



Sports

Daytona 500

The finish was the one nearly everyone wanted — The Kid and The Intimidator going bumper-to-bumper. Using the type of daring moves Earnhardt has made so many times, Gordon won NASCAR's premier event on Sunday in a thrilling late-race shootout with the man he called "The Master." 1C

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countdown to 2000

Today, in 1992, 84 men were killed when a huge oil-drilling rig sank off the coast of Newfoundland during a severe storm.



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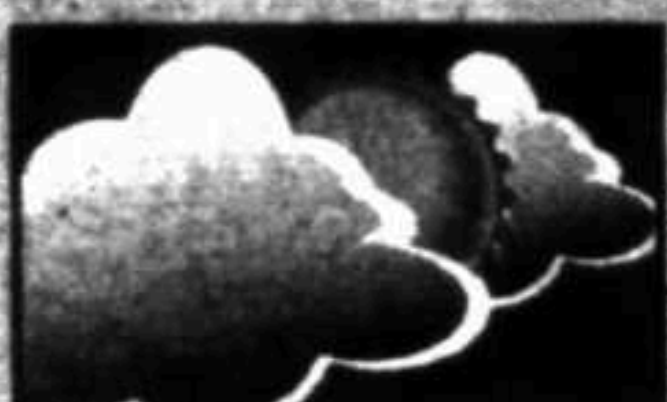
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TODAY
Partly cloudy
with high in
upper 70s.
Weather on 4A



Wartime pen pals

Geoffrey Lake, who lived in England, and Colleen Straight, who lived in Iowa, were pen pals as kids during World War II. They lost contact with each other for 45 years. Now, 56 years later, they are married. Monday Morning page 1B

NAMES quilt

ODESSA — A few blocks of the national NAMES quilt will be on display through March 6 at the Mesa building of the University of Texas at the Permian Basin. In conjunction with the display, Judy Warren and members of Midland Area AIDS Association are to speak 7 p.m. today in the Mesa third-floor gallery. Also, Amy Watts, Central Region representative for all NAMES Project chapters in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana, is to speak 11 a.m. Feb. 25 in the UTPB student lounge and 3 p.m. Feb. 25 in the board room of Odessa Medical Center Hospital, 500 W. Fourth St.

American Airlines

DALLAS — More than half of the American Airlines pilots participating in a sickout reported to work Sunday, but it wasn't enough to prevent 550 flights from being canceled. The mass return followed a judge's contempt order Saturday against the pilots union and two of its top officials. Story page 6B

Jimmy Patterson:

Personal battle cry: Time to get the doughnuts.

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School voucher debate rages on
Bivens to introduce voucher 'experiment' bill in LegislatureBy Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

As debate rages over private school vouchers in the 76th Texas Legislature and across the nation, the potential effects of vouchers on communities like Midland remain a mystery.

Depending on whom you ask, vouchers could do anything from destroy public education to save it from destroying itself.

What is clear is that the issue for now provides no ideological island of common ground in communities already divided over how schools should work and the Tall City is no exception.

THE DEBATE OVER VOUCHERS

Voucher programs — proponents call them "school-choice" programs — typically provide low-income public school students with a stipend to attend private or parochial schools. If programs are sponsored by the state, tax money normally designated for a student's public education is diverted from the school dis-

trict and put toward private school tuition.

Currently, Milwaukee and Cleveland are the only cities in the United States to have taxpayer-funded voucher programs. Many other voucher programs are privately funded through corporations, including a \$50 million project in Edgewood Independent School District in San Antonio.

The stated purpose of such programs is to introduce competition into what the most zealous advocates of vouchers call "public school monopolies." Public schools, supporters say, are in dangerous straits and need help. The competition, they argue, will



Haley Jr.

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By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

Despite a vacuum of reliable data, Texas is one of a number of states — including Pennsylvania, Florida and New Mexico — considering vouchers this year.

For now, Texas voucher legislation promises to be limited in scope — as it will have to be, supporters concede, to have any chance of passing at all.

"We've got to do a certain amount of pandering to get this thing done," said Jim Windham, chairman of Texas Business Leaders for Educational Choice, at a recent forum on vouchers in Midland.

Most of the bills currently and soon to be filed target economically disadvantaged students at poor-performing schools in major cities. But comments

like Windham's, voucher opponents claim, betray grander and less charitable schemes.

Texas lawmakers are displaying more caution in their rhetoric.

"I think it's very important for my constituents to know that I am not a proponent or opponent of anything relating to this issue. What I am a proponent of is the scientific

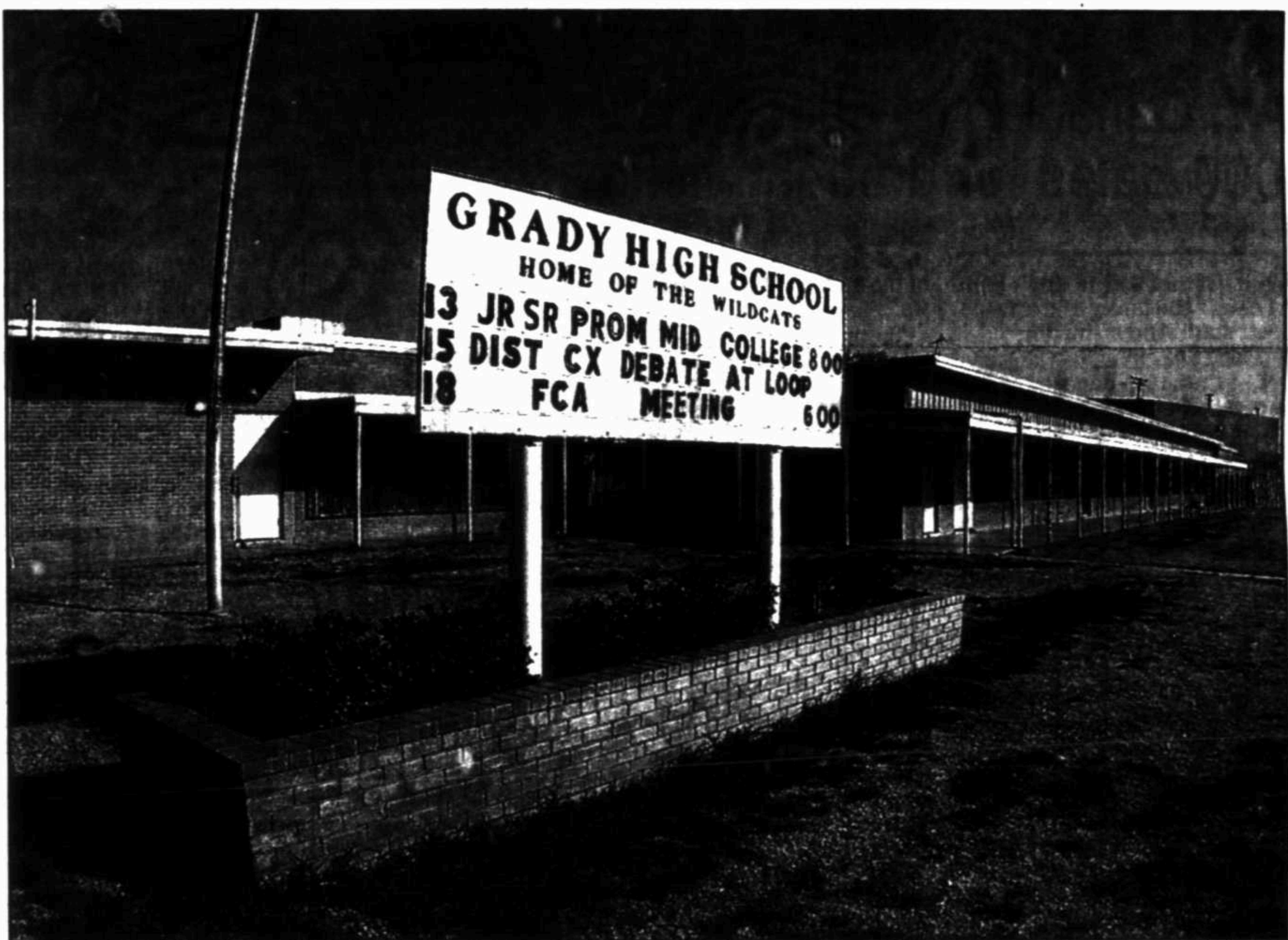


Bivens

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Y2K In rural
West Texas

The small town of Grady, an unincorporated community north of Stanton, centers around the school. Despite its size, population 39, Grady is not immune to the coming Y2K Bug. And Superintendent Johnny Tubb, below, has made certain that the school is Y2K-compatible.



Small West Texas towns prepare for possible byte of Millennium Bug

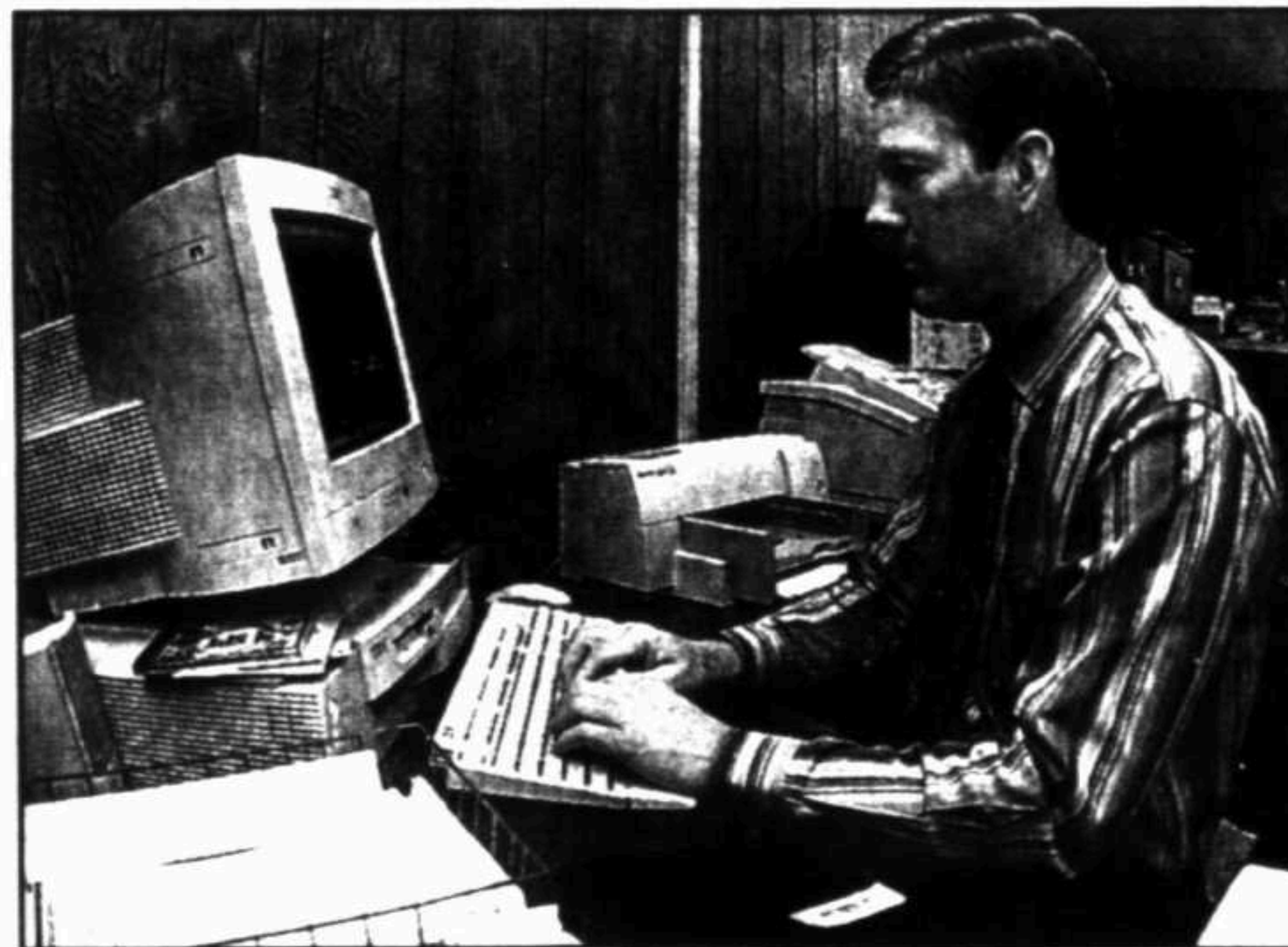
GRADY — The first thing visitors notice about Grady is the absence of things to notice. There's a traffic control system (two stop signs at the only intersection); an educational complex (elementary, junior high, high school, administrative offices — all in the same building); an athletic facility (a six-man football field with bleachers, and a track for runners — adjacent to the school); a fine arts auditorium (an ultramodern facility — in the school); an automotive compound (a school bus barn — across the street from the school) and a residential area (a collection of nine or 10 homes

— surrounding the school).

As one notices upon arrival, that's pretty much Grady, Texas, population 39 — an unincorporated community located 17 miles north of Stanton. Grady's population is so small that school Superintendent Johnny Tubb can count in his head the number of people who live in town and take up only 10 or 15 seconds doing so. Grady is so small there's not even a spot in the road that gets wide.

As void as this place is of the trappings of larger cities, it has one thing in common with

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Story by Jimmy Patterson Photos by Curt Wilcott

Grant Fawcett, a Canadian rancher who donated 4,000 bales of hay to West Texas farmers and ranchers, shows pictures of his ranch to Cindy Collom, center, and her daughter, Devonn Reynolds. Ms. Collom's Circle C Cattle Company in Odessa received some of the donated hay. Area farmers and ranchers hosted a reception in Fawcett's honor on Saturday.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Canadian rancher's outrage over politician turns to hay

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The Canadian rancher who last year donated 4,000 bales of hay to West Texas ranchers returned to Midland this past weekend to see firsthand the results of the drought and to visit with those who benefited from his kindness.

Grant Fawcett decided to donate truckloads of baled hay to drought-stricken West Texas ranchers after a politician ticked him off and got his ire up.

"I saw an interview (on television) of a Texas politician visiting a Texas ranch," Fawcett said. "And the old rancher there, he didn't have

any grass, and his corn was all shriveled up, and the cattle are skin and bone."

And the politician, whose name Fawcett didn't recall, told the old rancher, "All I can do for you is give you a low-interest loan" with which to buy cattle feed.

"And the old rancher says, 'I don't need another loan,'" Fawcett recalled. "I've got lots of them now."

The politician's offer "made my blood boil," Fawcett said Saturday at a reception hosted by farmers and ranchers at the Midland County office of the Texas Farm Bureau.

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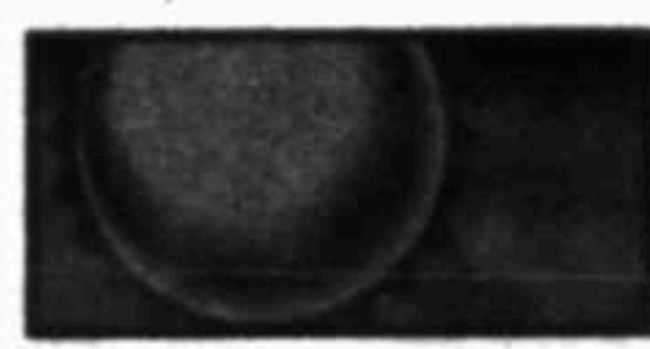
WEATHER

Midland forecast

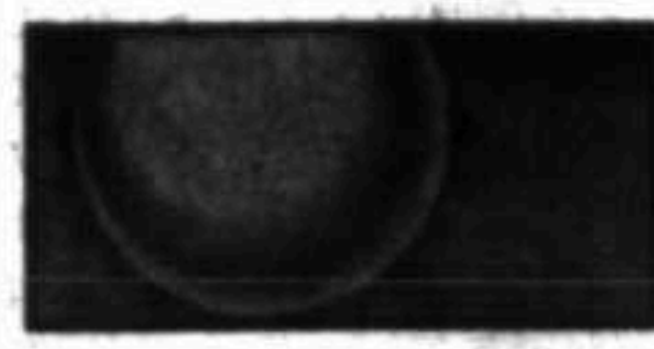
3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 77
Low 35



Tuesday
Mostly sunny
High 61
Low 36



Wednesday
Mostly sunny
High 74
Low 31

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and windy with a high in the upper 70s and west to southwest winds at 20-30 mph and gusty. Tonight's forecast calls for fair skies with a low near 35.

Tuesday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the lower 60s.

After an overnight low of 29, Sunday's high reached 69, compared to the record high for that date of 86 set in 1979. The record low of 15 was set in 1951.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Sunday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.00 in.
Total for year 0.33 in.
Normal total yr to date 0.60 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High 63
Low 19
Normal high 61
Normal low 32

Sunrise ... 7:31 a.m.

Sunset ... 6:35 p.m.

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:00 p.m. EST.

	High	Low	Prev	Out
Albany, N.Y.	70	40	cl	
Albuquerque, N.M.	51	24	cl	
Atlanta, Ga.	75	21	cl	
Austin, Tex.	70	35	cl	
Baltimore, Md.	41	26	cl	
Baton Rouge, La.	59	33	cl	
Boston, Mass.	34	24	cl	
Casper, Wyo.	49	31	cl	
Chicago, Ill.	47	19	cl	
Cincinnati, Ohio	39	15	cl	
Cleveland, Ohio	33	16	cl	
Corpus Christi, Tex.	70	35	cl	
Dallas-Ft. Worth, Tex.	67	37	cl	
Dayton, Ohio	37	15	cl	
Daytona Beach, Fla.	58	41	cl	
Denver, Colo.	68	34	cl	
Des Moines, Iowa	40	22	cl	
Flagstaff, Ariz.	53	20	cl	
Ft. Worth, Tex.	67	37	cl	
Green Bay, Wis.	44	20	cl	
Honolulu, Hawaii	82	67	cl	
Houston, Tex.	66	34	cl	
Huntsville, Ala.	50	24	cl	
Indianapolis, Ind.	43	19	cl	
Kansas City, Mo.	64	31	cl	
Knoxville, Tenn.	43	20	cl	
Las Vegas, Nev.	73	44	cl	
Los Angeles, Calif.	61	41	cl	
Memphis, Tenn.	55	28	cl	
Miami Beach, Fla.	72	51	cl	
Minneapolis, Minn.	46	20	cl	
Mobile, Ala.	42	28	cl	
Nashville, Tenn.	47	21	cl	
New Orleans, La.	56	42	cl	
New York City, N.Y.	33	22	cl	
Newark, N.J.	34	22	cl	
Oklahoma City, Okla.	67	36	cl	
Omaha, Neb.	64	29	cl	
Orlando, Fla.	62	41	cl	

	High	Low	Prev	Out
Philadelphia, Pa.	35	23	cl	
Phoenix, Ariz.	77	50	cl	
Pittsburgh, Pa.	32	19	cl	
Richmond, Va.	44	23	cl	
Rio Grande, N.M.	44	20	cl	
Rochester, N.Y.	30	10	cl	
Rockford, Ill.	46	20	cl	
Sacramento, Calif.	54	43	cl	
St. Louis, Mo.	32	29	cl	
St. Thomas, V.I.	81	71	m	
Salem, Ore.	50	32	cl	
Salt Lake City, Utah	49	28	cl	
San Antonio, Tex.	68	30	cl	
San Diego, Calif.	63	50	cl	
San Francisco, Calif.	54	45	cl	
San Jose, Calif.	54	46	cl	
San Juan, P.R.	85	68	m	
Santa Fe, N.M.	61	21	cl	
Sioux Falls, S.D.	36	6	cl	
Savannah, Ga.	51	30	cl	
Seattle, Wash.	45	34	cl	
Shreveport, La.	61	35	cl	
Sioux City, Iowa	30	18	cl	
Sioux Falls, S.D.	36	6	cl	
South Bend, Ind.	40	12	cl	
Spokane, Wash.	42	29	cl	
Springfield, Ill.	49	23	cl	
Springfield, Mo.	62	26	cl	
Syracuse, N.Y.	23	8	cl	
Tallahassee, Fla.	57	29	cl	
Tampa-St. Petersburg, Fla.	63	40	cl	
Toledo, Ohio	38	12	cl	
Topeka, Kan.	66	33	cl	
Tucson, Ariz.	78	45	cl	
Tulsa, Okla.	55	35	cl	
Tupelo, Miss.	51	25	cl	
Waco, Tex.	69	35	cl	
Washington, D.C.	34	28	cl	
W Palm Beach, Fla.	69	47	cl	
Wichita, Kan.	64	33	cl	
Wichita Falls, Tex.	70	34	cl	

HAY: Canadian rancher donates 4,000 bales for drought victims

(From 1A)

"I said, 'If that S.O.B. can't help him, I can,'" the lanky and affable Fawcett said. And so he did.

Fawcett, who lives in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, donated 4,000 bales of alfalfa-grass hay from his ranch near the U.S. border in the southwest corner of Alberta. Champion Technologies' tractor-trailers did most of the hauling on their way back to Midland and Odessa from Calgary.

"I was lucky because I had sold my cattle two years ago," Fawcett said. "I had just finished haying. I baled a thousand bales on my 70th birthday."

Fawcett had "no political agenda at all" in helping the ranchers, said Kenneth Dierschke, a San Angelo cotton farmer and Texas Farm Bureau state director. "He's a very fine fellow."

Dierschke said that Fawcett's generosity "helped out international relations ... (The hay was) absolutely free."

"It's really something," Midland farmer A.C. Teinert said of Fawcett's generosity.

Cindy Collom, who ranches in the Odessa area, was appreciative of the hay that helped feed her cattle.

"I think it's wonderful," she said. "It helped us out quite a bit. It's like he said about that politician: We've got enough loans without having to take out another one to feed our cows."

Lynn Halfmann, a Midland County farmer-rancher who is president of the county's Texas Farm Bureau, said that Fawcett's gift of hay was "out of the goodness of his heart."

"He had seen it (the drought depicted) on TV and felt sorry for those people in the drought and decided to try to get some hay down here."

"He ... lined up all the trucks, including those Champion Technologies' (trucks) which were on delivery jobs to Calgary."

Fawcett's deed was "pretty grand" in helping out Midland-Odessa area ranches, Halfmann said. "I think he's seen all the suffering cattle down here. It's pretty magnificent that he wanted to help out with things in Texas."

BYTE: Minister likens potential problem to biblical story of worldwide tragedy

From 1A

the Houstons and Denvers and Midlands of the world: it is not immune to the coming Y2K Bug. Knowing that a computer is a computer is a computer, Tubb, a meticulous man, has obviously taken great pains to make certain the lights turn on 319 days from now, the dawn of the new millennium.

Part of the Region 20 Educational Service Center, Tubb has already made certain that his teachers and staff will continue to be paid. The service center, part of a statewide network that meets certain needs of school districts around the state, has solved the Y2K threat rather simply, really: computer technicians merely widened the character field where the year is input. Grady, and other school districts in Texas, will input 01-01-2000 instead of 01-01-00.

But just because the state's educational service centers have solved Y2K does not mean Grady will be without concerns or actual problems when the big morning arrives.

"It's definitely a concern," Tubb said. "But as far as worrying about waking up on Jan. 1, 2000, and nothing works, I don't believe that will happen. Our concerns locally at Grady are the internal workings of all our computers; making sure we don't lose down time because of not being Y2K-compatible. And we're about half way through."

Tubb said for Grady schools, software compliance is a bigger concern than hardware. But he admits checking and rechecking of

systems will do little good because most of the larger concerns are controlled by banks and utility services elsewhere.

"Our fax machine, I think, is going to work," he said. "We have a date-oriented phone system and there may be some components in our copiers that need to be examined. Our depository is at the State National Bank in Big Spring, and they have assured us they are addressing the problem. Our electricity ... we're in contact with Caprock Electric in Stanton. They send out a newsletter assuring us they'll be ready. Our heaters are natural gas and water is not an issue. We do have a computerized sprinkler system, but we would just have to go down and buy a new timer for \$30. Our cafeteria is not automated, so we're OK there, and our library is part of the T-Star satellite system."

Tubb agrees that whether you're a street sweeper in New York, a bank president in Midland or a teacher in Grady — population 39 — Y2K is "an issue. Computers have found a way to touch every person's life."

Not only is Tubb pragmatic and thorough, it would also be fair to paint him as a realist, too.

"Hopefully it won't get to a worst-case scenario, but we will find a way to have school after Jan. 1," he said.

Up the road several miles from Grady is Klondike, a community that, with a church, a bigger residential neighborhood, a gin and a sister city four miles away in Patricia, comes across as a burgeoning metropolis compared to

VOUCHERS: Cleveland developments have raised concerns

(From 1A)

force sub-par public schools to innovate and streamline operations or face bankruptcy like other businesses.

But opponents claim vouchers are part of a long-term effort not to save but to undermine public education.

"Vouchers would promote a divided America through resegregation and balkanization of education and culture," said Karen Nicholson, program vice president of the Midland League of Women Voters and legislative chair of the Midland Council of PTAs. "All children need to be educated, not just the children whose parents are proactive (in pursuing the vouchers)."

Proponents say their aim is not to bleed the public schools dry, and that the only money lost would be that which is used to educate students who opt to use vouchers.

"This is not a threat to the public schools. This raises the bar," said Greg Talley, a spokesman for Putting Children First, a pro-voucher coalition in Austin. "What does the public school system have to worry about? No one wants to abolish public education in Texas; we want to make it better."

"We've got to bring competition to these schools," said Midlander Evetts Haley Jr., a rancher, writer and political critic who once ran for state Senate. "In every human endeavor, competition improves efficiency and capacity."

Questions have been raised about the motives of supporters — mostly business leaders — in beckoning state funds toward the private sector.

"Public education is a \$24 billion business," said John O'Sullivan of the anti-voucher Texas Federation of Teachers. "You don't have to get your fingers too far into the trough before you get a significant profit."

"This is not about choice and it's not about kids. It's about \$24 billion," he said.

Haley would be inclined to agree that the debate is partially about money, but his interest, he claims, is in protecting the taxpayers.

"The ad valorem taxpayers in Texas cannot continue to carry the bill," he said. "The money has got to come ultimately from the people who are using the schools."

Haley said he'd like to see vouchers implemented "across the board" in Texas, but criticism has prompted voucher lobbyists to sculpt proposed legislation with caution. Most groups now advocate a five-year "pilot program," limited to at-risk or disadvantaged students and low-performing schools in a handful of metropolitan areas.

"I promise you, if it doesn't work in the five years we do it, we'll try something else," Talley said. "But we're confident it will work."

Such assurances, however, do not put opponents at ease.

"I'm not willing to get in the car with them until I know where we're going," said Martha Manulik, board president of Midland Independent School District. "What is the long-range goal of vouchers? Where are they going to be in five years? Have you (proponents) been honest about it?"

VOUCHERS IN MIDLAND?

The Tall City may be where vouchers are in five years, should a pilot program pass and prove successful. But how would vouchers work in Midland?

Not at all, say both private and public educators, given current limitations.

"It will be centuries before it will have any impact on the masses of students," said MISD Superintendent Joseph P. Baressi Jr. "There isn't that kind of capacity in private schools to impact any large numbers."

Both Midland Christian and Trinity schools — the two largest private schools in Midland — have trouble accommodating requests for admission as it is. Midland Christian has a waiting list.

"Most of the private schools in

the Midland area are near capacity," said Eddie Lee, Midland Christian superintendent. "I've found very few private school administrators who have any expectation that they're going to be able to participate (in vouchers), simply because of the government requiring certain things."

"All at-risk students will not be able to be underwritten by vouchers," said MISD board member James Fuller. "So there you get into selectivity: who's going to go?"

According to voucher allies, the answer lies again in competition.

"When the opportunity is there, what are you going to have? You're going to have more private schools spring up, particularly in towns like Midland," Haley said. "In the meantime, you're going to have the (school district) that's going to lose them trying like hell to do better."

Many public educators resent the competition argument, saying that comparing private and public schools is like comparing apples and oranges. Private schools have not traditionally been saddled with the hardest to educate, for instance, while public schools are obligated to educate all children.

But some school officials say they see how competition could help.

"It has some validity. I can't discount that," Fuller said. He said, however, that the way to foster competition was for local districts to expect a higher level of achievement and ingenuity in their administrators, teachers and students.

"I don't see vouchers as being the vehicle whereby that competitiveness is going to be enhanced," he said. "It's still going to be an obligation of the community, the state and the nation."

INSUFFICIENT DATA

Uncertainty about school choice has prompted many to look elsewhere in the country for precedent, but data supporting or refut-

ing the validity of vouchers is either scant or preliminary at best.

The oldest project, in Milwaukee, is approaching its 10th year in operation, but results are as yet inconclusive. Both camps of the voucher fight have Milwaukee studies in their arsenals that they claim support their position — some showing positive effects on academic performance, others showing a wash — and each side calls the other's studies biased or bogus.

The same is true in Cleveland, whose voucher program was begun in 1996. A few early developments in Cleveland, however, have raised concerns.

A recent audit commissioned by the state of Ohio revealed:

■ Nearly three-quarters of voucher student files tested did not contain adequate proof of income;

■ Voucher students, who don't have access to public transportation, have spent \$1.4 million in state money to take taxi cabs to class, and taxi companies have overcharged them by \$419,000; and

■ Schools have not been requiring proof of guardianship; one-third of files tested contained last names of parents and children that differed, prompting speculation that students ineligible for vouchers may be obtaining them.

Voucher supporters claim, however, that these are merely kinks in a bold new experiment that needs to be perfected, not discarded.

Whether Texans — or Midlanders — will want those kinks untangled before welcoming voucher plans in their neighborhoods remains to be seen, but voucher advocates are pushing ahead despite the anxiety.

"If we don't ever try the competition angle we'll never know how that plays out. We need to find out if choice works and give it a chance," said Jim Windham, chairman of Texas Business Leaders for Educational Choice. "After all, what's the downside?"

BILL: Groups have banded together to oppose vouchers

(From 1A)

method," said state Sen. Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo), chair of the Senate Education Committee and who represents Midland County.

Bivins will introduce a bill in the next few weeks for what he calls a voucher "experiment." The plan would last five years and only apply to the five or six largest metropolitan areas in the state. Only students eligible for free or reduced lunches who attend low-performing schools in these areas would be eligible to participate.

Once students met the qualifications, they could receive a voucher worth 80 percent of their per-pupil funding from the state. Based on current funding formulas, this amounts to about a \$4,000 stipend. Participating private schools would have to accept this as tuition-in-full, even if their standard tuitions are higher. The schools would also have to take all-comers, Bivins said, and have a randomized lottery system in place for cases in which there are more applicants than spaces.

Bivins proposed similar legislation last session for a 10-year statewide program, but the bill failed to garner the two-thirds majority, or 21 votes, necessary to even be discussed on the Senate floor. Republicans hold a slim one-member majority in the

Senate.

"It's a very controversial issue," Bivins said. "We were not successful in the last session. And the Senate makeup has not changed much."

What has changed, Bivins said, has been public attitude.

"This was a fringe issue in the early 1990s. I would say in the late 1990s it's a mainstream issue."

Gov. George W. Bush has helped that mainstreaming along in Texas by saying he supports a pilot voucher program. And even some voucher opponents argue his endorsement may be enough.

"The governor is for it and the governor is extremely popular ... From what I've been told, it's a foregone conclusion that it's going to pass in some form or another," said MISD Superintendent Joseph P. Baressi Jr., who recently sent a letter on behalf of the district asking the Legislature not to approve any voucher programs before raising teacher salaries and per-pupil expenditures to the national average.

However, the conclusion may not be as foregone as Baressi asserts.

Along with the raised voices of support for vouchers in some sectors of the community has come a chorus of opposition that is just as strident.

School districts, teachers' unions, parent groups and civil

rights organizations are banded together in opposition to vouchers.

"We don't think we're going to win this without a fight," said John O'Sullivan of the Texas Federation of Teachers.

O'Sullivan said those who support vouchers are small in number but have financial clout. He pointed to the substantial contributions made to Lt. Gov. Rick Perry's campaign by a handful of Texas businessmen who are voucher supporters.

"Rick Perry has about 530,000 reasons to support vouchers," O'Sullivan said.

Among the groups joining the fight against vouchers statewide are the Texas Association of School Boards, the PTA, the League of Women Voters, the NAACP, LULAC, the Texas Federation of Teachers and the Texas Classroom Teachers Association.

Opponents are joined by some religious groups and private school administrators who fear being subjected to governmental regulation.

"If I had to bet on it, I'd say vouchers are dead in Texas — D.O.A.," said Steve Buck, president of the Midland Federation of Teachers.

Buck said there is at least one Republican in the one-seat majority Republican Senate who

is anti-voucher and many more in the House. The Education and Appropriations committees in the Democrat-controlled House also are stacked with voucher opponents.

Supporters — more cautious about making bold predictions of victory or defeat than Baressi or Buck — nevertheless proclaim optimism.

"We believe we have the momentum," said Greg Talley, a spokesman for Putting Children First, a pro-voucher coalition in Austin.

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Allies give Serbs, Albanians one more week to reach agreement

PARIS (AP) — Despite a conclusion that "nothing has really been solved," the United States and five other nations gave rival Serbs and ethnic Albanians another week to consider their plan for ending yearlong conflict in Kosovo.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, intervening directly, brought the two sides together Sunday, face-to-face, for the first time. She reported afterward that the Albanians, at least, thought the plan that would give them self-rule but not independence was a "fair deal."

But the Serbs resisted the prospect of a NATO peacekeeping force deployed in the Serbian province in the event of a settlement, and Albright said even the Albanians had not promised to sign the deal by the deadline of next Saturday at noon.

That's when the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Russia said the talks extension will end.

"I hope very much the Serbs will see it in their interest also to sign on," Albright said after talking jointly to four delegates from each side at the negotiations site, a 14th-century chateau at Rambouillet, 40 miles southwest of Paris.

If there is no settlement by the deadline, French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine said at a news conference, "We would, no doubt, undertake an assessment of what is next." He did not repeat the now-

familiar U.S. threat to bomb the Serbs, although Albright told reporters separately that "the threat of NATO airstrikes remains real."

"We will hold both sides accountable if they fail to seize the opportunity," the six ministers said in a joint statement.

They also lamented that "progress has been slower than we had hoped for." Vedrine, co-chairman of the talks with British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, told reporters, "Nothing has really been solved."

The frustration of trying to end a conflict that has claimed more than 2,000 lives with a plan that compromises both sides' goals was evident through a difficult day of bargaining.

Before flying off to Mexico to join President Clinton at talks with Mexican leaders, Albright said: "I will not be able to say that the path to an agreement is clear or that success is in sight."

And a senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "She walked away with a lot of concern that they may not be able to reach an agreement."

The official said the foreign ministers might consult again, either by telephone or in a meeting, but that the focus of such a meeting would be for NATO to consider military action — despite what the official said was strong opposition from Russia.

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said there was no discussion of using force at the meeting of the six Contact Group ministers after Albright met separately and together with Serbs and ethnic Albanians.

The Russian ventured that with "political will" the chances of an agreement for Kosovo are real.

Albright and Ivanov met separately with Serbian President Milan Milutinovic. "There is real apprehension in the Yugoslav leadership about the country's

borders," Ivanov said, referring to the ardent wish of many Kosovo Albanians that the province ultimately will unite with Albania.

Albright, meanwhile, said she sought to convince the Serbs that peace in Kosovo could lead to the unhappy province's reintegration with Yugoslavia, but Serb sources

described her meeting with Milutinovic as "tense and embarrassing."

The three-year plan for Kosovo is designed to end the fighting, compel Serbia to withdraw most of its troops from Kosovo and set up elections to clear the way for the ethnic Albanians, who are 90 per-

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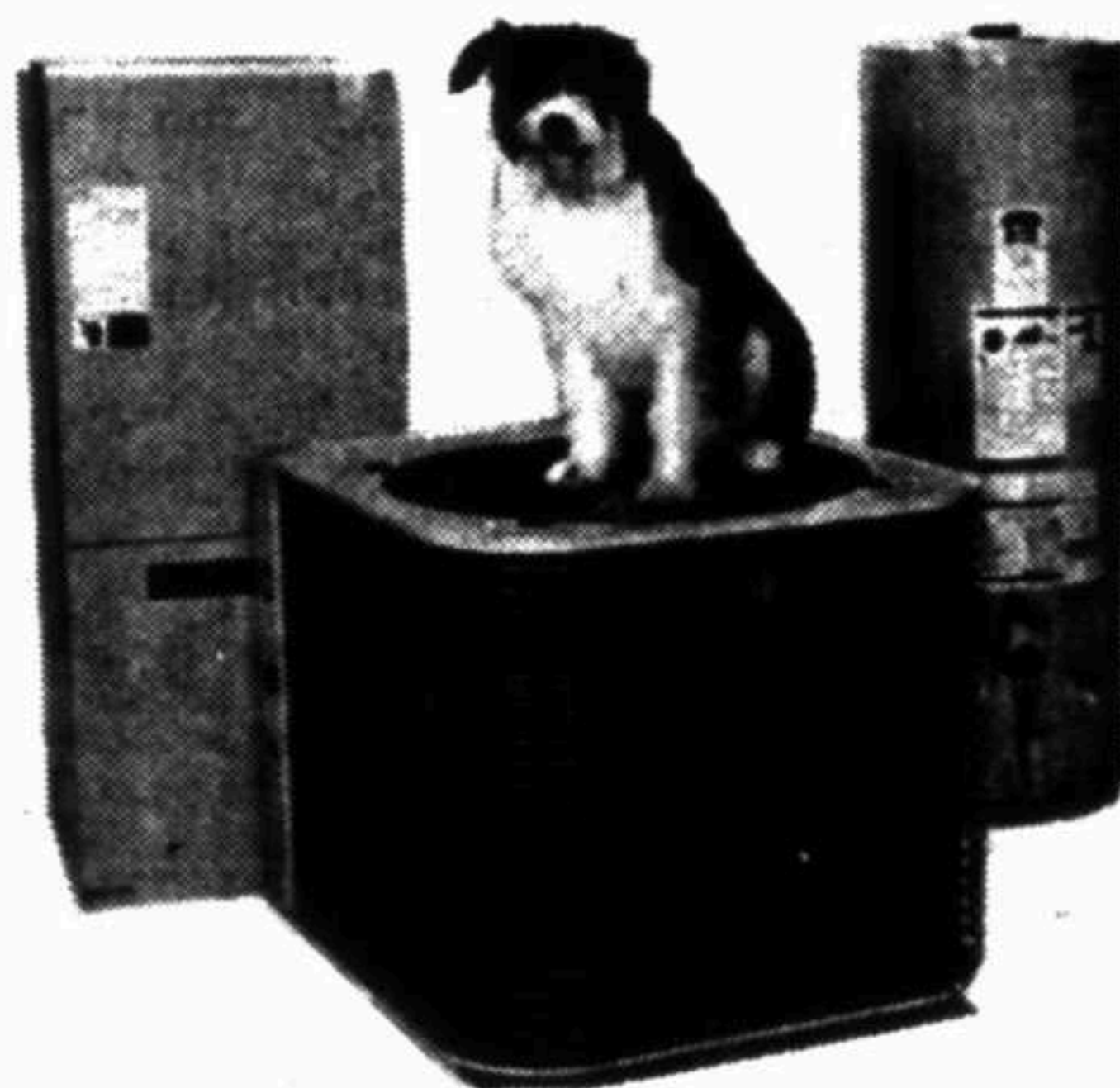
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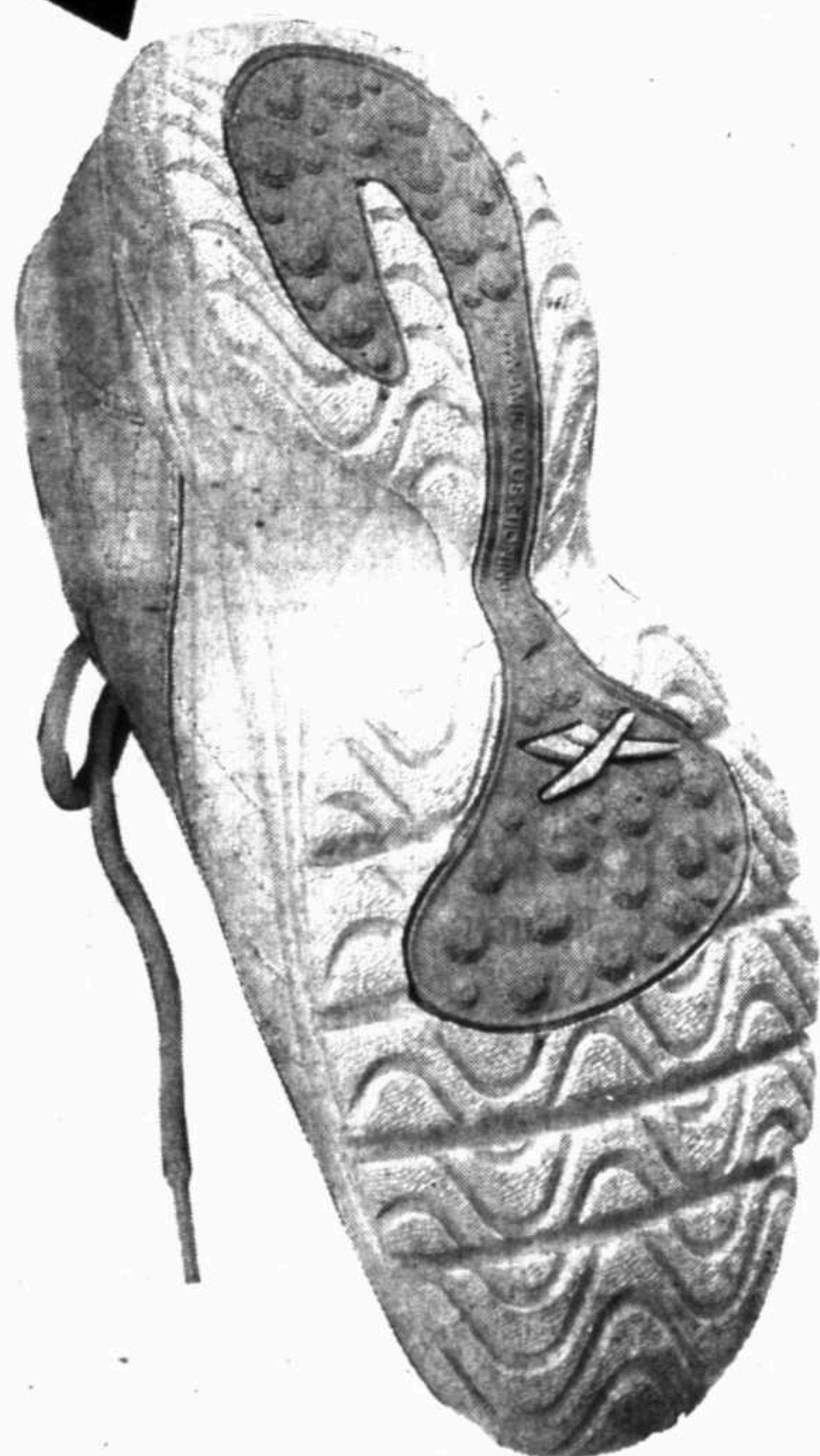
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No peace for Afghanistan in 10 years since Soviet withdrawal

PAT KO SHANA, Afghanistan (AP) — For Haji Ratmat Gul, talk of the Soviet withdrawal from his homeland a decade ago resurrects memories of a war so painfully fresh it could have been yesterday.

Fifty Soviet soldiers roared into his village in trucks and armored personnel carriers, churning up the dusty track that snakes through Pat Ko Shana, a village 35 miles from the capital, Kabul.

Seventy boys, some as young as 8, fled to an underground canal because they feared they would be conscripted and sent to fight U.S.-supported Islamic insurgents. But their hiding place was soon discovered.

Gul remembers watching with horror from a nearby second-story window as the soldiers fed something into the canal through a pipe, then fired a submachine gun into the canal. The earth trembled, and flames shot 30 feet into the air with a terrible roar. The boys were dead.

That was 1982 — seven years before the last Red Army troops left Afghanistan on Feb. 15, 1989, fleeing fierce resistance and a war that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev called a "bleeding

wound."

Many Afghans believe it was their defeat of the Soviet army that pushed the Soviet Union toward its downfall. Within 10 months of the withdrawal, the Berlin Wall came crashing down, Soviet satellite states started breaking away and the Soviet Union began to unravel.

"Because of the strength of the people of Afghanistan, the Soviets had to withdraw, and it is because of the Afghans and their humiliating defeat of the Soviet Union that it gave others, like Poland, the strength to fight for their freedom," said Abdul Sattar Pakhty, a foreign ministry representative of the Taliban religious army that now rules 90 percent of Afghanistan.

But the fighting hasn't stopped for Afghans. Ten years later, many question the results of their bloody struggle against the Soviets and grumble over their choice of leaders today.

There are the no-nonsense Taliban fighters, who espouse a severe brand of Islam that has made women prisoners in their own country, locked inside their homes, forbidden from working and going to school. Music is illegal, murderers are executed in

public, and thieves have their limbs amputated.

Then there is the opposition, a collection of often feuding Islamic militias holed up in northern Afghanistan. The strongest faction is led by Burhanuddin Rabbani, who was driven from a nominal presidency when Taliban forces captured Kabul in 1996.

It was while Rabbani was president that the Islamic militias that had forced the Soviets to get out turned their guns on each other in a bitter struggle for power. The fighting around Kabul destroyed 70 percent of the city, killed 50,000 people, mostly civilians, and maimed thousands.

The bloodshed drew the new Taliban movement into the war in 1994, and Taliban fighters marched across much of the country.

For Afghans, it has been one disastrous ruler after another.

"What have we done to deserve this?" asked a woman who gave her name only as Raqiba. Enveloped from head to toe by her pale blue "burqa," she prayed beside the grave of her husband, who was killed in a rocket attack.

"We have lost everything. What can I say? I feel sometimes like I am losing my mind," she said, crying. "I pray now only for the

future of my children. Our lives are lost, but what about them?"

The graveyard she stood in could be a symbol for Afghanistan's recent history. Half the graves belong to those killed during the Soviet occupation, the other half to those who have died since.

Many Afghans feel the world has turned upside down. Their former friends are enemies, former foes are allies.

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Lawmakers predict end of Independent Counsel Act

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers from both parties saw almost no chance Sunday for survival of the Independent Counsel Act, which provided the framework for Kenneth Starr's investigation of President Clinton, when it comes up for renewal this year.

"This law needs to terminate. I don't want it to be amended. I want it to be ended," Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said on CNN's "Late Edition."

The act passed in 1978 as the post-Watergate Congress sought a means to ensure that politics did not interfere when the president, his cabinet and other senior officials are investigated for wrongdoing. It expires June 30 unless Congress and the president approve its reauthorization.

Attorney General Janet Reno, at the urging of Republicans, has seven times asked for the naming of an independent counsel to investigate administration officials, most notably Starr who has pursued President Clinton's connections to Whitewater, Travelgate, the FBI files and finally his affair with Monica Lewinsky, which led to Clinton's impeachment.

Democrats contend that Starr abused the almost unlimited powers the act gives an independent counsel, while Republicans have joined Democrats in protesting the amount of money spent. Starr has spent more than \$40 million over more than four years investigating the president. Another independent counsel, Donald Smaltz, took four years and \$17

million looking into corruption charges against former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy. Espy was acquitted of those charges, and Clinton was found innocent of impeachment charges that grew out of Starr's investigation.

Republicans also are unhappy about past independent counsel activities during GOP administrations and about Reno's decisions not to seek independent counsels for possible Democratic campaign fund-raising violations.

"One thing we can do in this Congress is not extend the life of the independent counsel statute. It was a post-Watergate liberal notion, and it was a disaster," said Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"It's either going to be rewritten significantly, or it will be allowed to lapse. In all likelihood the latter," agreed Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma, Republican whip in the Senate, on ABC's "This Week."

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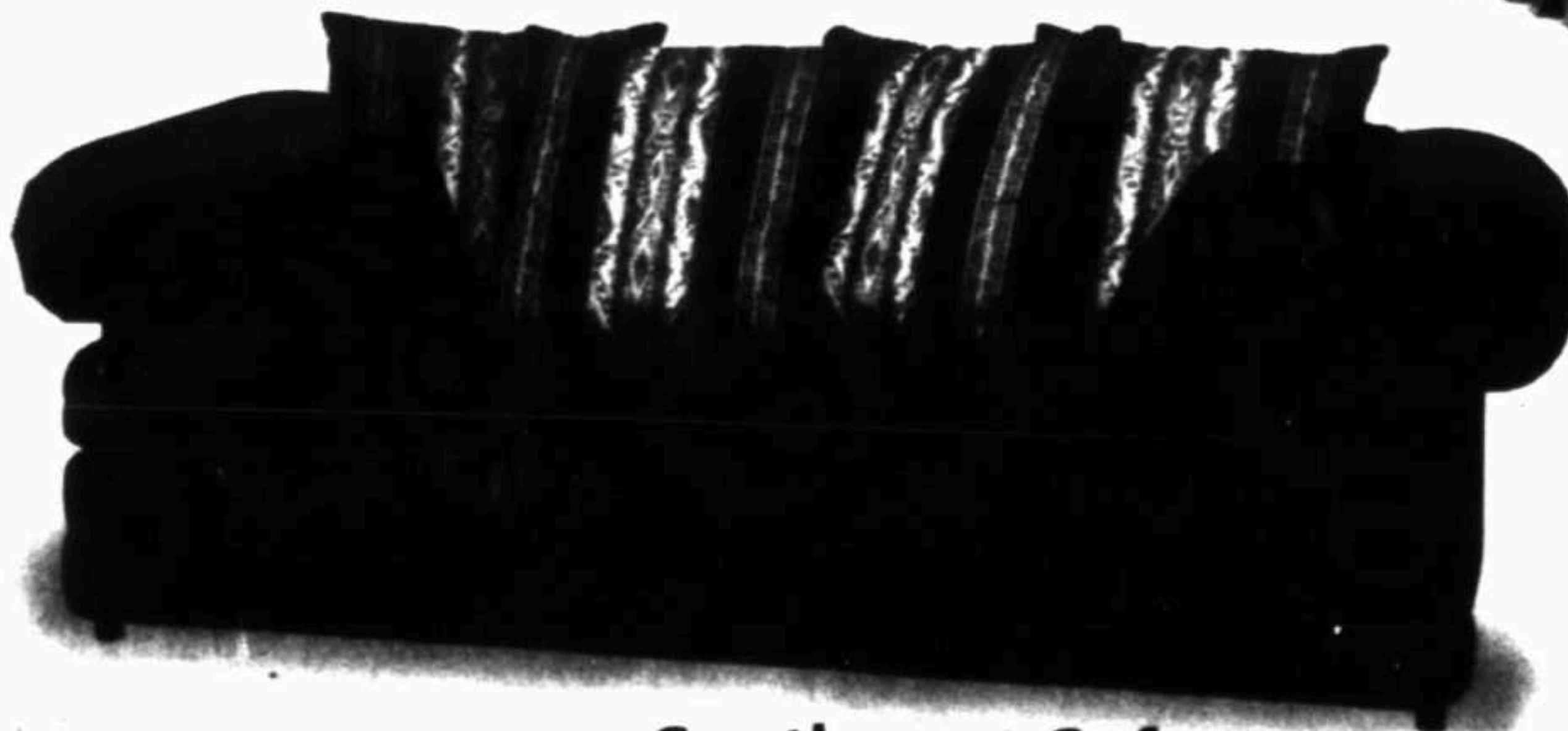


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Radioactive waste question needs full debate

A committee of the Texas Senate is now deciding the future of the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority, and that committee's determination will mean that low-level radioactive waste either will or will not be disposed of in Andrews County.

Based on the committee's determination the agency will either continue its operations and find another site, cease to exist completely or team up with one of the private companies seeking permission from the State of Texas to dispose of low-level radioactive waste in the state.

Although the question is seemingly being determined in the halls of state government far from the Staked Plains under which the radioactive waste would be stored, the people of Andrews County and the Permian Basin region are the ones whose concerns should be heard and heeded in this instance.

Yes, Waste Control Specialists already operates a low-level and hazardous waste storage facility in Andrews County and has been storing waste there for months. But after the proposed low-level waste disposal site near Sierra Blanca in Hudspeth County was scrapped because of concerns about that site raised by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, the possibility of redirecting the efforts toward Andrews County was raised by WCS.

Some businessmen and others in Andrews County have been embracing the possibility because of its likely job creation prospects. That's understandable because of the present oil pricing crisis gripping the oil industry. Those who work in the oil industry in this area — and Andrews County, like Midland, is heavily oil related — are in desperate need of jobs, a way to make a living until the price of oil gets back to a profitable level.

But even with the additional concern for jobs, the matter now being debated in the Texas Senate needs to be fully discussed and the input of the people from Andrews County and the entire Permian Basin needs to be heard and strongly considered. This is where we live and we will be the people potentially affected by transportation of low-level radioactive waste through our cities, and the storage of it, with all the potential for future problems that entails.

This is not a decision to be made quickly. Our neighbors in Andrews County should proceed cautiously and explore all the possibilities — good and bad — before the matter is resolved.

JACK ANDERSON

Inmates clog system with 'unusual' lawsuits

Douglas Jackson of Miami thought his estranged wife was having an affair with another man.

So Jackson rounded up that man and four members of the kindly family that had taken in Jackson's wife when she left him — a man, his pregnant wife and their two children, ages 1 and 4.

First, Jackson forced his victims into an abandoned car; then he fatally shot the three adults. He finished the job by dousing the car with gasoline and setting it on fire. The children were burned alive.

While appealing his death sentence, Jackson passed the time by teaching Bible study classes — and incessantly suing the state of Florida.

He sued over a callous on his hand; he sued because his jailers made him flush his dinner left-overs down the toilet of his cell; he sued because the prison wouldn't give him a computer.

Finally, he sued because a storm knocked out the TV satellite dish in the prison, depriving Jackson of the educational cable channels and leaving him with network TV. How was a guy supposed to get rehabilitated, Jackson whined, if all he saw on TV was "murder, rape, crime, violence, nudity, profanity and the like"?

Jackson's suits are an example of the thousands of outrageous lawsuits filed each year by prisoners across the country citing "cruel and unusual punishment" and other issues.

The growing glacier of petty prisoner grievances

often spelled out in hand-scrawled, amateur legal briefs (sometimes on toilet paper), is mowing over important cases on local, state and federal court dockets.

And it's also seriously eroding efforts at rehabilitation, for two reasons: First, it allows prisoners to think they are "victims," instead of offenders; and second, it provides a way for inmates to get back at the system that put them behind bars.

"If you're ever going to be rehabilitated, you first have to accept responsibility for your actions and accept the consequences," explains Daniel Lundgren, the former attorney general of California who lost in the governor's race last November.

"If, instead of doing that, you have a civil justice system that makes available to you an opportunity to be based on phony or insubstantial complaints, it interferes with your ability to accept responsibility, and understand that society has a right to bring sanctions down on (you)."

We've found a culture in prisons that says, "I'm not in here for any good reason. I'm in here because the system did me in." With few exceptions, the prisoners say they were wrongly imprisoned, or they were framed, or the jury didn't have all the information.

This psychology of denial is what's fueling a rise in wasteful and outrageous prisoner lawsuits. "They come into prison denying any wrongdoing, and they are now constantly presented with further reasons to blame others," complained one Nevada prison official.

That feeling is evidenced by an across-the-country review of frivolous prisoner lawsuits we conducted, including the following:

■ A South Dakota inmate, who was a former

policeman, suing two separate police departments for issuing him the gun with which he shot his wife;

■ Mississippi prisoners suing because they did not think they should have to pay restitution for destroying state property;

■ A Texas prisoner suing for \$5,000 in damages because he burned his finger while playing with a pack of matches;

■ Another Texas prisoner who sued for having to live and eat in the presence of human waste, which he himself smeared on the walls of his cell;

■ A Utah prisoner who deliberately flooded his cell, then sued officers who cleaned it up because they got his Pinochle cards wet;

■ And an Arizona inmate who was suing the Department of Corrections for failure to rehabilitate him since he was arrested and convicted of another crime while out on parole.

Or there's Ira Tillery, doing 25 years in an Ohio prison for rape and robbery, who jumped high for a slam-dunk in an inmate basketball game. When he came back down to the floor, it was without the middle finger of his right hand, which was lodged in the metal support of the basketball rim. Despite having played safely on the court for 13 months prior to the accident, Tillery sued the prison for creating this "hazardous" condition — one that exists on every basketball court in the country.

As Lundgren concluded to us: "This is an absolute repudiation of rehabilitation."

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DAN RATHER

Memoir about dying spouse exemplifies married love

We have been passing around a little book, my wife (Jean) and I and a few friends. It is hardly any bigger than a book of Green Stamps, but we keep picking it up and passing it along, returning to it and discussing it among ourselves.

It is called "Elegy for Iris" (St. Martin's Press, 1999), and it is about married love. It is also about Alzheimer's, and growing old, and remembering and forgetting, and finding peace.

It is about Iris Murdoch, the English novelist and philosopher who died this week; her husband, John Bayley — a critic, novelist and teacher — wrote the book.

But it is mainly about marriage. The book already broke our hearts and mended them before Iris Murdoch died.

I confess that I once picked up a novel by Iris Murdoch. I read several chapters before I decided the book was not — could not — be written in English. Michael Jordan couldn't have written anything further over my head. I never read John Bayley's work at all, until now.

The occasional foray into Cormac McCarthy aside, the nearest I usually come to a philosophical novel on the nature of good and evil (Murdoch's specialty) is when Jean tries to foist Marcel Proust on me with the ingenious recommendation that "it's just as good as Dan Jenkins, really."

"Elegy for Iris" has seduced me with its painstaking reconstruction of the love between two people. From their earliest days as self-conscious Oxford intellectuals, Iris and John surprised each other, and themselves, with the depth of their feelings. They found love easier than marriage, but they went on surprising for 45 years.

Several years ago, Murdoch complained of writer's block; then a doctor diagnosed her with Alzheimer's. By the time Bayley began to write his "Elegy," she had slipped deep into the disease.

She was one of the smartest women in Britain and one of the most acclaimed authors of the century. She was fiercely independent, often taking great pains to prevent friends and lovers from knowing about each other, to say nothing of permitting them to know each other.

With Alzheimer's, that famous intelligence was dragged down by a memory that could no longer function. That flourishing gift for language withered, until she couldn't complete a spoken sentence. That fierce independence was subdued, until she relied entirely on her husband.

Readers will find that Alzheimer's could destroy almost everything except the love between John and Iris. And in his book, John set about safeguarding that love — the times and books, ideas and adventures they'd shared — by remembering, because Iris no longer could.

John knew that their love had always been the most important part of their lives. It still was. And, I dare say, it still is.

There's not a married person on earth who doesn't fear the lingering illness of a spouse. Life doesn't offer many tests of character more difficult than that, and most of us fear that we won't be strong enough for ourselves, much less strong enough for BOTH of us.

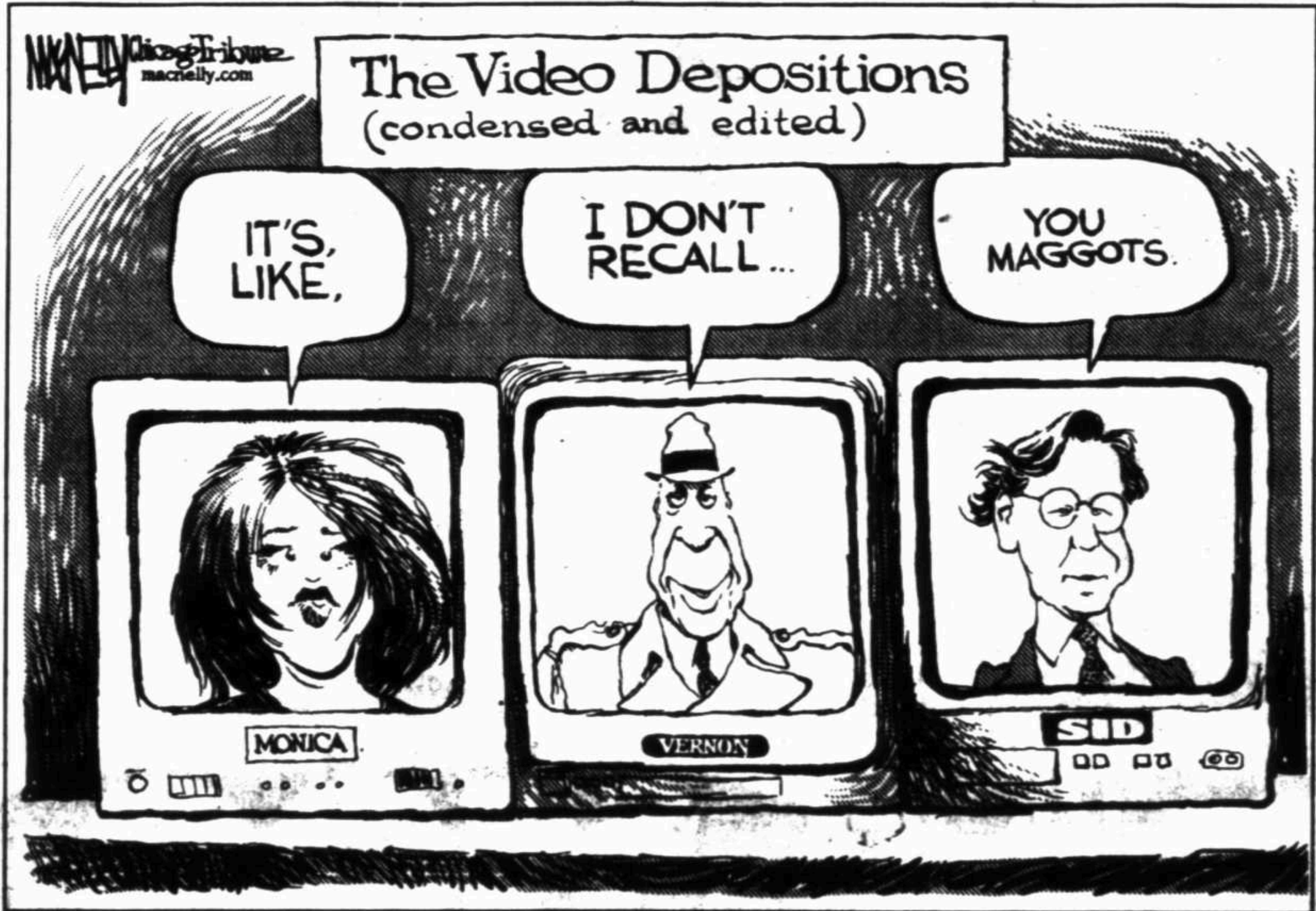
John Bayley was strong enough. And so was Iris Murdoch.

I want to share that. I want to report to you that there is, right now at your library or bookstore, a book whose main characters are heroic just because they are married to each other.

In another husband's memoir, I find my mother and father, my wife's parents, our friends and us. I find shared lives, and hurts and forgiveness, and joys that are greatest because nobody else knows them.

Happy Valentine's Day. Pass it on.

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CHARLEY REESE

Capitalism drives U.S. foreign interests

When you think about terrorism, you should remember that there was once a time when Americans freely traveled the world and met nothing but admiration and perhaps a bit of envy.

It is useful to ponder what changed between the time America was admired and the time today when America is often hated.

America was admired when it followed the advice of George Washington and, in its foreign relations, offered friendship and commerce to all, with no favoritism, and entangling alliances with none. America was admired when it was a republic, not an empire, and when it spoke in favor of people trying to throw off imperial governments.

The change occurred following the War Between the States. America became an empire, and its first imperial war was the Spanish-American War, which, stripped of all the baloney, was a deliberate attack against Spain's foreign holdings for the purpose of acquiring an empire of our own. And we did. We took Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

Instead of defending people's desire for liberty and independence, we crushed it. Soon afterward, we annexed the Hawaiian Islands. We fomented a rebellion against Colombia, created Panama and then took a 10-mile-wide slice of that country and built the Panama Canal.

A Marine Corps general, Smedley Butler, captured the era when he said of his 33 years in the Corps he spent "most of my time being a high-class muscle man for Big Business, for Wall Street and the bankers. In short, I was a racketeer for capitalism. ... I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers. ... I helped make Mexico ... safe for American oil interests. ... I brought light to Dominican Republic for American sugar interests. ... I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent

place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenue in. ... In China in 1927 I helped see to it that Standard Oil went its way unmolested."

And so forth. Today, we are still using our military and the CIA as racketeers for capitalism. There is no legitimate national security purpose in our being in all the places we are.

All of this imperial business stems from the London-New York financial axis that developed about the time America was suckered into the first of Europe's civil wars. It's in the history books if you care to dig it out.

But the relevant point, which politicians never mention, is that U.S. policy creates terrorism, and the solution to the problem of terrorism is to change the policy. We shouldn't be meddling and bullying people in the Balkans and in the Middle East. We shouldn't be propping up dictators who cut deals with U.S. businessmen and trying to overthrow those who won't.

It's funny, in fact, to hear the politicians and the terrorism bureaucrats talk. You'd think terrorists parachuted down from Mars and have no earthly reason to be terrorists. Of course, the last thing in the world politicians want Americans to realize is that it is the U.S. policies that are creating the terrorists.

What does Osama bin Laden, the government's terrorist de jure, want? He wants the United States out of Saudi Arabia, and he wants the United States to quit supporting Israel's repression of Palestinians. I don't have a problem with that. There's no legitimate reason for us to interfere in the internal affairs of the countries of the Middle East. Our one legitimate interest is buying oil, and no matter who's in charge of the countries, they'll sell it to us. Which companies they do business with, and the terms, are not a legitimate national interest.

We are played for suckers by the people who own our politicians.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Feb. 15; the 46th day of 1999. There are 319 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 15, 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain.

On this date:

In 1564, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa.

In 1764, the city of St. Louis was established.

In 1820, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Mass.

In 1879, President Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court.

In 1933, President-elect Franklin Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami.

MIDLAND REPORT

Legacy

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Legacy of pain follows impeachment process

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's not really over. Not for Hillary and Chelsea. Not for many others, either. There is a legacy of pain, anger, humiliation and embarrassment that endures from the yearlong scandal that grew out of President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter were devastated by the president's betrayal, left with sleepless nights and private agony, friends say. They try not to show their heartache publicly, but others, like former Sen. Dale Bumpers, describe a relationship that has been "about as decimated as a family can get."

For staff and friends, there are huge legal bills to pay. Damaged reputations to be repaired. Shattered trusts and confidences to be soothed.

Some of the president's top aides were furious that he lied to them, then expected them to defend his deception. Some considered quitting but stayed, mostly out of fidelity to the president's agenda. Or loyalty to the first lady.

The president recently acknowledged it had been a strain but said, "I think we've come through the worst."

One White House official who left described the legal bills as "brutal." Not just for senior staff, either — assistants, associates, friends outside the White House were subpoenaed as well.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there are mixed emotions among the staff.

"There are those who are deeply distressed," the official said.

"There are those who are a little disillusioned and hurt. There are also those who are the steadfast supporters and are deep believers in his agenda and what he is trying to do for the country. They see that

with greatness can sometimes come weaknesses."

Clinton, in a message to his staff Friday, said, "The past year has been especially difficult for you. I know that my actions and the events they triggered have made your work even harder. For that, I am profoundly sorry. In all this, under the most extraordinary of circumstances, you never lost sight of your first obligation — to serve the people of our nation. For that, I am profoundly grateful."

Some of Clinton's aides blame not Clinton but Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, believing he waged a personal vendetta against the president.

When the story broke a year ago, Clinton personally assured his Cabinet he had not had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Commerce Secretary William Daley, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Sha-

lala and Education Secretary Richard Riley were sent out before the press to repeat Clinton's false denial.

The president apologized to them eight months later and admitted his deception. Shalala, Riley and Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt bluntly questioned or confronted Clinton.

Associates say Clinton confidante Bruce Lindsey probably wins top prize in legal bills, perhaps as much as \$1 million. Former deputy chief of staff Evelyn Lieberman, who was suspicious about Lewinsky's interest in Clinton and forced her to leave the White House, also has huge legal expenses.

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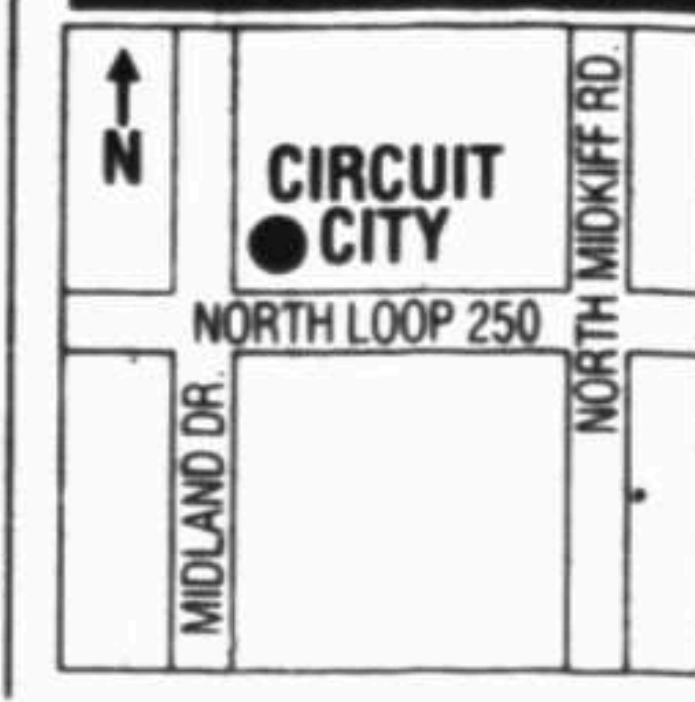
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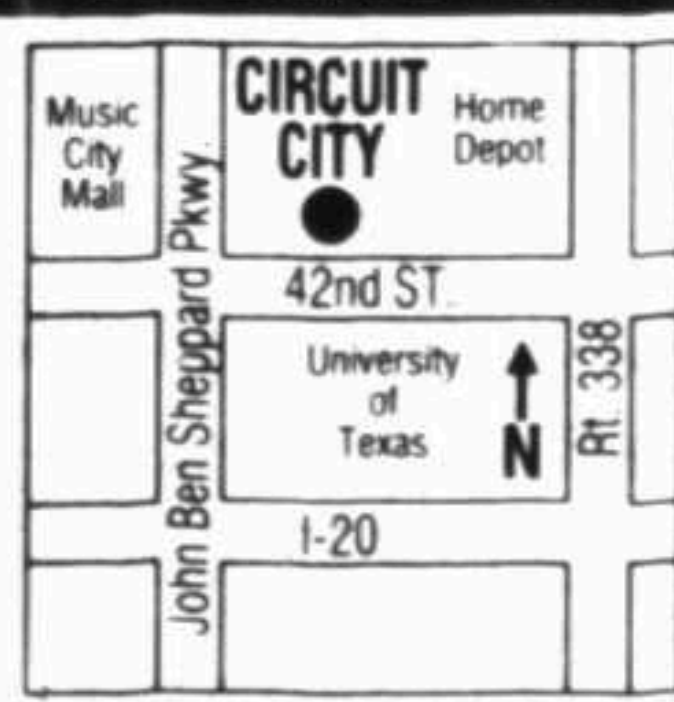
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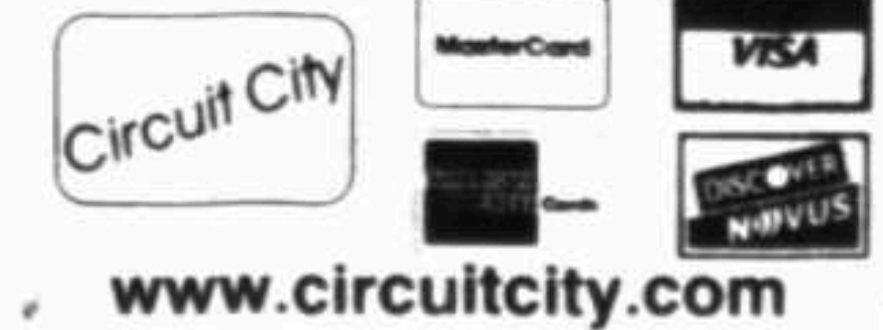
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HUMOR ON THE SIDE

Y-to-K? No prob

I hope I haven't misunderstood the problem because, to be honest, none of this "Y to K" problem makes any sense to me. At any rate I have finished converting all the months on all my calendars so that the year 2000 is ready to go with the following new months: Januark, Februark, Mak, and Julk. Frankly, I don't see what all the fuss was about.

Virus alert — Read!

Watch out for Bad Bad times: If you receive an e-mail entitled "Badtimes," delete it immediately. Do not open it. Apparently this one is pretty nasty. It will not only erase everything on your hard drive, but it will also delete anything on disks within 20 feet of your computer. It demagnetizes the stripes on ALL of your credit cards. It reprograms your ATM access code, messes up the tracking on your VCR and uses subspace field harmonics to scratch any CD's you attempt to play.

It will re-calibrate your refrigerator's coolness settings so all your ice cream melts and your milk curdles. It will program your phone autodial to call only your mother-in-law's number. This virus will mix antifreeze into your fish tank. It will drink all your soda. It will leave dirty socks on the coffee table when you are expecting company. Its radioactive emissions will cause your toe jam and bellybutton fuzz (be honest, you have some) to migrate behind your ears.

It will replace your shampoo with Nair and your Nair with Rogaine, all while dating your current boyfriend/girlfriend behind your back and billing their hotel rendezvous to your Visa card. It will cause you to run with scissors and throw things in a way that is only fun until someone loses an eye. It will give you Dutch Elm Disease and Tinea. It will rewrite your backup files, changing all your active verbs to passive tense and incorporate undetectable misspellings which grossly change the interpretations of key sentences.

If the "Badtimes" message is opened in a Windows 95 environment, it will leave the toilet seat up and leave your hair dryer plugged in dangerously close to a full bathtub. It will not only remove the forbidden tags from your mattresses and pillows, but it will also refill your skim milk with whole milk. It will replace all your luncheon meat with Spam. It will molecularly rearrange your cologne or perfume, causing it to smell like dill pickles. It is insidious and subtle. It is dangerous and terrifying to behold. It is also a rather interesting shade of mauve. These are just a few signs of infection.

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"When women are depressed they either eat or go shopping. Men invade another country."
— *Elayne Boosler*

"Any girl can be glamorous. All you have to do is stand still and look stupid."
— *Hedy Lamarr*
"Behind every successful man is a surprised woman."
— *Maryon Pearson*

"I never married because there was no need. I have three pets at home which answer the same purpose as a husband. I have a dog which growls every morning, a parrot which swears all afternoon and a cat that comes home late at night."
— *Marie Corelli*

"I base most of my fashion taste on what doesn't itch."
— *Gilda Radner*

"Our struggle today is not to have a female Einstein get appointed as an assistant professor. It is for a woman schlemiel to get as quickly promoted as a male schlemiel."
— *Bella Abzug*

"Sometimes I wonder if men and women really suit each other. Perhaps they should live next door and just visit now and then."
— *Katharine Hepburn*

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MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

El Paso home to world's largest Harley shop

By Tumbleweed Smith

EL PASO — It's in El Paso. Six acres along Interstate 10. Rows and rows of shiny, new Harley Davidson motorcycles. It's a store called Barnett Harley-Davidson. It has 300 motorcycles on display with an average price tag of \$20,000 each.

The store publishes a magazine six times a year. It's called Barnett's National Cycle Seller and has news about the store, specials and classified advertising for people buying and selling Harleys.

The store has a website on the internet: www.barnett-d.com. It has more hits than any other website in El Paso. The store has a person hired to do



Tumbleweed

nothing else but tend to the internet site because of the business it generates.

Sherman Barnett purchased the dealership in 1977 from Al Jones, who remained with the store and works for Sherman. Sherman let other people run the business for a few years, then took it over himself about the time yuppies started buying Harleys. These days Sherman spends a lot of time with his favorite hobby, car racing.

Kim Barnett, Sherman's daughter, is operations manager of the store. "It's not just the motorcycles these days," she says. "It's the clothing, the style."

The dealership keeps between 300 and 400 motorcycles in stock at all times. "People don't believe it until they see the pictures of the place. Then when they get here, they're surprised and amazed."

The dealership takes good care of

their customers. Kim says the store provides a fly and ride program. "We fly in our customers from out of town, pick them up at the airport in a limo and bring them to the store. If someone brings in a bike for servicing, we have a massage therapist who pampers them while they wait. Customer service is very important to us. The people who will come back are the ones who were treated well."

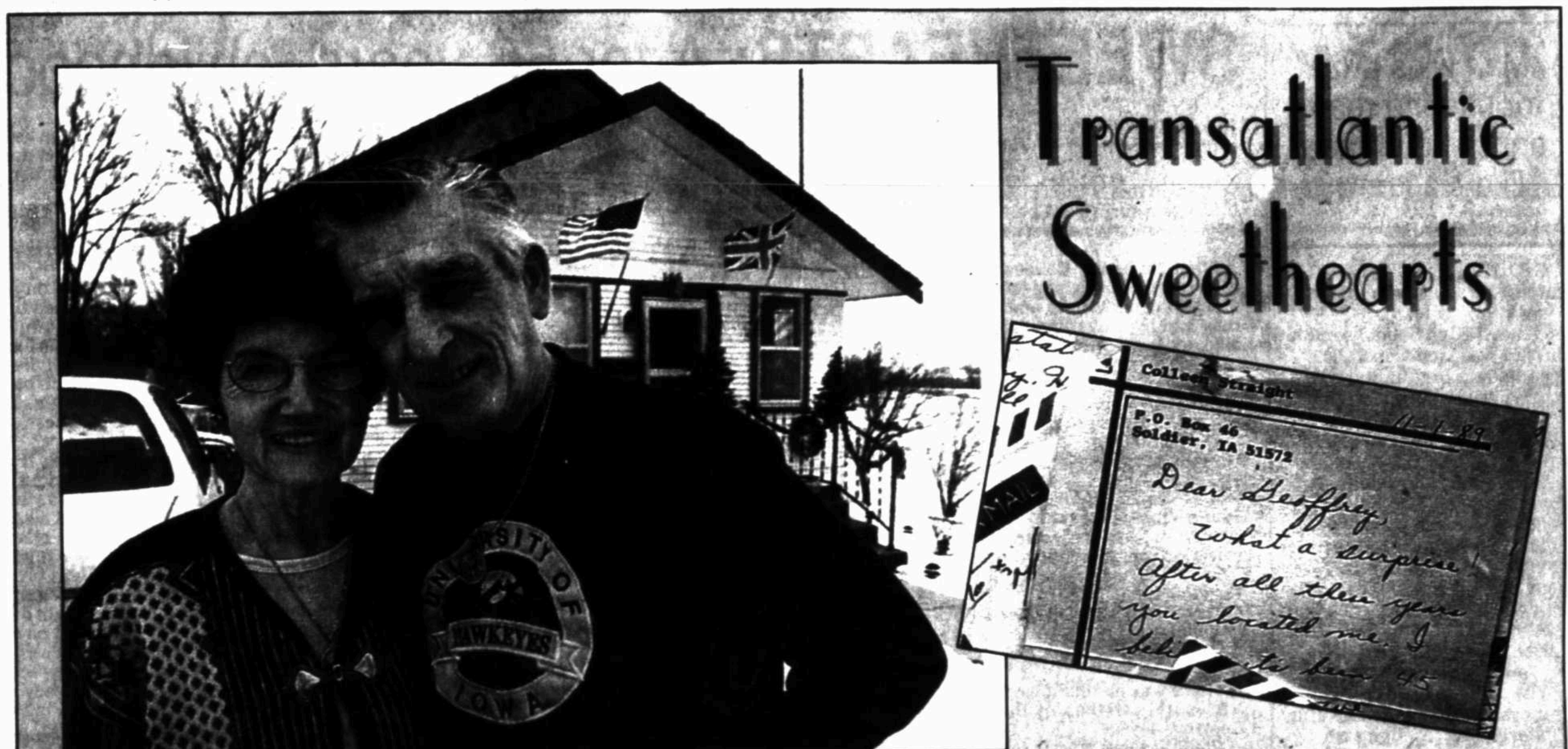
The store is number one in several areas. "We're number one with Harley credit. We did ten million dollars worth of business with them this past year. We average selling 150 units a month."

The store moved to its present location in March of 1996. "The first motorcycle sold was delivered to the customer in El Paso by helicopter. That created plenty of attention for our store," says Kim. "Just being on the freeway makes a complete difference,

especially in sales of clothing and Harley items. Interstate Ten is one of the most traveled freeways in the United States and we get thousands of people passing by every day. A lot of them stop. We have billboards to let them know that we're here."

The showroom is 26,000 square feet. Half is devoted to motorcycles, half is devoted to clothing, collectibles and accessories. "We have a lot of fun stuff like Harley Monopoly games and puzzles, jewelry and toy replicas. Harley watches are real popular. We have people coming here from all over the world, so we keep our inventory high."

Ten sales people are devoted completely to bike sales. One hotel executive bought six bikes for his partners. Couples buy matching motorcycles. "Our business just keeps getting better," says Kim. "It's a lot of fun. We have a little ceremony when the customer rides off on his new Harley."



Wartime pen pals say 'I do' after 56 years

By Sharon Cohen
Associated Press Writer

SOLDIER, Iowa — It was the spring of '42 and they were two kids living on two continents when pen and paper — and a school assignment — brought them together.

She was 14, a student in Miss Frady's class here, when the eighth-graders were asked to select a pen pal from a list of kids in England. It was a small way of uniting teens during the war.

He was 14, too, a grocery errand boy outside London, when he began writing her.

They had little in common. She was a fresh-faced girl who rarely strayed far from her father's farm. He was a war-weary boy who dreamed of traveling the world even as he hunkered down in a dark, drafty bomb shelter.

But the two found enough to write about for years.

They exchanged photos, too. He was rakish, with dimples, a slight gap in his front teeth and hair slicked back like Ray Milland. She was demure, with alabaster skin, soft chestnut curls and a dreamy gaze.

When the war ended and he was in the Royal Navy, he wrote to say he wanted to visit her in Iowa. She told her fiancé, who quickly laid down the law: No more letters.

It seemed the pen pals would never cross paths again.

"Dear Sir or Madam,
"I am writing to see if you can help me in my plight. During the war years, I was writing to a girl (as a pen friend) ... Her name was then Miss Colleen Lee ... If you could by any chance trace



her for me, I would be very grateful. ...

"Yours truly,
"Geoffrey W. Lake"

The letter was dated Oct. 10, 1939, and now, almost 60 years later, Geoffrey still can't say precisely why he decided to look up his old pen pal.

He was 61, happily married for decades to his wife, Eileen, with a grown son, Michael. But something tugged at the retired factory worker.

"It was in the back of my mind all these years," he says. "I'd often wondered what had become of Colleen, what she was doing, where she was. One night I decided I've got to find out."

He didn't remember Colleen's address but couldn't forget her hometown's distinctive name. So he addressed the envelope:

The Mayor's Parlor
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With just 250 souls in Soldier, there are no strangers. It turned out the mayor and Colleen were good friends. She was now Colleen Straight,



Geoffrey Lake and Colleen Straight, above left, at their Iowa home, above left.

Above, a letter written by Colleen Straight in 1939 to Geoffrey Lake expressing her surprise that he had located her after about 45 years since their last correspondence. Straight, who lived in Iowa, and Lake, in England, were pen pals as kids during World War II. Now, 56 years later, they are married. This is an undated photo of Geoffrey Lake taken around the time that he and Colleen Straight were pen pals.

At left, undated photos of the two taken during the times when they were pen pals.

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having long ago married her childhood sweetheart, Harvey.

The Straights, who had lived in California and Virginia, had returned to this western Iowa hamlet 17 years earlier; Harvey ran the local steakhouse. By 1939, their three children were adults, having children of their own.

Geoffrey, meanwhile, had circled the globe, from Bali to the Panama Canal, Canada to Holland, first with the Navy, then on his own. But he always migrated back to the same area 45 minutes from London.

He and Eileen were planning to visit the United States when his note arrived in Soldier.

"I've got this letter from some fellow in England," the mayor told Colleen.

She smiles as she remembers that day:

"I knew right away who it was."

Please see SWEETHEARTS/2B

JIMMY PATTERSON

Personal battle cry: Time to get the doughnuts

The Order

It seemed like a simple enough task at first. "Dad," they all three shouted in unison. "Will you get us some doughnuts this morning?"

PLEASE!
It's one of those weekend morning rituals, and you'd think after months and months of taking their orders, I'd have learned.

But apparently, my mind just draws a blank sometimes. Every time the kids ask for doughnuts, I happily say,

"Sure, who wants what?"

Bigggggg mistake.

"I'll take a chocolate filled, a Long John without cream and a twist," Kid No. 1 says.

"I'll take a chocolate filled, a lemon filled and a Long John with cream inside," Kid No. 2 says.

"I'll take a chocolate filled, a twist, and a cake doughnut with the little chocolate things on top," Kid



Patterson

No. 3 says.

Great. Did I bother to grab a pen and paper before asking the question? Course not. All I could remember was three chocolate filled. The rest was mush in my brain.

So, let me try to repeat it back: 3 chocolate filled; 2 Long Johns, 1 with and 1 without cream filling; a lemon filled; 2 twists and a cake with chocolate things on top. That doesn't even include what I want, but by now I was so confused, I'd have eaten anything.

My only question at this point is: Who's John and what did he do to deserve having a doughnut named after him?

Time to get the doughnuts.

The Shortage

So I arrive at the doughnut factory, a place that is for some reason named after sticks of dynamite (I really never found cause to associate the two before moving here).

After the guy in front of me orders enough doughnuts for a church choir, I am left to pick from the scraps.

"I'll have 3 chocolate-filled, a Long John without —"

"We only have two chocolate filled," I was informed.

"Only two chocolate filled? Well, is there any way you can make some more? Any way at all?"

"If you want to wait 30 minutes."

"Just give me what you have. I guess."

Then it dawned on me: the guy in front of me had ordered something like 10 chocolate filled. He had abused his customer privileges. He should be made to pay the consequences. He had ordered so many doughnuts he was using a forklift to get them into his trunk. I paid for my order and caught up with him in the parking lot.

The Confrontation

"Hey ... psst ... " I whispered, trying to get his attention. "Hey buddy. You got some chocolate filled in there?"

"Say what?"

"Your chocolate filled ... I'll pay you DOUBLE for

Please see PATTERSON/2B

DAVE BARRY

From here on, let women kill their own spiders

From time to time I receive letters from a certain group of individuals that I will describe, for want of a better term, as "women." I have such a letter here, from a Susie Walker of North Augusta, S.C., who asks the following question:

"Why do men open a drawer and say, 'Where is the spatula?' Instead of, you know, looking for it?"

This question expresses a commonly held (by women) negative stereotype about guys of the male gender, which is that they cannot find things around the house, especially things in the kitchen. Many women believe that if you want to hide something from a man, all you have to do is put it in plain sight in the refrigerator, and he will never, ever find it, as evidenced by the fact that a man can open a refrigerator containing 463 pounds of assorted meats, poultry, cold cuts,



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condiments, vegetables, frozen dinners, snack foods, desserts, etc., and ask, with no irony whatsoever, "Do we have anything to eat?"

Now I COULD respond to this stereotype in a snide manner by making generalizations about women. I could ask, for example, how come your average woman prepares for virtually every upcoming event in her life, including dental appointments, by buying new shoes, even if she already owns as many pairs as the entire Riverdance troupe. I could point out that, if there were no women, there would be no such thing as Leonardo DiCaprio. I could ask why a woman would walk up to a perfectly innocent man who is minding his own business watching basketball and demand to know if a certain pair of pants makes her butt look too big, and then, no matter what he answers, get mad at him. I could ask why, according to the best scientific estimates, 93 percent of the nation's severely limited bathroom-storage space is taken up by decades-old, mostly empty tubes labeled "moisturizer." I could point out that, to judge from the covers of countless women's magazines, the two topics most interesting to women are (1) Why

men are all disgusting pigs, and (2) How to attract men.

Yes, I could raise these issues in response to the question asked by Susie Walker of North Augusta, S.C., regarding the man who was asking where the spatula was. I could even ask WHY this particular man might be looking for the spatula. Could it be that he needs a spatula to kill a spider, because, while he was innocently watching basketball and minding his own business, a member of another major gender — a gender that refuses to personally kill spiders but wants them all dead — DEMANDED that he kill the spider, which nine times out of 10 turns out to be a male spider that was minding its own business? Do you realize how many men arrive in hospital emergency rooms every year, sometimes still gripping their spatulas, suffering from painful spider-inflicted injuries? I don't have the exact statistics right here, but I bet they are chilling.

As I say, I could raise these issues and resort to the kind of negativity indulged in by Susie Walker of North Augusta, S.C. But I choose not to. I choose, instead, to address her question seriously, in hopes that, by improving

the communication between the genders, all human beings — both men and women, together — will come to a better understanding of how dense women can be sometimes.

I say this because there is an excellent reason why a man would open the spatula drawer and, without looking for the spatula, ask where the spatula is: The man does not have TIME to look for the spatula. Why? Because HE IS BUSY THINKING. Men are ALMOST ALWAYS thinking. When you look at a man who appears to be merely scratching himself, rest assured that inside his head, his brain is humming like a high-powered computer, processing millions of pieces of information and producing important insights such as, "This feels good!"

We should be grateful that men think so much, because over the years they have thought up countless inventions that have made life better for all people, everywhere. The shot clock in basketball is one example. Another one is underwear-eating bacteria. I found out about this thanks to the many alert readers who sent me an article from "New Scientist" magazine stating that Russian scientists — and you KNOW

these are guy scientists — are trying to solve the problem of waste disposal aboard spacecraft, by "designing a cocktail of bacteria to digest astronauts' cotton and paper underpants." Is that great, or what? I am picturing a utopian future wherein, when a man's briefs get dirty, they will simply dissolve from his body, thereby freeing him from the chore of dealing with his soiled underwear via the labor-intensive, time-consuming method he now uses, namely, dropping them on the floor.

I'm not saying that guys have solved all the world's problems. I'm just saying that there ARE solutions out there, and if, instead of harping endlessly about spatulas, we allow guys to use their mental talents to look for these solutions, in time, they will find them. Unless they are in the refrigerator.

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Man wins prize for uttering really annoying phrase, like, ya know?

Associated Press

GENEVA, Neb. — Ever catch yourself saying, like, "you know" a lot?

Geneva High School senior Jessica Reinsch won \$1,000 for taping a 15-minute radio interview during which that annoying phrase — "you know" — was uttered 61 times.

Before the Nebraska Foundation's "You Know" contest, Reinsch was aware of how often she heard the phrase, "but it didn't ever connect that it was that annoying," she said.

"Now I hear it all the time," she said. "I catch myself now. It seems weird."

The contest, open to Nebraska students from kindergarten through 12th grades, was set up to raise awareness among young people about the meaningless phrase. It stems from the morning Nebraska native Barney Oldfield heard 117 "you knows" during a 60-minute radio show.

"It was an oral abomination," said the 1933 University of Nebraska School of Journalism graduate, who now lives in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Oldfield and his wife, Vada, contribute the cash awards.

SWEETHEARTS: After 56 years, childhood pen pals meet

(From 1B)

"Dear Geoff,
"What a surprise! I believe it's 45 years since we corresponded ...

Where to begin? Colleen dashed off a breezy three-page letter describing her family and where they had lived over the years. She also invited Geoffrey and Eileen to Soldier.

And she signed off:
"Your pen pal, Colleen"
Back in Waltham Abbey, Geoffrey was thrilled.

And so, they began corresponding again. They shared over-the-fence tidbits about daily life, everything from details about a family wedding to Geoffrey's woody adventure with triple brandies on a vacation in Las Vegas.

They always signed their letters as couples.

Colleen and Harvey. Eileen and Geoff.

There was no romance. "It was a friendship all the way through," Geoffrey says.

Not that there wasn't some good-natured ribbing when the mail arrived.

"Harvey would say, 'You got another letter from your boyfriend,'" Colleen recalls.

Geoffrey's wife said the same. Again they exchanged photos, this time showing their families and their houses. Then in December 1992, Colleen had sad news.

"This is not an easy letter to write," she confided. "I lost Harvey ... I know I must not dwell on his passing, but I do think of it a lot."

Geoffrey responded with a condolence card, and one each year on the anniversary of Harvey's

death. Geoffrey and Eileen's plans to visit Colleen the next year fell through, but the letters continued. Then in November 1997, Geoffrey's wife of 45 years died. This time, Colleen did the consoling.

"Dear Geoff and Michael,
It's difficult at this sad time to find the right words to comfort you. You will find yourself thinking of all the things you have done together and that helps a lot. ... Just be thankful you had a good life together."

On a January night a year ago, a downcast Geoffrey dialed his phone. He was tempted to hang up before a little girl answered in a cozy living room 4,300 miles away.

"Grandmother, somebody I can't understand wants to talk to you," 10-year-old Ashley said, handing Colleen the receiver.

"Hello, Colleen, do you know who this is?" the caller asked. His clipped accent gave him away.

For the first time in 56 years the childhood correspondents spoke to one another.

"After hearing his voice, I think I felt he was real," Colleen says. "Before it was just pen and pencil."

They talked for a while and at the end, Colleen recalls, "He said, 'Goodbye, love.' I really took that to heart. I thought, boy ... he means business! But that's just an everyday phrase in England."

Still, she says, "It sort of melted my heart."

Geoffrey wanted to visit her, though Colleen felt it was too soon for the new widower. So she delicately put him off.

But their calls and letters picked up. Weekly, twice weekly, daily. Then two, three times a

day. Their words became more tender, their thoughts more intimate.

"We more or less —" Geoffrey begins.

"... struck up a romance," Colleen finishes his sentence.

Their letters began with "My darling" and "My love." They ended with a string of X's for kisses.

Still, the two had never even spent an hour together.

"We talked about maybe we wouldn't like one another at all," Colleen says. "We had no idea what our temperaments would really be like. You can't tell that by letter writing."

Still, he persisted and finally she agreed to meet him.

"In the end," he says, "I won the day."

"My darling Colleen,
"It sounds a bit ridiculous the way we feel about one another. Here we are, both approaching the age of 70 and carrying on as though we are teen-agers but honey, I've got a young heart and cannot express my feelings any other way. I love it and I love you, honey."

"Roll on May 28!" That was the date they agreed to meet in New York.

The appointed place was the customs desk at Kennedy airport. Geoffrey said he'd be carrying a Tesco bag (the name of a British supermarket). Inside was a bottle of champagne and a fruitcake the former Navy chef had made to woo her with his baking talents.

"Turned out quite good," he boasts.

When Colleen's plane was 3 1/2 hours late, Geoffrey worried he had been stood up. Then he saw a 5-foot woman with short brown hair approaching.

us chocolate! And don't make me go home empty-handed again. I beg of you.

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PATTERSON: Negotiating for doughnut can be a humiliating experience

(From 1B)

one of your chocolate filled. How 'bout it?"

For some reason, he looked at me like I was kinda goofy or a criminal or something. Apparently doughnut scalping is a violation of a city ordinance.

"Gotta run, nice talkin' to you, pal," he said.

"Triple?! I'll pay you three times what you paid for one of your chocolate filled? FOUR TIMES? I'll give you 10 bucks for a chocolate filled, just please don't make me divide two chocolate filled between three kids? PLEASE? Have you no conscience, man?"

He sped away.

"YOU ARE OBVIOUSLY A CHILDLESS MAN, YOU DOUGHNUT HOG!"

I feel sorry for people with no children. They don't have a clue what we parents go through every day. And it's NOT FAIR. Everyone should be forced to have at least three kids so we would all be in the same boat and so someone would feel sorry for us and recognize our plight. On second thought, if everyone in America had three kids, there'd be an even more pronounced shortage of chocolate-filled doughnuts every weekend. Bad idea.

THE DISAPPOINTMENT
Crestfallen.

It was the only way to describe the look on the children's faces

when I arrived home, telling them they would somehow have to divide two chocolate filled doughnuts between the three of them.

"You guys, I've got some really bad news: I'm really sorry, but, they ran out of chocolate filled. I only have two."

You'd have thought I took away their telephone privileges and hairbrushes for a year.

The three of them looked at each other, not knowing exactly what they were going to do.

Tears welled in their eyes. Chins quivered. Bottom lips poached out.

"I know it's asking a lot, but just try to reach an amicable agreement."

They looked at me. Apparently, they hadn't read their dictionary lately and thought amicable meant the way Mike Tyson would feel if an opponent forgot to butter his ear before a fight.

A WORD OF ADVICE

A personal aside to all doughnut store owners: For the future of the family unit in Midland — not necessarily EVERY family unit, but certainly MINE — please do whatever it takes to man yourself with enough chocolate filling. I don't care what it takes or how much you wanna charge me for it. Bring in extra manpower, schedule overtime, but put a chocolate squirt in the hands of whoever walks by.

Do it for your country. Do it because you love your home-

town. Do it for the children. But please, keep yourself stocked in chocolate doughnuts and forget all the fritters and bear claws and chocolate jimmies and raspberry filling — who eats raspberry doughnuts, anyway? Just give

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OBITUARIES

Dianne Green

Dianne Green was born May 5, 1961, in Lubbock, Texas to Frances Carmen Garcia and Jesse Edward Zapata. She grew up in Midland and attended Midland Lee. She received her registered nurse degree from New Mexico Junior College. She worked at Lea Regional Hospital and South

Plains Health District in Seminole; and worked for Glennwood, which is now Desert Spring Hospital. She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Green, of Midland; two daughters, Britney Green and Brooke Green, both of Midland; two brothers, Richard Zapata of Lubbock and Michael Zapata of

Arlington; one grandchild, Jacob Green; a niece, Danielle Green; and two nephews, James Green and Richard Zapata.

Mrs. Green died Friday, February 12, 1999, at her residence. Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Monday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral Mass will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Guadalupe

Catholic Church with Father Jerome Burnet, O.M.I. officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

DEATH NOTICES

Earl Dolloff

DENVER CITY— Earl H. Dolloff, 70, father of Midlander Kenneth Dolloff, died Saturday, Feb. 13, in Denver City.

Services will be 2 p.m. today, Feb. 15, at First Baptist Church in Denver City with the Rev. Bob Webb officiating. Burial is to follow at Denver City Memorial Park under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home in Denver City.

He was born Aug. 25, 1928, in Lynn County.

He worked 35 years as superintendent for El Paso Natural Gas, before retiring in 1986. He lived in Denver City for 60 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by two brothers. Other survivors include his wife, Geraldine (Carter) Dolloff of Denver City; two daughters, Sharon Burk of Denver City and Debra Looney of Levelland; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Olga Lopez

BIG SPRING — Olga J. Leos Lopez, 45, died Sunday, Feb. 14, at a Big Spring hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Cornelius Scanlan officiating. Burial is to follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Rosary is to be recited at 7 p.m. today, Feb. 15, at the funeral home.

She was born May 30, 1953, in Big Spring.

She worked at the VA Medical Center and as a teacher's aide for the Big Spring Independent School District. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Habacue D. Lopez of Big Spring; two sons, Lucas Lopez of Fort Irwin, Calif., and Robert L. Lopez of Fort Collins, Colo.; a daughter, Lory Lopez of Big Spring; her mother, Delfina Leos of Big Spring; four brothers, Samuel Martinez, Carlos Leos, and Juan Leos, all of Big Spring, and Zipriano Delbosque of Abilene; two sisters, Emma Leos and Yolanda Vela, both of Big Spring; and three grandchildren.

Edith Trapnell

BIG SPRING — Edith Trapnell, 93, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Feb. 14, at a Big Spring nursing home.

Graveside services are to be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

She was born Jan. 25, 1906, in Colorado City.

She moved to Big Spring in 1932 from Pulaski, Ga. She operated Edmar Letter Service. She was a member of First Christian Church

and American Business Women's Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rodney Trapnell, on Nov. 17, 1966; a sister, Imogene McMahon; and a brother, Raymond Runyan.

Survivors include two daughters, Beverly Marshall and Sandra Head, both of Big Spring; a sister, Faye Burleson of Big Spring; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26460, Austin 78755-0460; or Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, Big Spring 79720.

Evelyn Cooper

Evelyn Marie Cooper died Sunday, Feb. 14, at a local retirement home.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

George Lambert

Midlander George S. Lambert, 75, died Sunday, Feb. 14, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

Julia Davidson

Julia Elizabeth Davidson died Sunday, Feb. 14, at her Midland residence.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Warren Hayter

Warren Robert Hayter died Saturday, Feb. 13, at a local hospital. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Thursday

Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 2408 Faulkner Drive. It was reported at 12:30 a.m.

Burglary: A vehicle was burglarized at 1606 N. I St. It was reported at 8 p.m.

Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 3204 Thomas St. The time was not reported.

Burglary: Items were taken from the back of a truck at 3317 N. Midland Drive. It was reported at 5:53 p.m.

Criminal mischief: Tires were slashed on a vehicle at the 4300 block of Leddy Drive. It was reported at 2:15 p.m.

Theft: A theft was reported at 1000 Midkiff Road. It was reported at 5:49 p.m.

Theft: A theft was reported at 200 N. Texas Ave. It was reported at 2 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Thursday

Theft: A theft was reported at 404 W. Kentucky Ave. It was reported at 1 p.m.

Friday

Theft: Friends Convenience Store at 13220 W. US 80 reported \$8.84 in gas stolen. It was reported at 12:39 p.m.

Saturday

Burglary: A burglary was reported at the Friend's Convenience Store at 13220 W. U.S. Highway 80. The incident was reported at 1:38 a.m.

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DEAR ABBY

Letters to troops give moral support

DEAR ABBY: I'm a soldier, deployed on Eagle Base in Tuzla, Bosnia. The soldiers on my team and I appreciate your column and your "Operation Dear Abby" holiday letter-writing campaign.

The Christmas holidays can be tough on all service members stationed abroad. I've been in the Army for 13 years and have been to my share of different countries. I have soldiers on my team who have never spent the holidays away from their families, and it makes their lives harder.

We appreciate your support of service personnel. Thanks to your readers, we receive mail daily even when we don't hear from family and friends.

God bless you, Abby, and your family. We salute you for helping to bring peace and good will to all our hearts. —SGT. ANTHONY WOLFE, TALBOTT, TENN., AND THE SOLDIERS OF THE 263RD MAINTENANCE CO. BASED AT FORT HOOD, TEXAS

DEAR SGT. WOLFE: On behalf of my readers who once again participated so generously in Operation Dear Abby — now in its 14th year — thank you for writing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Although the worldwide mailing addresses for the program have expired for this year, the Bosnian addresses are valid year-round.

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Thank you, Abby, and thanks to everyone who took the time to give someone else a lift on a normally depressing day. — SPC. KRISTOPHER D. TRULL, CAMP HARVEY, KOREA

DEAR KRISTOPHER: Thank you for your touching letter. And to

the five families who lost a loved one on Oct. 31, please accept my deepest sympathy. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: On Dec. 3, my unit received a bundle of mail from your readers. Please express our thanks to everyone who sent "Any Soldier" mail overseas. The holiday season is a particularly difficult time for deployed service members. The letters made us feel appreciated and reinforced our decision to serve our nation. — CAPT. RICH DEBANY, CAMP COMANCHE, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

DEAR CAPT. DEBANY: You are most welcome. My readers and I feel privileged to support your efforts.

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Online on the go

By Dave Gussow
St. Petersburg Times

If the people at e-port have their way, travelers will never be far from the Internet, even if they don't lug a laptop on their trip.

Restaurants. Hotels. Airports. Convenience stores. All are in e-port's sights for its Internet computer kiosks, which have been springing up around Orlando and across the country.

"People just need access to the Web," said Bill Leonard, e-port's vice president for technology. "It totally takes advantage of what's out there."

Each e-port kiosk has a monitor, full keyboard and easy-to-follow on-screen directions. Users can go directly to the Web to surf or access their e-mail, or they can sign on to a proprietary service, such as America Online.

A traveler simply needs a credit card or one of e-port's smart cards to sign on, at a minimum charge of \$1.95 plus 25 cents a minute. At those rates, just three minutes online to check e-mail can run up a bill of \$2.70.

Even with laptops, cell phones, hand-held computers and other gadgets that are available to keep people connected while traveling, e-port and a handful of competitors see a growing market for such online connections in public places.

According to experts, the market for interactive terminals in public locations ranges from \$370 million to \$1 billion, and analysts predict strong growth. In 1996, about 21,000 interactive kiosks were shipped in the United States and that number is expected to grow to 500,000 by 2003, according to a report by Frost and Sullivan, an international market research company.

Players in this nascent field include e-port (www.eport.net), ATCOM/INFO (www.atcominfo.com) and USA Technologies Inc. (www.usatech.com).

E-port, which calls itself the "Public Information Network," says it has working kiosks in Orlando and is installing kiosks in Cleveland.

Its logo is reminiscent of the old Bell symbol on phone booths, which is more than a coincidence. Company president John Bonaccorso wants Internet access to be as familiar as a pay phone.

In fact, existing pay phones may be converted to kiosks that offer more than just telephone service, said Michael E. Hayes, chief financial officer of Davel Communications Group, a Tampa pay-phone company. Long term, he said, the company is looking at providing services such as faxing and Internet access at its pay phone locations.

At e-port, Bonaccorso, whose background is in marketing, rattles off idea after idea about how his company's system can be tailored for different locations and special uses. Kiosks at the Orlando Sanford International Airport have screen ads that appeal to tourists. Sports bars can promote a particular beer brand or sports Web sites by using the opening screen as an ad or with smart cards that allow users to go only to a particular site. A hotel can promote its services or use the kiosk as a message board for guests.

In its first venture beyond Orlando, e-port signed a deal with a convenience store chain from Cleveland to install kiosks. As a promotion, the chain will provide free Internet access to kids. Instead of earning free drinks or food for good grades, the students will get smart cards that give them access to special kid-friendly sites or ones chosen by their teachers.

While e-port started by targeting business travelers, Leonard said, leisure travelers use it almost as much. He says one California visitor spent an hour and 22 minutes online, Web surfing his way to a bill of \$224.50.

The company won't give out figures on usage, average time online or income. The company leases kiosks to businesses, and they share in the revenues. Bonaccorso says only that the company is not yet profitable.

Kiosks may not be the answer for all of the companies competing in this market. ATCOM is providing outlets so that people can plug in their own computers to access the Web and e-mail.

Bonaccorso of e-port welcomes the competition. The more companies come into the field, he says, the more familiar the sight of computer kiosks will become.

E-port has not yet attracted the big investors it needs for expansion.

"We talk to investors all the time," Bonaccorso said. "We're too low-tech for Silicon Valley, too high-tech for Florida."

Wondering how to get on the Web? Meet Surf Monkey.

The monkey, who is small and blue, just popped up on one corner of my screen. He's standing on the first line of this story, blinking occasionally.

He just installed some software and checked my system over. "You have more memory than a herd of elephants!" he says. Now he's tapping his foot, waiting for me to get my act together.

He has friends: a talking paper clip, a miniature Einstein and a tiny Bill Clinton, complete with saxophone.

Meanwhile, some guy named Al Morale is talking to my boss from a window on her Macintosh. "Did I tell you how great you look today?" he says with a cheesy grin, holding up a sign that says "Will Work for \$18.95 plus Shipping and Handling."

What's going on here?

It's called "social interface," and a Golden, Colo., company called NetSage is spearheading the effort to humanize the way machines interact with people.

People want to deal with systems that are friendly, can adjust themselves to individual needs, and are likable and approachable, says J.B. Holston, chief executive officer. It doesn't matter whether the front end of that system is a person or a computer.

"If you pay attention to these things, people will care about (your product) more, trust it more, like it more, and they'll think it's a lot more intelligent," Holston explains. "If they like it, they'll work more with it. The design of the social interface matters tremendously."

Some examples of social interface:

■ NetSage built the voice part of General Magic's new Portico software, which creates a "virtual assistant" that handles voice mail, calendar, e-mail and other chores for busy people. The cheerful female voice has more than 15,000 possible expressions — things like "What can I do for you?" instead of "Press 1 to continue."

■ Apple Computer Inc. figured out social interface early, starting with a personal computer

named Lisa and moving to the original Mac, which smiled at you when you booted it up. The wildly successful Apple iMac returns to Apple's social roots — because it's cute and because it works.

■ Holston's cellular phone looks like W.C. Fields. "It's a happy face, with two little eyes and a big nose and a smile," he says, tracing the contours of the Motorola flip phone's front cover.

■ Microsoft attempted social interface with a product called Microsoft Bob. Bob flopped, but researchers are puzzling over more subtle ways to build in socialization, ranging from voice and speech to software that senses when a user is getting frustrated and steps in to help.

In 1998, NetSage merged with FunArts, a San Francisco animation company that produces animated characters such as Surf Monkey and the paper clip in Microsoft Office.

They're the cute front end of intelligent agent software developed by NetSage. "Sages" learn a user's needs, likes and dislikes and can guide people through "sage-capable" sites ranging from Web commerce pages to banking software.

NetSage founder David Padwa, a patent attorney and entrepreneur, saw the Java language demonstrated at the Santa Fe Institute and wondered how Java-based agents could be used to improve online training. That vision has been expanded to include electronic commerce and customer service.

Why are agents important? Because more and more tasks are being automated to cut costs and raise productivity, but the human need for appropriate social interaction remains the same.

Disintermediation — taking people out of the middle of transactions — is the buzzword driving companies to World Wide Web-based solutions. But research shows that the No. 1 consumer barrier to switching to online commerce is a lack of trust in the system.

"They're all moving toward (disintermediation), and that's forcing us to understand the social interface issues," Holston says.

For example, your human resource office wants you to direct your 401(k) questions to a Web site, but you keep calling the nice woman downstairs. Holston and crew would add a character that talks to you, points you to the next step, remembers you when you come back and knows a little bit about asset allocation.

Surf Monkey interacts with kids through text and speech. Developed by toy manufacturer Bandai, he's designed as a little blue software coach. But if the child tries to access an adult site, a Robocop kind of guy pops up and prevents it.

Meanwhile my boss, tired of being fawned over by software, is asking "How can I get this to stop?"

Avoid 'small deadly spaces' in FreeSpace

By Andy Castagnola
Scripps Howard News Service

When I'm strapped in an Alpha fighter headed toward a Vasudan cargo depot, the last words I want to hear before my mission are "small deadly space."

Unfortunately, that's how the briefing instructor described my second mission in Interplay's Defiant: FreeSpace — the Great War, a challenging and graphically intense game for the PC.

After four failed attempts at destroying the Vasudan fighters and freighter, "small deadly space" is an understatement. Not only did I contend with Vasudan gunfire from all directions, I had to maneuver around massive cargo ships. The mission objective proved secondary to staying alive.

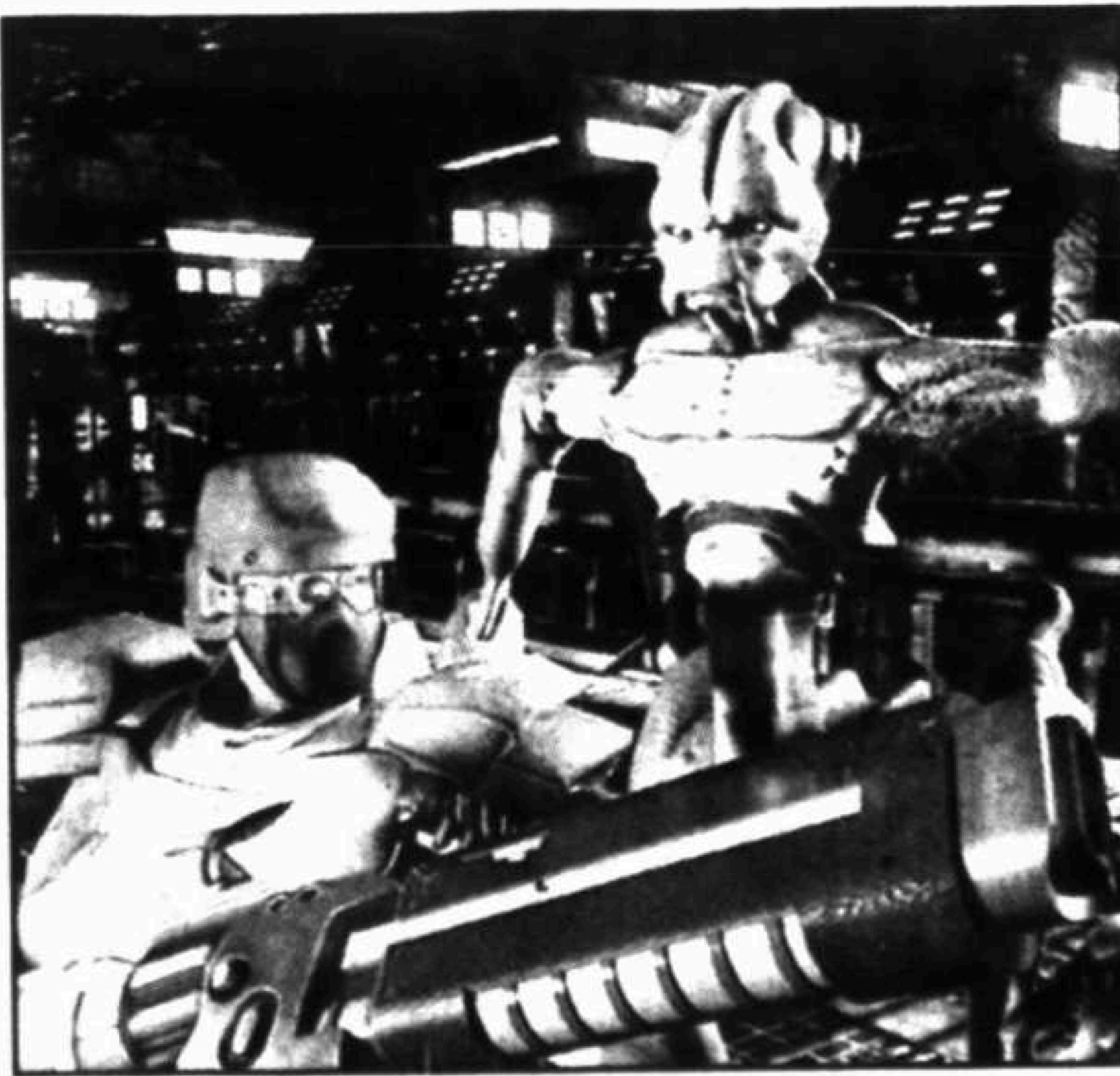
Launched into Mission 2 with veteran confidence. After all, I skated through the basic training session. Every cargo ship and fighter I faced

disintegrated under my steady gunfire. Of course, the instructor directed my every move and only 35 percent of my shots landed on target, but I made the grade nonetheless.

I even survived my first pilot mission, defending the friendly Orff spacecraft from Vasudan threats. However, my gunfire never struck any enemy fighters. I only chased the evil Vasudans in dizzying circles while my fellow Alpha pilots finished them off.

Despite my shortcomings in Mission 1, I still expected to master Mission 2. First attempt: collision with the Vasudan freighter. Second, third and fourth attempts: death at the hands of enemy fighters.

Unskilled gamers like me should plan on many more deaths before triumph in FreeSpace. Meanwhile, enjoy the crystal-clear graphics. Play with the endless options to control engine glow, shield hit effect or targeting. And learn to like "small deadly spaces."



Hundreds of flights still off as American tries to end sick-out

DALLAS (AP) — More than half of the American Airlines pilots participating in a sickout reported to work Sunday, but it wasn't enough to prevent 550 flights from being canceled.

Another 231 flights, or about 10 percent, of the flights scheduled for the Presidents Day holiday on Monday have already been canceled because not all of the pilots were immediately available for flying.

The mass return followed a judge's contempt order Saturday against the pilots union and two of its top officials.

An American spokeswoman said "well under 1,000" of the 9,400 pilots were still shown as sick on Sunday, compared to the 2,500 Thursday, when almost one in four pilots declared themselves unfit to fly.

"We're just glad they are coming back and we hope by the end of the week to be in business as usual here," added Sonja Whittemon, saying the airline could be offering close to 100 percent service as soon as Tuesday.

According to American, about 40 pilots per hour have been taking themselves off of the sick list since a federal judge held the Allied Pilots Association and two top board members in contempt and promised sizable fines against them.

U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall said Saturday that the union did not do enough to encourage pilots to return to work after his court order.

More than half a million travelers have been left at the gate by the nation's second-largest airline because of the large number of pilots calling in sick.

Despite the continued cancellations, the nation's airports were calmer Sunday with many passengers prepared for delays.

Kendall said he would decide Wednesday how much to levy in fines although he promised they would be substantial. He required the union to place \$10 million with the court and for union president Rich LaVoy and vice president Brian Mayhew to remit a total of \$15,000.

"I'm the guy who gets to stick his chin out there. I'm trying to protect the careers of these pilots," said LaVoy, who told pilots in a hotline to continue to call crew scheduling to get off of the sick list.

"While we are disappointed and disagree with Judge Kendall's order of contempt. We urge all pilots to comply with the restraining order," LaVoy said.

LaVoy said the union has not considered whether to appeal the contempt order.

Union members have been calling in sick and refusing to accept overtime since Feb. 6 in a dispute concerning how quickly American should integrate the pilots from recently purchased Reno Air into its own roster. Negotiations on that issue are scheduled to restart on Monday afternoon.

Nearly 6,000 flights have been canceled since the work action began, costing American between \$67 million and \$90 million, according to Chris Chiamas, a spokesman for AMR Corp., parent company of American Airlines.

Students stiffed on company's scholarship promise

HOUSTON (AP) — They were, without a doubt, the best and brightest high school seniors in the country: straight-A students, National Merit Scholars, their class valedictorians.

One student from every state in the nation and the District of Columbia, connected by a common thread: All applied for and won a \$10,000-a-year college scholarship, renewable for four years, from Houston-based AdamsVision USA.

There was just one problem. AdamsVision now admits there is no money — never was.

Now the students, having completed their first semester at college, are scrambling for financial assistance while their parents are searching for answers and, in some cases, lawyers.

"I just want to know what kind of ego a person must have to promise something he didn't have to give," said scholarship recipi-

ent Amber March of Moultonborough, N.H., who is studying marine mammalogy at Eckerd College in Florida.

"I was always so trusting. It never even entered my mind that something like this could happen," she said. "I'd like to believe it was just an unfortunate mistake, but I kind of think I've been had."

"I'm rather outraged," added Aaron Patzer of Evansville, Ind., an engineering major at Duke University. "These were merit-based scholarships — it's something we earned. And now we've found out we won't receive it. It's incredibly disappointing."

AdamsVision founder Val Adams insists he still is trying to scrape up money to honor the scholarships.

"I'm very saddened that we're at the point that we are, but at the same time I'm very hopeful that we will get these scholarships started and be able to continue our

commitment," Adams said. "This was a good thing we were trying to do."

But information uncovered about Adams and the scholarship enterprise raises questions about whether it was a legitimate effort to reward good students or a scam orchestrated by a man with a rap sheet full of financial crimes.

"Based on my contact with him, I would be concerned if he were in any business where anyone was relying on his promises," said John Boone, a prosecutor with the Harris County district attorney's office.

Boone described Adams as a habitual criminal, convicted of theft for writing bogus checks in 1980, 1981, 1985, 1987, 1993 and 1995. Adams remains on probation for a 1993 case.

"His schemes were fairly grandiose," Boone said. "The least serious of scams he was

doing he had some sort of a fake business and he would use checks from the business basically just to live well."

Boone said Adams may have had legitimate enterprises but that "typically there would be no substance behind the business. It would just be a front."

Adams acknowledges his criminal past but maintains the scholarship effort was on the level. He notes that the students were not asked to pay an application fee or provide any money, something the students and their parents confirm.

And he insists he invested \$300,000 for expenses such as salaries for the professional educators who selected the recipients.

"If I spent \$300,000 to shyster somebody, that's my response to that. I don't think anybody in their right mind would do that," he said.

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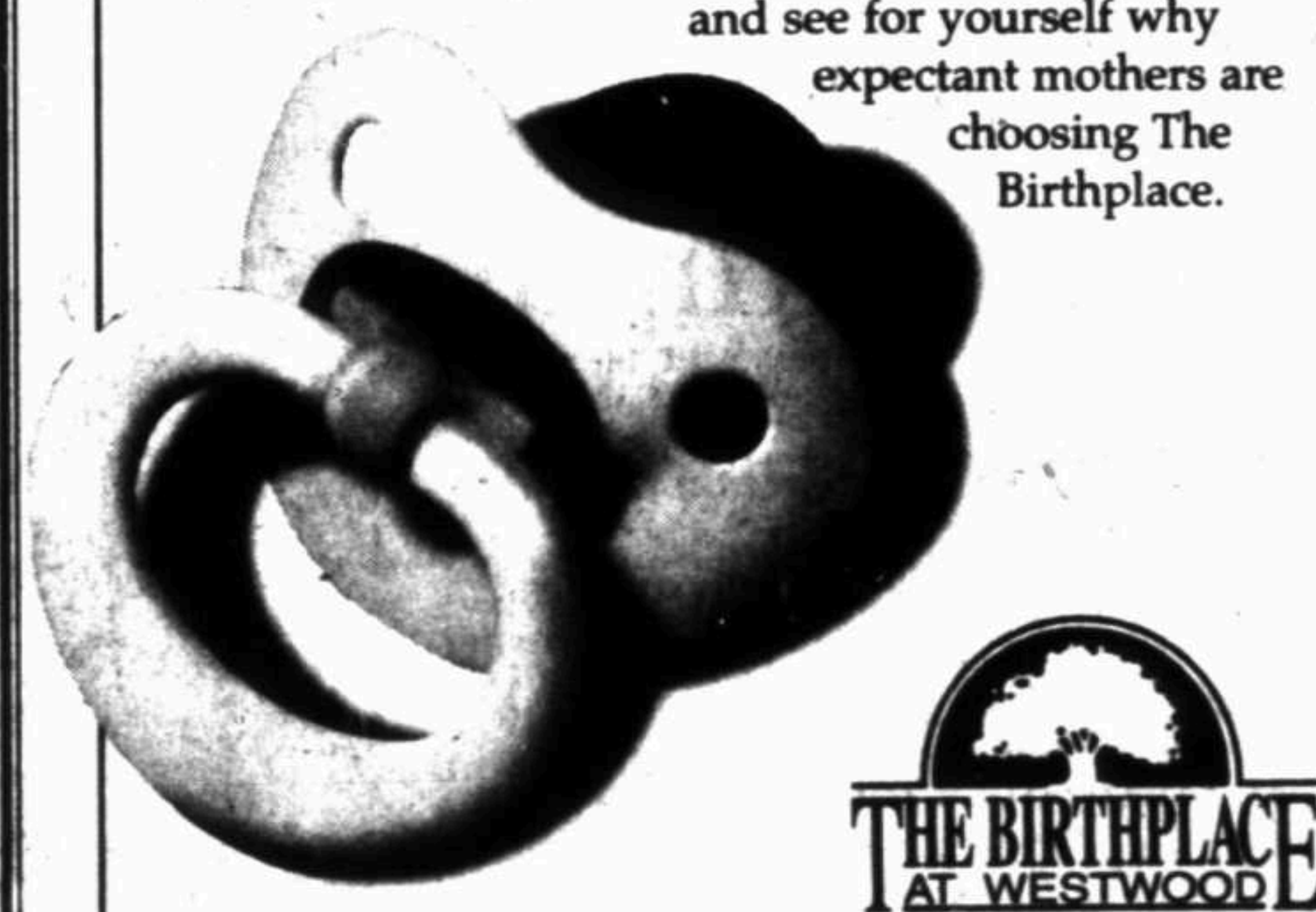
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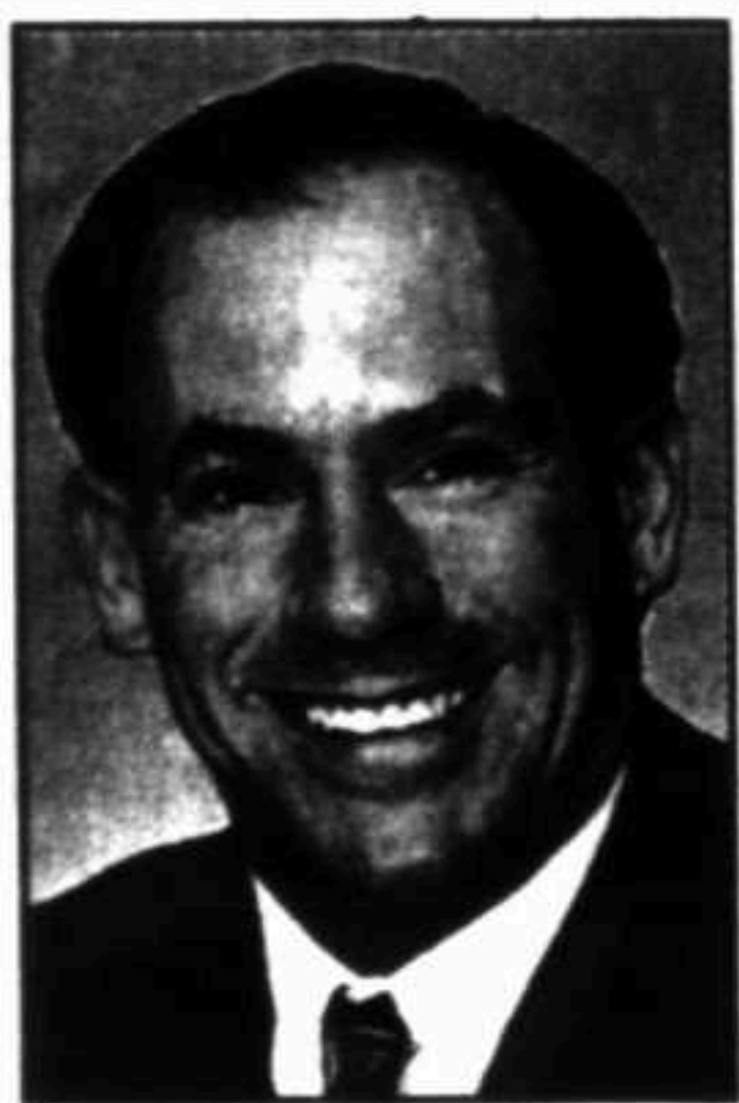
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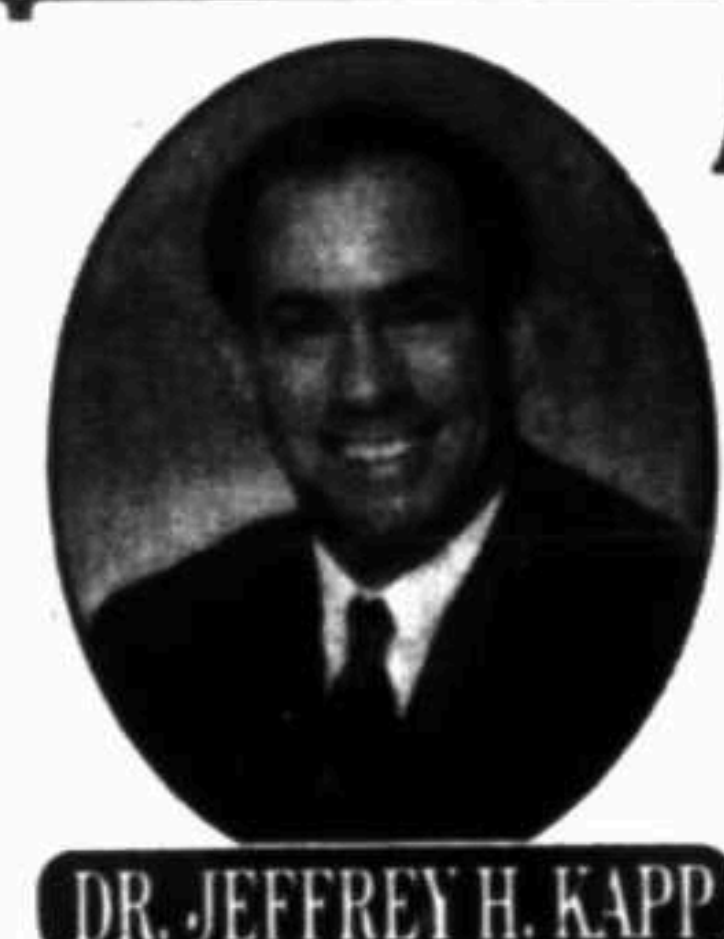
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Barkley surgery

HOUSTON — Charles Barkley underwent surgery Sunday for a left knee injury that will keep him out of action with the Houston Rockets for the next three to four weeks.

In a brief news conference after the afternoon procedure, team physician Dr. Walter Lowe said the operation to remove damaged cartilage went exactly as planned.

Coming into the season in the (good) shape he's in, that's going to help tremendously in his rehab, Lowe said.

Barkley, the league's leading rebounder at 17.0 per game, initially tried to play through his pain last week and treat the problem with rehabilitation and medication.

But after discomfort continued and Barkley had trouble even bending his leg Saturday, he and the team chose surgery. Lowe and Dr. Bruce Moseley performed the surgery at Methodist Hospital in Houston.

Barkley had led the Rockets after recovering fully from off-season double hernia and elbow surgery. During Houston's 4-1 start, Barkley averaged 19.2 points and collected at least 15 rebounds in each game.

Barkley was typically jovial before and after the procedure and was to begin rehabilitating the leg Monday, Lowe said.

"Charles was his usual self, giving everyone at the hospital a hard time," Lowe said.

Rodman watch

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Dennis Rodman is expected to be in a Los Angeles Lakers uniform Tuesday night against the Charlotte Hornets, a source close to the team said Sunday.

The source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said late Sunday he expected Rodman to sign a contract "late tonight, tomorrow, or Tuesday at the latest."

The Lakers first expressed an interest in the seven-time NBA rebounding champion two weeks ago when he met with owner Jerry Buss for dinner.

Rodman, who has led the league in rebounding for the past seven seasons, didn't attend the Lakers' 101-99 loss to Indiana on Sunday, although the word spreading around the Forum was that he had tickets but didn't use them.

Rodman, who turns 38 in May, has played on five of the last 10 NBA champions, including the last three with the Chicago Bulls.

His career scoring average is just 7.5 points, but he is one of the greatest rebounders in league history with a 13.2 average. No other player ever won seven straight rebounding titles.

After Michael Jordan's retirement last month, the Bulls opted not to pursue Rodman. He flirted with the idea of signing with Orlando or Miami, but both teams backed off.

Horry chest pains

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Robert Horry of the Los Angeles Lakers was taken to the hospital with chest pains before Sunday's game with the Indiana Pacers.

The 28-year-old forward received precautionary tests at Centinela Hospital Medical Center. A team spokesman said if the tests were normal, Horry would return to the Forum during the game.

Horry, averaging 5.5 points and 5.6 rebounds a game, was replaced in the starting lineup by Travis Knight.

Woods ends 9-month win drought with victory at Buick Invitational

By Bernie Wilson
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — Tiger Woods' nine-month victory drought ended, fittingly, back home in sunny Southern California.

Woods won the Buick Invitational by two shots Sunday when he sank a 15-foot eagle putt on the 18th hole at Torrey Pines South, finally putting away pesky Billy Ray Brown after the two punched and counter-punched much of the round.

Woods thrust both arms in the air after finishing at 22-under-par 266, tying George Burns' 1987 tournament record for Torrey Pines.

Woods simply needed to play well here to assure that he'll keep his No. 1 spot on the Official World Golf Ranking, which will determine the 64-man field

for the \$5 million Andersen Consulting Match Play Championship at La Costa Feb. 24-28.

That wasn't foremost on Woods' mind.

"I haven't won on the PGA Tour since May of last year," Woods said. "But to finally win again, that feels a lot better than any world ranking."

Woods had gone winless in 14 tournaments since his last victory, at the BellSouth Classic.

Woods, who grew up in Orange County, said winning the Buick was special not only because he was 17-under for the weekend, but that it came in front of family and friends.

"It means a lot to me to do this in front of, in a sense, a hometown crowd," he said after his round of 7-under 65, which came in perfect weather on the heels of his Torrey Pines South Course

record 62 on Saturday, which also happened to be his best round as a pro.

"You can't really say enough how much that really affects you, to see people that you do know, and are out there supporting you," Woods said. "You don't get to see it every week as you travel all over the world. Most of the time you're alone, you and your caddy."

Woods will have plenty of support the next two weeks, when he plays in the Nissan Open at Riviera in Los Angeles, then at La Costa, which is just north of Torrey Pines.

Brown, whose only top 10 finish in the

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Tiger Woods raises his arms in triumph as his eagle putt goes in on the 18th hole to capture the Buick Invitational title on Sunday.

AP Photo



DAYTONA 500

Jeff 'The Kid' Gordon wins in shootout with Earnhardt



AP Photo

Jeff Gordon celebrates in victory lane after winning the Daytona 500 on Sunday at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. Gordon edged Dale Earnhardt to win the race.

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The finish was the one nearly everyone wanted — The Kid and The Intimidator going bumper-to-bumper.

Even Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt wanted it that way at the Daytona 500.

Using the type of daring moves Earnhardt has made so many times, Gordon won NASCAR's premier event on Sunday in a thrilling late-race shootout with the man he called "The Master."

"He's taught me so much out there," Gordon said. "He's probably going to tell you I learned too much from him."

Earnhardt, who finally won his first Daytona 500 last year in his 20th try, did everything he could to catch Gordon on the last trip around the high-banked, 2

1/2-mile oval. His black No. 3 Chevy moved high on the banking and low on the banking but couldn't find an opening.

"Trying to keep him behind me is one of the hardest things I've ever done at Daytona," said Gordon, who also won the Winston Cup season-opener in 1997.

His rainbow-colored No. 24 Chevy passed Earnhardt with one of his breathtaking moves 13 laps from the finish and took the lead with another two laps later.

"I knew if he got out front after that there wasn't anybody who was going to get by him," Gordon said.

His winning move came when he ducked under leader Rusty Wallace heading toward the first turn on lap 190. He then squeezed past the slow-moving lapped car of Ricky Rudd at close to 190 mph, drawing a gasp from the stand-

ing crowd of 185,000.

Mike Skinner, Earnhardt's teammate, moved alongside Wallace on the outside and the three cars drove side-by-side into the third turn as the crowd roared.

With Earnhardt bumping him from the back to help him get by, Gordon came out in front at the flagstand, followed by Wallace and Skinner.

"I couldn't have done it without his help," Gordon said of Earnhardt.

Earnhardt then made his own charge, as he had done so many times in his 25-year career. He moved to Gordon's rear bumper two laps later, setting up one of the classic finishes in the 41 years of racing at Daytona International Speedway.

"If I could have just got to Gordon in

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Jacks get frozen, 4-0

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

ODESSA — There wasn't a whole lot to say after the Odessa Jackalopes were shut out, and for that matter embarrassed, 4-0 by the Corpus Christi IceRays Sunday night in Western Professional Hockey League action at the Jack Shack.

However, Jacks coach Joe Clark had a great deal to say about his club, which is right in the middle of a WPHL wild card race but looked as though it did not have a great deal to play for. The Jacks were blanked for the first time in almost two months.

"I wish I had answers for what happened tonight," Clark said. "That was easily our worst performance of the year. It seemed like we have hit wall the last four or five games. We played an Amarillo team that we should have beaten badly. We didn't. We got lucky last night (in a shootout win over Fort Worth). We have no zip and no legs when we needed it the most."

"These guys are paid professionals, not amateur hockey players although we played like amateurs tonight. That is something we have to fight through. If they don't have the grit to fight through,

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Rangers face Kermit for 2nd seed of 4-3A

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

GREENWOOD — So what's the big deal with the District 4-3A boys playoff between Greenwood and Kermit?

Both teams have already secured spot in the upcoming Class 3A playoffs, which means that today's 7:30 p.m. game in Monahans has really nothing on the line, right?

Wrong. "I think it is a big game," Greenwood coach Justin Moret said. "We would like to finish as high in the district as we can and the kids want to show they are capable of beating Kermit. We feel we should have done it the first time."

The fact that Greenwood didn't do it the first time (a 57-54 loss on Jan. 26) is why the Rangers have to play this game, which will determine the second and third seeds from 4-3A.

However since Jan. 26, the Rangers have won three straight games and four out of their last five games to put them

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Pacers nip Lakers in battle of NBA Finals favorites; Spurs romp Bulls

Associated Press

Pacers 101, Lakers 99
INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Reggie Miller scored 26 points and reserves Jalen Rose and Antonio Davis had strong fourth quarters to lead Indiana, which outscored the Lakers 25-13 in the final 8:55 to overcome a 36-point, 17-rebound performance by Shaquille O'Neal.

Miller appeared to clinch the victory by making two free throws with 8.6 seconds left to make it 100-96, but Kobe Bryant's 3-point shot — he was closer to midcourt than he was to the 3-point line — with 4.8 seconds left cut Indiana's lead to one point.

After Rik Smits made one of two foul shots with four seconds remaining, Bryant's last gasp 3-pointer rimmed out.

Magic 85, Bucks 82

NBA Roundup

ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando held Milwaukee to four points over the final 6:25 Sunday to knock the Bucks from the ranks of the unbeaten with an 85-82 victory in a matchup of surprising division leaders.

Penny Hardaway scored 18 points and rookie Matt Harpring added 15 for the Magic, who lead the Atlantic Division and the Eastern Conference with a 5-1 record — Orlando's best start since winning seven of eight to begin the 1995-96 season.

Terrell Brandon had 20 points and Glenn Robinson 15 for the Bucks, who began the day as one of only three unbeaten teams in the NBA.

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iver-

son scored 32 points, including 15 in the first quarter, and Philadelphia survived a cold-shooting fourth quarter to beat Atlanta.

Iverson, coming off a 46-point performance Friday night, hit a key basket with 1:09 remaining after Atlanta pulled within four points. Matt Geiger was the only other double-figure scorer for the 76ers with 11 points. He also caught Dikembe Mutombo in the eye with an elbow.

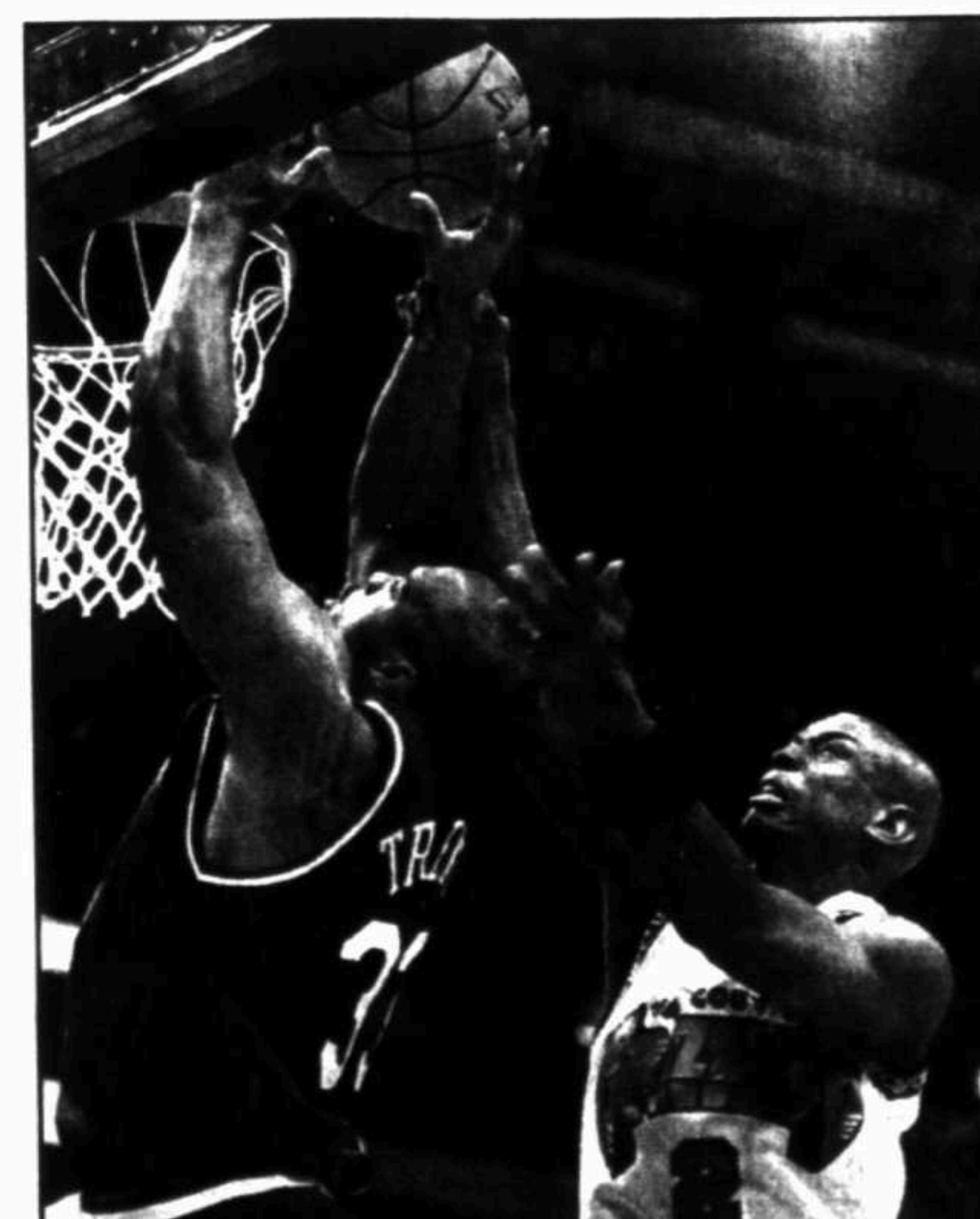
Steve Smith scored 14 points for the Hawks, who shot just 34 percent.

SPURS 89, BULLS 76

CHICAGO — Steve Kerr got his

Please see **NBA/2C**
Vancouver's Doug West, right, grabs the wrist of Dallas Maverick Gary Trent, left, as Trent goes up for a layup during NBA action in Vancouver Sunday.

AP Photo



'Horns keep on smokin'

Midland College at Clarendon

mean being WJAC games, the win over rival Howard won't mean much. Tonight's opportunity for MC is a Lady Bulldog team that got spanked 86-41 at the Chap Center last month. Coach Jones said the team is "not going to be alone." The main thing the Lady Chaps have to guard against is being too over-confident after the emotional win over Howard. Coach Jones will use the remaining four contests in conference as a tune-up for the Region V tournament which is March 5-6 at the Howard Simmons University Mabee Complex in Aledo, "It's a good position we're trying to take because we're not worry about the competition. I don't disrespect the opponents and I don't want my team to either," Jones said.

Next: The Lady Chaparrals host Frank Phillips at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Player	G	FG	FTA	FTM	T	AVG
Jimmy Gonzalez	26	145	151	94	384	14.8
Jaely Ramsey	20	77	93	53	257	10.8
James Sherman	14	54	39	14	143	10.3
Arnie Kane	26	76	97	66	270	9.5
Natalie Goodall	26	82	86	40	234	9.0
Fatimah Ndiaye	16	52	58	40	144	9.0
Fatimah Holiday	23	76	104	48	221	8.9
Autumn Johnson	23	72	70	43	177	7.7
Christa Hunter	25	72	102	47	191	7.6
Nicole Villarreal	24	31	13	7	88	3.6
Tynesha Johnson	26	28	36	23	85	3.3
Demetria Hendrix	11	11	14	5	27	2.7
Rosana Barbosa	13	4	10	2	10	0.8
Totals	26	797	812	404	2,163	83.9

19. point goals (99): Goodall 30, Ramsey 23, Villarreal 19, Alderman 19, Gregory & Kane 5, Holiday 3, "out for season with injury

STATISTICS

Midland College Men

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Midland College at Clarendon

Where: Bulldog Gym, Clarendon.
When: 8 p.m.
Records: Midland College is 14-12 overall and 3-7 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. Clarendon is 11-11 overall and 2-8 in the WJAC.
Coaches: Midland College — Pat Rafferty (5th year). Clarendon — Joe Mondragon (20th year).
Injuries: Guard Alvin Brooks (groin) is out. Forward Ivan Gatt (pulled quadriceps) is probable.

STATISTICS

Midland College FTA						
Player	G	FG	FTA	FTM	T	AVG
Mike Cummings	24	129	114	87	325	13.5
Ivan Gato	26	95	111	66	290	11.2
Alvin Williams	26	115	78	285	114	11.2
Eugene Costello	26	78	108	80	263	10.1
"Ricky Duff	9	37	19	10	84	9.3
Mike Stewart	26	81	67	33	165	7.4
Teodor	25	72	42	30	184	7.4
Thyral Dunn	26	7	34	17	175	6.7
Carl Alexander	12	11	9	7	33	2.8
Armond Whitaker	22	8	3	21	38	1.8
Jamaal Jones	14	3	0	0	3	0.0
x-Leander Johnson	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team Totals	26	678	640	400	1,861	71.2

3-point goals (12): Gato 34, Brooks 28, Costello 27, Conner 10, Dunn 10, Alexander 4, Jones 2, Whitaker 1.

*academically ineligible
 x-no longer on team

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"(Winning last Tuesday) will be in our favor."

Right now, Greenwood has three players averaging 10-plus points a game. Josh Gilliam is scoring 10.9, Derek Gasch 10.8 and Daniel Odom 10.0. Nathan Himbury is leading the team with eight boards

"If we end up as the No. 2 seed and win the bi-district game, we

Now all that is left is seeing who plays who. For Greenwood, that means proving themselves again tonight.

(From 1C)

After Chicago got back within two points, David Robinson tipped in a shot, sank a jumper and then hit five free throws during a 16-4 run that locked up the victory.

Timberwolves 95, Clippers 73
LOS ANGELES — Kevin Gar-

The Timberwolves, who clinched a playoff on the Clippers' home court in each of the last two seasons, won all four meetings with Los Angeles last season and

7. Terry Cummings led the Warriors with 24 points, including six points in the second overtime when Golden State outscored Portland 11-6. John Starks added 18 points.

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Chamique Holdsclaw now stands alone at Tennessee.

Three-time defending national champion Tennessee (23-1, 12-0 Southeastern Conference) made 23-of-30 free throws to hold off a pair of second-half rallies by Auburn (18-6, 8-5).

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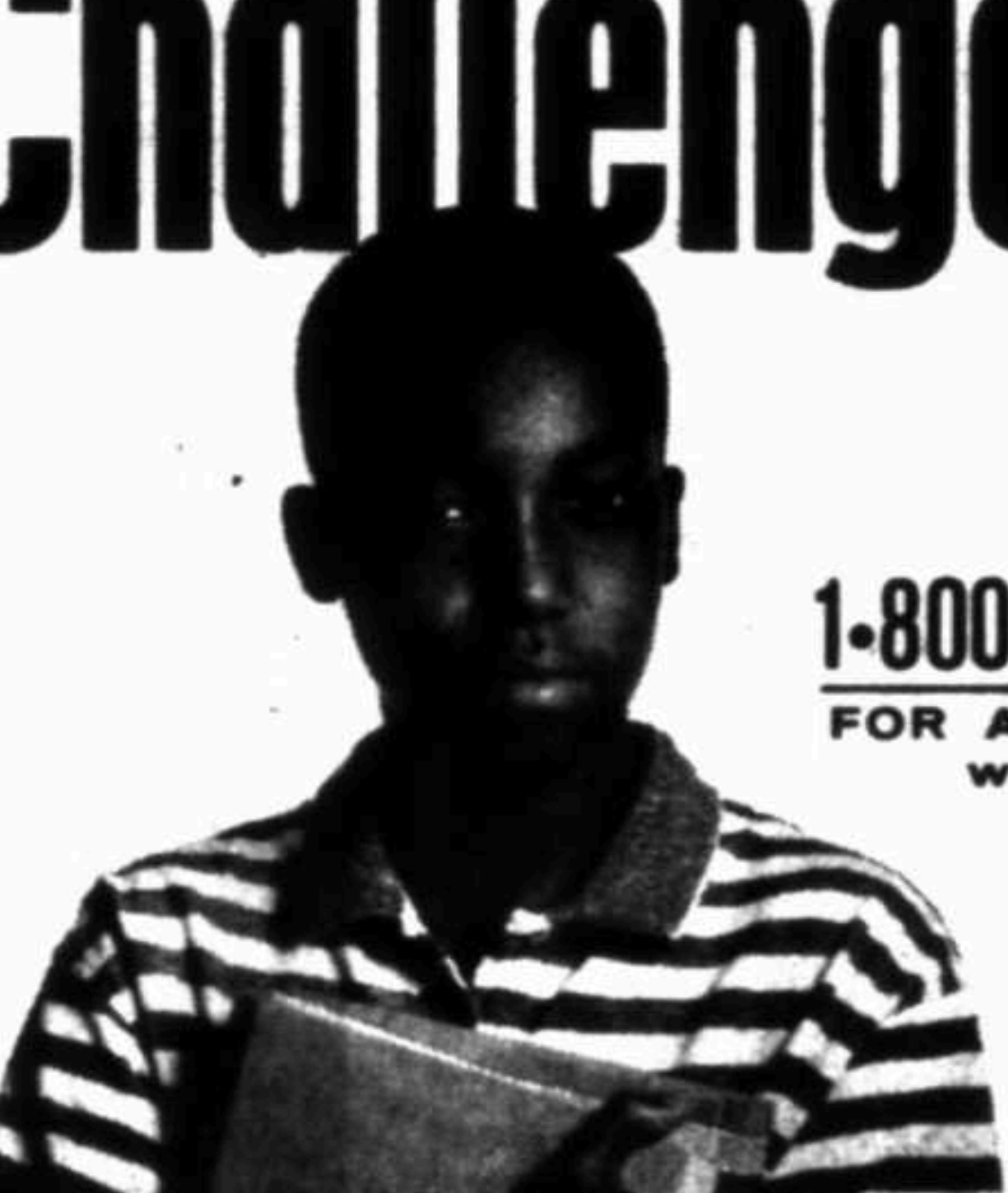
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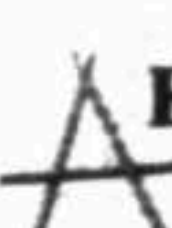
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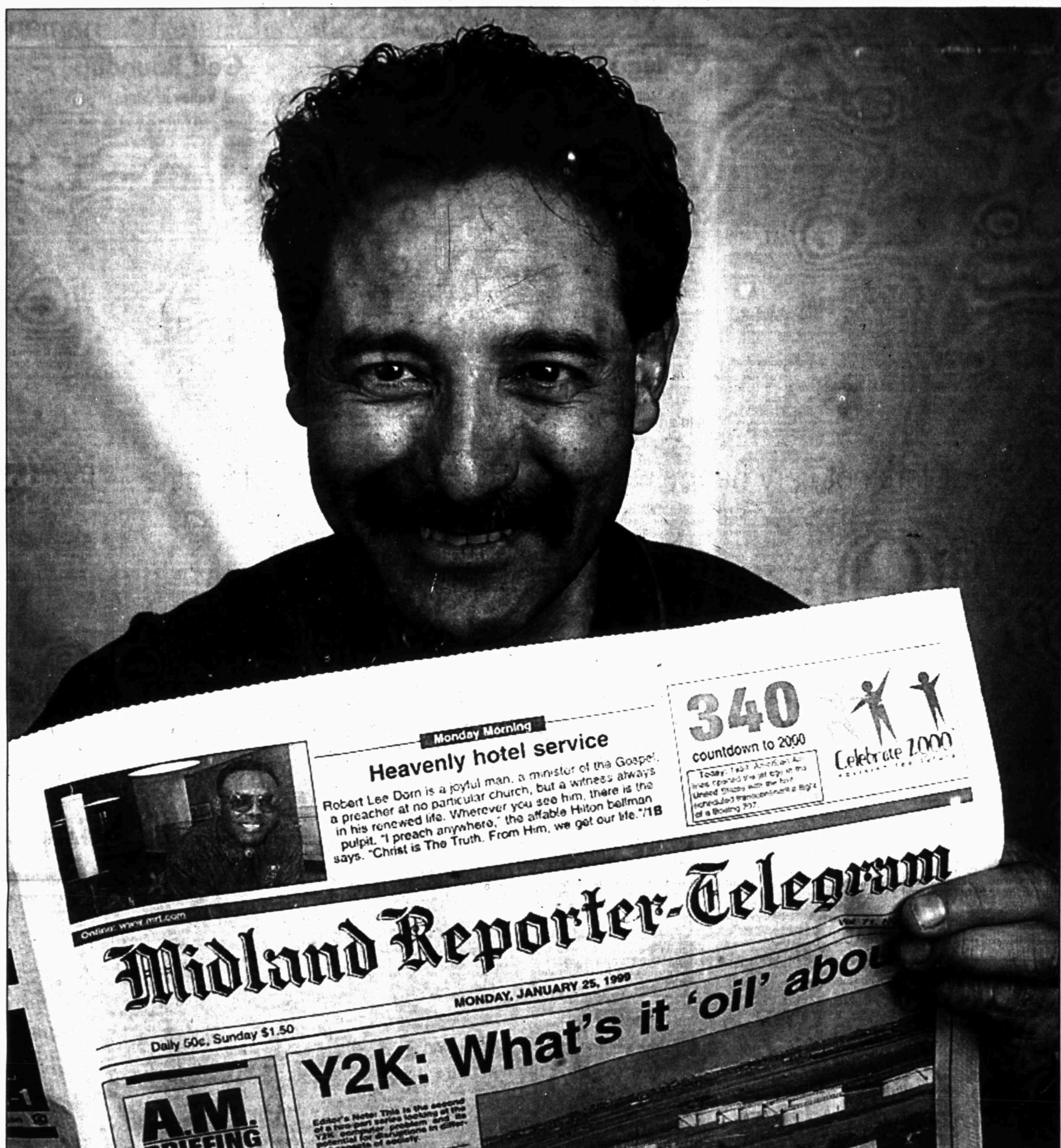
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GORDON: Race proved to be competitive

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the corner. I might have got under him, but I just couldn't get there," Earnhardt said. "I got beat."

Earnhardt eased off the accelerator driving off turn two on the final lap and took a run at Gordon on the back straightaway. But the seven-time series champion just couldn't catch him.

"I couldn't even get to his bumper," he said. "If I could have, maybe I could have done something with him. But he was strong."

The 27-year-old Gordon, the two-time defending Winston Cup champion, had a \$2.1 million payday — the biggest in auto racing history — as he got to the finish line about two car-lengths ahead of the 47-year-old Earnhardt.

"I had a mirror-full today," said Gordon, who now has 43 career victories. "It's a dream come true for me to race Dale Earnhardt all the way to the finish line in the Daytona 500."

Seconds after the two crossed the finish line, Earnhardt paid tribute to Gordon, banging into the side of his car and giving him a wave.

As for Wallace, he probably lost his chance of winning the race for the first time when his team chose to keep him on the track while most of the other leaders pitted for fresh tires during the final caution

period. That yellow flag came out 27 laps from the end after Bobby Hamilton crashed.

"I still think the decision was fine," said Wallace, who led 102 of the 200 laps. "Looking back on it right now, maybe if I would have had a little bit more grip in the tires I might have been able to hold that bottom line a little bit better. But the car still handled good. I wasn't having a problem."

Kenny Irwin, last year's top rookie, finished third, followed by Skinner and Michael Waltrip. Wallace wound up eighth.

The race was run under partly sunny skies and in the mid-50s, which kept the cars cool and running well. The drivers went 94 laps before the first caution flag waved when a car stalled on the track.

After some close early racing, the field stretched out and broke up into groups, with the front-runners pulling away.

Wallace took the top spot for the first time on lap 58 and was able to stay at or near the front until Gordon's late pass.

"Gordon just got me on the apron down there," Wallace said. "I couldn't block him off enough. I thought he was going to drive right in the back of Rudd."

Gordon led only 17 laps, but that included the final 11. He played it safe for most of the race, saving his daring move for when it counted

most.

The race was incredibly competitive, with nearly constant battles for position. But with the restrictor plates that slow the cars and keep them bunched, the inevitable multi-car crash came on lap 135 when two-time Daytona winner Dale Jarrett spun in traffic. Thirteen cars were involved, with no injuries reported.

Gordon averaged 161.551 mph. His margin of victory was 0.128 of a second.

Earnhardt started fourth and challenged for the lead in the early going. But, by the first pit stops, he had fallen back with an ill-handling car. A slow pit stop cost him more ground and he found himself nearly a half lap behind at the halfway point.

To make matters worse, he was losing engine power because of an electrical problem. Fortunately, the Winston Cup cars have a backup electrical system and Earnhardt was able to switch over before falling too far off the pace.

Once the cautions began flying, he was able to get close to the leaders again and moved into second on lap 166, trailing Wallace.

But Earnhardt never led.

"There were several times I was almost in the grass today," Gordon said. "Those are the longest 12 laps that I have ever run."

Sorenstam's bogey in playoff costs her victory at Valley of Stars Tournament

By Beth Harris
AP Sports Writer

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — The Swede everyone expected to win didn't.

Annika Sorenstam missed a 3-foot par putt on the first hole of a sudden death playoff, giving fellow Swede Catrin Nilsmark her first LPGA victory in the Valley of the Stars tournament Sunday.

"That's what it takes to beat Annika, you've got to have a little bit of luck," said Nilsmark, who earned \$97,500 in her first career playoff.

Sorenstam rallied from five shots down early in the round to force the playoff with a 4-foot birdie putt on the 440-yard, par-5 18th. It was her third birdie in three days on the hole that later stymied her.

"I'm not shocked, I'm very disappointed," said Sorenstam, the LPGA's player of the year and leading moneywinner in 1998. "I fought really well. I was five shots behind and it's a tough course to chase somebody."

She and Nilsmark, a fifth-year pro whose previous best finish was a third-place tie, ended regulation deadlocked at 22-under 204. Sorenstam shot a final round 5-

under 67, while Nilsmark had a 71 at Oakmont Country Club.

The playoff began on the 18th. Nilsmark's approach landed in the bunker. She hit out and the ball came to a rest below the hole. Her birdie putt barely slid past on the right, leaving her an easy par putt.

"I would've liked to make my (birdie) putt and wait for her to feel the pressure," Nilsmark said.

Sorenstam chipped from the fringe on her third shot, with the ball stopping 4 feet above the hole. Her birdie attempt to win also went right of the hole, and a frustrated Sorenstam banged her putter against her cap.

"I thought I'd lost for sure because she's such a good putter," Nilsmark said. "She's good when it counts."

Nilsmark stood watching with her arms folded as Sorenstam stood over a 3-footer for par that would have continued the playoff. Sorenstam missed and a gasp went up from the crowd as the ball hung on the lip of the cup.

"It's really very, very surprising," Nilsmark said of the miss. "It didn't even enter my mind that could happen. It took a few seconds before my caddy turned around and said, 'You won.'"

Nilsmark led a Swedish sweep of the top three spots. Countrywoman Liselotte Neumann equaled Sorenstam with the day's low round of 67 to finish at 18-under 208.

Stephanie Lowe, who began the day two shots behind Nilsmark, faded fast with four bogeys in her first seven holes for a 76. She tied Jane Geddes for fourth at 211. Another Swede, Helen Alfredsson, and defending champion Dale Eggleston tied for fifth at 213.

Sorenstam trailed Nilsmark by one shot after a birdie on the 15th. But Nilsmark got it right back on the 16th with a spectacular chip from 40 feet for birdie and a two-shot lead with two holes to play.

"That one was really tricky," said Nilsmark, who shot a course-record 65, highlighted by an eagle on the 18th, in Saturday's second round. "I was standing over the ball and said, 'Just remember you still have a one-shot lead. Don't get too cute.'"

Nilsmark stumbled on the 17th when she two-putted for bogey, allowing Sorenstam to close within one shot heading to the 18th.

Nilsmark made the green in three, leaving herself a 15-foot birdie putt to win. She missed when the ball went wide left by about one foot.

JACKS: Clark not very happy with loss

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they will be out of a job."

This past homestand was called the most important in franchise history.

"I am not going to push the panic button," Clark said. "We went 2-2 in this homestand. At least we were not swept, although it feels like we were."

Clark was dead serious in words. The Jacks (26-25-3) will not play their next game until Thursday against Amarillo. That will be the Jacks only game in the next 10 days. Then Odessa plays four games in four days.

Although listening to Clark, some players might not be with the team that long. The trade deadline is in nine days and Clark might be looking elsewhere for players to use down the stretch.

"Believe me, I will take the steps to right the ship," Clark said. "We are fortunate to be in the situation we are in, point-wise."

With a win Sunday, the Jacks could have put some distance between themselves and Amarillo in the wild card race.

As it stands right now, the Jacks have 55 points, which ties them Fort Worth for the last two wild card spots. Amarillo, which lost a shootout to Lake Charles on Sunday, is just behind both teams.

"If we can't show up for these critical 15 or 16 games, when are we going to show up?" Clark wondered.

In the loss Sunday, the Jacks lacked offensive fortitude. The Jacks took just 24 shots on goal and were 0 for 6 on the power play. That offensive inefficiency seemed

to take its toll on the defensive side where the Jacks' intensity went down over the course of the game.

Meanwhile, Corpus Christi took target practice on goaltender Billy Pye, shooting 42 times. Chris Robertson scored two times. Vadim Sharapov and Roger Lewis added goals.

"We have some forwards that aren't going to play with any grit," Clark said. "We have nine days until the trade deadline to do what we have to do."

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Shots: CC 42, Odessa 24. Power Plays: CC 0-6, Odessa 0-6. Penalties: CC 6-12, Odessa 1-2

Philippoussis has easy ride to Sybase title

By Anne M. Peterson
AP Sports Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Mark Philippoussis had it easy.

The Australian cruised to a 6-3, 6-2 victory over qualifier Cecil Mamiit in the Sybase Open final Sunday. But it wasn't just his booming serve and calm command that won the \$325,000 event. Philippoussis got a bit of help from Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi.

Sampras, the top seed and No. 1 player in the world, withdrew from the tournament shortly before Saturday's semifinal against Philippoussis because of a strained tendon above his left ankle.

Sampras was playing in his first

tournament after a 10-week layoff. He hurt his leg during his quarterfinal victory over Bernd Karbacher on Friday night.

Earlier in the week, second-seeded Agassi defaulted in his second-round match against Mamiit because of repeated cursing. Agassi, clearly the annual fan favorite at the Sybase, won the indoor event last year by upsetting Sampras.

Those two events helped pave the way for Sunday's somewhat lackluster final, which drew just 8,085 fans.

Philippoussis, the third seed, was his steady self, using his 120 mph-plus serve to overpower Mamiit, who is eight inches shorter at 5-foot-8.

"I pretty much knew what I had to do," Philippoussis said.

Mamiit, a former NCAA singles champion currently ranked No. 120, came out energized for his first ATP tour final. He flipped his racket in his hands and bounced on his toes, but his enthusiasm and quickness could not overcome his opponent's serve.

Philippoussis, who earned his sixth ATP tour title, earned match point with a 124-mph serve that grazed Mamiit's racket and sailed high into the crowd at the San Jose Arena.

"It's a pretty big serve," Mamiit said.

WOODS: Golfer holds off Brown to win by 2 strokes

(From 1C)

last six years was a win at the Deposit Guaranty Golf Classic in 1997, shot a 66 Sunday to finish at 268. Bill Glasson was alone at third at 270, while Chris Perry, Omar Uresti and Kevin Sutherland tied for fourth at 273.

Brown said he had a fun round until a bad second shot on 18.

"It was Tiger's tournament to lose," Brown said. "All I could do was go free-wheel and he's the guy who had pressure on him. And you see how he responded to the pressure. An eagle on the last hole is just indicative of the kind of player he is."

Woods came into the final round one stroke ahead of Brown, and quickly took a four-stroke lead after birdies on three of the first four holes at the 7,055-yard South Course.

But he also found himself in a dogfight. A bogey on the par-4 No. 4 and a 35-foot eagle pitch on No. 9 left him two strokes up on Brown, who birdied Nos. 8 and 9.

Woods said he felt he and Brown were basically in a match-play situation after Glasson, playing in the group ahead, didn't birdie No. 13. Woods and Brown both birdied 13, putting Woods at 20-under and Brown one behind him.

Woods and Brown both had scrambling pars on No. 15 after errant drives, and Woods was visibly upset after a fan took a picture on his downswing. He drove deep into the trees on the left, but had an

opening and recovered nicely with a cut 5-iron shot.

Brown tied Woods at 20-under with a 6-foot birdie putt on the par-3 16th, where Woods' 15-footer lipped out.

After both again saved par with great up-and-downs on 17, they went into No. 18 tied. Woods mastered the par-5s all weekend. His drive landed on the first cut of the rough, which he followed with "a perfect 7-iron" onto the green.

Brown, meanwhile, was indecisive with his 3-iron second shot, hitting it fat but nonetheless lucking out when it landed just to the right of the big pond that fronts the green. His approach shot landed outside of Woods' ball, leaving him a two-putt for par. All Woods had to do was putt for his second eagle of the round and third of the weekend.

Woods has said his game hasn't been that far away, and outside of a three-putt on the par-3 11th, "I hit a lot of great putts today. Basically, that's the story of the entire week."

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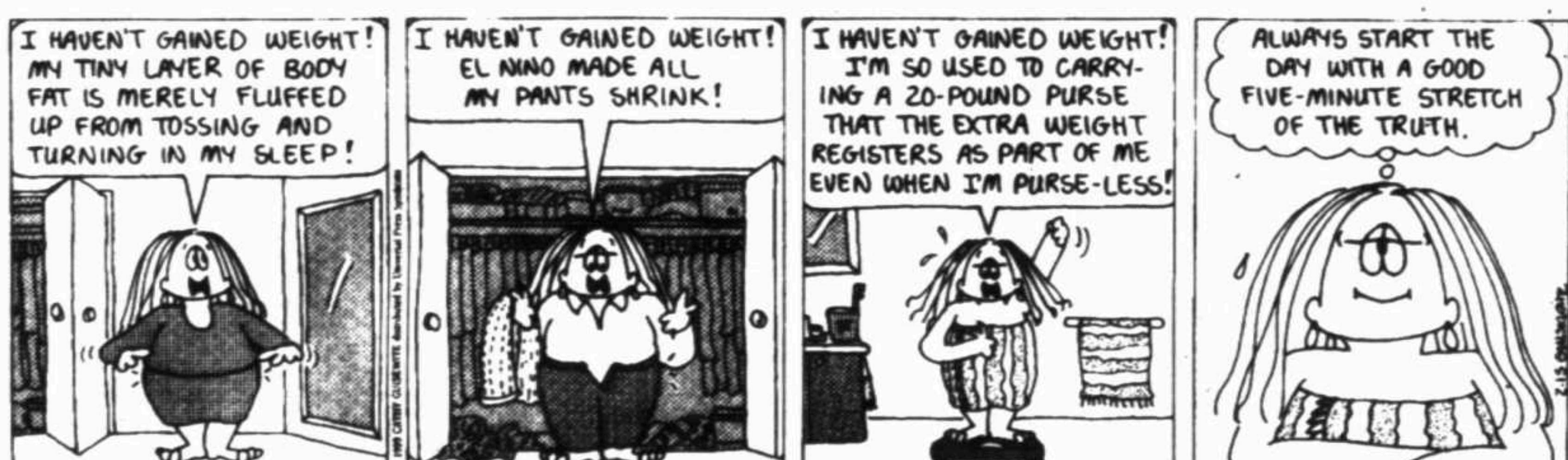
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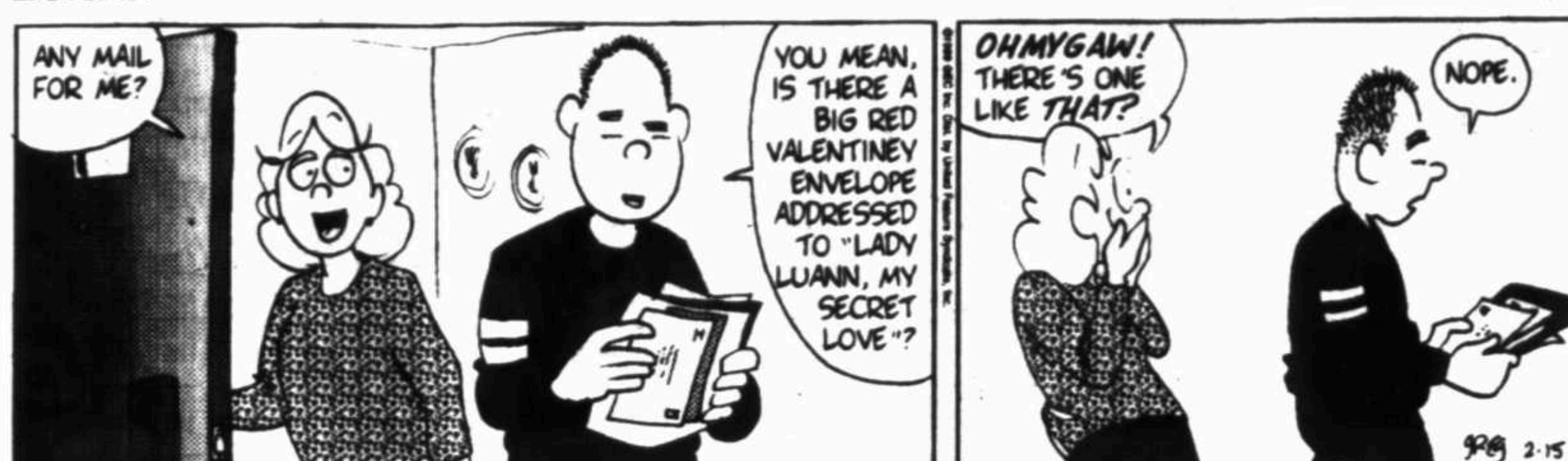
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 15, 1999.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** You wake up ready to start a revolution. Stop and let sanity take over; however, don't hesitate to change the status quo if it is no longer working. You have entered a new cycle that encourages you to go for exactly what you want. Friendship and a meeting are key. Tonight: Extend the weekend's festivities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** You might have a strong premonition about work. Make sure you have your ducks lined up before you take action or say anything. You could be craving a different environment. Only you can create the right situation. Eye greater freedom. Tonight: Go the extra mile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** A dream gives you insight into new directions and different pathways. At times, you could feel impaired by circumstances. Do what you must to make your vision happen. Seriously consider going back to school or learning an additional specialty. Tonight: Take the overview in a discussion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Express your interest in someone and his ways. Learn more about joint assets, investments and some of the more profound issues in your life. Understanding allows you to become more aware. Do not settle, because ultimately it is you who

pays. Tonight: A long-overdue chat with a partner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Your dreams could be preparing you for reality. Learn to make your own decisions and not be as concerned with a partner's or friend's reaction. You might not always be comfortable with another's unpredictability. Maintain your independence, be less affected by this person. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Gain a perspective about work and daily routine. You often feel obligated by these matters. Isn't it time to release yourself from some tasks, or perhaps break a routine? Find a way to streamline work and make your life more worthwhile. Tonight: Make important decisions to liberate yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** A child continues to surprise you and trigger reactions. If single, a new person could be quite exciting. Recognize how little control you have over others, even if you have good intentions. Allow greater creativity into your thinking and life. Tonight: Another has a great idea — go with it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Dealing with one particular family member always proves to be a challenge. Observe what this person ultimately wants. Is it to react to you? To cause uproar until he gets his way? Pull back and look at the

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

big picture; it will help you understand and cope. Tonight: Keep smiling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Work with the unexpected. Your sense of humor takes over and gives you new insight. Observe that what has worked in the past might no longer be effective. Learning when to let go and change is instrumental. Allow more excitement into your life. Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Finances continue to be a wild card, but as with all wild cards, the swing can go either way. Remember that. Knowing when to exercise self-restraint can make or break the bank. Check out insurance and health policies. Take nothing for granted. Tonight: Treat a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You are full of the fun and excitement that is your natural way. Still, others may get upset over your independence and spontaneity. You won't change them, but you can explain to them where you come from. Tonight: Definitely doing your own thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Take a back seat and develop a better perspective. You could be shocked by news that comes forth. Listen to information, though you might not be able to stop a reaction. There is much more than meets the eye. Take a hard look at how you might have participated. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A 6 ♥ Q J 7 4 ♦ A K Q 6 5 3 ♣ 7

The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass
What do you bid now?

A - This is clearly a better-than-minimum opening bid, especially with the ace in partner's suit. Three diamonds would express the quality of the hand and the suit, but you should not overlook the possibility of a heart fit. Our choice would be a reverse bid of two hearts.

Q 2 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A J 9 7 4 ♥ K 8 6 4 3 ♦ 6 ♣ A K

The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
What do you bid now?

A - With 15 points and two five-card majors, it is difficult not to rebid three hearts to complete the description of your hand. However, it is rife with losers and partner has promised only long diamonds and minimum responding values. Since the hand has all the earmarks of a misfit, get out before the doubling starts. Pass.

Q 3 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A 9 6 5 3 ♥ 10 7 6 ♦ 6 ♣ K Q J 5

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♥ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

A - In support of hearts, your hand is just about worth an opening bid, despite the possibility of wasted diamond values in partner's hand. Jump to three hearts, regardless of whether, in your methods, that is forcing or not!

Q 4 - As South vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Void ♥ A J 9 8 7 6 2 ♦ A 7 6 2 ♣ Q 5

Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond?

A - If you add in distributional points and come to a valuation of 14 or 15 points for this hand, you are way off base — you might make slam when partner has no more than king-queen fifth of diamonds and the ace of clubs! A more accurate assessment of this holding is to start off with a jump shift of two hearts, and await developments.

Q 5 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ J 8 7 ♥ A K J 10 5 ♦ A 10 9 5 ♣ 6

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
What do you bid now?

A - First, partner's reverse of two diamonds, combined with your raise, is forcing to game. Secondly, North's three spades is probably a cue-bid of a first-round control, or an attempt to get to three no trump. Finally, regardless of partner's ambitions, bid four hearts to confirm a solid source of tricks in that suit.

Partner's next action will tell you how to proceed.

Q 6 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 10 7 6 2 ♥ K 9 ♦ J 10 9 2 ♣ J 10 5

The bidding has proceeded:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1♠ Db1 Pass ?
What do you bid now?

A - Is your hand worth one bid or two? If just one, you should prefer to respond in the major; if two, bid your suits up the line. Because most of your high cards are working, and you could easily have a double fit, no one can fault a takeout to one diamond. However, we think your hand is a trifle weak for two bids, and would opt for one spade.

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PEOPLE TODAY

Lauren Bacall doesn't like Tinseltown

NEW YORK — Lauren Bacall doesn't have many nice things to say about Hollywood, even though she recently finished filming her first television miniseries there.

"What I don't like about it is the general mentality," she said of the show-biz culture. "They ignore accomplishment. They don't understand talent. It's only about money."

Bacall, who plays the title character in the CBS miniseries "Too Rich: The Secret Life of Doris Duke," told Sunday's Daily News that she would have gladly taken a job in a miniseries before now, only it was never offered.

"I think I haven't been offered a lot of things because people thought I didn't want to do television."

The miniseries about the late tobacco heiress airs next week.

NEW YORK — Michael Michelle tried for five years to land a role on the TV cop drama "Homicide," even firing her agents when they failed to get her an audition.

So when Michelle finally landed a part, she was initially taken aback when writers cast her this season as a former beauty queen now working as a detective.

Not wanting to be just another pretty face on television, Michelle insisted on portraying the more gritty aspects of police work. Midway through the season, her character was beaten up by a drug dealer, giving her a bruised and bloody face. "She's no beauty queen underneath," supervising producer Eric Overmyer tells Esquire magazine in its March issue.

Executive producer Tom Fontana adds: "There's an anger there, and it's very compelling to watch. She's an incredibly attractive woman who doesn't care that she's attractive."

BERLIN — Meryl Streep has received a special award symbolizing thanks and respect from the Berlin International Film Festival in recognition of her contribution to cinema.

The small, gilded camera, the Berlinale Kamera, is donated by Berlin jeweler David Goldberg and is awarded

to actors or actresses to whom the festival feels especially bound, in an expression of recognition for their achievement.

"Meryl Streep is one of the most exceptional actresses in the international history of film," festival organizers said in a statement.

The award was presented to Streep just before the screening late Saturday of a film in which she stars, "One True Thing."

NEW YORK — Charlton Heston had no idea who the friends on "Friends" were until he made a recent guest appearance on the show.

"When my agent called, I said, 'What is "Friends"?'" Whose friends? He said, "It's a TV show." I really enjoyed doing it," Heston says in the Feb. 20-26 edition of TV Guide. "They paid me an obscene amount of money."

Heston admits he doesn't watch much television.

"My wife and I usually watch 'Law & Order.' Because it has very good acting in it," he said.

"We don't watch much other than that. For a man who has made his reputation in live TV, that is a shameful admission."

NEW YORK — Renee Richards, the ophthalmologist and tennis star who was Richard Raskin before 1975, told Tennis magazine that she has certain regrets about making the change, especially having made it at the age of 40.

"I get a lot of letters from people in their 40s who are considering having this kind of operation," he said. "And I discourage all of them. ... If you're 18 or 20 and have never had the kind of (advantages) I had, and you're oriented in that direction, sure, go ahead and make right what nature didn't."

"But if you're a 45-year-old man and you're an airline pilot and you have an ex-wife and three adolescent kids, you better get on Thorazine or Zoloft or Prozac or get locked up or do whatever it takes to keep you from being allowed to do something like this. ... This is a much harder way to go than if I could have somehow kept that compulsion and that side of me submerged. I couldn't do it."

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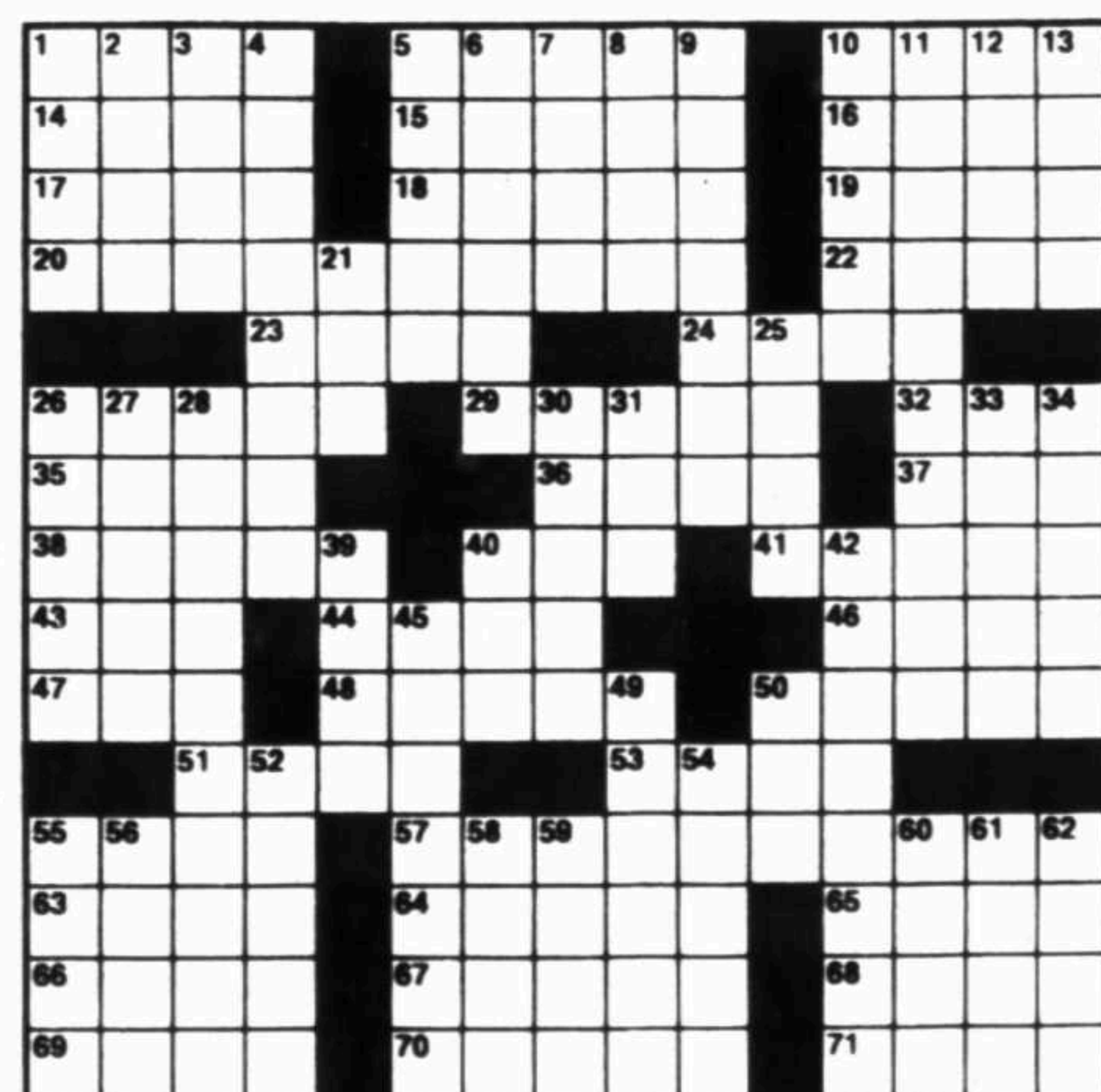
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Public Notices

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Desert Springs Medical Center on March 15, 16, 1999.

The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established joint commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issued and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and relevant information about such matters may request a public information interview with the joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency

ACTION: Proposed rule

SUMMARY: Technical information of comments are solicited on the proposed and proposed modified base (1-percent-annual-chance) flood elevations (BFEs) shown on the preliminary revised Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community. These BFEs and modified BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: The comment period is 90 days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a newspaper of local circulation in your community.

ADDRESSES: The FIS and FIRM showing the proposed and proposed modified BFEs and their delineations are available for inspection at City Hall, 300 North Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Send comments to:

The Honorable Jeff Norwood
Midland County Judge
County Courthouse
200 West Wall Street
Midland, TX 79701

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew B. Miller, P.E., Chief, Hazards Study Branch, Mitigation Directorate, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3461.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) gives notice of the proposed determinations of BFEs and modified BFEs in accordance with Section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4101, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These BFEs, together with the floodplain management measures required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean your community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. Your community may, at any time, enact stricter requirements on its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed BFEs are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are also used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after the BFEs are made final, and for the contents in these buildings.

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 605(b), the Executive Associate Director Mitigation Directorate, to whom authority has been delegated by the Director of FEMA, hereby certifies that the proposed BFE determinations, if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A BFE determination under Section 1363 forms the basis for new local ordinances, which, if adopted by a community, will govern future construction within the floodplain area. By themselves, the BFE determinations impose no restriction unless and until the community voluntarily adopts floodplain ordinances in accord with these BFEs. Even if ordinances are adopted in compliance with Federal standards, the BFEs only prescribe building height in the floodplain and do not prohibit development. Thus, this action only forms the basis for future local actions. It imposes no new requirements; of itself, it has no economic impact.

Proposed BFEs and modified BFEs along flooding sources studied by detailed methods are shown on the preliminary revised FIS and FIRM. Lessees and owners of real property in Midland County, Texas and Incorporated Area are encouraged to review the FIS, FIRM, and related materials at the address cited above. The flooding sources studied by detailed methods are as follows:

Source of Flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground "Elevation in feet (NGVD)	
		Existing	Modified
Playa M17		None	2,852
Playa M18		None	2,843
Playa M19		None	2,846
Playa M20		None	2,845
Playa M21		None	2,859
Playa M22		None	2,826
Playa M23		None	2,825
Playa M24		None	2,809
Playa M25		None	2,812
Playa M26		None	2,812
Playa M27		None	2,808
Playa M28		None	2,807
Playa M29		None	2,807
Playa M30		None	2,807
Playa M31		None	2,807
Playa M32		None	2,807
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Playa M40		None	2,807
Playa M41		None	2,807
Playa M42		None	2,807
Playa M43		None	2,807
Playa M44		None	2,807
Playa M45		None	2,807
Playa M46		None	2,807
Playa M47		None	2,807
Playa M48		None	2,807
Playa M49		None	2,807
Playa M50		None	2,807
Playa JA1		None	2,854
Playa JA2		None	2,857
Playa JA3		None	2,842
Playa JA4		None	2,840
Playa JA5		None	2,860
Playa JA6		None	2,834
Playa JA7		None	2,828
Playa JA8		None	2,828
Playa JA9		None	2,828
Playa JA10		None	2,828
Playa JA11		None	2,828
Playa JA12		None	2,828
Playa JA13		None	2,816
Playa JA14		None	2,810
Playa JA15		None	2,810
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Playa JA19		None	2,810
Playa JA20		None	2,810
Playa SC3		2,806	2,806
Playa SC4		None	2,815
Playa SC5		2,786	2,786
Playa SC6		None	2,786
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Playa SC11		None	2,786
Unnamed Playa	1,400 feet southeast of intersection of FM 307 and FM 715	None	2,740
Unnamed Playa	1,150 feet northeast of intersection of FM 715 and East Highway 158	None	2,740
Unnamed Playa	430 feet northwest of West County Road 111 and South County Road 1210	None	2,804
Unnamed Playa	1,800 feet east of Playa JA6	None	2,853
Unnamed Playa	1,480 feet northwest of intersection of North Midland and Wood Drives	None	2,831
Unnamed Playa	1,920 feet northwest of Playa JA10	None	2,803
Unnamed Playa	900 feet south of Playa M40	None	2,803
Unnamed Playa	1,600 feet south of Playa M40	None	2,803
Unnamed Playa	400 feet southeast of Playa M42	None	2,806
Unnamed Playa	200 feet north of M43	None	2,807
Unnamed Playa	750 feet northwest of Playa M43	None	2,805
Unnamed Playa	900 feet northwest of Playa M43	None	2,803
Unnamed Playa	1,550 feet west of Playa M42	None	2,812
Unnamed Playa	1,000 feet north of Playa M43	None	2,800
Unnamed Playa	900 feet northeast of Playa M43	None	2,801
Unnamed Playa	1,500 feet northeast of Playa M43	None	2,801
Unnamed Playa	400 feet east of Playa M43	None	2,801
Unnamed Playa	At intersection of Loop 250 North and North County Road 1160 (Todd Road)	None	2,791
Unnamed Playa	2,000 feet southeast of Playa M43	None	2,791
Unnamed Playa	2,150 feet northeast of Playa M50	None	2,782
Unnamed Playa	3,000 feet northwest of intersection of North County Road 1150 (Elkins Road) and East County Road 40	None	2,798
Unnamed Playa	3,050 feet northeast of intersection of Elkins Road and East County Road 40	None	2,799
Unnamed Playa	2,500 feet northeast of Playa M42	None	2,799
Unnamed Playa	2,200 feet west of intersection of FM 1379 and East County Road 109	None	2,708
Unnamed Playa	1,400 feet north of JA6	None	2,872
Unnamed Playa	1,900 feet northeast of JA6	None	2,859
Unnamed Playa	2,080 feet east of M11	None	2,855
Unnamed Playa	2,950 feet northeast M11	None	2,834
Unnamed Playa	200 feet north of M43	None	2,807
Unnamed Playa	80 feet west of M43	None	2,799
Unnamed Playa	360 feet east of M43	None	2,807
Mulberry Channel	Just upstream of Wolfcamp Circle	None	2,755
	Approximately 780 feet upstream of Fairgrounds Road	None	2,760
	Approximately 130 feet upstream of North Lincoln Street	None	2,765
	Approximately 180 feet downstream of North Lee Street	None	2,769
Scharbauer Draw	Just upstream of State Road 349	2,773	2,772
	Just downstream of North A Street	2,777	2,776
	Approximately 200 feet downstream of Western Drive	2,783	2,784
South Draw	Approximately 800 feet upstream of Western Drive	2,723	2,725
	Approximately 3,200 feet downstream of State Road 158	2,735	2,737
	Approximately 700 feet downstream of State Road 158	2,737	2,739
	Approximately 920 feet upstream of FM 715	2,742	2,744
Industrial Channel	Approximately 900 feet upstream of confluence with Midland Draw	2,752	2,751
	Approximately 300 feet downstream of Fairgrounds Road	2,760	2,759
	Approximately 800 feet upstream of Fairgrounds Road	2,765	2,763
	Approximately 400 feet downstream of South Lee Street	2,769	2,768
Upper South Draw	Approximately 1,240 feet upstream of South County Road 1180	2,748	2,751
	Approximately 800 feet upstream of Cotton Flat Road	2,765	2,767
	Approximately 1,150 feet upstream of Santa Rosa	2,798	2,795
	Approximately 150 feet upstream of Interstate Route 20	2,809	2,812
Jal Draw	Approximately 1,320 feet downstream of North I Street	2,790	2,789
	Just upstream of Maxwell Drive	2,807	2,805
	Approximately 1,000 feet downstream of Loop 250	2,829	2,830
	Approximately 150 feet downstream of Crowley Boulevard	2,840	2,836
Midland Draw	Approximately 400 feet upstream of Fairgrounds Road	2,760	2,759
	Approximately 1,310 feet upstream of Loop 250	2,791	2,788
	Approximately 5,700 feet upstream of Mockingbird Lane	2,807	2,805
	Approximately 5,630 feet upstream of Greentree Boulevard	2,823	2,820

Public Notices

process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Division of Accreditation
Operations
Accreditation Service Specialist
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before the survey is completed.

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Midland Masonic Lodge #623
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Bert Bloodworth, WM
Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

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DDGM Viet. 2/20
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Tom Bufts, WM (P.T.)
Bob Ellwood, Sec. 570-0328

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2019 Trade Dr.
689-7003
Reg. mting. 3rd Thurs. each mo. Hosp. 6:30 pm. dine 7 pm. Bus. mting. 8 pm.
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Keith Hughes, Secty.

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FOUND: FEMALE Beagle adult. Vicinity of I-20 & Loop 250 East. 915-445-3156, leave message.

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FOUND: MEDIUM size dog, vicinity of Kansas & Louisiana. Call to identify. 689-4378.

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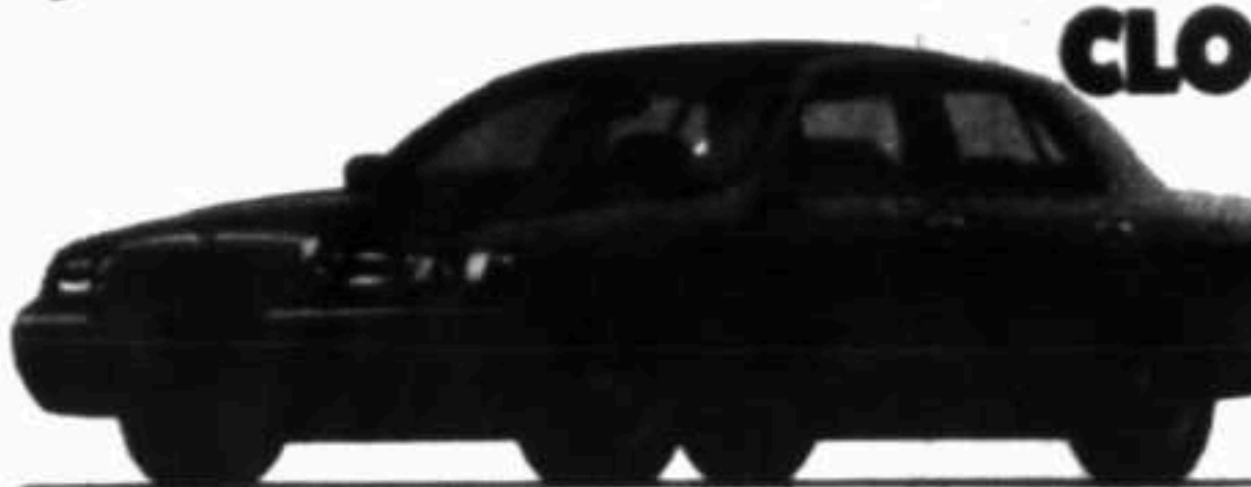
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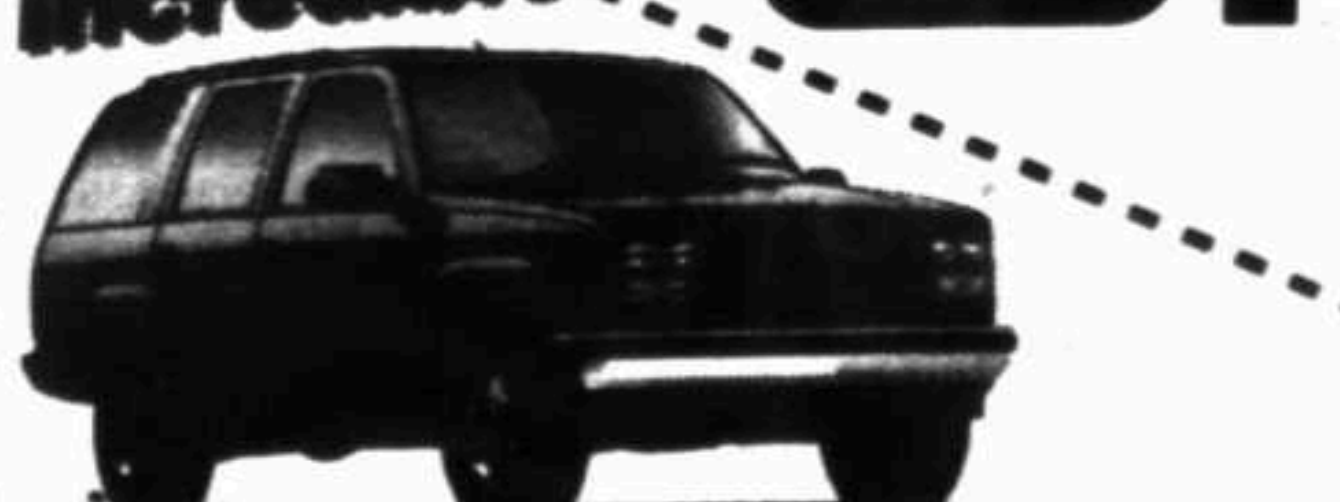
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