midland, TX 79711

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

COMPANY PUMPER needed with the minimum of 3 years experience. Apply to: Box D-3027, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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EXPERIENCED PIPELINE Surveyor- GPS/ PC skills. Responsible, honest individual. Fax resume to: 683-7094 or mail resume to: 4707 Melville, Midland, TX 79705.

NEW TODAY

HANOVER PRODUCTION Equipment company seeking highly motivated individual for production service technician to handle field service and maintenance on production equipment. Experience preferred. Medical insurance and benefits. Send resume to: P.O. Box 50535, Midland, TX 79710-0535, Attention: Eddie.

NEW TODAY

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: Experienced "A" operator for gasoline plant northeast of Big Spring, Texas. Must have 5 years experience with compressors, lean oil gas plants, and amine used and be willing to work (4) 12- hour shifts per week. Pay rate averages \$3,300 per month. Fax resume to: (915)682-4024 or mail to: 211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX 79701

NEW TODAY

CABLE TV INSTALLERS needed. Must have own truck, tools and ladder. Call 687-7531.

ELECTRICAL TECH. 2 Year Associates Degree or equivalent for mobile service of gas monitoring instrument. Midland/ Odessa area. Fax resume to: 412-788-9404. Send resume to: Box P-6125, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

320 Skilled Trades

ASE CERTIFIED auto technician needed. Must have own tools. Competitive pay! Call 682-9669 for appointment.

AUTO GLASS Technician, needed for full time position. Willing to train the right person. Excellent pay and benefits. Potential up to \$36K. Call 915-582-2447 between Monday-Friday.

AUTO MECHANIC wanted. Must have own tools. 5 Day week, some overtime. Pay depends on experience. 683-6222, ask for Bill.

NEW TODAY

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320 Skilled Trades

WE ARE The Fastest Growing Valve Company in West Texas. We have double our employee base in the past two years- and we are still growing. Come join a winning team. Hiring Experienced Valve Technicians. Salary Starts @ \$2,700.00 month. Plus benefits. 3501 West Industrial, Midland, TX. (915)686-5341.

350 Business Opportunities

GREAT PART TIME INCOME

Be an independent contractor for the Midland Reporter-Telegram as a City Distributor delivering the paper to residents in rural area.

Perfect for the retired and semi-retired

Mothers can earn good money without the DayCare

Entrepreneurs can earn extra income and still be free for their daytime activities

Others can enjoy building lifetime friendships while making extra money.

Choice routes now available and will be filled. Must have a full size vehicle. (Ask for details)

Apply at the Midland Reporter Telegram 201 East Illinois or Call Circulation 688-2700.

350 Business Opportunities

EXPERIENCED PAINTERS Needed. Must have transportation. Call 620-0159.

EXPERIENCED TILE Setter needed. All others need not apply. 570-5831, leave message with name and number.

FIELD WELDER, experienced in heater-repair and general rigging. Call Robert O. 684-3192. No contractors please.

350 Business Opportunities

EARN A 2nd income. Work from home. Trained. provided. \$1,000- \$5,000. Part/ full time. 888-8090.

ARE YOU CONNECT?

Internet users war \$2,175- \$5,175/ month. www.moneymatter.net

Golden Child

Franchise for Sweetwater, TX. (915) 0050. Leave message.

400 Auction

AUCTION SATURDAY May 19th, 10 am. 4600. Odessa. Antiques, furniture, decorative items, glassware, wonderful canopy bed, mahogany bookcase, Cambrion candle holders, broom floor lamp and much more. Call (915)368-7337 more details. Terms- Cash. Sold As Is. 10% buyers premium. Kerry Fisher, TX lic 12855.

Classified Can! 682-6222

Interviewing Applicants For the Following Positions:

Operators: Backhoe, Trackhoe, Sidebooms, Ditchers

Roustabouts, Foremen, Superintendents, CDL truck drivers.

Please only experienced people need apply. EOE.

All applicants will be drug tested.

Apply in person at 3909 W Industrial. No phone calls.

ELECTRICAL TECHNICIAN: Must be able to understand wiring diagrams, control panel assembly, instrument wiring and termination, knowledge of auto cad helpful. Send resume to P.O. Box 4096, Midland, TX 79704 Attn: Electrical Manager.

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: Experienced "A" mechanic for slow speed gas engine compressors, pumps, etc. for refrigerated lean oil gas plant near Big Spring, Texas. Averages 48 hours per week and \$3,000+ per month. Send resume to W/Gas, 211 North Colorado, Midland, TX 79701 or fax to (915)682-4024.

PETROPLEX ACIDIZING INC. EXPERIENCED PUMP TRUCK OPERATORS \$2,000 Sign On Bonus!

(Experienced with Class A CDL/Hazmat)

Benefits include: Uniforms, Health Insurance, Hourly Guaranteed, Monthly Safety/Performance Bonus, Vacation Benefits, 401(k) Plan

915-563-1299 Monday-Friday 8 AM TO 5 PM

FURNITURE MOVER: Experienced. Drivers license and phone required. Transportation provided. Leave name/number 553-1464.

340 Child Care Needed: PART TIME Baby sitter & light housekeeping needed in my home. 522-5202. 682-4117. Leave message.

341 Child Care Providers: CHILD CARE PROVIDED in my home. Sunday-Saturday 8am-12pm. All meals provided. Call 563-1915.

LISTED FAMILY: Home has opening for ages 3-6. Excellent references and experience. Call Joanna 688-7214.

TODDLER OPENING: Loving fun environment, established home. Learning program. Meals/snacks. Excellent references. 694-9971.

350 Business Opportunities: FOR SALE: 30 year old business with established customer base in Midland/Odessa. Call Dan Rush, ADR Commercial Realty, 686-1099.

Attention Readers: Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract or giving out your credit card or bank information.

1997 WELLS CARGO: Fully equipped cargo-stall (furnace, kettles, fryer, potato machine) used 10 times. Excellent condition! \$20,000. (505)393-0308, (505)392-5656

NEW TODAY: BUSINESS FOR SALE Full line Goodyear dealer store located on Hwy. 180 in Breckenridge since 1966. (254)559-5446 Mr. Edwards

Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes! Southwest College 697-7277

MAIL BOXES ETC. Franchises for sale. 877-MBE-SALE or www.mbe.com

I AM interested in purchasing a growing lawn service with accounts. Please call 915-553-7023.

FREDERICKSBURG, TX: Antique approximately 6,000 sq. ft. leased space. \$225K. (830)896-1889 or (830)739-7900. or promised@4tc.com

EARN A 2nd Income! Work from home. Training provided. \$1,000-\$5,000. Part full time. 888-688-8090.

ARE YOU CONNECTED? Internet users wanted! \$2,175-\$5,175/month! www.moneymatter.net

Golden Chick: Franchise for sale. Sweetwater, TX. (915)235-0050. Leave message.

400 Auctions: AUCTION SATURDAY, May 19th, 10 am. 46th & Rasco, Odessa. Antique furniture, decor, items, glassware, wonderful oak canopy bed, mahogany bookcase, Cambridge candle holders, bronze floor lamp and much more! Call (915)388-7337 for more detail. Terms: Cash, Check, Sold As Is. There is 10% buyers premium. Kerry Fisher, TX license 12855.

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721 Dengar
Prestigious Address for 2,050 sq. ft. of luxurious living

- Microwaves • Trash Compactors
- Washer/Dryer Connections
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- Heated Pool/Spa.

Shown by Appointment Only
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GOLDEN PARK CONDOMINIUMS

- 1, 2, & 3 Bedrooms (many are newly remodeled)
- Pool, Laundromat, trash pick-up, gated backyards
- Weekly luncheons & bingo: Monthly Newsletters
- Prices range from \$275 - \$325 monthly

• A conveniently located neighborhood living environment with old Midland trees

Office 3100 W. Kansas
Phone: 689-2901

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